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VFW POST 846 NEWSLETTER

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COMMANDER's COLUMN *Principles Above Personalities*

MARTIN FRIES, Commander

Comrades of Post 846, I want to welcome our newest Member, Joseph Chantiny, who was approved and joined in December. Be sure to welcome him to our Post when you see him.

Hope everyone had a great Christmas and New Year. We had a great New Year's Dinner on 30 DEC 2022. Lots of good fellowship and talking about what our Post and Auxiliary has done the past year. **We will have our next meeting on 12 JAN, dinner at 6PM followed by meeting at 7pm. BE SURE TO READ ALL THE NEW LETTER FOR UPCOMING EVENTS.**

Please do not go into the post until 6pm, since the Auxiliary will be having their meeting from 5pm to 6pm.

Before the next Post meeting look at your calendar/schedule, and see if you can host when the Post is open every Friday night. The shifts are 4 to 6 and 6 to 8 PM. One of the items we will be discussing at Post meeting each month is who can sign-up to work so we can stay open on Friday nights.

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 Post.

Let's make 2023 the best year yet.

Martin Fries, Post Commander

FROM YOUR AUXILIARY

DANA PFLUMM, President

Greetings Brothers and Sisters, I hope everyone had a great Christmas despite the frigid weather. I doubt the cold curtailed too many of us from enjoying our family gatherings and great food.

The VFW Winter Convention will be held in Salina, Jan 13-15. The details are in the Sunflower Express. Please plan to attend, it's our best way to keep apprised of any changes to our programs, get to know our Department Officers and see our good friends from all over the State.

The District 2 Coffee Tour will be on Sat., Feb. 11 in Ottawa VFW, starting at 10:00. We'll get the updates on information on how to better serve our Veterans and our communities. Plus, it's a lot of fun. If you need a ride, just let me know, 913-391-0353.

Our next meeting will be Jan. 12, and will start at 4:00 so we can make Valentines for our Vets at the Leavenworth VA Hospital. Come and join us, we always have good time doing these projects. Wishing all of you a Happy New Year! Be careful and stay warm.

Until next time, may God bless all of you. - President Dana

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER... LANE SMITH

No reports of hospital confinements or deaths. That is always good news.

Deployment Ready: "For our battle is not against the Russians, CCP, other military or political power or flesh & blood, but against the rulers, authorities, the world powers of darkness and the spiritual forces of evil in the heavens".

Infantryman's Creed: I carry America's faith and honor against her enemies.

I am the King of Battle. I am what my country expects me to be.

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V.A. HOSPITAL REPORT... Christine Anderson, Chairman

Winter is here! The need for coats and gloves for the Vets who use Annie's Closet and other needy Vets is great. So, as you clean out your closets, keep our Vets in mind and bring your donations to the post. Someone who you don't know will be warm because of your generous gift.

Chris Anderson. 913 940 1003

VFW BREAKFAST

When: Saturday, January 14th 2023, 9-11 a.m.

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

Cost: Donations accepted

Our Quartermaster, Larry Fries, is our speaker. Come listen to Larry's story of his time in the Army and in Vietnam.

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

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

VFW POST 846 MEETING

**2nd Thursday
January 12 @ 7 pm**

**An informal dinner at 6pm
on meeting night. Feel free
to bring a dessert!
Meetings are fun and
informative.**

**You're involvement is the
key to success!**

**Post 846 will be open
on MEETING NIGHT
(2nd Thursday)
&
EVERY FRIDAY
4 pm to 8 pm.**

**Join your fellow VFW
members in the
846 Memorial Lounge
on Fridays for Cards,
Games, Snacks,
& Camaraderie!**

*** Hosts needed for 4 to 6
and 6 to 8 shifts.**

*** Sign-up on Post meeting
nights.**

Third Friday of Each Month 6 pm to 7 pm



January 20, 2023

Only
\$15 | **STEAK
NIGHT**

SERVED WITH VEGETABLE/ SALAD/ DESSERT AND DRINK



Reservations required. Call 913-735-3127 or email vfwpost846opks@gmail.com to reserve your spot!

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3 6:30 pm PTSD Class [9550 Pflumm Rd, Lenexa KS 66215]	4	5	6 10:00 Veteran's Breakfast – [Village Inn 5800 Broadmoor Mission KS 66202] 4-8 pm POST OPEN	7
8	9	10 6:30 pm PTSD Class [9550 Pflumm Rd, Lenexa KS 66215]	11	12 4 p Auxiliary Activity 5 p Auxiliary Meeting 6 p Commander Dinner 7p Post 846 meeting	13 10:00 Veteran' Breakfast – Village Inn 4-8 pm POST OPEN AUX Winter Convention Jan 13-15 in Salina	14 9:00 am VFW Breakfast & Larry Fries Presents AUX Winter Conv
15 AUX Winter Conv	16  Martin Luther King Day	17 6:30 pm PTSD Class [9550 Pflumm Rd, Lenexa KS 66215]	18	19	20 10:00 Veteran' Breakfast – Village Inn 4-8 pm POST OPEN 6-7 pm STEAK NIGHT RSVP see details	21
22	23	24 6:30 pm PTSD Class [9550 Pflumm Rd, Lenexa KS 66215]	25	26	27 10:00 Veteran' Breakfast – Village Inn 4-8 pm POST OPEN	28
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From the editor: As we start a new year, I want to expand the Santa Fe Express newsletter to be a true representation of the mission, the goals and the dedicated work of the members of VFW Post 846 and the Auxiliary. The best way you can help in this effort is to provide descriptions of your activities, pictures and captions—who is in the picture.

The VFW 846 family is doing a lot to assist veterans. As we move forward we will continue to provide information about what we WILL do. Through your continued participation we will tell the world what we HAVE done, and why it makes a difference.

Please feel free to send information to the Post , to your officers or to me directly.

Jonathan Hyde**jquincyh@aol.com****913.530.0675**

HERE IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO JOIN US AT VFW POST 846...
APPLICATION — For questions about eligibility, contact svcmadr@vfwpost846ks.org

VFW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION vfw 01/14

NAME: FIRST _____ MIDDLE _____ LAST _____ FMAFI _____ DATE OF BIRTH: _____

ADDRESS: _____ HOME OF RECORD: _____ PHONE: _____ GENDER: (M) (F) _____

ZIP: _____ STATE: _____ CITY: _____ COUNTRY: _____ 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.

RECRUITER (please print): _____ DATE: _____

QUARTERMASTER: _____

NEW Post No. _____ FORMER MEMBER ID No. _____

TRANSFER From Post No. _____ to Post No. _____

RECRUITER (please print): _____ DATE: _____

QUARTERMASTER: _____

NATIONAL COPY ☐ AMEX ☐ DISCOVER ☐ VISA ☐ MASTERCARD

Exp. Date: _____ / _____ / _____

AMOUNT: \$ _____

SIGNATURE: _____

Received from: _____ Post No.: _____ City and State: _____

Received By: _____ (circle one) CASH CHECK VISA MASTERCARD DISCOVER AMEX

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

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 will 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: _____

\$1.95 of your membership dues goes towards your VFW magazine subscription.

**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 or 866-3127

Here is your opportunity to participate in POST 846 as a member of the Auxiliary.

If you have questions about the Application or your Eligibility contact the Post.

VFW AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP / MEMBER TRANSFER APPLICATION

Recruited/Recommended by: _____ Recruiter Member ID _____
Auxiliary No. _____ City _____ State _____ Member ID (If already a member) _____
☐ Annual Membership ☐ Life Membership
☐ Rejoin Membership Rejoined Previous Member ID No. _____ Previous Auxiliary _____
☐ Member at Large in Department of _____ ☐ Member at Large - VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters

THESE FIELDS REQUIRED

Name _____ Date of Birth _____
Address _____ ☐ Male ☐ Female
City _____ State _____ ZIP _____
Phone _____ Email _____

☐ **POST-AFFILIATED** (*Must be a member to the VFW Post affiliated with the Auxiliary to which you are applying.)
Relationship _____ to Eligible Veteran* _____ VFW Membership ID _____
☐ **LIFE MEMBER TRANSFER** Previous Auxiliary _____
☐ **ANNUAL TRANSFER** Previous Auxiliary _____ ☐ Paying ☐ Nonpaying
☐ **ANNUAL TRANSFER CONVERTING TO LIFE** (Fill out Life Membership information below.) Previous Auxiliary _____

THESE FIELDS REQUIRED

☐ **NON-AFFILIATED** (*Veteran is not a member of the VFW Post affiliated with the Auxiliary to which you are applying.)
Relationship _____ to Eligible Veteran* _____ VFW Post (If applicable) _____
Name of campaign ribbons or medals: _____
Dates of Service: _____ to _____ Location: _____

Investigating Committee Signatures

1 X _____ 2 X _____ 3 X _____
Per Section 102 of the National Bylaws. ☐ Rejected ☐ Accepted Meeting Date _____ Obligated Date _____

LIFE MEMBERSHIP ONLY ☐ Check here if this is a gift.
Credit cards may **NOT** be used for initial payment of Annual Dues.
☐ Cash ☐ Check ☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard ☐ Discover ☐ AMEX
Life Membership Fee _____
Name on credit card _____
Billing address for card _____
City _____ State _____ ZIP _____
Credit Card No. _____
CVV Code _____ Exp. Date _____
Signature X _____ Date _____

LIFE MEMBERSHIP ONLY

☐ ACH (Bank withdrawal)
Name of Bank _____
Bank Routing No. _____
Account No. _____
Attach voided check HERE.
(Required)

LIFE MEMBERSHIP FEES

Life Membership fees are not refundable.

Attained age by 12/31 of year applying for Life Membership.

Through 20	\$253
21-25	\$242
26-30	\$230
31-35	\$219
36-40	\$213
41-45	\$201
46-50	\$196
51-55	\$184
56-60	\$173
61-65	\$161
66-70	\$150
71-75	\$132
76-80	\$109
81-85	\$86
86-90	\$69
91 and over	\$58

OBLIGATION In the presence of Almighty God and the members of this organization here assembled, I do of my own free will and accord, solemnly promise that I will never wrong or defraud this organization nor a member thereof nor permit either to be wronged if in my power to prevent it. I will never propose for membership any person not eligible, according to our Bylaws. I further state that I believe in God. I will be faithful to the United States of America, obedient to the laws and loyal to the Flag. Should my membership with this organization cease in any way, I will consider this obligation as binding outside of the organization as though I had remained a member. I do so promise.

I attest that I am at least 16 years of age. I further state that I believe in God. I pledge to comply with the National Bylaws of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States Auxiliary. I attest I am not eligible for membership in the VFW. I further attest that the above is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, including my stated relationship to the Veteran.

Signature X _____ (Must be signed by all members.) Date _____