

AUGUST 2023

SANTA FE EXPRESS

VFW POST 846 NEWSLETTER

Emeritus Editor: Ray Calore Guest Editor: Jonathan Hyde



COMMANDER's COLUMN *Principles Above Personalities* MARTIN FRIES, Commander

Comrades of Post 846, **Due to a scheduling issue we are not able to have our 70th Anniversary celebration next month. In talking with members, it was recommended the best would be to move the date to Saturday, NOV 11. We will be able to do Veterans Day and 70th Anniversary together for an all-day event. So please plan to attend that day. Our next Saturday Breakfast will be on 12 Aug from 9 to 11 AM. The next Steak Night is Friday Night 18 Aug from 6PM to 8PM. Our Chef Comrade Larry Fries will be ready to cook your steak to your order.**

Our next meeting is on 10 August, dinner at 6PM followed by meeting at 7pm. Don't forget about Friday Nights the post is open from 4 to 8PM. 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 call him at 913.530.0675.*

Martin Fries, Post Commander

FROM YOUR AUXILIARY

DANA PFLUMM, President

Greetings Sisters and Brothers, The Dept. School of Instruction will be held in Hayes on Aug. 11-13. I'll be going so if anyone wishes to go, call me at 913-391-0353. The District School of Instruction will be in DeSoto on Aug. 19 at 10:00. This is the perfect place to learn what is new and needed for our programs. Please plan to attend. On Tuesday, Aug. 15, our monthly Bingo visits to the Leavenworth VA Hospital Domiciliary are back on after COVID. (Now scheduled the 3rd Tuesday of every month). This has always been a lot of fun for our Vets, so join us if you can. The time and place to meet will be announced at our meeting. The Voice of Democracy, high school age, and Patriot's Pen, middle school age, are due on Oct. 31. Planning ahead, I'd like to have students in that age group submit a paper. If you know of someone, encourage them to participate. If you know a teacher who would be amenable, give them the info. The rules are on the Scholarship website for the VFW Post and Auxiliary and I'll have them at our meeting. **Our next meeting is on Thursday, Aug 10 at 5 pm.** We'll be celebrating the Army and Coast Guard Birthdays. Congratulations on their long history of service to our Country! Want to make Labor Day special in your neighborhood? Put American Flags next to the street in front of the houses on your block. Oh, it's **HOT** out there. If you need to venture out, make sure you have plenty of water and your cell phone. Looking forward to seeing all of you.

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 so we can get them the help they need.

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.

I

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, August 12th, 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!

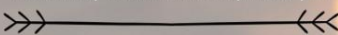
Post 846 will be open on **MEETING NIGHT** (2nd Thursday) & **EVERY FRIDAY** 4 pm to 8 pm.

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



August 18, 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!



SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
		1	2 <i>NEW</i> 6:30 pm PTSD & VA Benefits class @ VFW Post 846	3	4 10:00 Veteran's Breakfast – Village Inn [5800 Broadmoor Mission KS 66202] 4-8 pm POST OPEN	5
6	7 PURPLE HEART DAY 	8 6:30 pm PTSD Class [9550 Pflumm Rd, Lenexa KS 66215]	9 <i>NEW</i> 6:30 pm PTSD & VA Benefits class @ VFW Post 846	10 5 p Auxiliary Meeting 6 p Comdr Dinner 7p Post 846 Meeting	11 10:00 Veteran's Breakfast – Village Inn 4-8 pm POST OPEN Aux - Dept School of Instruction @ Hayes	12 Breakfast 9 – 11 Speaker: Alan Harris [Veteran & Professional Counselor] 'Coping with Grief' Fri – Sun 11-13
13	14	15 Aux monthly Bingo resumes @ VA Hosp [3rd Tuesdays] 6:30 pm PTSD Class @ Lenexa VFW	16 <i>NEW</i> 6:30 pm PTSD & VA Benefits class @ VFW Post 846	17	18 10:00 Veteran's Breakfast – Village Inn STEAK NIGHT 6 to 7 pm [RSVP by 7/10] 4-8 pm POST OPEN	19 10 am - District 2 School of Instruction [VFW & Aux] @ DeSoto
20	21	22 6:30 pm PTSD Class @ Lenexa VFW	23 <i>NEW</i> 6:30 pm PTSD & VA Benefits class @ VFW Post 846	24	25 10:00 Veteran's Breakfast – Village Inn 4-8 pm POST OPEN	26
27	28	29 6:30 pm PTSD Class @ Lenexa VFW	30 <i>NEW</i> 6:30 pm PTSD & VA Benefits class @ VFW Post 846	31		

Template © calendarlabs.com

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

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

Post 846 e-mail address: vfwpost846opks@gmail.com

Editor: Jonathan Hyde iquincyh@aol.com 913.530.0675

******* NEW PROGRAM IN AUGUST *******

Brothers and Sisters,

Continuing in August, I will be teaching a weekly class on Wednesdays about 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 in August.

Mike Martin



Monday, August 7

Honoring

Purple Heart Recipients

This month is dedicated to paying our respects to all the brave men and women wounded or killed in combat. The official Purple Heart Day is observed on the 7th day of August each year, commemorating the historic day in 1782 that General George Washington, Commander-In-Chief of the Continental Army, commissioned the first Purple Heart Medal, originally called the Badge of Military Merit.

The Badge of Military Merit was redesigned and re-commissioned in 1932 by General Douglas MacArthur in honor of George Washington's bicentennial birthday. Now known as the Purple Heart Medal – it is the oldest military award, first being awarded to soldiers in World War I and still given to soldiers today.

A presidential order signed in 1942 permitted the Purple Heart Medal to be awarded to all branches of the military including the U.S. Coast Guard. It was World War II, when the qualification to receive the Purple Heart Medal changed to honor those who were wounded or killed in combat.

PTSD—Now a new, local resource to explore this disorder

What are the signs of post-traumatic stress disorder?

A wide variety of symptoms may be signs that you are experiencing posttraumatic stress disorder. The following are some of the most common symptoms of PTSD that you or those around you may have noticed:

- Feeling upset by things that remind you of what happened;
- Having nightmares, vivid memories, or flashbacks of the event that make you feel like it's happening all over again;
- Feeling emotionally cut off from others;
- Feeling numb or losing interest in things you used to care about;
- Feeling constantly on guard;
- Feeling irritated or having angry outbursts;
- Having difficulty sleeping;
- Having trouble concentrating;
- Being jumpy or easily startled.

It's not just the symptoms of post-traumatic stress disorder but also how you may react to them that can disrupt your life. You may:

- Frequently avoid places or things that remind you of what happened;
- Consistently drink or use drugs to numb your feelings;
- Consider harming yourself or others;
- Start working all the time to occupy your mind;
- Pull away from other people and become isolated.

Class held on Tuesday @ 6:30 pm at Lenexa VFW and
Now At Overland Park Post 846 on Wednesday @ 6:30 pm.

Vietnam Agent Orange and Iraq/Afghanistan burn pit diseases are also covered.

For more information contact Mike Martin @ 913-271-1832

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 _____
 Post No. _____
 City and State _____ \$ _____
 Date: _____

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

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 _____