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NEWSLETTER — VFW POST 846

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CALORE
EDITOR**

**VFW Post 846
new location**

10630-B Metcalf Lane, O.P.

Post Website: www.vfwpost846ks.org

Facebook link: [VFW Post 846](#)

STAY SAFE, WE NEED YOU !



..MARTIN FRIES, Commander

Comrades of Post 846, hope you all had a good Thanksgiving! At the meeting in OCT we voted to give out 13, \$50 grocery gift certificates and I want to thank our Auxiliary for getting us 11 families to give the certificates to. We still have two certificate left; if you know of a Veteran that is in need please let us know so we could help them out for Christmas.

An update on our new location, we have all the painting done and most of the new flooring in. **We will have our next meeting on 10 DEC at our new location 10630 Metcalf Ln, Overland Park (next to Hooter's).** I would like to have you come early since we are planning on having Hooters wings for dinner and refreshments at 6:00 pm then start our meeting at 7:00 pm. The new location will not be all done but I want to start to have our meetings at our new VFW Post. We need everyone's help to get our membership number up and please let current members who have not attended a meeting in a while to come out to see the new location. Part of the next meeting we will be talking about an Open House for our new location. Have a safe and Merry Christmas!

...MARTIN FRIES, Post Commander**FROM YOUR 846 AUXILIARY...****..DANA PFLUIMM, President**

Greetings Sisters and Brothers! I am happy to announce that our Thursday, December 10th meeting will be held at 7:00 at the **new Post Home** at 10630-B Metcalf Lane, between Hooters and Chartreuse Caboose. Before the meeting at 6:00, chicken wings, munchies and cupcakes will be served to break in and welcome our new home. So please come down and enjoy the evening. Because wifi will not be installed by then, we cannot have a zoom meeting that night.

Due to COVID, the District 2 Christmas Party at the VA Leavenworth Hospital on Sunday, Dec. 13 is going to be a drive-by parade in front of the Domiciliary. Donations of goodies must be store bought, individually wrapped and still in the unopened box. Especially needed are more healthy items, such as granola bars. Please bring these to the next meeting. On Sunday, the 13th, we will meet at the American Legion Post at 75th and Conser at 11:45 and you can bring your donations then.

Who wants to make Merry Christmas signs for the VA parade? Meet at my home at 8605 W. 57th St., on Friday night, Dec. 11, at 6:00. This will be a lot of fun. Plus, you'll be able to show off your hidden artistic talents.

There is a real need for winter clothes at Annie's Closet at the Leavenworth VA Hospital. Used clothing, such as men's shirts, pants, winter coats, gloves, socks, blankets and stocking caps are high on the list. They must be clean, gently used and in good shape. Bring them to our December meeting or call me at (913) 548-5507 and I'll pick them up.

Wreaths Across America will be held at the Leavenworth National Cemetery on Saturday, Dec. 19. at 10am. The Department Mid-Winter Conference will be held in Junction City, Jan. 15 - 17. Please plan to attend and get the updated information of the VFW and the Auxiliary.

Dec. 31 is the last day to pay your dues and remain a member in good standing. Dues can be paid on line or send a check to Christine Anderson, 7727 Hardy, Overland Park, KS, 66204. Make it out to VFW Auxiliary Post 846 for \$25.00. Your membership is needed to help us continue to meet the needs of our Veterans and their families.

COVID is still out there. Wear your masks, wash your hands, stay away from crowds and practice social distancing. We want you here for many more years to come.

Wishing all of you a safe and Merry Christmas and may God bless you and yours.

...DANA PFLUMM, President

YOU
ARE
NOT
ALONE.



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 !

DECEMBER 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
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			BINGO AT LEGION 370		BINGO AT LEGION 370	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
CHIEFS vs Broncos 7:20 pm	PEARL HARBOR 1941		BINGO AT LEGION 370	VFW 846 Meetings at our new Post 846 7pm	BINGO AT LEGION 370	ARMY NAVY FOOTBALL 2pm at West Point
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Leavenworth VA Christmas Car Parade			BATTLE OF THE BULGE 1944			Wreaths Across America
CHIEFS at Miami Noon			BINGO AT LEGION 370		BINGO AT LEGION 370	LEGION Kid's Christmas Party, 1-3 pm
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
CHIEFS at Saints 3:25 pm			BINGO AT LEGION 370			
27	28	29	30	31		
Legion BREAKFAST 8:30 — 11am			BINGO AT LEGION 370	AMERICAN LEGION New Year's Eve Party!		2 0 2 1
CHIEFS vs Falcons Noon						

**VFW POST 846 and
AUXILIARY MEETINGS ON
THURSDAY, 7pm
at our new location,
10630-B Metcalf Lane
(Next to Hooters)**

**Show up early (6pm) for a treat of
Hooters wings,
cold drinks, and
other goodies.**



CHAPLAIN'S REPORT... LANE SMITH



It seems that our commander, Martin Fries, is laid up with a sprained ankle. Get better soon!

Who do you know that is suffering from 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, stay safe, and have a very Merry Christmas!

...Chaplain LANE

POW/MIA REPORT... RAY CALORE, Chairman



Remember the great Chiefs linebacker Derek Thomas? Many folks don't know that Derek's father, Air Force **Capt. Robert James Thomas**, was co-pilot of a B-52 on a mission called "Operation Linebacker" over North Vietnam. Derek was only five years old when his father's B-52 was shot down on December 18, 1970, and Capt. Thomas was declared missing-in-action. His remains were recovered eight years later, and Capt. Thomas was declared legally dead in 1980.

From Operation Linebacker to Chiefs Linebacker, few POW/MIA cases are as clearly defined in their resolution. There are still hundreds of American service personnel and their families who await fulfillment of a promise made long ago, a promise that has become tragically one-sided in the annals of US. military history.



AGENT ORANGE

If you served in Vietnam and have certain health conditions, VA presumes that these conditions are related to exposure to Agent Orange or other herbicides. VA presumes that the following health problems are related to herbicide exposure:

- AL Amyloidosis
- Chronic B-cell Leukemias
- Chloracne
- Diabetes Mellitus Type 2
- Hodgkin's Disease
- Ischemic Heart Disease
- Multiple Myeloma
- Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma
- Parkinson's Disease
- Peripheral Neuropathy, Early- Onset
- Porphyria Cutanea Tarda
- Prostate Cancer
- Respiratory Cancers
- Soft Tissue Sarcomas

In addition, VA presumes certain birth defects in children of Vietnam and Korea Veterans are associated with Veterans' qualifying military service.

If you believe you have an ailment attributed to Agent Orange, contact your Service Officer or the V.A. Medical Center near you.



**STATE VFW
MID-WINTER CONFERENCE**

The Kansas VFW Mid-Winter Meeting will be held in Junction City Post 8773 on January 15-17, 2021.

Post officers and members in good standing are urged to attend. This is a good opportunity to get updates on the VFW programs. It's also nice to see old friends and meet new ones.

**OK, joke's over.
Bring back the Constitution.**



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



Hi Everyone. The Leavenworth Christmas Party this year will be a Drive By Car Parade in front of the Domiciliary on Sunday, Dec. 13 at 1:00. We will meet at 11:45 at the American Legion at 75th and Conser. If you wish to donate goodies, they must be individually wrapped, store bought and in unopened boxes. Granola bars, small bags of candy, chips, and cookies are some of the items we are bringing with us. We will also be making Christmas signs at Dana's home on Fri., Dec. 11 at 6:00 to add to the parade. In January, we will be making Valentine Cards for our Veterans at the VA. The January newsletter will have the information on the time and place.

...CHRIS ANDERSON, Chairman

VETERANS' LEGISLATION

Two veterans' bills passed the congress on November 24, 2020, and signed into law by President Trump.

S. 327: Wounded Veterans Recreation Act - A bill to amend the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act to provide for a lifetime National Recreational Pass for any veteran with a service-connected disability.

S. 3147: Improving Safety and Security for Veterans Act of 2019 - A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to submit to Congress reports on patient safety and quality of care at medical centers of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes. Both passed unanimously.

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.



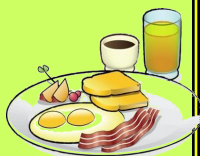
ACTIVITIES FOR AMER. LEGION POST 370
75th & CONSER, OVERLAND PARK, KS

370 BINGO

WEDNESDAYS and FRIDAYS — 7pm

SUNDAY BREAKFAST

**December 27
0830 — 1100**



**BURGERS
EVERY MONDAY**

**TACOS / MARGARITAS
EVERY TUESDAY**

**TEXAS HOLD'EM
EVERY WEDNESDAY**

**WING NIGHT
EVERY THURSDAY**



2pm CST on CBS

**Navy Midshipmen vs
Army Black Knights
December 12th — 2pm
(Check out their new uniforms!)**



**I have too much ammo
(said nobody, ever).**

VFW 846—GOOD TO GO !

Our new place is just about ready to roll! Come on down on meeting night (Dec. 10) and see how we're doing. There's still some work that needs to be done, and you can even help if you want to. This is just our meeting night, so you can leave your hammer and paint brush at home.

Our new address is 10630-B Metcalf Lane, next to Hooters. We will also have Hooters wings before the meeting. It will be good to see you there!



ANSWER to November's. TRIVIA...

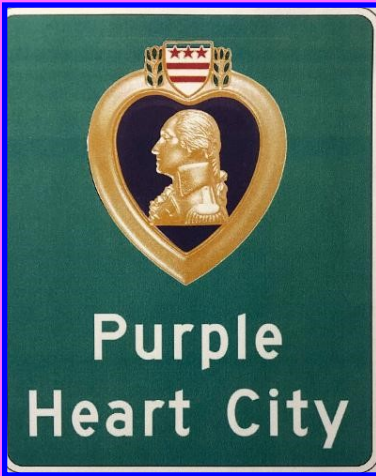
The Tomb of the Unknowns at Arlington Cemetery was dedicated by President Warren G. Harding on November 11, 1921.

TRIVIA QUESTION OF THE MONTH...

Which U.S. artist created a special logo for the Coast Guard's Corsair Fleet during World War II ?

OVERLAND PARK, KS IS DESIGNATED A "PURPLE HEART CITY" !

At a city council meeting on November 2nd, Overland Park Mayor Carl Gerlach announced the city's designation as a "Purple Heart City." The event was spearheaded by former council president Lt.Col. David White with the full support of VFW Post 846 and Auxiliary, American Legion 370, and the Military Order of the Purple Heart. The outside of City Hall glowed with purple lights for the occasion. Regular-size metal signs are posted around the city, and a large sign was presented to VFW Post 846. It is an honor for Overland Park to recognize its Purple Heart recipients.



The original Purple Heart —
Badge of Military Merit —
was created and authorized by
Gen. George Washington on
August 7, 1782, at Newburgh,
New York.



For assistance, please call (913) 735-3125