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NEWSLETTER — VFW POST 846

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Editor



**VFW Post 846
new location**

Next meeting, Dec. 9

10630-B Metcalf Lane,

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, , **we lost one of our dear members of the Post in November, Comrade Jack Hiles passed away, and his funeral took place on 3 DEC.** At the NOV Post meeting we discussed consolidating our storage units into one unit and starting Saturday 4 DEC we will be working each Saturday until we have consolidated into one unit we plan this move should be done by 18 DEC. This will save us money each month by having only one storage unit.

The JAN 2022 meeting we will be looking at having a guest speaker from Thailand to give our Post a country brief. The next Post meeting look at your calendar/schedule, since we need people to work on Friday nights. The shifts are 4 to 6 and 6 to 8 PM. One of the items we will be talking about each month at the Post meeting, who is going to be working the shifts so we can stay open on Friday nights.

Upcoming events to know about DEC 7 Pearl Harbor Day, 10 DEC Post Christmas Sing-Along sponsored by the Post Auxiliary starting at 6:30 so please plan on attending. Christmas day, 25 DEC please enjoy time with your family and be thankful for all you have.

We are open for CHIEFS games so if you need a place to have fun come out and watch the Chiefs games at our Post. **We will have our next meeting on 09 DEC, dinner at 6PM followed by meeting at 7pm.** Please do not go into the Post until 6pm, since the Auxiliary will be having their meeting from 5pm to 6pm. 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 place.

Remember on Friday nights we are open from 4 to 8 PM and have dinner for those who attend. We are at 10630 Metcalf Ave. (next to Hooters). **...MARTIN FRIES, Post Commander**

HERE'S YOUR SIGN !

We will be easier to find now!



MEMBERSHIP — If you are an Annual Member, please pay your membership dues before the expiration date on your card.

If you are a Life Member, THANKS!

If you want to become a Life Member, we can help with that, too. It's your continued membership that will keep us strong into the FUTURE.

VFW POST 846 MEETING

Thurs, DEC 9, 7pm

At the Post

10630-B Metcalf Lane

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

**We will have an informal dinner at 6pm on meeting night.
Feel free to bring a dessert!**

***Auxiliary meets at 5pm.**

**Come to the meeting, it will be fun
and informative.**

Member applications are at the Post.

FROM YOUR AUXILIARY...

...DANA PFLUMM, President

Christmas Greetings Sisters and Brothers and welcome to December! First of all, the Auxiliary is saddened by the death of our good friend and member, *Agnes States*, on Nov. 11. Having an infectious wit and smile, Agnes was committed to our Veterans. She will be missed.

On Friday, Dec. 10. we are hosting a Christmas Sing-A-Long at the Post at 10630-B Metcalf in Overland Park from 6:30 to 7:30. All singers, both good and bad and from kiddies to adults are welcomed. There will be refreshments and prizes for the kids.

Let us all remember Pearl Harbor Day, Dec. 7, 1941, the event that took us into WWII. The VFW Action Corps News lists the names of the MIA sailors whose remains are now being recovered from the ships that sank that day. Once identified, these heroes are being returned to their families for burial. 70 years later, their lives and service are reverently honored. COVID is still out there so keep the recommendations from the CDC going and stay safe. Our next meeting will be on Thursday, Dec. 9 at 5:00 at the Post and we want to see YOU there. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!! And stay safe.



...President DANA

"... A date which will live in infamy..." Sunday, December 7, 1941,



CANTEEN 846 HOURS

The Post will be open

***Every Friday — 4pm to 8pm.**

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Open for **CHIEFS** games!



***Sunday CHIEFS** on our Big Screen TVs

Sunday, Dec. 5

Broncos at CHIEFS — 7:20 pm

Sunday, Dec. 12

Raiders at CHIEFS — Noon

Thurs, Dec. 16

CHIEFS at Chargers — 7:20 pm

Sunday, Dec. 26

Steelers at CHIEFS - 3:25 pm

Can you volunteer a few hours help in one of those time slots? For the CHIEFS and/or Friday evenings? You can also choose to be on site on Fridays. Please let us know at the DEC 9th meeting, or call the Post. Thanks!

CHAPLAIN'S REPORT... LANE SMITH

Comrades, we have some unwelcome news to report.

We mourn the passing of our good friend, Life Member **Jack Hiles** on November 16. Jack had been hospitalized for complications of COVID-19. His funeral was held on December 3rd,

We are also saddened by the passing of Agnes States, member of our Auxiliary. Agnes was always around to help with VFW projects. She died on Veterans Day, Nov. 11th. R.I.P., Agnes.

Please be careful out there during the Holiday Season. Have a blessed Christmas and a very Happy New Year.

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



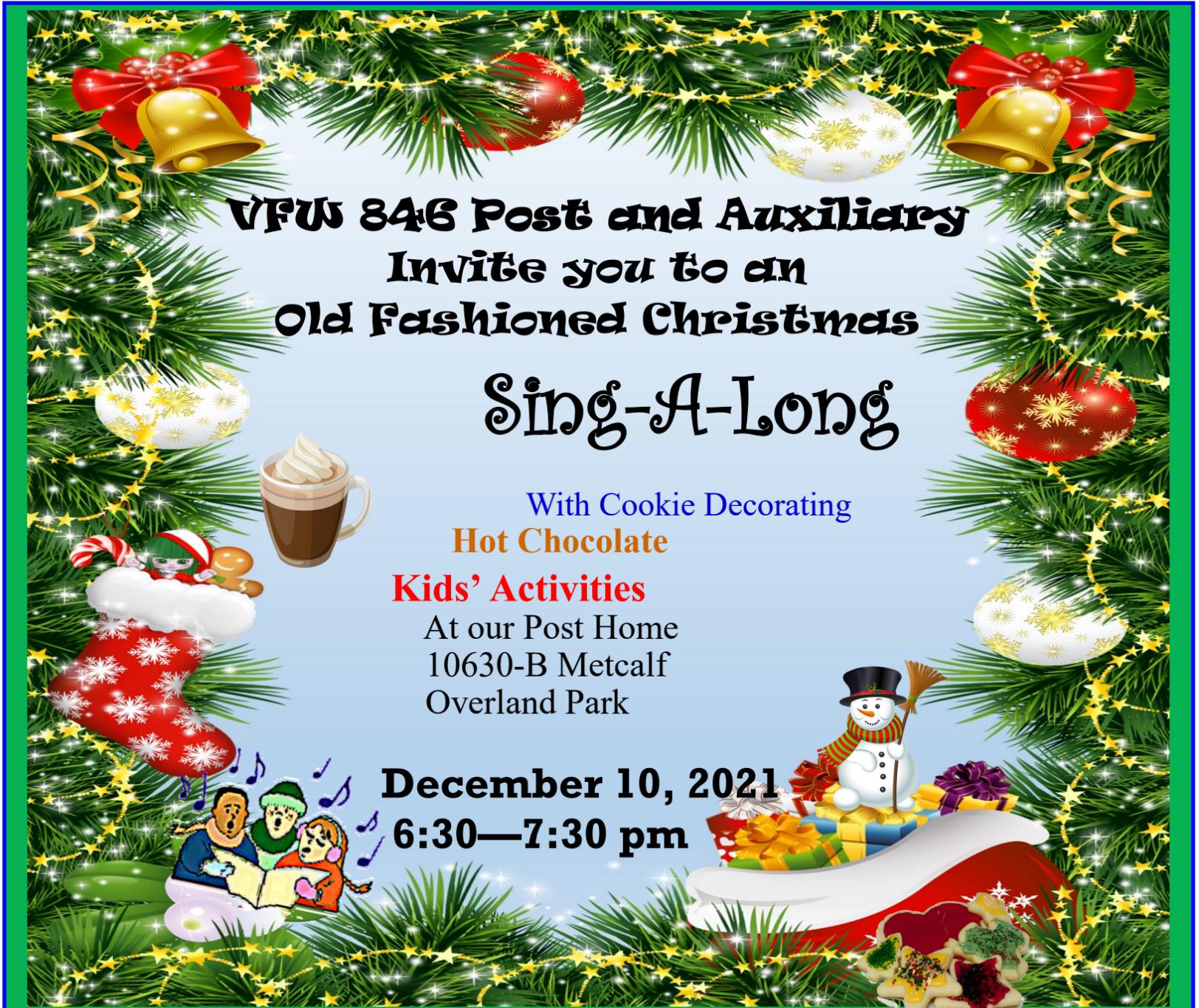
AGENDA for OUR NEXT MEETING Thursday, DEC 9

Aside from normal business we will also discuss:

- ♦ Storage shed cleanup, DEC 11;
- ♦ Sale and disposal of stored items;
- ♦ Staffing for Friday evenings and Chiefs football.



- ♦ Membership, up-dates and reports;
- ♦ YOUR input is important. So bring your ideas and comments to the meeting!



VFW 846 Post and Auxiliary
Invite you to an
Old Fashioned Christmas
Sing-A-Long



With Cookie Decorating
Hot Chocolate

Kids' Activities

At our Post Home
10630-B Metcalf
Overland Park

December 10, 2021
6:30—7:30 pm



V.A.HOSPITAL REPORT...



How we wish we could hold the 1st and 2nd District annual Christmas Party at the Leavenworth VA Hospital but due to COVID, we are unable to do so. However, our Veterans will not be forgotten. We will be taking up some goodies for them and if you wish to participate, call Chris Anderson at 913-940-1003 to arrange a pick-up before Dec. 12. All donations must be store bought and individually wrapped. The Hospital is requesting unsweetened goodies such as nuts, trail mixes, cheese and crackers and the like. Also, we are still looking for gently used winter coats so again, call Chris or Dana at 913-548-5507. All of us wish our Veterans in the State of Kansas a warm and Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Chris Anderson and Dana Pflumm



SATURDAY
DECEMBER 11, 2021
1400 hrs.
ARMY Black Knights
NAVY Midshipmen
(in alphabetical order)

FINDING DAVID



AN AMERICAN WIFE BETRAYED
BY HER GOVERNMENT

Carol Hrdlicka

FINDING DAVID is the new book by our friend Carol Hrdlicka from Conway Springs, Kansas. The book documents Carol's decades-long battle for information about her pilot husband David after his shoot-down over Vietnam and captivity in the caves in Laos.

For more information, and how to obtain Carol's book "Finding David", go to or click powhrdlicka.com.

POW/MIA REPORT

Ray Calore, Chairman



Source: VFW Action Corps Weekly, 29 Nov 2021):

MIA Update: The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency announced burial updates and new identifications for service members who have been missing and unaccounted-for from World War II and Korea. Returning home for burial with full military honors are:

-- **33 USS Oklahoma Sailors Identified from World War II** were assigned to the battleship, which was moored at Ford Island, Pearl Harbor, when the ship was attacked by Japanese aircraft on Dec. 7, 1941. The USS Oklahoma sustained multiple torpedo hits, which caused it to quickly capsize.

-- **Navy Seaman 1st Class Buford H. Dyer, 19**, of Barberton, Ohio, was assigned to the battleship USS Oklahoma, which was moored at Ford Island, Pearl Harbor, when the ship was attacked by Japanese aircraft on Dec. 7, 1941.

-- **Army Sgt. James N. Stryker, 20**, of West Nanticoke, Pennsylvania, was assigned to Company L, 3rd Battalion, 23rd Infantry Regiment, 2nd Infantry Division. He was reported missing in action on May 18, 1951, when the enemy attacked his unit near Han'gye, South Korea.

-- **Army Master Sgt. James L. Quong, 30**, of Norman, Oklahoma, was assigned to Company D, 1st Battalion, 32nd Infantry Regiment, 7th Infantry Division. He was reported missing in action on Dec. 2, 1950, when his unit was attacked by enemy forces near the Chosin Reservoir, North Korea.

It is a positive occurrence when we are able to bring home the remains of fallen service personnel. Almost all of these heroes were known to have been killed in action, their remains being unrecoverable at the time.

However, the question continues regarding the fates of **296** of our loved ones who are designated by DoD as LKA — "**Last Known Alive.**" Alive in the enemy's prison camps, or on the battlefield in enemy hands, Two hundred and ninety-six whose existence and sacrifice cannot be swept aside any longer.

GRASSROOTS EFFORTS: The VFW Action Corps is our national grassroots advocacy network comprised of more than 300,000 VFW members and patriotic supporters of veterans. This group stays up-to-date on the issues facing our veterans, our military and their families, standing ready to email, write, call and visit our nation's lawmakers to make their voices heard.

The VFW Action Corps is free and open to all patriotic Americans who care about the military and veterans' communities.

(click): [Join the VFW Action Corps today](#) and add your voice to the thousands of veterans' advocates making a difference every day, and if you're already a member of the VFW Action Corps, encourage your friends and neighbors to join the effort!

Participants receive:

- The VFW Action Corps Weekly, an easy-to-read electronic newsletter that highlights the VFW's advocacy efforts on Capitol Hill.
- Immediate access to a nationwide database of contact information for all elected officials, a congressional directory.
- Regular VFW "Action Alerts" on how to get involved when our nation's veterans, service members and their families need their voices heard on Capitol Hill.

ANSWER to NOVEMBER's TRIVIA...

In 1947 the U.S. Congress honored the city of Birmingham, Alabama as "the home to the first and longest running celebration of Veterans Day."

THIS MONTH's TRIVIA...

What was the major aircraft used in the "Christmas Bombing" of North Vietnam (Operation Linebacker II), Dec. 16—29, 1972?

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Veterans of Foreign Wars

Santa Fe Trail Post 846

10630 Metcalf Lane

Overland Park, KS 66204

New phone — (913) 735-3127

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Don't let the "Holiday Blues" get you down. Give a call to the Veterans Crisis Line.</p>			1	2	3	4
			Legion Bingo 7 p.m.		Post 846 OPEN 4 to 8pm Legion Bingo 7 p.m.	
5 	6	PEARL HARBOR 1941 "Life /PTSD" 1830 hrs. at Lenexa	8 Legion Bingo 7 p.m.	9 VFW 846 Meetings Post @ 7pm Aux. @ 5pm Food— 6pm	10 846 Sing-Along 6:30—7:30 Legion Bingo 7 p.m.	ARMY— NAVY FOOTBALL 2 pm STORAGE UNIT CLEAN-UP 0900 hrs.
Broncos at CHIEFS 7:20 pm						
12 	13	14 "Life /PTSD" 1830 hrs. at Lenexa VFW 7397	15 Legion Bingo 7 p.m.	16 	17 Post 846 OPEN 4 to 8pm Legion Bingo 7 p.m.	18
Raiders at CHIEFS NOON				CHIEFS at Chargers 7:20 pm		
19	20	21 "Life /PTSD" 1830 hrs. at Lenexa VFW 7397	22 Legion Bingo 7 p.m.	23	24 Post 846 OPEN 4 to 8pm	25
26 	27	28 "Life /PTSD" 1830 hrs. at Lenexa VFW 7397	29 Legion Bingo 7 p.m.	30	31 Post 846 OPEN 4 to 8pm	
Steelers at CHIEFS 3:25 pm						

Questions? Please call (913) 735-3125