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2021



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Editor



VFW Post 846
new location
Next Meeting, June 10th

10630-B Metcalf Lane, O.P.

Post Website: www.vfwpost846ks.org

Facebook link: [VFW Post 846](#)

(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 our installation of Officers for 2021/2022. The slate of officers for next year will be Martin Fries - Commander / Eric Bishop - Senior Vice Commander / George Arnold - Junior Vice Commander, and Larry Fries - Quartermaster. The Officers will assume their new duties after the state convention on June 20, 2021. By the time you read this the Memorial Day weekend events at Johnson County Gardens will have occurred with POST 846 honoring the fallen comrades of our post. We will be honoring for 2020 and 2021 since we were not able to honor our comrades last year due to COVID. POST 846 has awarded the first Scholarship to a well-deserved student of one of our post comrades. 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. In June some dates to remember are as follows; JUN 6 D-DAY, JUN 14 Flag Day, JUN 14 Army Birthday, JUN 20 Father's Day, JUN 25 Start of the Korean War, and finally JUN 27 National PTSD Awareness Day. **We will have our next meeting on 10 June, 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. **...MARTIN FRIES, Post Commander**

FROM YOUR AUXILIARY...

...DANA PFLUMM, President

Greetings Sisters and Brothers, Welcome to Summer! The Department Convention is going to be held June 18-20 in Topeka at the Capitol Plaza Hotel. Please plan to attend to get the latest information on our programs. The National Convention will be held in our own hometown of Kansas City, MO. Due to COVID, this convention has changed from Baltimore to us. It will be held on July 31 to Aug. 3. Janice Criswell needs 20 volunteers from our Auxiliaries to give a helping hand to insure the Convention runs smoothly. You can get a hold of Janice by email at jcriswell@vfwauxiliary.org. State your name, membership ID, your email address and the day and hours you would like to volunteer. To see what times are available, go to vfwauxiliary.org. The hours are from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

WE NEED YOU!!! The VFW Auxiliary is proud of our long tradition of service to our Veterans and their families and to our communities. Our programs include Americanism, Community Outreach, Hospital, Legislation, Scholarship, Veterans and Family Support and Youth. Since the rules of COVID are relaxing, we are looking forward to return to normal. What we need are your ideas, expertise and talents. If you are a member in good standing, come join us. If your membership has expired, contact our Membership Chairman, Chris Anderson, 913-940-1003, and she'll happily get you reinstated. And if you are not a member and want to join, you must have a close relative who is a veteran of a foreign war and you need their DD-214 to establish eligibility. We really want to see you with us.

D-Day is June 6. May we all remember and honor the sacrifices our military made that day. Fly your flag on Flag Day, June 14. And Father's day is June 20. If he is still with you or not, say a prayer and thank him for everything he did for you. School is out so watch out for the kids wherever you go. The next meeting will be at the Post on June 10 at 5:00. **...May God Bless You and Yours, President DANA**

CONGRATULATIONS to all the newly-elected and appointed officers of VFW Post 846 and our Auxiliary. They have been officially installed and will 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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Veterans of Foreign Wars

Santa Fe Trail Post 846

10630 Metcalf Lane

Overland Park, KS 66204

New phone — (913)

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Sun	Mon	Tue	M	Thu	Fri	Sat
	Memorial Day 	1 "Life with PTSD" 1830 hrs. at Lenexa Post	2 BINGO AT LEGION 370 7 p.m.	3	4 BINGO AT LEGION 370 7 p.m.	5
16 D-DAY 1944 	7	8 "Life with PTSD" 1830 hrs. at Lenexa Post	9 BINGO AT LEGION 370 7 p.m.	10 VFW 846 Meetings Post @ 7pm Aux. @ 5pm Food— 6pm	11 BINGO AT LEGION 370 7 p.m.	12  WOMEN VETERANS DAY
13	 FLAG DAY Happy Birthday U.S. ARMY 1775	15 "Life with PTSD" 1830 hrs. at Lenexa .Post	16 BINGO AT LEGION 370 7 p.m.	17	18 VFW STATE CONVENTION June 18-20, Topeka BINGO AT LEGION 370 7 p.m.	19
20 FATHER'S DAY  Convention Ends	21	22 "Life with PTSD" 1830 hrs. at Lenexa Post	23 BINGO AT LEGION 370 7 p.m.	24 KOREAN WAR Begins 1950 BINGO at Legion 370 7pm	26	
27 Legion 370 BREAKFAST 0830—1100 	28	29 "Life with PTSD" 1830 hrs. at Lenexa	30 BINGO AT LEGION 370 7 p.m.			

Remembering D-Day



June 6th, 1944



The Landing Beaches of NORMANDY

OMAHA ... United States
SWORD ... British
GOLD ... British
UTAH ... United States
JUNO ... Canada / Britain



VFW POST 846 MEETING, Thurs, June 10, 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, June 10, and then stick around for the food and goodies.**



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

**U.S.
ARMY**

JUNE 14, 1775

CHAPLAIN'S REPORT...

LANE SMITH



To a standing room only crowd, a Memorial Day service was hosted by the Johnson County Memorial Gardens, Phil Zehms, General Manager, and sponsored by VFW Post 846 and American Legion Post 370. Lt Col Dave White (Ret), participated for the 17th year, by reading the Memorial Day Proclamation issued by Overland Park Mayor *Carl Gerlach*. Six wreaths representing six organizational units of the two posts were recognized, individually saluted, and the POW/MIA wreath was recognized. The guest speaker was Mel Prezant of the Jewish War Veterans Post 605 and, as a member of the organization Bugles Across America, spoke of over 260,000 Taps being played at veterans funerals this past year.

Memorial Roll Call with Poppy's, recognized all veteran members of the six organizational units that passed away this past year as well as those veterans the Memorial Gardens serviced. The audience was then welcomed to recognize names of Veteran relatives and friends. A rifle salute was presented by the American Legion Rifle detail and both the Invocation and Benediction were offered by Chaplain Lane Smith followed by Taps by Mel Prezant to close the service.

Those in attendance from Post 846 were Commander Martin Fries, Larry Fries, Tony Huddleston, Ray Calore, John Robbins and Lane Smith. The Post 846 Auxiliary was represented by Sheryl Gulley and Christine Anderson.

...Chaplain LANE SMITH — (913) 649-1515

V.A. HOSPITAL REPORT...

...CHRISTINE ANDERSON, Chrmn.



Please come to the Auxiliary meeting this month (June 10th). We want to figure out something FUN to do for the guys at the Leavenworth V.A. and need your input. Don't forget we are doing a coat round-up this Fall. Thanks!

CHRIS ANDERSON,
Hospital Chairperson

Three Agent Orange Presumptives Added



Three conditions will be added to the list of those presumptively associated with exposure to Agent Orange. Those conditions are bladder cancer, hypothyroidism and Parkinsonism.

Vietnam War era Veterans and their survivors, who previously filed and were denied benefits for one of these three new presumptive conditions, will have their cases automatically reviewed **without the need to refile a claim.**



FLAG DAY

JUNE 14

FLY
OLD GLORY
WITH PRIDE !



**KANSAS VFW STATE
CONVENTION, JUNE 18-20 at
TOPEKA CAPITOL PLAZA HOTEL.**
Call the Post for details!



POW/MIA REPORT...

RAY CALORE, Chmn.



**"The Hanoi March" a.k.a.
"Hanoi Parade"**

On the morning of July 6, 1966, prisoners at "Briarpatch" and the "Zoo," two prisoner of war camps west of Hanoi, were rounded up in the morning and given shirts with numbers. In late afternoon, the gathered American prisoners, blindfolded and handcuffed in pairs, were loaded onto trucks and driven to a sports stadium in downtown Hanoi. The men from the two prisons, 52 in all, were addressed by a man nicknamed "Rabbit," an indoctrinator from the Hanoi prison of Hoa Lo. He told the American soldiers they were about to "meet the Vietnamese people."

Red-scarved guards flanked the prisoners, who were marched two-by-two into a waiting crowd. The men were first led past the Soviet and Chinese embassies, and then were brought down the city's main avenue, which was lined by a mob that one soldier estimated to have 100,000 people.



Before long, screaming spectators began breaking past the guards to hit, kick, and spit at the men. Bottles were thrown, and more than once the dazed prisoners were beaten to the ground. The brutal gauntlet extended for about two miles, an hour-long ordeal. As the prisoners were led back to the stadium, the attacking crowds broke into a riot.

Almost all the men sustained head and facial injuries, nursing loosened teeth, broken noses and swollen eyes; one even had a partial hernia. After another half-hour of terror, about the time it took guards to disperse the crowds, the men were loaded onto trucks and driven back to the two prison camps.

(Click on the picture for a short video of the Hanoi March.)

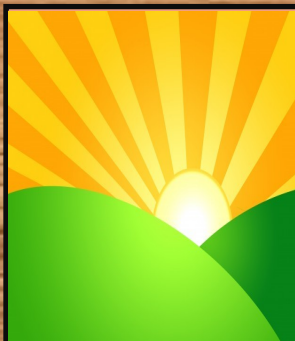
Soure: Wikipedia, and YouTube film clip.

It's FATHER'S DAY

SUNDAY, JUNE 20, 2021



(So be nice to the Old Man.)



Here it comes...

SUMMERTIME

June 20, 2021

Drive carefully, there's kids all over the place!

ANSWER to APRIL's TRIVIA...

.On March 22, 1945, Gen. George Patton "answered the call" into the Rhine River, Germany. ➡

THIS MONTH'S TRIVIA:

In 1784 the official name of "United States Army" was implemented. What was its original name, from its founding on June 14, 1775?



Questions? Please call (913) 735-3125