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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,

Need to start to think about our post-elections that will be coming up. We had a good showing for the District 2 Meeting at our post 28 JAN and showed the other posts how nice we have made our post look .

The Chili cook-off on 17 FEB went well with seven entries and yours truly won the best Chili. Comrade Larry Fries took second place. Wanted to thank all who made chili and attended We had about 25 people attend.

Since the weather is getting better we will go back to our Steak Night Friday Night 17 MAR from 6PM to 8PM our Chef Comrade Larry Fries will be ready to grill your steak to order. RSVP by our VFW meeting night.

Our next meeting is on 09 MAR, dinner at 6 PM followed by meeting at 7 PM.

Remember, Saturday 11 MAR we have our monthly breakfast starting at 9:00 to 11:00 we will have a special guest attend. Michael Howell, former Police Officer and VFW member will discuss the critical skills you must understand to survive an active killer attack.

Don't forget about Friday Nights—the post is open from 4 to 8 and dinner is provided for people who show up. *If you can help support working on Friday Nights, it is needed since this is your post and we need your support to keep it open for member to relax and hang out with each other.*

Martin Fries, Post Commander

FROM YOUR AUXILIARY

DANA PFLUMM, President

Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

I sure was sorry to miss last month's meeting, but we wanted everyone to be safe. The District 2 Coffee tour was a success, both fun and informative.

Our next meeting will be March 9 at 5:00. We will be meeting at 4:00 to stuff Easter eggs for the VA. Hope to see you then.

Don't forget the second Saturday breakfast at the Post. This month a former Police Officer and VFW member will address surviving an active killer attack.

Future Schedule: Our District 2 Spring meeting is April 22 at Lenexa. Please get this on your calendars so you can attend.

April is when we nominate and elect officers at the District and Auxiliary level. Please consider stepping up into a new position if asked. There are a lot of people willing to help you.

We need your volunteer hours and any donations you have made, or anything else we can report on our bi-annual reports. They are due the end of this month.

March 17th is Steak Night at the Post. Let them know in advance if you can come to this fun and delicious dinner. Bless you all and hope to see you this month participating in Post activities.

President Dana.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER... LANE SMITH

No illnesses or hospitalizations to report at this time.

Memory thought: "Soldiers are practical people, they want reality, they want truth, to hang on to. The only truth that means anything is the Truth of Jesus. Jesus said that he is the Truth and that Truth is the most solid reality that there is".

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

With the cold snap we are experiencing, there is a greater need for coats and gloves for the Vets who use Annie's Closet and other needy Vets. 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, March 11th 2023, 9-11 a.m.

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

Cost: Donations accepted

Michael Howell, former police officer and VFW member will discuss the **CRITICAL SKILLS** you must understand in surviving an Active Killer Attack

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
March 9 @ 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

March 17, 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!

What a great way to celebrate St. Patrick's Day

RSVP by VFW Post meeting Night.

VFW 846**MARCH 2023**vfwpost846opks@gmail.com

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3 10:00 Veteran's Breakfast – [Village Inn 5800 Broadmoor Mission KS 66202] 4-8 pm POST OPEN	4
5	6 6:30 pm PTSD Class [9550 Pflumm Rd, Lenexa KS 66215]	7	8	9 4 p Auxiliary Activity 5 p Auxiliary Meeting 6 p Commander Dinner 7p Post 846 meeting	10 10:00 Veteran' Breakfast – Village Inn 4-8 pm POST OPEN	11 9:00 am VFW Breakfast Speaker – former police officer & VFW member
12	13 6:30 pm PTSD Class [9550 Pflumm Rd, Lenexa KS 66215]	14	15	16	17 10:00 Veteran' Breakfast – Village Inn 4-8 pm POST OPEN 6-7 pm STEAK NIGHT – RSVP by Mar 9 th 	18
19	20 6:30 pm PTSD Class [9550 Pflumm Rd, Lenexa KS 66215]	21	22	23	24 10:00 Veteran' Breakfast – Village Inn 4-8 pm POST OPEN	25
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Information related to recent events or notice of future activities can be found at the following Facebook sites:

<https://www.facebook.com/VFW846>

<https://www.facebook.com/vfwauxiliarypost846>

Please feel free to send photos of activities and articles for the Santa Fe VFW Post 846 Newsletter to the Post , your officers or to me directly.

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

VFW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION vfw 01/14

NAME FIRST MIDDLE LAST _____ FNAME _____ 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 INFORMATION

☐ NEW Post No. _____ ☐ FORMER MEMBER ID No. _____
☐ TRANSFER From Post No. _____ to Post No. _____
 RECRUITER (please print) _____
 QUARTERMASTER: _____

Payment Information

☐ NATIONAL COPY ☐ AMEX ☐ DISCOVER ☐ VISA ☐ MASTERCARD
 Card No. _____ Exp. Date _____ / _____
 Amount: \$ _____

SIGNATURE _____

TEMPORARY RECEIPT

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

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

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

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 _____