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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,

We have elected our slate of officers for 2023-2024. They are listed in an announcement in the newsletter. The new slate of officer and positions will assume their role in June 2023.

Our next meeting is on 11 MAY, dinner at 6PM followed by meeting at 7pm. We urge your attendance as we plan future events and activities for the Post.

Cheers: District 2 Meeting on April 22 we had the most showing and won the traveling trophy for attendance at the District Meeting.

Social/Commaridier Events: Our next Saturday Breakfast will be on 13 MAY from 9 to 11 AM. The next Steak Night Friday Night 19 MAY from 6PM to 8PM our Chef Comrade Larry Fries will be ready to take how you want your steaks cooked. Please RSVP by meeting night on May 11.

Don't forget about Friday Nights the post is open from 4 to 8. 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, Commander

FROM YOUR AUXILIARY

DANA PFLUMM, President

Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

Welcome to Spring! After a long hard winter, we can look forward to warmer weather, longer days and flowers. Yeah! **Our next meeting will be on Thursday, May 11 at 5:00.** In the June Issue of the Santa Fe Express we will be announcing our Auxillary Officers for the 2023-2024 Year. Our officers work hard all year, and in some cases for many years. We need your input and new ideas. Please consider stepping up to help these dedicated individuals as they plan and host events throughout the year. Make a commitment that is the year you will become involved to actively support our mission to serve veterans and their families.

Join us for Steak night [Sign-up by meeting night] on Friday May 19. Also, the monthly Breakfast Meeting will be May 13th. Great speakers, Great Breakfast, Great Camaraderie.

You can keep up with Auxiliary and Post events through the newsletter and Facebook and web sites.

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

<https://www.vfwpost846ks.org>

We are entering our stormy Spring. Remember to keep yourself informed if there is a possibility of bad weather. Make sure your cell phone is charged and you have plenty of water and comfort food in your safe place. TAKE COVER! When alarms sound!!

May God Bless Each of You and Yours. President Dana.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER... LANE SMITH

We don't know of illnesses or hospitalizations, however, please let us know if you know of someone in need of support.

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.

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

With Spring here, we continue to have clothing needs 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 have their needs met because of your generous gift.

Chris Anderson. 913 940 1003

VFW BREAKFAST

When: Saturday, May 13, 2023, 9-11 a.m.

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

Cost: Donations accepted

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

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

Our Post's 70th Anniversary is coming up and we will be planning and preparing for our celebration later this year. Join us and get involved

**VFW POST 846
MEETING
2nd Thursday
May 11 @ 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!**

VFW Post 846
2023-2034 Officers

Commander Martin Fries

Sr Vice Commander Eric Bishop

Jr Vice Commander Josh Young

Quarter Master Larry Fries

Chaplain Lane Smith

Trustee's: Tony Huddleston

Peggy Sullivan

Antonio Martinez

Adjutant & Judge Advocate Kimberly
Bishop

Service Officer Antonio Martinez

Surgeon Tim Slagle.

Third Friday of Each Month 6 pm to 7 pm

May 19, 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!

**Join your fellow Post and Auxiliary members for a night of
Great Eats and Great Camaraderie!**

Please see the May Calendar that was sent with the e-mail version of the May issue of the Santa Fe Express newsletter.

I am sorry for the inconvenience—Jonathan Hyde, Editor

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**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*



Dear VFW Post leaders,

As many of you may know, since 2007 BURGER KING franchisees and their customers have contributed more than \$7.2 million to the VFW Unmet Needs program. Their continuous and generous support has directly enabled the VFW to provide nearly **\$13 million** in assistance to more than 11,300 veterans and military families in need.

Our friends at BK are at it again. A participating franchisee near you will host a special fundraiser benefitting Unmet Needs during the entire month of May. Throughout the month when patrons make a purchase at a participating BK franchisee location, they'll have the opportunity to make a donation to the VFW Unmet Needs program in support of America's service members and veterans. Whether you dine in, use the drive-thru or have BK delivered, it's important for each of us to find ways to show our appreciation to BURGER KING. [Find the participating locations near you.](#)

Proudly wear your VFW apparel while ordering, and be sure to ask for the manager's business card so you can email them the [appreciation letter](#) we've prepared for you. Let them know the VFW is there to support their restaurant, just as they have supported our Unmet Needs program.

As an extra incentive to participate, we're proud to announce that the VFW Foundation will hold a drawing to award 40 VFW Posts with a \$250 grant. To qualify, VFW Posts must:

- Submit screen shots of your social media posts which must include a photo of yourself and/or fellow Post members at a BK store drive-through, order pick up, or with your BURGER KING food delivery, and include the #ThankBK hashtag and your Post number.

Entries must be submitted via email to foundation@vfw.org and received during the contest period, May 1-31, 2023. Each entry will be included in the prize drawing, and each Post that is drawn will receive a \$250 VFW Foundation grant to be used for a project of their choice.

Respectfully,

VFW Foundation

**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 _____ FMAIL _____ DATE OF BIRTH _____

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

ZIP _____ STATE _____ CITY _____ COUNTEY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____ SSN (optional) _____

BRANCH OF SERVICE: ARMY NAVY AIR FORCE MARINES COAST GUARD

DATES OF SERVICE: _____

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.

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 PW

RECIPIENT: NEW Post No. _____ FORMER MEMBER ID No. _____

TRANSFER From Post No. _____ to Post No. _____
transfer complete with Sec. 117

RECRUITER (please print) _____

QUARTERMASTER: _____

NATIONAL COPY: AMEX DISCOVER VISA MASTERCARD

AMOUNT: \$ _____
 Exp. Date: ____/____/____
 SIGNATURE: _____

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

City and State _____ \$ _____
 Date: _____

TEMPORARY RECEIPT
 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)

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| Committee member _____ | Committee Member _____ | Committee Member _____ | Date _____ |
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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.

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| 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 _____