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NEWSLETTER — VFW POST 846

OVERLAND PARK, KANSAS — (913) 735-3127



NOVEMBER 2020



Comrades, while we are continuing the work on our new Post location, we will continue to hold our meetings at the American Legion, 75th & Conser. See you there!

**YOUR
VOTE!
COUNTS**

NOVEMBER 3, 2020

**VFW Post 846
new location**

10630-B Metcalf Lane, O.P.

**Read your Newsletter.
It's all Good !**

There is an application inside so you can help rebuild our programs when this COVID thing is all over. And you can **VOLUNTEER** any time at all. Thanks!

Post Website: www.vfwpost846ks.org

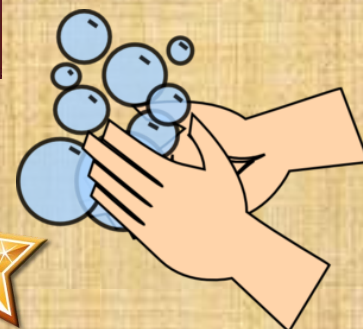
Facebook link: [VFW Post 846](#)

**RAY
CALORE
EDITOR**



THINK MEMBERSHIP!

**HINT: Keep a few applications in
your wallet. It works!**



COMMANDER's COLUMN..... "Principles Above Personalities" ...MARTIN FRIES, Commander

Comrades, another month has gone by and one of the most important responsibilities is coming up on NOV 3rd, Election Day. Please do your civic duty and **VOTE**, I know there is early voting and I was proud to vote on OCT 19 to make my voice heard. Just please be safe. I voted in person and the election office did a good job with keeping social distancing setup.

I want to give an update on the remodeling of our new location. We thought we were going to be ready for November's meeting but it always takes longer then you think and we now are shooting for DEC meeting to be at the new location. We have the walls painted and working on the floors now. With that our next meeting NOV 12th will still be at the American Legion Post located at 7500 W 75th St in Overland Park. Several of our members come early to eat dinner before our meeting so please come early for our meeting and enjoy the fellowship.

Jack Hiles has lined up several location for Veterans Day that will let us hand out Buddy Poppies. If you have time that day and would like to help distribute Poppies please contact Jack at (913) 636-6267.

Last month at our meeting it was approved to get gift card to a grocery store to give out to 13 families in need so they can have a nice Thanksgiving dinner. The Auxiliary is helping us with identify the families, or if you know of someone please let us know. This year we went with gift cards since we don't have space yet to collect/store food.

Please participate in a **VETERANS DAY** activity that will be going on in your area.



...MARTIN FRIES, Post Commander

FROM YOUR 846 AUXILIARY...

..DANA PFLUIMM, President

Greetings Sisters and Brothers, I hope all of you have voted or will to do so soon. Nov. 3rd is creeping up on us quickly so let's get it done. Then we can get on our lives back to normal, whatever that is under COVID.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, Nov.12 at the American Legion, 75th and Conser. We want to see everyone there! Veteran's Day is on Wednesday, Nov. 11th. I don't think there is a way we can honestly thank our soldiers and sailors enough for their sacrifices they have made defending our freedom. Thanksgiving will on Nov. 26 and I hope everyone enjoys this special holiday.

We need individually wrapped comfort food for the Veterans at the VA Leavenworth Hospital for Christmas. Call Chris at (913) 940-1003, or Dana at (913) 548-5507 and we will pick up your donation. If you know someone who is a shut-in, lonely, or suffering from depression, give them a call. Sometimes human contact and a kind voice is worth a fortune.

Until next month, keep safe, wear your masks and practice social distancing.

...God Bless You and Yours, ...President DANA



As the Holiday Season approaches, it is not always Joyful for many people, including Veterans. The end-of-year holidays often bring about emotions of loss, depression, hopelessness and anxiety, which unfortunately can lead to suicide as a last resort.

The Veterans Crisis Line connects veterans in crisis and their families and friends with qualified, caring Department of Veterans Affairs responders through a confidential toll-free hotline, online chat, or text. Veterans and their loved ones can call **1-800-273-8255** and Press 1, [chat online](#), or send a text message to 838255 to receive confidential support 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. **REACH OUT!**

NOVEMBER

2020

VETERANS of FOREIGN WARS
SANTA FE TRAIL POST 846
 Meet at 7500 W. 75th St., OVERLAND PARK, KS 66204



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 CHIEFS vs Jets Noon	2	3 VOTE VOTE	4 BINGO AT LEGION 370	5	6 Legion KARAOKE BINGO AT LEGION 370	7
8 CHIEFS vs Panthers Noon	9	10 USMC 1775	11 Remember Our VETERANS BINGO AT LEGION 370	12 VFW 846 Meetings at Legion 370 7pm	13 Legion KARAOKE BINGO AT LEGION 370	14
15	16	17	18 BINGO AT LEGION 370	19	20 Legion KARAOKE BINGO AT LEGION 370	21
22 Legion BREAKFAST 8:30 — 11am CHIEFS at Raiders 7:20 pm	23	24	25 BINGO AT LEGION 370	26 	27 Legion KARAOKE BINGO AT LEGION 370	28
29 CHIEFS at Buccaneers 3:25 pm	30					

**VFW POST 846 and
AUXILIARY MEETINGS
ON THURSDAY,
NOVEMBER 12, 7pm.**

Meet at American Legion 370,
75th & Conser.

NOTE: Auxiliary may ZOOM, watch for the
ZOOM link by e-mail.



CHAPLAIN'S REPORT... LANE SMITH



Sad to report that we lost Jimmy Reynolds on July 2nd. Jim was a past member of 846 and was active in the Post. Our condolences go out to Patty and family.

Who do you know that is suffering from either health issues or otherwise? We at VFW Post 846 are always concerned for the well-being of our membership. When we do not hear from the membership we have to assume all is well. Recently the reports we have received have all been good. Please remember we are here in time of your need. **Be well and stay safe.**

...Chaplain LANE

**VETERANS DAY
November 11th**



On **Sunday, November 1st** at 2 a.m. we will set our clocks **BACK** one hour. (So 2 a.m. becomes 1 a.m.) You might want to change the clocks on Saturday night before you hit the sack. Or you can do it first thing Sunday morning. Whichever.

**Happy
Thanksgiving**



**Saturday—October 17, 2020
President Donald Trump
signed the Merrill's Marauders
Congressional Gold Medal Act.**

**The White House issued the
BILL ANNOUNCEMENT**

S. 743 provides for the award of a Congressional Gold Medal to the soldiers of the 5307th Composite Unit (Provisional) commonly known as "Merrill's Marauders," in recognition of their bravery and outstanding service in the jungles of Burma (Myanmar) during WWII. Following its award, the gold medal shall be given to the Smithsonian Institution for display.



The Fall of Lima Site 85

(Portions of this report were taken from an Air Force magazine article by John T. Correll, 04/01/2006.)

Lima Site 85 was a secret Air Force radar facility that sat atop one of the highest mountains in Laos, Phou Pha Thi — the Sacred Mountain. The radar site was used to guide U.S. air strikes in North Vietnam and along the Ho Chi Minh trail.

A problem was that, according to the 1962 Geneva agreement, Laos was a neutral country. No foreign troops were allowed to be there. Therefore, a Top Secret agreement was made to hand-pick Air Force radar technicians and “sheep-dip” or “sanitize” them, release them from the Air Force temporarily with no USAF ID, insignia, uniform, etc. They were given civilian clothes and IDs from Lockheed Aircraft. Teams at the site would be rotated every two weeks. The CIA and 7th Air Force were in charge of the mission, but the U.S. Ambassador to Laos, William H. Sullivan, had the final word.

The drop on three sides of the mountain was nearly vertical, and US officials did not believe the enemy could climb the cliffs. The fourth side of the mountain was fortified by CIA-trained Hmong tribesmen. Those assumptions were wrong. On March 10, 1968, Site 85 was overrun by five to seven battalions of North Vietnamese regulars and Communist Pathet Lao. Early morning on the 11th, rescue attempts were made by CIA Air America and 7th Air Force. Of the 19 Americans on the mountain, eight had been brought out. Of the remaining 11, the first count was eight dead and three presumed dead, leading to speculation that those three were actually captured and held for their technical knowledge of the radar site on Phou Pha Thi / Lima Site 85.

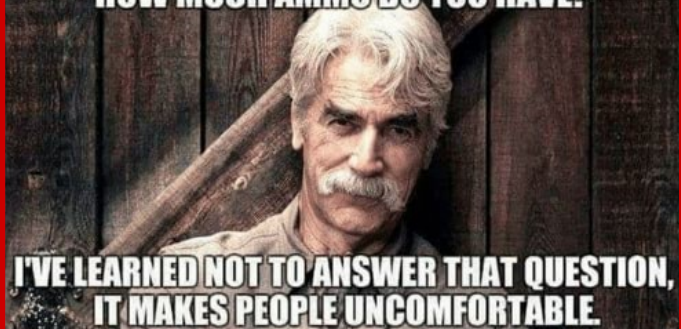
BUDDY POPPIES FOR VETERANS DAY...



Once again, our chairman Jack Hiles has lined up some stores and supermarkets for us to distribute BUDDY POPPIES to the shoppers on Veterans Day, November 11th. All proceeds from Poppy donations go directly into the Post 846 Relief Fund to assist veterans in need or distress.

If you would like to spend a few hours in this worthwhile project, please contact Jack Hiles at (913) 636-6267. Jack's e-mail address is hiles.jack@yahoo.com. Thanks!

HOW MUCH AMMO DO YOU HAVE?



**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED**



THIS IS EXCITING !!

Well, now that we have our new Post location, we have work ahead to fancy up the interior to suit the needs of our membership. How can you help? Do you have skills in carpentry, floor tile, painting, sweeping and cleaning, or any number of ways you can pitch in.



Interested? **Call (913) 735-3127** and talk to Commander Martin, or leave a message on voice mail. When the new Post 846 is up and running, you can proudly say you were part of the team that made it happen! **THANKS!**

BOOM!



V.A. Hospital Report... ...CHRISTINE ANDERSON, Chmn.



Hope everyone is doing ok and staying "safe". The hospital rules are still the same, no volunteers in the building. So we have been dropping things off. Hopefully we will be able to make paper scarecrows to wrap around candy bars to take up for Veterans Day. We will have our annual V.A. Christmas party the 13th of December, covid style. The plan is to drop off individually wrapped snack food. And wave merry Christmas if you would like to donate to our pile of goodies, my number is (913) 940-1003. **Happy thanksgiving!** ...Chris Anderson

From Senator Jerry Moran, KS:

SIGNED INTO LAW

COMMANDER JOHN SCOTT HANNON VETERANS
MENTAL HEALTH CARE IMPROVEMENT ACT

SIGNED INTO LAW FOR VETERANS: On Oct. 17 President Trump signed into law the *Commander John Scott Hannon Veterans Mental Health Care Improvement Act*. This landmark bill will reform mental health care at the VA by hiring and training more professionals in this field, developing innovative methods to reach veterans with care, and establishing a grant program to better collaborate with community organizations across the country already serving veterans.

LIFE WITH PTSD. — The regular meetings have reconvened every Tuesday at 6:30pm. Join Norm Holle, Mike Martin and their team at VFW Post 7397, 96th & Pflumm, Lenexa.

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Happy Birthday
November 10, 1775



United States
MARINE CORPS

ANSWER to October's TRIVIA...

"Project Blue Book" (1952-1969) was a study conducted by the U.S. Air Force to investigate and analyze UFO sightings.

TRIVIA QUESTION OF THE MONTH...

The Tomb of the Unknowns at Arlington Cemetery was dedicated by which President?

It's like being 16 again
Gas is cheap and I'm
Grounded.

ACTIVITIES FOR AMERICAN LEGION POST 370

75th & CONSER, OVERLAND PARK, KS

Phone: (913) 432-4012

370 BINGO



WEDNESDAYS and
FRIDAYS — 7pm

TACOS &
MARGARITAS
EVERY TUESDAY

TEXAS HOLD'EM
EVERY WEDNESDAY

WING NIGHT
EVERY THURSDAY



KARAOKE
NIGHT
Every Friday

SUNDAY
BREAKFAST

November 22
0830 — 1100



For assistance, please call (913) 735-3125