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NEWSLETTER — VFW POST 846

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VFW Post 846
new location

Next meeting, 14 Oct.

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, At the OCT Post meeting we had a great guest speaker, MAJ Hongrae Cho, Republic of Korea Army, who did a country brief about Korea. This is something we will plan to do each quarter by bringing in guest speakers.

The new VFW lighted signage is installed above our door but we had to change one of the panels out since it was not as bright as we would like it to be. **Remember on Friday nights we are open from 4 to 8 PM and have dinner for those who attend.** 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. We also need shift workers for the Chiefs games (Schedule posted in this Newsletter).

Upcoming events to know about — NOV 2, Election Day so please do your civic duty and vote. For our USMC Brothers and Sisters, NOV 10 is the Marine Corps birthday. NOV 11 Veterans Day, currently the only item we have planned is our Post meeting, but if you have something you would like us to support let us know. NOV 25 Thanksgiving Day please enjoy time with your family. We are open for Chief games so if you need a place to have fun come out and watch the Chief games at our Post.

We will have our next meeting on 11 NOV, Veterans Day, we will try to have a special 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 numbers up, and please let current members who have not attended a meeting in a while to come out to see the new location. **Of note: Former Post Commander and current QuarterMaster Larry Fries was nominated and will receive the QUILT OF VALOR on NOV 6th.** Stay tuned for details.

...MARTIN FRIES, Post Commander

HERE'S YOUR SIGN !

We will be easier to find now!



**VFW POST 846
MEETING
Thurs, NOV 11,
7pm**

At the Post

**10630-B Metcalf Lane
(Next to Hooters, underneath
BIG BRIGHT SIGN.)**

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

***Auxiliary will meet at the Post
at 5pm**

Come to the meeting, it will be fun!

**Membership applications are at the
Post.**



FROM YOUR AUXILIARY...

...DANA PFLUMM, President

Greetings Sisters and Brothers, First of all, I wish to thank all of our Veterans for their service to our country. It is only because of their sacrifice that we have been able to enjoy the freedoms guaranteed to us in the Constitution. Again, Thank You. The VA Hospital in Leavenworth is still in need of gently used winter coats, preferably those of a larger size. Please call Chris, 913-940-1003 or me, 913-548-5507 and we will be glad to pick them up. Do you have any questions or comments about issues concerning our Veterans? Call or e-mail your Congressman and let them know. If you don't, they will assume you are satisfied with the status quo.

On Friday, Dec. 10, we are going to have a Christmas Sing a Long at the Post from 6:30 to 7:30. All good or bad singers, kiddies to adults who love Christmas Music are welcomed to come. Join us!!! Make sure you turn your clocks back on Sat., Nov. 7 and everyone have a good and safe Thanksgiving. And remember, COVID is still out there, so wear your mask and stay well. Our next meeting will be on Veterans Day, 5pm at the Post.

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

United States MARINE CORPS



NOV. 10, 1775
HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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**

Monday, Nov. 1

Giants at CHIEFS — 7:15pm

Sunday, Nov. 7

Packers at CHIEFS — 3:25

Sunday, Nov. 14

CHIEFS at Raiders — 7:20 pm

Sunday, Nov. 21

Cowboys at CHIEFS - 3:25

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 NOV 11th meeting, or call the Post. Thanks!

CHAPLAIN'S REPORT... LANE SMITH



Life Member **Larry Nigh** passed away Oct. 19th. Larry, a Korean War Veteran, was a long time Life member of VFW Post 846.

Jack Hiles is in Shawnee Mission Hospital. Jack has contracted the COVID and is being quarantined for 10 to 14 days. Get better soon, Jack. We need a few of your jokes!

We as veterans are familiar with battle dress. Paul, in his epistles in the Bible, gives us articles of battle dress: one of those "stand firm with the belt of truth." Have a wonderful Thanksgiving!

...Chaplain LANE (913) 649-1515

DON'T FORGET TO

FALL BACK



Sunday, NOV. 7, at 0200

V.A. HOSPITAL REPORT...



Have you cleaned out your coat closet yet? Now is the time. I had 8 coats from the Legion's donation this week, put them on the rack at Annie's closet. They were gone by closing time. Winter coats are needed.

We are thinking of a Christmas project if you think of something bring it to the meeting on the second Thursday of November. We will be making Valentines in January. Your help is needed make sure you are attending meetings.

...CHRISTINE ANDERSON

Thanks for all you do for veterans.



Our VFW Post 846 and American Legion 370 are joining forces for the annual Coat Drive. We are accepting new or gently used men's coats.

For details, please read the Auxiliary Report in this newsletter.

Thanks for spreading the Warmth !



3rd Annual Veterans Recognition Dinner and Fundraiser

**ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND
TO HONOR OUR VETERANS**
You do not have to be a Veteran to attend the evening
Mask wearing is at the discretion of our individual guests

Friday - 12 November 2021
Church of the Holy Cross
8311 W. 93rd Street, Overland Park, KS 66212

Rosary 6 PM	Blessing & Dinner 6:30 PM	Closing Prayer 8 PM
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RSVP by Monday, November 8th

RSVP Here: [knights-of-columbus-holy-cross-opks.square.site](https://www.knights-of-columbus-holy-cross-opks.square.site)

Seating is Limited

DONATIONS:

Veteran's Meals are on the house... Free!
Adults Not a Veteran = \$15
Children = \$7
Children under 12 years of age (Half Meal)
At Door Evening of Event:
Adults Not a Veteran = \$20
Children = \$7

DINNER:

- Chicken Fried Chicken Breast
 - Green Beans
 - Mashed Potatoes & Gravy
 - Dinner Roll
 - Dessert - Slice of Apple Pie
- All your Mess Hall Favorites!*

Please all guests RSVP,
including Veterans.
Veterans, when you RSVP
provide name
military branch & rank.

All Proceeds Benefit: Veterans Community Project (VCP)
Tiny Houses for Homeless Veterans
Sponsored By: Knights of Columbus Council #11534

VETERANS DAY, of course, is our special day, and it's nice to know that there are others who feel the same way. Specifically, we're talking about the restaurants and businesses who are kind enough to offer "freebies" to U.S. veterans on that day (or several days).

For example, the flyer to the left is an invitation by **LTC Dave White**, who has worked with us many times, for a Veterans Day dinner at the Knights of Columbus.

There are web sites all over that list the local restaurants that offer their specials for Veterans.

Click [here](#) for one such list. There are many other sites, just Google "**Freebies on Veterans Day**" and take your pick!

ANSWER to OCTOBERs TRIVIA...

Gen. Douglas MacArthur is quoted as saying:
"It is fatal to enter a war without the will to win it."

THIS MONTH's TRIVIA...

What U.S. city was honored by Congress in 1947 as "the home to the first and longest running celebration of Veterans Day..." ?

FINDING DAVID



AN AMERICAN WIFE BETRAYED
BY HER GOVERNMENT

Carol Hrdlicka



POW/MIA REPORT...

...Ray Calore, Chairman

Our friend Carol Hrdlicka, from Conway Springs, Kansas, has recorded her ongoing experience in her new book, *"Finding David"*, Carol's husband who was taken Prisoner of War during the Vietnam War, photographed as a POW, and never returned. This book

You might remember a few years back that Carol was the guest speaker at our POW/MIA ceremony at Overland Park City Hall. We continue to work with Carol in the POW/MIA issue, on behalf of her husband David any many more families who have not been given answers pertaining to their loved ones.

For more information about *"Finding David"* go to or click powhrdlicka.com. There is also a 50-minute documentary on the site, about POW/MIA.



Carol testifying at
Congressional hearings.



POST-CAPIRE PHOTOGRAPHY OF
CAPTAIN DAVID L. HRDLICKA, USAF



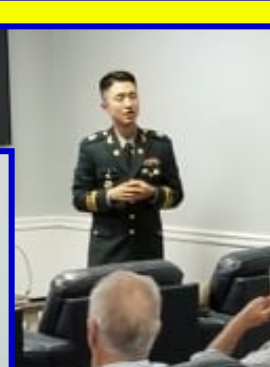
** Our VFW Post 846 received this award at the 2020-2021 VFW State Convention. We have always been proud to be considered a leader within the POW/MIA movement.

This award could only have been earned with full participation of the membership of Post 846 and our wonderful Auxiliary. And Post 846 has the best in Kansas. Good job, everyone !



GUEST SPEAKER at POST 846

At our October meeting we had the pleasure of hearing Major Hongrae Cho, Republic of Korea Army, who did a country brief about Korea. MAJ Cho was brought to us through his affiliation with our Post commander Martin Fries at Fort Leavenworth. His presentation was informative and entertaining.. This is something we will plan to do each quarter by bringing in guest speakers. Good idea !



VFU 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**



NOVEMBER 2021



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  Giants at CHIEFS 7:20 pm	2 VOTE ! “Life /PTSD” 1830 hrs. at Lenexa VFW 7397	3 Legion Bingo 7 p.m.	4	5 Post 846 OPEN 4 to 8pm Legion Bingo 7 p.m.	6
7  Packers at CHIEFS 3:25 pm	8	9 “Life /PTSD” 1830 hrs. at Lenexa VFW 7397	10 USMC 1775 Legion Bingo 7 p.m.	VETERANS DAY ! VFW 846 Meetings Post @ 7pm Aux. @ 5pm Food— 6pm	12 Post 846 OPEN 4 to 8pm Legion Bingo 7 p.m.	13
14  CHIEFS at Raiders 7:20 pm	15	16 “Life /PTSD” 1830 hrs. at Lenexa VFW 7397	17 Legion Bingo 7 p.m.	18	19 Post 846 OPEN 4 to 8pm Legion Bingo 7 p.m.	20
21  Cowboys at CHIEFS 3:25 pm	22	23 “Life /PTSD” 1830 hrs. at Lenexa VFW 7397	24 Legion Bingo 7 p.m.	25 	26 Post 846 OPEN 4 to 8pm Legion Bingo 7 p.m.	27
28	29	30 “Life /PTSD” 1830 hrs. at Lenexa VFW 7397	<div> NOW is a good time to renew your membership for 2022 (unless, of course, you are a Life Member, which you can do before Dec. 31). Thanks ! </div>			

Questions? Please call (913) 735-3125