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Editor

VFW Post 846
new location
Next Meeting, Feb. 11th



10630-B Metcalf Lane, O.P.

Post Website: www.vfwpost846ks.org

Facebook link: [VFW Post 846](#)

STAY SAFE, WE NEED YOU !



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

Comrades of Post 846, I hope that the start of the New Year is blessed for all. If you are part of the VA Health Care system they are offering the COVID-19 vaccinations and we have had several at the post already get the first shot. You do not have to worry about certain age requirements since, by the time you have read this I will have had the first shot on 26 JAN. We have WIFI and Cable TV set up at the Post and we are about done with all the remodeling. If you know of a Veteran in Overland Park in need please let us know so our Post could help them out. We will be relooking at the approved policy for request for assistance and will be bringing it back to the member at the next meeting for an update. At the last meeting the Members approved that we will have dinner before each Post meeting at 6PM. Jack Hiles, is looking for volunteers to help with the buddy poppy drive coming up if you have time please talk to Jack this is a way for us to continue to help Veterans in NEED We will have our next meeting on 11 FEB at 7pm at our location 10630 Metcalf Ln, Overland Park and be sure to come early for dinner at 6PM. 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.

Martin Fries, Post Commander

FROM YOUR AUXILIARY...

...DANA PFLUMM, President

Greetings Sisters and Brothers! Happy Groundhog Day, one of my favorite holidays! Entries for the Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contest are due on March 31. It is opened to grades 9 – 12. For information on the rules and the application, go to the VFW Auxiliary web page and click Youth Program. Call me, Dana, to make arrangements to pick up your entry at 913-548-5507.

Valentine's Day is coming up fast so why not send one to your favorite Veteran? It's a great way to remind them how much we appreciate their sacrifice for our nation. Also, you may want to call someone you know that is homebound and lonely as a way of giving them a Valentine. Kindness in these times is always a good idea.

We only need 8 new members to reach 100%. So, if you know anyone who is eligible, ask them to join. We are dedicated to our Veterans and their families, a way for them to help out on a most important cause.

Our end of the year reports are due on March 31. PLEASE report anything you have done that can be added to this. Because of COVID, our participation in all of these programs has been limited, so tell us anything that could be used. Our meeting on Feb. 11 will be held at Chris Anderson's home at 7727 Hardy. Chris has been so kind in allowing us to meet there. It will also be on ZOOM and the meeting number and passcode will be sent to you. In this new year and new administration, let's all pray for our country and the challenges that lay ahead. Stay safe and may God bless you and yours. **...President DANA**



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 !



ANSWER to January's. TRIVIA...

The Marine Corps policy had allowed only female Marines to carry umbrellas. In November 2019, that policy was revised to allow *all* Marines to carry umbrellas, except in the field.

TRIVIA QUESTION OF THE MONTH...

Who was the only U.S. president to receive the Medal of Honor?



THIS IS OUR PLACE

10630 METCALF LANE, OVERLAND PARK.



**THIS WAS
THE
PLACE
“BEFORE”**



**THIS IS OUR PLACE
NOW—AND
THERE’S MORE TO
COME!**



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VETERANS of FOREIGN WARS

SANTA FE TRAIL POST 846

Meet at 7500 W. 75th St., OVERLAND PARK, KS 66204

*New Phone: (913) 735-3127

www.facebook.com/vfwpost846

Website www.vfwpost846ks.org/

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 	3 BINGO AT LEGION 370	4	5 BINGO AT LEGION 370	6
SUPER BOWL LV 5:30 pm GO CHIEFS !	8	9	10 BINGO AT LEGION 370	11 VFW 846 Meetings at our new Post 846 7pm	12 BINGO AT LEGION 370	13
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28 Legion BREAKFAST 8:30 — 11am						

VFW POST 846 MEETING, Thursday, Feb. 11, 7pm



at our new location,
10630-B Metcalf Lane
(Next to Hooters)
Food and refreshments will
be available starting at 6pm.

*Auxiliary will meet at Chris Anderson's
home, 7727 Hardy St. at 7pm, February 11th.

Stop by the Post and check out the
progress we're making!

CHAPLAIN'S REPORT...

LANE SMITH



Happy February to all. The good news is that we haven't had any reports of members testing positive for the COVID. Hope you are keeping safe and staying healthy. Please keep the Post aware at **913-735-3127** of any illness or hospitalization, so I can be of assistance as your Chaplain.

Be well and stay safe, and have a lovely Valentine's Day!

...Chaplain LANE

BUDDY POPPY DRIVE

...JACK HILES, Chairman

Comrades, we are now planning for the Memorial Day Buddy Poppy Drive. As you know, the proceeds from Poppy distribution go directly into the Post Relief Fund, assisting area Veterans and members. We need YOUR help to keep the Relief Fund refreshed and viable.



I will reserve sites for the entire 3-day Memorial Day weekend, and you can pretty much pick your times. Even a few hours will help. Please let me know if you can participate, at hiles.jack@yahoo.com.

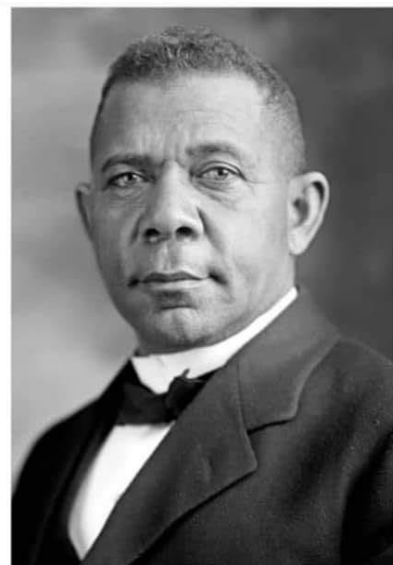
Thanks for your help! ...JACK

LIFE WITH PTSD...

The regular Tuesday sessions of the PTSD classes at the Lenexa Post have been put on hold until COVID settles down. Norm and Mike will still be around to answer your questions.

FEBRUARY IS BLACK HISTORY MONTH

This is well worth sharing over and over.....



"A lie doesn't become truth,
wrong doesn't become right,
and evil doesn't become good
just because it's accepted by a
majority."

— BOOKER T. WASHINGTON —

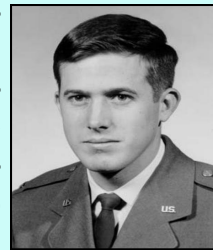
POW/MIA REPORT...

RAY CALORE, Chairman



Last Known Activity :

Captain Charles Lee Hoskins, of **Roeland Park, Kansas**, was reported missing **Feb 16, 1971**, while on an operational mission in Laos. Maj. Ralph N. Pattillo was the pilot and 1Lt. Charles L. Hoskins the weapons/systems officer of an F4D fighter bomber from the 497th Tactical Fighter Squadron based at Ubon Airbase, Thailand. At 1930 hours on February 16, 1971, the two were sent on a combat mission over Laos.



During the mission, the aircraft was shot down less than a mile from Ban Dakyon, Laos, an area which was then under control of North Vietnamese forces. Because of heavy enemy forces on the ground, ground search was impossible. Air search efforts failed to produce evidence of the downed plane or the two officers, and the search was terminated.

Today, Charles Hoskins is listed as Category 2 MIA, indicating *suspect knowledge* ... Lost in areas or under conditions that they may reasonably be expected to be known by the enemy. "

(Contributing source: POWnetwork.org.)

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.

**More
added...**

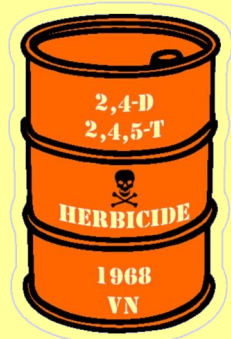
Subject: NDAA Agent Orange Presumptive Conditions

January 6, 2021

The *National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021 (NDAA)* (H.R.6395) **added three (3) more conditions** to the Agent Orange presumptive-conditions list wherein Veterans who were exposed to Agent Orange may qualify for benefits:

- bladder cancer,
- hypothyroidism, and
- * Parkinsonism, or Parkinson-like symptoms.

Veterans and survivors are encouraged to submit claims.



VA's GULF WAR ILLNESS PRESUMPTIVE CONDITIONS

VA presumes certain chronic, unexplained symptoms that exist for six months or more are related to Gulf War service without regard to cause.

These presumptive illnesses must have appeared during active duty in Southwest Asia since Aug. 2, 1990, and be at least 10 percent disabling.

These illnesses include:

- ◆ Myalgic Encephalomyelitis or Chronic Fatigue Syndrome.
- ◆ Fibromyalgia, which causes muscle and soft tissue pain.
- ◆ Functional gastrointestinal disorders.
- ◆ Undiagnosed illnesses, such as weight loss, fatigue, joint pain and cardiovascular disease.

Gulf War veterans who have any of these presumptive conditions do not need to prove a connection between their military service and illnesses to receive disability compensation.

For more of VA's information about Gulf War illness, visit publichealth.va.gov.

VA Hospital Report... Chris Anderson, Chmn.



On January 14, Ladies of the 846 Auxiliary made special Valentines for the hospitalized veterans at Leavenworth VA Med Center. The hand-made Valentines will be delivered this month along with candy bars and new pairs of socks donated by member Wes Blakeslee. The ladies making the Valentines were President Dana, District President Laura, Joy Roth, Cheryl Gulley and Chris Anderson.



Good job, all. Our Veterans at the V.A. really appreciate it. We would love to see you at our next meeting!

...CHRISTINE ANDERSON, Chairman



A note from PHIL: The first official Groundhog Day celebration took place on February 2, 1887, in Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania. It was the brainchild of local newspaper editor Clymer Freas, who pitched the idea to a group of businessmen and groundhog hunters. The men trekked to a site called Gobbler's Knob, where the inaugural groundhog became the bearer of bad news when he saw his shadow. That's better odds than the weathergirl!



Questions? Please call (913) 735-3125