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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 wish you all a great 4th of July celebration.**

The new slate of officer for 2023-2024: 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 and Judge Advocate Kimberly Bishop, Service Officer Antonio Martinez and Surgeon Tim Slagle.

Our next meeting is on 13 July, dinner at 6PM followed by meeting at 7pm. Our next Saturday Breakfast will be on 15 July from 9 to 11 AM. The next Steak Night is Friday Night, 21 July, from 6PM to 8PM. Chef Comrade Larry Fries will be ready to grill your steaks just as you like them cooked.

Don't forget **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.*

This is your newsletter and if you have something you did please take pictures so we can show what you and our post has been doing to support Veterans. Send write up and pictures to Jonathan Hyde at jquincyh@aol.com or 913.530.0675.

Martin Fries, Commander

FROM YOUR AUXILIARY

DANA PFLUMM, President

Hello Sisters and Brothers, ***Congratulations to Debbie Winter***, our new District 2 President for the 2023-2024 year. All of us are sure that your year will be great.

We were honored to participate in the Memorial Day Service at Johnson County Memorial Gardens at 112th and Metcalf. Four of our members attended and laid our VFW Auxiliary wreath during the service. The names of our two recently deceased members, Betty Winters and Betty Pack Malone, were read. It was a very moving and humbling service.

We also held our Buddy Poppy Drive and are deeply grateful for the generosity of our Overland Park residents, friends and neighbors. Thank you to all of our members who participated. ***A great big Thank You to Hy Vee at 95th and Antioch*** for allowing us to hold it at their store.

The Department Convention was held in Garden City in June. Our Auxiliary was honored to receive the **Circle of Achievement Award!** Yeah us! Congratulations to all of our members whose hard work and dedication made this happen. And to make things even better, we received several awards for our programs. I am proud to also announce that our **Buddy Poppy display took 1st place in its category** and will be heading to the National Convention in Arizona in August. Yeah us!

The National Convention will be July 22-27 in Phoenix. If anyone would like to go, call me at 913-391-0353 and we'll work it out. Our **next meeting will be Thurs., July 13**. Remember everybody, give us your volunteer hours so we can add them to our reports in October.

May all of you have a wonderful and safe Independence Day celebration and **FLY YOUR FLAGS PROUDLY!**
May God Bless all of you, Pres. 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.

We had a good showing and great weather for the annual Memorial Day Tribute at Johnson County Memorial Gardens. Johnson County Veterans, including those of Post 846 and Auxiliary 846, were recognized. Thanks to all involved.

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

With Summer 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, July 15th 2023, 9-11 a.m.

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

Cost: Donations accepted

Allen Harris, Hospice Chaplain, will speak on coping with grief.

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
July 13 @ 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!**

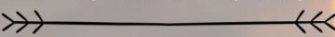
**Post 846 will be open
on MEETING NIGHT
(2nd Thursday)
&
EVERY FRIDAY
4 pm to 8 pm.**

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

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

Be Involved!!

Third Friday of Each Month 6 pm to 7 pm



July 21, 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!**



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<https://www.facebook.com/VFW846><https://www.facebook.com/vfwauxiliarypost846>Post 846 e-mail address: vfwpost846opks@gmail.comEditor: Jonathan Hyde jquincyh@aol.com 913.530.0675******* NEW PROGRAM STARTING IN JULY *******

Brothers and Sisters,

Starting on Wednesday, July 5, 2023, I will be teaching a weekly class on**Getting Your VA Benefits for PTSD.**

Not sure you have Post Traumatic Stress? Why not attend and check out the class.

It is a FAMILY issue — SO SPOUSES ARE WELCOME.

Class will be from 1830 hrs. (6:30 pm) and lasts about 90 minutes plus time for questions.Handouts will be available. I will open the post at 1800 hrs. and if no one shows up I will lock up at 1900 hrs. Call me at 913-271-1832 if you have any questions. See you on the 5th.*Mike Martin*



Before it's monthly meeting in June, Auxiliary members packaged treats for veterans at the Leavenworth VA. Snacks included candy bars, popcorn and bottled water. They will be delivered over the July 4th weekend.



Buddy Poppies

Over Memorial Day the combined efforts of Auxiliary and Post members brought in almost \$2,500 to support VFW veterans support programs.

Thank You to the Hy-Vee's at 95th and Antioch, Overland Park and 151st & Blackbob, Olathe, and to the community for your support..



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

Received from _____
 Received By: _____
 City and State _____
 Date: _____

The Review Committee has performed its duties and recommends _____ approval _____ rejection. (signatures of Committee members below)

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.

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 _____