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2021



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VFW Post 846
new location
Next Meeting, Mar.11

10630-B Metcalf Lane, O.P.

Post Website: www.vfwpost846ks.org

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STAY SAFE, WE NEED YOU !



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

Comrades of Post 846, another month has gone by and our next meeting is coming up on 8 April. We have had our first rental of our new location and the people were very thankful and really like what we had to offer in our new building. One of the nice things about our new location it is less expensive for people to rent, not like most rental locations. Not too big and not too small.

In the month of April we will finalize the election slate of officers so be sure to come out to let your voice be heard. When the weather breaks we will go thru the storage units and will start to put art work and items on the walls.

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 08 APR, dinner is at 6PM we will be having Philly Steak sandwiches from Chartreuse Caboose followed by meeting at 7pm.** We need everyone's help to get our membership numbers 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

ELECTIONS! at the meeting on Thursday, APRIL 8...

Nominations and Election of officers — Post and Auxiliary — will be held at the April 8th meeting. If you would like to run for an office, please be at the meeting to be nominated. Then we will cast our votes to determine who will lead Post 846 and Auxiliary in the coming VFW year, 2021-2022.

Newly-elected officers will take over at the end of the Department Convention in June. This is your opportunity to make your voice heard.



FROM YOUR AUXILIARY...

...DANA PFLUMM, President

Greetings Sisters and Brothers, welcome to Spring! We will be electing new officers at our April meeting. We need you to come and be a part of this, your vote will determine the direction our Auxiliary will take for the coming year. And you may want to become an officer or chairman yourself. We have a good group of hard working members and I know you will enjoy yourself. Join us, we need you! COVID has changed the way we have approached our programs this year, and our volunteer hours are down. This is not a surprise but we are discovering creative ways to work safely with the community. Our Auxiliary and the Post are going to be working together as a team on more projects this year and our collaboration can only benefit all of us, our Veterans and 846 as a whole.

The District 2 Conference will be April 17 in DeSoto, starting at 10:00. Please plan to attend, there will be lots of new information in every program we are going to need to know. Our next meeting will be Thursday, April 8 at **5:00pm** at our new location, **10630 Metcalf**, next to Hooters. Did you know you can also attend the meetings through ZOOM and not have to leave the comfort of your own home? This is a very convenient and easy program to use and the meeting number and passcode will be sent to you before hand by email. Try it. Afterwards, if you attend our meeting in person, dinner from Chartreuse Caboose will be served. I wish to remind everyone that we are now in our severe weather season where things outside can change really fast. Keep aware of weather reports, determine your safe place now and keep bottled water, a flashlight and batteries there all the time. If the sirens go off, grab your cell phone and Take Cover!!!! We want to keep you around.

Happy Easter and Happy Spring to all and may God Bless You and Yours.

... President DANA



"LIFE WITH PTSD" meetings have resumed and will be held at the Lenexa VFW, 96th & Pflumm, every Tuesday at 1830 hrs. Norm, Mike, and their crew do a great job in guiding us through the maze of PTSD.

Remember, it's not what's WRONG with you, it's about what HAPPENED to you.

APRIL 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 	2 BINGO AT LEGION 370 7 p.m.	3
4 	5	6 "Life with PTSD" 1830 hrs. at Lenexa Post	7 BINGO AT LEGION 370 7 p.m.	8 VFW 846 ELECTION Meeting Post @ 7pm AUX. @ 5pm	9 BINGO AT LEGION 370 7 p.m.	10
11	12	13 "Life with PTSD" 1830 hrs. at Lenexa Post	14 BINGO AT LEGION 370 7 p.m.	15	16 BINGO AT LEGION 370 7 p.m.	17 DISTRICT SPRING CONVENTION at DeSOTO VFW 6654 ***** 10 a.m.
18	19	20 "Life with PTSD" 1830 hrs. at Lenexa Post	21 BINGO AT LEGION 370 7 p.m.	22	23 BINGO AT LEGION 370 7 p.m.	24
25 Legion 370 BREAKFAST 8:30 — 11am	26	27 "Life with PTSD" 1830 hrs. at Lenexa Post	28 BINGO AT LEGION 370 7 p.m.	29	30 BINGO AT LEGION 370 7 p.m.	

VFW POST 846 MEETING,**Thursday, April 8, 7pm****at our new location,
10630-B Metcalf Lane
(Next to Hooters)****The dinner this month will
be Steak sandwiches from Chartreuse Ca-
boose, from 6 to 7pm.****Feel free to bring a dessert to share!*****Auxiliary will meet at Post 846 at 5pm,
April 8th, and then stick around for the
steak sandwiches.****CHAPLAIN'S REPORT...****LANE SMITH**

 God provides special people as spiritual teachers, leaders and comforters. Father Emil Kapaun's love for God was evident in the service he gave to his comrades in arms as an Army chaplain with the 1st CAV in Korea. . He was a shining example of a "soldier of the Cross". God tells us in Jeremiah 3:15 "And I will give you shepherds after my own heart, who will feed you with knowledge and understanding". That was Father Kapaun, a "Shepherd in Combat Boots."

We are sad to report the passing of **Tina Bermann**, long-time Auxiliary member and friend. Our condolences go out to Tina's family.

I 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 Blessed Easter.

...Chaplain LANE**SOME HEROES DON'T
WEAR HELMETS****ANSWER to March's TRIVIA...**

. The Vietnam Veterans Memorial (The Wall), in Washington, D.C. was dedicated on Veterans Day, Nov.11, 1982.

THIS MONTH'S TRIVIA QUESTION...

In what country was Osama bin Laden found and killed by U.S. Navy Seals?

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**Cartoon contributed by Doris Ackerman.****DISTRICT 2 SPRING CONVENTION**

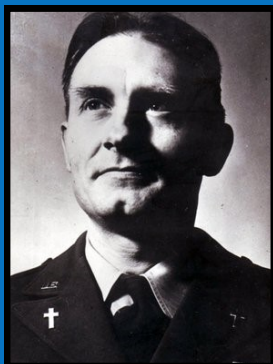
will be held on Saturday, April 17 at DeSoto Post 6654. Coffee and donuts before the meeting which starts at 10am. All members in good standing are invited to attend. It's a great opportunity to be updated on VFW programs, and to see old friends and meet new ones.

It's also time for **DISTRICT ELECTIONS**. Please come to DeSoto to represent Post 846.



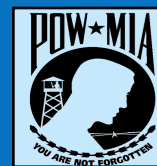
FROM PYOKLONG, N.KOREA TO PILSEN, KANSAS

Remains returned, March 4, 2021



Father (Captain) EMIL J. KAPAUN

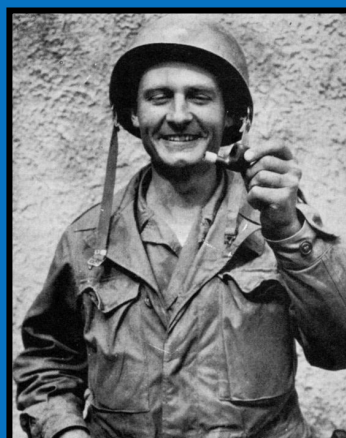
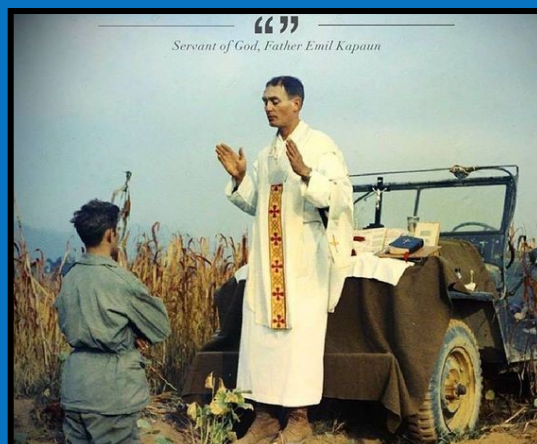
U.S. Army Chaplain



Emil Joseph Kapaun (April 20, 1916 – May 23, 1951) was a Roman Catholic priest and United States Army captain who served as a U.S. Army chaplain during World War II and the Korean War. Kapaun was a chaplain in the Burma Theater of World War II, then served again as a chaplain with the U.S. Army in Korea, where he was captured. He died in a prisoner of war camp and was buried in a mass grave in Pyoklong. On March 4, 2021, Kansas Senator Jerry Moran announced that Father Kapaun's remains had been positively identified and are being returned to his family and parish in Pilsen, Kansas.

In 1993, Pope John Paul II declared him a Servant of God, the first stage on the path to canonization and sainthood. In 2013, Fr. Kapaun posthumously received the Medal of Honor for his actions in Korea. He is the ninth American military chaplain Medal of Honor recipient.

Chaplain Kapaun's extraordinary heroism and selflessness, above and beyond the call of duty, are in keeping with the highest traditions of military service and reflect great credit upon himself, the 3d Battalion, 8th Cavalry Regiment, the 1st Cavalry Division, and the United States Army.



1st Cavalry Division

Fr. Kapaun's church and parish in Pilsen, KS — St. John Nepomucene Catholic Church.



HAPPY EASTER TO ALL OF US!



V.A. Hospital Report... **Chris Anderson, Chairman**



The Veterans at the V.A. Domiciliary loved our Easter baskets. Several thank you's from the guys visiting Annie's closet at the hospital. Speaking of Annie's closet, if you are spring cleaning out your closets send the clothes our way. If you have coats I'm asking you to hold on to them until August. We want to have a coat drive for Annie's closet and Operation Stand-Down. I'll bet, along with the American Legion, we can collect at least 400 coats. So we need you to hold on to yours because my storage space is limited. But to donate clothes, contact 913-940-1003 and leave a message. Thanks ahead of time.

Our Veterans at the V.A. really appreciate what we do. We would love to see you at our next hospital visit!

...CHRISTINE ANDERSON, Chairman

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.

Our Auxiliary dues are \$25.
Thanks! Our Veterans need you at Post 846.



← EASTER FROG

VFW LEGISLATIVE (Source: VFW Action Corps Weekly)

Press Conference on Comprehensive Toxic Exposure Bill:

On Tuesday [24 March] VFW National Legislative Service Associate Director Kristina Keenan participated in a press conference held by Sens. Thom Tillis (R-NC) and Maggie Hassan (D-NH) to introduce S. 927, the Toxic Exposure in the American Military (TEAM) Act. This legislation aligns directly with the VFW's priority to establish a permanent framework to address past, present, and future toxic exposures in the military at locations both domestic and abroad.

"SAVE LIVES Act" Signed Into Law:

On Wednesday [25 March] President Biden signed into law VFW-supported H.R. 1276, the "SAVE LIVES Act." The law allows VA to provide a COVID-19 vaccine to all veterans, their spouses, caregivers, and Civilian Health and Medical Program recipients regardless of their eligibility for VA health care. Veterans who are already using VA health care will have priority.

Senate Introduces Bill to Extend and Improve Care and Benefits for Gulf War Illness:

On Thursday [26 March], Sen. Robert Menendez (D-NJ) introduced a bill that addresses the VFW's concerns surrounding care and benefits for Persian Gulf War veterans outlined in the Independent Budget. Although U.S. military operations in the Persian Gulf are currently ongoing, the authorization to provide benefits will expire on December 31, 2021. The *Improving Benefits for Gulf War Veterans Act* would permanently extend VA's authority to grant benefits for Gulf War Illness and would broaden the definition of Persian Gulf veteran to include those who served in Afghanistan, Israel, Egypt, Turkey, Syria, and Jordan. Additionally, since Gulf War Illness is difficult to identify, the bill would create a single Gulf War Disability Benefits Questionnaire (DBQ) for the associated symptoms.



Questions? Please call (913) 735-3125