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RAY CALORE
Editor

VFW Post 846

new location

Next Meeting, May 13

10630-B Metcalf Lane, O.P.

Post Website: www.vfwpost846ks.org

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**(COVID—It ain't over til it's over.)
STAY SAFE, WE NEED YOU !**



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

Comrades of Post 846, last month we had the Post elections; the slate of officers for the coming VFW year will be Martin Fries, Commander; Eric Bishop, Senior Vice-Commander; George Arnold, Junior Vice-Commander; and Larry Fries, Quartermaster. The installation of Officers will occur on 13 MAY at our regular scheduled meeting. Memorial Day weekend events at Johnson County Gardens, 1100am. And Jack Hiles is looking for volunteers to help with the Buddy Poppy Drive that weekend and needs help. If you have time, please talk to Jack, this is a way for us to continue to help Veterans in need.

One of the nice thing about our new location it is less expensive for people to rent, not like most rental locations, so if you know someone that would like to rent a space please let us know. We will be working on going thru the storage units to determine what we want to bring to the Post and what art work and items on the walls to put up. **We will have our next meeting on 13 May, dinner is at 6PM 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. Also don't forget that Mother's Day is coming up on May 9. **...MARTIN FRIES, Post Commander**

FROM YOUR AUXILIARY...

...DANA PFLUMM, President

Greetings Sisters and Brothers, I am proud to announce the newly elected officers for the 2021-2022 year. Pres. Dana Pflumm; Sr. Vice Sheryl Gulley; Jr. Vice Mary Seacreast; Sec./Treas. Chris Anderson; Guard Joy Winter; Chaplain Debbie Winter and Conductress Joy Roth. I wish to thank all of you who took a position to ensure that we will have a great upcoming year. The installation will be held at our May 13th meeting.

The Buddy Poppy Drive will be on Sat., May 29 and Mon., May 31 at the Hy-Vee at 95th and Antioch from 10am until 2 pm. Please sign up for an hour or more, this event keeps our Veterans and their needs in the minds and hearts of the public. Our Auxiliary received lots of certificates for our participation in all of our programs at the District Spring Conference, and Pres. Laura Gulley did a marvelous job conducting the meeting. Also, our Buddy Poppy Display won its category at District and will be going to the Department Convention in June for judging. How cool is that! Speaking of conventions, the Department of Kansas will be holding the State Convention on June 18-20 in Topeka. Please plan to attend. They will have elections at the Department level and lots of new information on our programs.

The Memorial Service will be held at Johnson County Memorial Gardens (112th & Metcalf) on Monday, May 31, at 1100am. Again, this is another way to honor our veterans who are no longer with us.

Mother's Day is May 9. For those of you whose Mothers are still with you, I know she would love a call of a get together with all her family. For those of us whose Mother has passed away, I hope this day brings you good memories and joy. Our NEXT MEETING will be on **May 13 at 5:00** at the VFW Post at 10630 Metcalf Ln, 'B' and on Zoom. We are trying to find a good time for our meetings so we can keep our 2nd Thursday of the month date and that the Post and Auxiliary will not interfere with each other. Due to space restrictions, we will not be able to hold the meetings at the same time. Thank you for your patience.

And please, take all tornado warnings seriously.

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

CONGRATULATIONS to all the newly-elected and appointed officers of VFW Post 846 and the 846 Auxiliary. They will be installed at the May 13th meeting and begin their term of office at the close of the State Convention on June 20.

Let's all make a commitment to give our full support to these dedicated Comrades and Sisters as they lead us into a successful 2021—2022 year of service!



"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.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 National LOYALTY DAY <hr/> Since 1958
2	3	4 "Life with PTSD" 1830 hrs. at Lenexa Post	5 CINCO de MAYO Legion BINGO 7 p.m.	6 VFW 846 Meetings Post @ 7pm Aux. @ 5pm Food— 6pm	7 BINGO AT LEGION 370 7 p.m.	8
MOTHER'S DAY 	10	11 "Life with PTSD" 1830 hrs. at Lenexa Post	12 BINGO AT LEGION 370 7 p.m.	13	14 BINGO AT LEGION 370 7 p.m.	15
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23	24	25 "Life with PTSD" 1830 hrs. at Lenexa Post	26 BINGO AT LEGION 370 7 p.m.	27	28 BINGO AT LEGION 370 7 p.m.	29 Buddy Poppy
30 Memorial Day Weekend 	31 					



**VFW POST 846
MEETING,
Thurs, May 13, 7pm
at our new location,
10630-B Metcalf Lane
(Next to Hooters)**

We will have an informal dinner at 6pm. Feel free to bring a dessert to share!

***Auxiliary will meet at Post 846 at 5pm, May 13, and then stick around for the food and goodies.**

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



CHAPLAIN'S REPORT...

LANE SMITH



Comrades and Friends, as we approach Memorial Day, please make sure your holiday plans include the actual reason for this special weekend. The VFW & Legion ceremony will be held at JoCo Memorial Gardens (112th & Metcalf) on May 31, 1100am. Take an hour to attend and to honor and respect those who came before us. Then we can get back to our cook-outs and ball games with a good feeling about ourselves.

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

V.A. HOSPITAL REPORT...

...CHRISTINE ANDERSON, Chrmn.



Another month of dropping things off at Leavenworth VA Center. We dropped off Girl Scout cookies donated by the Junior troop we sponsor. The boxes were decorated by a Senior Girl Scout working on her Gold Award who also happens to be a life member of our Auxiliary. This month we are looking for something as equally fun. We will talk about it at our next meeting. See you there.

...Chris Anderson,
Hospital Chairperson



Memorial Day

A joint remembrance ceremony will be conducted at Johnson County Memorial Gardens (112th & Metcalf) on Monday, May 31, at 11:00am. Please take an hour of your time to remember and honor those who came before us. The joint service is sponsored by VFW Post 846 and American Legion Post 370.

Have a safe Holiday weekend, and remember our Buddy Poppy Drive!



Taps



Sometimes you will never know the value of a moment, until it becomes a memory.

— Dr. Seuss



MEMBERSHIP... Now that we're approaching the end of the VFW year in June, let's all make an effort to increase our membership numbers at the Post. Do you know someone who might be eligible to belong to the VFW? Maybe a relative or co-worker? Use the application in this Newsletter, and also at the Post. There are Veterans out there who deserve to belong to our VFW. Let's bring 'em in.

**MAY THE
FOURTH
BE WITH YOU**

POW/MIA REPORT...

RAY CALORE, Chmn.

Korean War MIAs: The "Ashley Five" refers to five members of the B-29 aircraft crew of 30-year old Lt. Gilbert Ashley. Their aircraft, #42-65357 ("Shady Lady") was shot down by Russian MiGs 10-12 miles south of Pyongyang on January 27, 1953.

Some of the crew members were eventually repatriated. Five of them were interrogated by Soviets. The five were:

- 1Lt. Gilbert Ashley
- 1Lt. Harold Turner
- 2Lt. John Shaddick
- 1Lt. Arthur Olsen
- A2/c. Hidemaro Ishida

Lt. Ashley was known to be alive as of the close of the Korean War. On May 24th, the U.S. military attempted a rescue mission of the five but were fired upon and aborted the mission. How the military knew the five were alive in July of 1953 is unclear, and what happened to the five men is still unknown, but they were not killed on the day of the crash.

Still another "mystery" in the POW/MIA battle.



"He who wears the Purple Heart has given of his blood in the defense of his homeland and shall forever be revered by his fellow countrymen."

— GEORGE WASHINGTON

ANSWER to APRIL's TRIVIA...

On May 2, 2011, Osama bin Laden was found in Abbottabad, Pakistan, and killed by U.S. Navy Seals.

THIS MONTH'S TRIVIA QUESTION...

Into which river did Gen. George Patton "baptize" in March, 1945?

Questions? Please call (913) 735-3125