



# ***SANTA FE EXPRESS***

**NEWSLETTER — VFW POST 846**

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# **APRIL**

**2022**



**RAY CALORE**  
Editor



**VFW Post 846**  
new location

**Next meeting, Jan. 13**

**10630-B Metcalf Lane,**

**Post Website: [www.vfwpost846ks.org](http://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 due to snowstorm we had to cancel our meeting. But this month is an important month, we will be having our annual nominations and elections for our Post officers.

We had another successful breakfast even after the snowstorm. I want to thank Eric and Kim Bishop and all who help make the breakfast a success. We are planning to have breakfast on the second Saturday of every month with April's breakfast on 16 April starting at 0900 to 1100. Our guest speaker for this breakfast will be Keara Torkelson who was wounded in the Fort Hood, TX shooting. **Our next Thursday Night guest speaker will be from the country of Vietnam, CPT Hai Pham.** Please let people know about these special events we do each quarter. **Our next meeting is on 14 APR, dinner at 6PM followed by meeting at 7pm.** We need everyone's help to get our membership numbers up! Please let current members who have not attended a meeting in a while to come out to see our new place. **Remember on Friday nights we are open from 4 to 8 PM and have dinner for those who attend.**

**...MARTIN FRIES, Post Commander**

# ELECTIONS FOR POST 846 and AUXILIARY.

**FROM YOUR AUXILIARY...**

**...DANA PFLUMM, President**

Hello Sisters and Brothers: Hope you are all loving the nicer weather. Now is the time to get prepared for severe weather season. Have a plan and emergency supplies ready so you won't be caught unaware. We are having our District 2 Spring Convention on April 9 at the Lenexa Post at 10:00. It should be over around 12:00 so please try to attend. We will be having elections and Committee awards.

We will also have elections at our 846 Auxiliary meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup>. It would be great if you could attend and even think about stepping up to an office or chairmanship. You would have a lot of support and help. Our Auxiliary really needs more support from our members for us to continue to work our programs. Remember why you joined – was it to help veterans?



Our National Convention is in KC MO this year July 16-21. Please let Jeannette Cox or me know if you are interested in volunteering at the convention. You can volunteer for a few hours or a few days as you are able. I hope you all have a wonderful Easter on the 17<sup>th</sup>.

**...President DANA**



**10630-B Metcalf**

## VFW POST 846 MEETING

**2nd Thursday**

**APRIL 14, 7pm**

**10630-B Metcalf Lane**

**(Next to Hooters, underneath the BIG BRIGHT VFW SIGN.)**

**An informal dinner at 6pm on meeting night. Feel free to bring a dessert! Come to the meeting, it will be fun and informative.**

## **ANSWER to MARCH's TRIVIA...**

In Operation Desert Storm, 1991, U.S. Navy pilot CAPT Michael Scott Speicher was shot down in his F/A-18 and listed as MIA for 27 years.

## **THIS MONTH's TRIVIA...**

What is the oldest U.S. military decoration still in use — officially "For Military Merit" ?



# VFW BREAKFAST



**When: Saturday, April 16, 9—11 a.m.**

**Where: VFW Post 846, 10630-B Metcalf Ave, OPKS**

**Cost: Donations accepted**

**This month's breakfast will be a memorial for our own Comrade Jack Hiles. So please come with your favorite "Jack styled Joke" or a story in remembrance of him.**

*MENU (TBD) - , biscuits & gravy, hash browns, eggs, bacon, pancakes, waffles, coffee, juice.*

**SPECIAL GUEST:** Keara Torkelson who was wounded and survived the Fort Hood, TX massacre on November 9, 2009. Hear her amazing story!

Bring your family and friends and enjoy a fun, great Breakfast!

## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER...

**LANE SMITH**



Ray Calore has been hospitalized and is now recovering at his daughter's home. Please keep Ray in our prayers for a complete recovery.

Big program at our April 16, Saturday morning breakfast. Our speaker will be Keara Torkelson, a survivor of the Ft Hood Massacre on Nov 9, 2009. Keara was one of the over 30 wounded casualties of that massacre. There were 13 who were killed. Keara will tell her story of that tragic event at our monthly breakfast.

If you know of anyone in poor health, hospitalized, or passes away, please let me know so I can assist as your Chaplain.

Have a happy and blessed Easter!

**...Chaplain LANE**

## CANTEEN 846 HOURS

Our Post will be open on

♦ **MEETING NIGHT**  
(2nd Thursday)

♦ **EVERY FRIDAY** —  
4pm to 8pm.

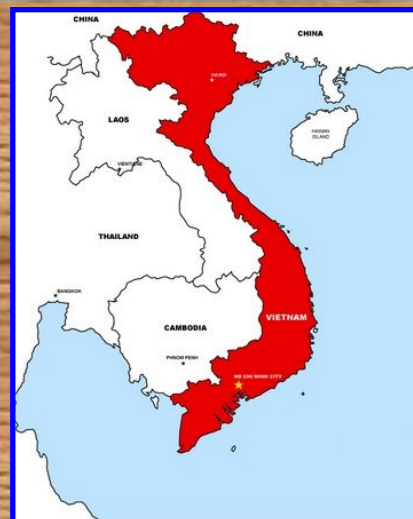
♦ Will you help out by "watching" the Post on any Friday, your choice of shift 4-6 or 6-8 p.m.

Please let the commander know at or before the April 14th meeting so he can work out the schedule. Thank you for helping!

## Post 846 GUEST SPEAKER SERIES

Continuing our Guest Speaker series, scheduled next at the **April 14th** meeting will be CAPT Hai Pham representing the *Socialist Republic of Vietnam*. Previous speakers have represented South Korea and the Royal Thai Army.

The April 14th meeting will start at 7pm. This should be an interesting presentation! Tell your buddies about it.







**Just a note** - due to a scheduling conflict, we will be moving the District 2 Spring Meeting **from DeSoto to Lenexa.**

Saturday, April 9th 10:00a - 12:00p.



**Membership** —As a district we are now sitting at 94 members away from 100% and we are at 96.33% Three posts are 100% at this time, DeSoto, Emporia 7957 and Lenexa. In addition 8 of the posts in the district need 10 or fewer members to get to 100% and 5 need 5 or less. Please let us know if we can help with anything!

**Bruce Fischbach, Commander**

**District 2, Kansas**

### **Post 846 Membership—**

Now that you've read the district numbers reported by District Commander Bruce Fischbach, here is how they pertain to our Post. As of March 29, Post 846 stands at 94.65%. Not bad, you might say? However, in order for our Post to achieve 100%, we need only 14 more members before June 30th. They don't all have to be brand new members, but also renewals, meaning the comrades who have not yet paid their 2022 dues need to do it ASAP.

Let's all do our part in reaching 100% for the district, and primarily for our own Post 846.

**THANKS!**

**Martin Fries, Post 846 Commander**

**Royals**



**ROYALS HOME OPENER ...**

**CLEVELAND GUARDIANS**

**at KAUFFMAN STADIUM**

**APRIL 7, 3:10 p.m.**

Watch the game on our  
BIG SCREEN TVs at the Post.



### **POW/MIA REPORT... RAY CALORE, Chairman**



**Wichita, Kansas, WWII soldier's remains identified and brought home.**

WASHINGTON – The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) announced today that U.S. Army Pvt. Pearl F. Barrow, 36, of Wichita, Kansas, killed during World War II, was accounted for Jan. 9, 2020.

In November 1944, Barrow was assigned to Company F, 12th Infantry Regiment, 4th Infantry Division. His unit was engaged in battle with German forces near Hürtgen, Germany, when he was reported as killed in action on Nov. 20. Because of the fighting, his body was unable to be recovered.

Following the end of the war, the American Graves Registration Command (AGRC) was tasked with investigating and recovering missing American personnel in Europe. To identify Barrow's remains, scientists from DPAA used dental and anthropological analysis and other methods. Barrow will be buried in his hometown. The date has yet to be determined.

### **V.A. HOSPITAL REPORT...**

**...Christine Anderson, Chairman**



This is Easter egg time. Putting quarters and candy in plastic eggs. If you have either text or call me. We have members already knitting hats for kids and veterans for next winter. If you have a stash of yarn that you would like to donate, let me know. And as always we are collecting clothes for **Annie's Closet** at Leavenworth VA Medical Center. Text or call I'd love to meet up with you for any of the above.

**...CHRIS ANDERSON (913) 940-1003.**





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|                           |  |  |     |   | <br>1<br>Post 846<br><b>OPEN</b><br>4 to 8pm | 2   |
| 3   | 4   | 5<br>"Life /PTSD"<br>1830 Bhers.<br>at Lenexa<br>VFW 7397  | 6   | 7<br><b>ROYALS</b><br>Home<br>Opener<br>vs<br>Cleveland   | 8<br>Post 846<br><b>OPEN</b><br>4 to 8pm<br>Legion Bingo<br>7 p.m.  | 9<br>District 2<br>Spring<br>Meeting<br>at Lenexa<br>VFW 7397<br>10 am  |
| 10  | 11  | 12<br>"Life /PTSD"<br>1830 Bhers.<br>at Lenexa<br>VFW 7397 | 13  | 14<br>Series<br>Speaker<br><b>VFW 846</b><br><b>Meetings</b><br>Post @ 7pm<br>Aux. @ 5pm<br>Food— 6pm | 15<br>Post 846<br><b>OPEN</b><br>4 to 8pm<br>Legion Bingo<br>7 p.m.   | 16<br><br>Post 846<br>Breakfast<br>9-11 am |
| 17<br><br><b>EASTER</b> | 18  | 19<br>"Life /PTSD"<br>1830 Bhers.<br>at Lenexa<br>VFW 7397 | 20  | 21  | 22<br>Post 846<br><b>OPEN</b><br>4 to 8pm<br>Legion Bingo<br>7 p.m.   | 23  |
| 24  | 25  | 26<br>"Life /PTSD"<br>1830 Bhers.<br>at Lenexa<br>VFW 7397 | 27  | 28  | 29<br>Post 846<br><b>OPEN</b><br>4 to 8pm<br>Legion Bingo<br>7 p.m.   | 30  |



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| 27   | 28  | 29<br><br>NATIONAL<br>VIETNAM WAR<br>VETERANS DAY<br>THANK YOU TO ALL WHO SERVED<br>"Life /PTSD"<br>1830 Lenexa | 30<br>Legion Bingo<br>7 p.m. | 31  |   |  |

