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CALORE
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MEMBERSHIP!**



COMMANDER's COLUMN..... "Principles Above Personalities" ...SCOTT NUSZ, Commander

Comrades —

What a crazy year we just had. I hope all of you had a great holiday season. Now it is time to move into 2020...great things are coming to all.

The Dept of Kansas VFW will be having their mid winter conference on January 10-12 in Topeka KS. For those that might want to attend go to their site www.vfwks.org for details. Our District meeting will be at Post 7397 in Lenexa in January 18th. Let's have a big turnout so we can win back the trophy!

Update on the sale of Post. We are still waiting for the city of Overland Park to vote on the re-zoning of our property for the developer to move forward. Once this happens we have 3 weeks to move out.

It was brought to my attention that the Post needs to have a Bon Voyage party. We will have dinner and an auction of items from the Post. Dinner will be catered by Mi Ranchito. Please RSVP to my email cmdr@vfwpost846ks.org so I can figure out how much food we need.

...Sincerely, SCOTT NUSZ, Commander

~ "Leadership is a two way street, loyalty up and loyalty down. Respect for one's superiors; care for one's crew"~. Rear Admiral Grace Hopper.

FROM YOUR 846 AUXILIARY...

...LAURA GULLEY, President

Greetings Auxiliary Members —

Greetings, Happy New Year to you all. I hope this will be a great year for us and it will be if we continue to work together for our veterans. Please make sure you have your dues paid for 2020.

January 13 at 6:00 those who can will meet at Dana's house to work on our Buddy Poppy display. Call Dana at (913) 548-5507 for directions and please come with your creative ideas.

The Department Mid-Winter Conference is January 10-12 in Topeka, KS. Our District 2 Christmas Party at the VA was a great success. Thanks to all who helped. We will get back to Bingo at the VA on January 23. I hope to see you all at our meeting on January 9th.

...Loyally, President LAURA

LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES — HEALTH CARE

Last month we listed the VFW's Legis.Priorities pertaining to "Military Quality of Life." Now here is the list of VFW priorities for Health Care:

- Reduce the number of service members and veterans who die by suicide.
- Preserve the integrity of TRICARE.
- Properly implement VA and DOD health IT systems.
- Strengthen care and research for mental health and traumatic brain injury (TBI).
- Improve programs and services for women veterans.
- Research and effectively treat health conditions associated with toxic exposures.
- Eliminate copayment requirements for preventive medicines.
- Research the efficacy of medical cannabis.
- Expand telehealth services.
- * Expand nursing home eligibility.



For further information, go to VFW.org.

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| 26 Legion 370 BREAKFAST 8am—1130 \$9.00 PRO BOWL 2pm | 27 PARIS PEACE ACCORDS 1973 Vietnam | 28 LIFE WITH PTSD 6:30pm at the Lenexa VFW | 29 <u>At the Legion</u> TEXAS HOLD 'EM 6:30 BINGO, 7pm | 30 Legion 370 WING NITE | 31 Legion 370 BINGO 7pm | |

CHAPLAIN'S REPORT... LANE SMITH



If you haven't made your New Year's resolution yet, try this:

Call or visit someone who is home-bound, or in a nursing facility or hospital. In their situation, they most likely had difficulty getting through the holiday season. A kind word, a smile and a hand-shake will go a long way in making them feel a little better. It will make you feel better, too.

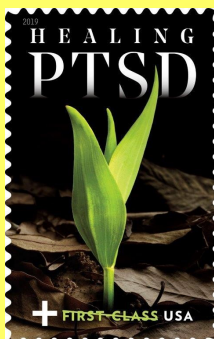
Your prayers are always welcome.
Happy New Year to everyone !

...Chaplain LANE

U.S. POSTAL SERVICE ISSUES "HEALING PTSD" STAMP.

With this semipostal stamp, the U.S. Postal Service will raise funds to help treat those impacted by post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). The stamp features a photo illustration of a green plant sprouting from the ground, which is covered in fallen leaves. The image is intended to symbolize the PTSD healing process, growth and hope.

The 65-cent price of the semi-postal stamp pays for the price of a regular first-class postage, plus an amount to the National Center for PTSD Studies, distributed by the V.A.



LIFE WITH P.T.S.D. with Norm Holle every Tuesday at 6:30pm. (**Change of location!**) The PTSD meetings are now being held at Post 7397 Lenexa. We at Post 846 certainly thank Norm and his team for their assistance and expertise in this field of helping Veterans. Norm and his wife Carolyn have 16 years experience in this field of dealing with the V.A. on this issue.

Norm's phone is (913) 856-4310.

2020 A BIG YEAR!

V.A. Hospital Report... CHRISTINE & DANA



Happy New Year to everyone! We hope that your Holidays were festive and filled with joy and all of you are looking forward to the coming year. The Leavenworth VA Hospital held their annual Christmas Party on Sunday, Dec. 8. It was a lot of fun and our District Hospital Chairman, Chris Anderson, who is also a member of our Auxiliary, did an amazing job of putting this together. She had lots of great prizes as well as much needed items to give to our Bingo winners and every Veteran walked out with their own special treasure. Way to go, Chris!!!

Our next visit to the Hospital will be on Jan. 24, weather permitting and we will meet at the Post 846 at 5:45. We are proud that we have a dedicated group members who have been going there monthly for years and YOU are always welcomed to join us. Until next month, keep warm and may God bless you and yours.

...Chris Anderson & Dana Pflumm

ANSWER to DECEMBER'S TRIVIA QUESTION...

The primary aircraft used in the "Christmas bombing" of Hanoi and Haiphong, December 1972 was the B-52.

TRIVIA QUESTION OF THE MONTH...

When did the United States normalize relations with Vietnam? (July 1975, July 1985, or July 1995)

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POW/MIA REPORT...

RAY CALORE, Chairman



(This is a reprint of the report from last January. Why? Because the facts don't change, even with the passing of time.):

On January 27, 1973, representatives from North and South Vietnam, the United States and the National Liberation Front (Charlie) signed the Paris Peace Accords, which marked the end of U.S. involvement in the Vietnam War. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger referred to it as "peace with honor." Remember that phrase? It's still good for a laugh, or at least a few tears. One of the major betrayals of the agreement was the return of American POWs. From February to April 1973, "Operation Homecoming" brought the return of 591 American POWs through Hanoi, even though many more were expected to return. Others, it is speculated, were held back in anticipation of \$4.25 billion in "war reparations" promised in a secret agreement by President Richard Nixon, but was never paid.

And so it began, the Vietnam POW/MIA issue as we know it today. January 27th is the anniversary of that milestone event, and the questions that were unanswered then remain unanswered today.

STATE VFW MID-WINTER CONFERENCE

January 10, 11, 12 — Topeka, KS

The conference is open to all members in good standing, especially commanders, officers and chairman. It's a great opportunity to get updated on the programs and events of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. See old friends and make new ones.

By the way, the Auxiliary is having their conference, too !



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TUESDAYS:

TACOs & MARGARITAS

WEDNESDAYS:

6:30 — TEXAS HOLD 'EM

7pm — Legion BINGO

THURSDAYS:

WING NIGHT

January 16th — TRIVIA 6pm

FRIDAYS:

7pm — Legion BINGO

SATURDAY, Jan. 25th

**STEAK DINNER and
LIVE MUSIC**

SUNDAY, January 26th

**ALR BREAKFAST, \$9
8:30am — 11am**

VFW 846 MEMBERSHIP


If you are a **LIFE MEMBER**, that's great! Keep your card with you, it comes in handy sometimes.

If you are an **ANNUAL MEMBER**, have you paid your 2020 dues yet? If not, please send your dues to the Post. Thanks!

THIS IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO JOIN US AT VFW POST 846...
APPLICATION — For questions about eligibility, contact svcmdr@vfwpost846ks.org

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