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NEWSLETTER — VFW POST 846

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**Bring on
the
NEW YEAR!**

JANUARY

2021



**RAY 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 !



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

Comrades of Post 846, hope you all had a Blessed Christmas and Happy New Year. I know most of us are ready for 2021 and get rid of all the problems with 2020. The two Hy-Vee gift certificates left, the Post purchased, I was able to give to a person who was recommended by our Junior Vice, George Arnold. It was a pleasure for me to do this honor and see his reaction of how thankful he was to receive the gift cards. This is why we are here, to help others. If you know of a Veteran that is in need please let us know so our Post could help them out. An update on our location we have just purchased new furniture and it will be in place when you attend the meeting. We are looking at getting the Wifi and Cable TV and might have it in by the meeting next week also. **We will have our next meeting on 14 JAN at 7pm at our location 10630 Metcalf Ln, Overland Park.** 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 846 AUXILIARY...

...DANA PFLUIMM, President

Greetings Sisters and Brothers, I hope everyone had a good and safe Christmas and New Years. Not too many people are sorry to see 2020 behind us and I pray that 2021 is a better and happier year.

The Department Convention in Junction City in January has been cancelled. Our next meeting will be held Thursday, Jan. 14th, 7:00 at Chris Anderson's home, 7727 Hardy St., Overland Park. We would love to see everyone there, and for those who cannot make it, we will have the meeting on ZOOM. The meeting number and password will be sent to you. The auditors must be there at 6:00. Then during the meeting, we are going to make special Valentines for our Vets at the Leavenworth VA. Hospital. Remember, our reports are due at the end of March, so it's time for us get our projects going and completed. Make sure you report everything you do in the proper program.

...God Bless You and Yours, President DANA

VFW 846—GOOD TO GO !

Our new place is just about ready to roll! Come on down on meeting night (Jan. 14) and see how we're doing. Our new address is 10630-B Metcalf Lane, next to Hooters.



Refreshments before the meeting!
See you there!



This is the special logo of the U.S. Coast Guard's Corsair Fleet in World War II. It was designed and drawn by the celebrated cartoonist **Walt Disney** (with a little help from Donald Duck).

MEMBERSHIP: If you have not renewed your Annual Membership for 2021, then your membership has expired as of December 31, 2020. Please bring or send your \$45 to the Post ASAP to remain a Member in Good Standing.

VFW Post 846 needs you, especially this year. **THANKS!**

**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 !

JANUARY 2021



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 BINGO AT LEGION 370	2
3 CHIEFS vs Chargers 3:25 pm	4	5	6 BINGO AT LEGION 370	7	8 BINGO AT LEGION 370	9
10	11	12	13 BINGO AT LEGION 370	14 VFW 846 Meetings at our new Post 846 7pm	15 BINGO AT LEGION 370	16
17	18 Martin Luther KING HOLIDAY	19	20 BINGO AT LEGION 370	21	22 BINGO AT LEGION 370	23 District 2 Mid-Winter Conf. 10am Lenexa Post 7397
24 Legion BREAKFAST 8:30 — 11am	25	26	27 Paris Peace Accords 1973 BINGO AT LEGION 370	28	29 BINGO AT LEGION 370	30
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VFW POST 846
MEETING, Thursday,
January 14, 7pm
at our new location,
10630-B Metcalf Lane
(Next to Hooters)

***Auxiliary will meet at**
Chris Anderson's
house, 7727 Hardy St.



DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING
RECOGNITION DAY
JANUARY 18, 2021

LIFE'S MOST
URGENT
QUESTION IS:
WHAT ARE YOU
DOING FOR
OTHERS?

—Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.



CHAPLAIN'S REPORT...

LANE SMITH



We are sad to report the passing of Anthony "Tony" Scudiero, Korean War veteran and founder of Villa Capri restaurant in Overland Park. Tony, 89, passed away on Nov. 24th. Condolences go out to his Family.

Wishing a speedy recovery to Karen Powers. Karen recently had surgery to repair a broken wrist. Hurry back, Karen!

Hope all had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Please keep the Post aware of any illness or hospitalization, so I can be of assistance as your Chaplain.

Be well and stay safe,

...Chaplain LANE

POW/MIA REPORT... RAY CALORE, Chairman



Comrades, It's time again to be reminded of the anniversary this month of the Paris Peace Accords, signed on January 27, 1973.

The "Peace Accords" officially ended U.S. involvement in the Vietnam War.

The preliminary peace talks began in 1968, with the chief negotiators being Henry Kissinger (U.S.) and Le Duc Tho (Hanoi). Progress was frustratingly slow: For example, eight months into the talks, the only thing the two sides had agreed on was the shape of the conference table.

The talks continued for five years, as the war raged on and the bombing continued. Eventually, on January 27, 1973, a final agreement was reached, which Dr. Kissinger called "peace with honor." It is probable that both Kissinger and Le Duc Tho anticipated that the terms of the agreement would be broken by both sides. Specifically, the complete return of American prisoners of war, and the payment of \$4.5 Billion in "reparation aid" promised by President Nixon in a secret communication to V.N. Prime Minister Pham Van Dong. The money was not paid, and all of our POWs did not come home.

Later that year, in the fall of 1973, the Nobel Committee in Oslo, Norway, awarded the Nobel Peace Prize jointly to Henry Kissinger and Le Duc Tho, the chief negotiators in the peace process. Kissinger gladly accepted his award. Le Duc Tho refused his award. Perhaps he understood that the Vietnam War was not truly over.

Meanwhile, we continued to bask in the so-called "peace with honor", and the beginning of the Vietnam POW/MIA issue.



KANSAS VFW — DISTRICT 2
MID-WINTER CONFERENCE

On Saturday, January 23rd, the District Conference will be held at the Lenexa Post 7397. Meeting starts at 10am, coffee & donuts at 9am. Post officers and members in good standing are urged to attend. Members may also participate by ZOOM. (District officers will send out e-mail with the ZOOM link and password.) This is a great opportunity to be updated on the VFW programs. It's also nice to see old friends and meet new ones.

(NOTE: The Department Mid-Winter Conference scheduled for Junction City this month has been canceled due to the COVID.)



Any questions?

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



Happy New Year! Looking forward to a better year. We will be making Valentines at the next Auxiliary meeting, January 14 at 7pm. Our meeting will be at my house, 7727 Hardy, Overland Park. Wear your mask, and turn on those creative juices for making hot Valentines for our hospitalized Veterans.

...CHRISTINE ANDERSON, Chairman

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:

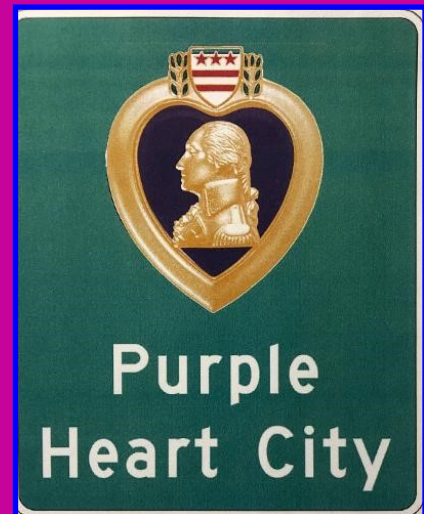
- ♦ Myalgic Encephalomyelitis or Chronic Fatigue Syndrome.
- ♦ Fibromyalgia, which causes muscle and soft tissue pain.
- ♦ Functional gastrointestinal disorders.
- ♦ Undiagnosed illnesses, such as weight loss, fatigue, joint pain and cardiovascular disease.

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.



**Overland Park
is now a**



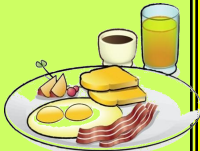
**ACTIVITIES FOR AMER. LEGION POST 370
75th & CONSER, OVERLAND PARK, KS**

370 BINGO

**WEDNESDAYS and
FRIDAYS — 7pm**

**SUNDAY
BREAKFAST**

**January 24
0830 — 1100**



**BURGERS
EVERY MONDAY**

**TACOS / MARGARITAS
EVERY TUESDAY**

**TEXAS HOLD'EM
EVERY WEDNESDAY**

**WING NIGHT
EVERY THURSDAY**

ANSWER to December's. TRIVIA...

The artist who created the special logo for the Coast Guard's Corsair Fleet during World War II was Walt Disney.

TRIVIA QUESTION OF THE MONTH...

In November 2019 the U.S. Marine Corps revised its "umbrella policy." What was the change?

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.

Questions? Please call (913) 735-3125