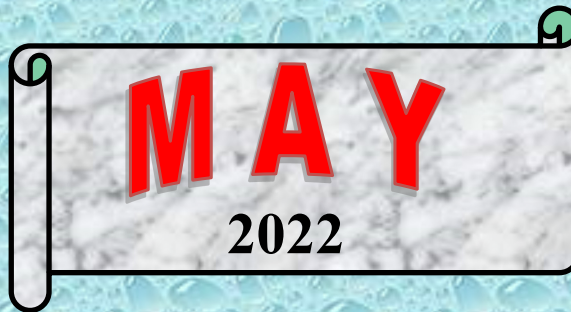




# ***SANTA FE EXPRESS***

**NEWSLETTER — VFW POST 846**

**OVERLAND PARK, KANSAS — (913) 735-3127**



**RAY CALORE**  
Editor



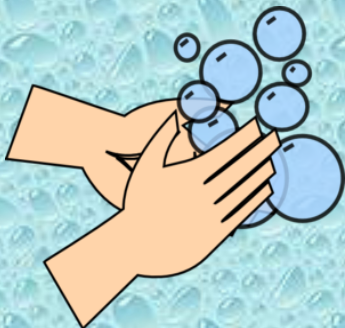
**VFW Post 846**  
new location  
Next meeting, May 12

**10630-B Metcalf Lane, O.P.**

**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 we held our elections for Post officers. The following is your slate of officers for 2022/2023. Commander Martin Fries, Senior Vice CDR Eric Bishop, Junior Vice CDR John Robbins, Quartermaster Larry Fries. Congratulation to all officers of the Post for their elections to their positions. We had a great country brief last meeting from the country of Vietnam from CPT Hai Pham from the Vietnamese Army. We had another successful breakfast and had a great guest speaker, Keara Torkelson who was wounded in the Fort Hood, TX massacre and explained all the challenges she faced after being wounded. 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 May's breakfast on 14 May starting at 0900 to 1100. **Our next meeting is on 12 May, dinner at 6PM followed by meeting at 7pm.** 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 our new location. **Remember on Friday nights we are open from 4 to 8 PM and have dinner for those who attend.** On Friday, May 6, there will be a special YouTube presentation on our Big Screen TVs. (See the ad in this newsletter.)

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

**FROM YOUR AUXILIARY...**

**...DANA PFLUMM, President**

Hello Sisters and Brothers: Our Department Convention is going to be held on June 10-12 in Hayes, KS. Let me know if you wish to attend so I can give you the application. This is your time to ask questions and get updated information for our programs. Then, the National Convention will be held here, in Kansas City, July 16-21. We are looking for volunteers for this event to direct our out of town guests to get where they are supposed to be, aid those who need help, and the like. Call Jeanette Cox at (620) 504-6409 to get the hours that are available. This is going to be a fun job and you'll get to meet Auxiliary members from all over the country. We are making a "spa" basket to take to the Department Convention so please bring something that will fit that theme and make our basket stand out. The Post has asked us to bring fruit to their Saturday morning breakfasts. And stay for breakfast! Great food and better company. Our next meeting will be May 12. Before the meeting we will be serving pizza and ice cream so be there by 4:30. Our meeting will start at 5:00 as usual. Loyalty Day is May 1. And remember your Mother on her special day, May 8. Whether she is still with you or not, her memory will be with you always.

May God bless you and yours, **...President DANA**



**10630-B Metcalf**

**VFW POST 846 MEETING**

**2nd Thursday**

**MAY 12, 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 APRIL's TRIVIA...**

The oldest U.S. military decoration is the Purple Heart, initially named "For Military Merit" and issued by General George Washington

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

Of which item does the Army have 2,000?  
Types of weapons, commanders, dogs?



Please take some time to attend the joint Memorial Day service at Johnson County Gardens, 112th & Metcalf. The service will be held on Monday, May 30, at 11am.

Memorial Day is a special time to pay tribute to the memory of those who came before us, or who have fallen in the line of duty.

Thank you for caring!

## **CANTEEN 846 HOURS**

Our Post will be open on



- ♦ **MEETING NIGHT**  
(2nd Thursday)
- ♦ **and 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 May 12th meeting so he can work out the schedule.

Your participation helps to build the Post!

## **CHAPLAIN'S CORNER...**

**LANE SMITH**



Long-time member George Arnold passed away on April 9. His funeral was April 23. Our condolences to George's family.

Ray Calore has again been hospitalized at a Springfield, MO hospital. Hurry back, Ray.

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

Please take some time to attend the joint Memorial Day service (VFW-846 and Legion-370) at Johnson County Gardens, 112th & Metcalf. The service will be held on Monday, May 30, at 11am.



**A guy walks into a bar...**

## **Army responds to 2021's historically high active duty suicides**

*If you or a loved one is experiencing thoughts of self-harm or suicide, you can confidentially seek assistance via the Military/Veterans Crisis Line at 800-273-8255, via text at 838255 or chat at <http://VeteransCrisisLine.net>.*

In the wake of a Defense Suicide Prevention Office report that showed active duty Army suicides slightly increased in 2021, reaching a historic high, Army officials have provided more detail on the service's suicide prevention efforts.

The active duty force experienced 176 suicides in 2021, the report revealed, two more than in 2020. Both years represented the highest number of active duty deaths since the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks that launched the Global War on Terrorism era, raising concerns that the pattern of increased deaths has not receded.

The Army was the only service whose active duty troops saw an increase in suicides from 2020 to 2021, and its rate of deaths — 36.18 deaths per 100,000 troops — is its highest since 1938 and higher than any other active duty branch.

Source: Army Times (Apr. 4,



VFW National Commander

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**“SALUTE TO OUR HEROES”**

**LIVE** From VFW Post 1970 in Nashville  
 Watch it on our **BIG SCREEN** TVs

**MAY 6 | 6-7 P.M. CDT**  
 Post 846 will be open from 4—8 pm.

Watch on the Redneck Riviera YouTube Channel!

 **VFW**  
 VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS.




**VFW BREAKFAST**

**When: Saturday, May 14th, 9-11 a.m.**  
**Where: VFW Post 846, 10630-B Metcalf Ave, OPKS**  
**Cost: Donations accepted**

**This month's breakfast will feature a talk from a Mel Carney, a Vietnam veteran and author of the book "Command at Dawn". Come enjoy good food and a good story**

**Menu: Biscuits and gravy, hash browns, eggs, bacon, pancakes, waffles, coffee, juice**

**Bring your Family and Friends and enjoy a fun, great Breakfast!**



## **'T' IS FOR TORNADO, TWISTER, AND TROUBLE.**

Since we are now in tornado season, here are a few tips on how to prepare yourself and your family when bad weather approaches.

Keep apprised of the weather reports in your area. Make sure everyone is wearing durable shoes, no sandals. Take your cell phone and charger, a good flashlight with extra batteries, a radio, a pair of glasses and a whistle with you if you need take shelter. Have water, canned foods and a manual can opener ready to go. If you have time, grab your purse or wallet, credit cards, some cash, and medications. It's a good idea to have a backpack handy to put these items in if the weather is threatening.

And, if the tornado sirens go off **TAKE COVER!!!**, preferably in a basement or the lowest room in your house without windows. The weather in the Midwest is volatile.

Take all tornado watches and warnings seriously and keep yourself and your family safe.

**...Aux. Pres. DANA**





**WHERE LOVE BEGINS**



**SUNDAY, MAY 8, 2022**



Cinco de Mayo, or the fifth of May, is a holiday that celebrates the Mexican army's victory over France at the Battle of Puebla on May 5, 1862 during the Franco-Mexican War.

Citing financial and diplomatic differences, France, ruled by Napoleon III, decided to use the opportunity to carve an empire out of Mexican territory. On the morning of May 5, 1862, Napoleon's army of 6,000 led by Gen. Lorencez was confronted at the small town of Puebla by 2,000 poorly-supplied Mexicans under the command of Gen. Ignacio Zaragoza.

The battle lasted all day until the French were forced to retreat. That victory over the French army is commemorated as "Cinco de Mayo!", the 5th of May.



### **POW/MIA REPORT...**

#### **RAY CALORE, Chairman**



Memorial Day is May 30, a time to remember loved ones and to honor the U.S. service personnel who have passed before us. In doing so, please keep on your list those brave, unfortunate men and women who have not yet returned from their wars. Instead they may have died in unmarked graves, or live in captivity with the silent screams of the forgotten.

On May 30, as we congregate to pay tribute to friends, family and heroes, please take note of that black flag and the special wreath dedicated to our Prisoners of War, and those Missing in Action. They deserve our time and our prayers, too.



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

#### **...Christine Anderson, Chairman**



Comrades and Sisters, we still need yarn for knitting hats for next cold season. If you are cleaning out closets, Annie's Closet at the Leavenworth V.A. can use gently used clothes. Call 913-940-1003 and I'll come get your donations. We are currently collecting popcorn and coffee for the domicile in Leavenworth. If you want to help let me know.

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





# MAY

## 2022



**Veterans of Foreign Wars**  
**Santa Fe Trail Post 846**  
**10630 Metcalf Lane**  
**Overland Park, KS 66204**  
**New phone — (913) 735-3127**  
**www.vfwpost846.org**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 <div>“Life /PTSD” 1830 hrs. at Lenexa VFW 7397</div>	4 <div>MAY THE 4TH BE WITH YOU</div>	5 <div>Chicago DE Mexico</div> <div>Post 846 <b>OPEN</b> 4 to 8pm</div>	6 <div>Post 846 <b>OPEN</b> 4 to 8pm</div>	7
8 <div>Happy Mother's Day</div>	9	10 <div>“Life /PTSD” 1830 hrs. at Lenexa VFW 7397</div>	11	12 <div>VFW 846 Meetings Post @ 7pm Aux. @ 5pm Food— 6pm</div>	13 <div>Post 846 <b>OPEN</b> 4 to 8pm</div> <div>Legion Bingo 7 p.m.</div>	14 <div>Post 846 Breakfast 9-11 am</div>
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29	30 <div>MEMORIAL DAY 11am</div>	31 <div>“Life /PTSD” 1830 hrs. at Lenexa VFW 7397</div>				



# HERE IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO JOIN US AT VFW POST 846...

## APPLICATION — For questions about eligibility, contact [svcmdr@vfwpost846ks.org](mailto:svcmdr@vfwpost846ks.org)

### VFW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

ver. 01/14

NAME FIRST MIDDLE LAST EMAIL DATE OF BIRTH  
 ADDRESS HOME OF RECORD PHONE GENDER: (M) (F)  
 CITY STATE ZIP CITY STATE ZIP SSN (optional)

BRANCH OF SERVICE ☐ ARMY ☐ NAVY ☐ AIR FORCE ☐ MARINES ☐ COAST GUARD

DATES OF SERVICE:

QUALIFYING FOREIGN SERVICE

- ☐ WORLD WAR II ☐ DESERT SHIELD/STORM  
☐ OCCUPATION SERVICE ☐ BOSNIA/KOSOVO  
☐ KOREAN SERVICE (1950-1954) ☐ GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM EXPEDITIONARY  
☐ KOREA DUTY (1955 - present) ☐ AFGHANISTAN (2001-present)  
☐ VIETNAM SERVICE ☐ IRAQ (2003-2011)  
☐ EXPEDITIONARY OPERATIONS ☐ SSBN DETERRENT PATROL INSIGNIA  
☐ HOSTILE FIRE/IMMINENT DANGER PAY

MEMBERSHIP TYPE (choose one)

#### ☐ ANNUAL MEMBER

Payment Authorization  
 You may pay by check or credit card. For payments by check, you will receive a yearly statement by mail. For credit card payments, please complete the following:

☐ I authorize the VFW to automatically charge my account \$\_\_\_\_\_ on a yearly basis to pay my Annual membership dues.

☐ I authorize the VFW to charge my account a one-time payment of \$\_\_\_\_\_.

#### ☐ LIFE MEMBER

☐ I authorize the VFW to charge my account for a one-time payment of \$\_\_\_\_\_.

#### ☐ LIFE MEMBER INSTALLMENT PLAN

☐ I authorize the VFW to automatically charge my account \$\_\_\_\_\_ to be paid in 11 monthly installment payments after my initial payment of \$45.00.

☐ I authorize the VFW to charge the \$45.00 initial payment and I understand that I will be billed for the remaining 11 monthly installment payments.

PREVIOUS EDITIONS OF THIS FORM ARE OBSOLETE.

Please see reverse for terms and conditions of Automatic Payment and Installment Life Plans.

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☐ TRANSFER From Post No. to Post No.  
 transfer complies with Sec. 107  
 RECRUITER (please print) name member no.  
 QUARTERMASTER:

The Review Committee has performed its duties and recommends \_\_\_\_\_ approval \_\_\_\_\_ rejection. (signatures of Committee members below)

Committee member

Committee Member

Committee Member

Date

PLEASE SEPARATE FORMS BEFORE SIGNING

DUES PAID:

ADMISSION FEE PAID:

DATE:

Received by:

#### VFW PLEDGE

I do, of my own free will and accord, solemnly promise and declare that:  
 I will bear true allegiance -- to the Constitution of the United States of America -- and I will always be loyal thereto.  
 I do further solemnly promise and declare -- that I will comply with the Congressional Charter -- By-Laws and Ritual of this order -- and that I will always be loyal thereto -- that I will never wrong or defraud this organization -- nor a member thereof -- nor permit any wrong to be done to either -- if it is in my power to prevent it.  
 I had never propose for membership -- any person not eligible -- nor one whom I know to be unworthy.  
 I will never make known to anyone -- not authorized to receive it -- any of the work of this order.  
 Should my affiliation -- with the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States -- cease in any way -- I will consider this pledge -- as binding outside of the order -- as though I had remained a member of same.  
 All this I promise and pledge -- upon the honor of a true comrade -- and a citizen of our great republic.

#### CERTIFICATION (See Sec. 104 By-Laws)



I attest that I am a citizen or national of the United States, that my Campaign Service was honorable, that I have never subsequently been discharged from military service under dishonorable conditions. I also certify that (1) I am entitled to a campaign ribbon or medal authorized by the U.S. Government based on my overseas service or; (2) I have served overseas in Korea or; I have received Imminent Danger or Hostile Fire Pay. I further give authority to the Veterans of Foreign Wars to verify honorable overseas service entitling me to membership.

DATE:

SIGNATURE:

\$1.98 of your membership dues goes towards your VFW magazine subscription.

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Membership Application - Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S.  
 TEMPORARY RECEIPT

Thank You for your  
 Membership and Support of  
 SANTA FE TRAIL POST 846  
 VETERANS of FOREIGN WARS  
 Please stay involved  
 AND WE'LL SEE YOU SOON !



Questions? Please call (913) 735-3125 3535-3127