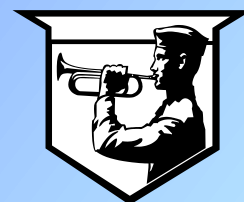




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THINK MEMBERSHIP!



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

Comrades — Well, Punxsutawney Phil popped out oh his burrow and predicted an early spring. I sure hope so, I'm tired of the crazy weather!

The meeting this month is on March 12 at 7pm. Nominations for new officers will be that night. Also, don't forget, bring a dish or finger foods and have some grub before the meeting.

Do you know about the Veteran get together every Friday morning at the Village Inn? Jack Hiles, Tony Huddleston and I, as well as many other Veterans go there for brunch. We meet around 1030, have breakfast and just talk "smack". Most of us are gone by noon. We would like to see this group grow. Village Inn is located at 5800 Broadmoor, Mission KS.

St Patrick's Day is on Tuesday this year. Join us at American Legion 370 for corned beef and cabbage. Remember your green, so you don't get pinched!

...SCOTT NUSZ, Post Commander

FROM YOUR 846 AUXILIARY...

...LAURA GULLEY, President

Greetings... Hopefully March will bring more Spring-like weather. I don't know about you, but I'm getting tired of the cold. But our Auxiliary work continues. On March 8th we will be having the District 2 "Spring Fest" at the Leavenworth V.A. We need cookies and volunteers for this party. If you would like to car pool, meet at the American Legion at 11:30 with your cookies. If you would like to bake some cookies but can't go on that Sunday, give Chris Anderson a call (913) 940-1003, and she will come and pick them up.

Our February meeting was just a round table discussion, as we did not have a quorum. We have business to discuss so we hope to see you on March 12th. Come early and bring a finger food to share before the meeting.

...Loyally, President LAURA

LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES — Nat'l Security, Foreign Affairs, and POW/MIA

In previous months we listed the VFW's Legis.Priorities pertaining to "Military Quality of Life, Health Care, and National Security, Foreign Affairs, and POW/MIA". Now here is a list of priorities for Education, Employment, and Transition Assistance:

- Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment services throughout their lifetime.
- Timely and improved transition assistance, including access to programs after they leave military service.
- High-quality and sustainable education benefits.
- Strong employment and training programs.
- Small business development opportunities.
- Civilian credentials or academic credit for military training.
- Hiring preferences in the civil service and with large government contractors.
- National veterans treatment court advocates.
- Education and training in new and expanding career fields.
- Affordable housing and wraparound services to avoid homelessness.
- Improved character of discharge review and appeals procedures.

For further information, go to VFW.org.



CHAPLAIN'S REPORT... LANE SMITH



We are sad to report the passing on Feb. 12th of Carolyn Holle, wife of Norm Holle who runs the "Life With PTSD" program. Our sincere condolences go out to Norm and Carolyn's family.

If you have information about a comrade in distress, please call me at (913) 207-7591 so I can offer my assistance as your chaplain. Thank you, and *Go Royals*.
..Chaplain LANE



ST. PATRICK'S DAY AT THE LEGION !

**Get lucky with
Corned Beef and Cabbage at
American Legion Post 370,
Overland Park.**

NOMINATIONS OPEN IN MARCH FOR POST 846 OFFICERS

Nominations for Post elections will open at the March meeting. If you would like to run for an office at VFW Post 846, or be considered for a chairmanship, please be at our March meeting on the 12th. If you can't be there, please submit a letter of intent to the Post. Nominations will continue and elections held at the April meeting.

ANSWER to February's TRIVIA QUESTION...

Capt. Michael Scott Speicher, pilot of an F-18 Hornet, was shot down in October 1991, Operation Desert Storm. He was listed as Missing-in-Action until 2009. The controversy still exists.

TRIVIA QUESTION OF THE MONTH...

Who is the patron saint of the military? Is it Saint Ambrose, St. Michael, St. Christopher, or St. Raymond?

LIFE WITH P.T.S.D. with Norm Holle every Tuesday at 6:30pm. The PTSD meetings are now being held at **Post 7397 Lenexa**. We at Post 846 certainly thank Norm, Mike and their team for their assistance and expertise in this field of helping Veterans. Norm and his late 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.
Our sincere condolences go out to Norm on the recent loss of his wife Carolyn.

POW/MIA REPORT...



RAY CALORE, Chairman

The 1205 Document...

In January 1993, Harvard researcher Stephen J. Morris had the opportunity to delve into some classified files in the Soviet Union for a research project. He came across a classified document by Vietnamese General Tran Van Quang, and translated into Russian. Gen. Quang indicated that the North Vietnamese held 1,205 American POWs as of September 1972. He described the prisoners as being divided into three political groups—"progressive", "neutral" and "reactionary." Quang stated that the "progressive" POWs would be released first. The other "secret prisoners" would be held to eventually achieve Hanoi's political, military, and economic objectives.

Six months later, Hanoi returned only 591 of our men. And the questions continue...

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



We went to the V.A. Hospital on Feb. 27th and had a great time. Gave out cookies and quarters for Bingo, and laughed and talked to 35+ Veterans. You missed a good time!

Think about coming along to our next visit on March 26th. We meet at American Legion 370 at 5:45.

We are having the District 2 'Spring Fest' on Sunday, March 8. Please see the Presidents message for more details. Hope to see you at one of these activities.

...Chris Anderson, Hospital Chairman



FUN TIMES AT AMERICAN LEGION 370

**TUESDAY, St. Patrick's Day —
Corned Beef & Cabbage**

TUESDAYS:

TACOs & MARGARITAS

WEDNESDAYS:

6:30 — TEXAS HOLD 'EM

7pm — Legion BINGO

THURSDAYS:

WING NIGHT

March 12 — TRIVIA 6pm

FRIDAYS:

March 6 — KARAOKE NITE

7pm — Legion BINGO

SUNDAY, March 22:

ALR BREAKFAST, \$9

8:30am — 11am

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8 VFW District 2 SPRINGFEST at the V.A. Hospital 11:30	9	10 TACO NIGHT Legion 370 Life w/PTSD at Lenexa VFW, 6:30	11 At the Legion TEXAS HOLD 'EM 6:30 BINGO, 7pm	12 VFW and AUXILIARY meetings at 846 7pm 370 WING NITE	13 Legion 370 BINGO 7pm	14
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APPLICATION — For questions about eligibility, contact svcmdr@vfwpost846ks.org

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