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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,

Our next meeting is on 14 September, dinner at 6PM followed by meeting at 7pm.

The VFW 846 Breakfast Meeting will be on Saturday, Sept. 16 from 9 to 11 am. Mike Martin will recount the story of **US Air Force 1st Lt. Michael Blassie**, the unknown service member from the Vietnam War buried at the **Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, whose remains were later identified.**

Steak Night is Friday Sept 22. Chef Comrade Larry Fries will be ready to take how you want your steaks cooked. **RSVP by meeting night 14 SEPT.**

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.*

Special Note: Due to a scheduling issue we are not able to have our 70th Anniversary celebration next month, 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. We are inviting the community.

Martin Fries, Post Commander

FROM YOUR AUXILIARY

DANA PFLUMM, President

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. I also have them.

Our next meeting is on Thursday, September 14 at 5 pm.

We were busy in August with Department and District meetings. It is so good to have so many Auxiliary members attend, actively participate and take leadership roles.

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.

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

We are playing **BINGO** at the domiciliary. We go the third Tuesday of the month. This month it is 19 September. If you are interested in going with us or helping with the treats we serve, call me.

We are also collecting coats and sweatshirts for Fort Leavenworth and Annie's Closet, this includes children's coats. Please call me if you are unable to drop them at the post. Someone left some great shirts for us at the post. Thanks so much for thinking of Annie's Closet.

Chris Anderson. 913.940.1003

VFW BREAKFAST

When: Saturday, September 16th, 2023, 9-11 a.m.

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

Cost: Donations accepted

Our very own, Mike Martin is our speaker. Mike will be discussing POW/MIA accounts.

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 August 14 @ 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
EVERY FRIDAY 4 p to 8 p**

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

* Hosts needed for 2 hr shifts
Or 6 p to 8 p shifts.

A promotional graphic for a steak night event. The background is a close-up of a large piece of steak cooking on a grill. The text is overlaid on the image. At the top, it says "Third Friday of Each Month 6 pm to 7 pm" with double arrows pointing left and right. Below that, the date "September 22, 2023" is written in red. The main text "STEAK NIGHT" is in large, bold, black letters. To the left of "STEAK NIGHT", it says "Only \$15". Below the main text, it says "SERVED WITH VEGETABLE/ SALAD/ DESSERT AND DRINK" with double arrows pointing left and right. At the bottom, a yellow box contains the text "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
		IT'S A BUSY MONTH	LOTS OF FUN ACTIVITIES...	BE INVOLVED WITH YOUR VFW 846	1 10:00 Veteran's Breakfast – Village Inn [5800 Broadmoor Mission KS 66202] 4-8 pm POST OPEN	2 
3	4 	5 6:30 pm PTSD Class [9550 Pflumm Rd, Lenexa KS 66215]	6 NEW 6:30 pm PTSD & VA Benefits class @ VFW Post 846	7	8 10:00 Veteran's Breakfast – Village Inn	9
10	11 	12 6:30 pm PTSD Class	13 NEW 6:30 pm PTSD & VA Benefits class @ VFW Post 846	14 5 p Auxiliary Meeting 6 p Comdr Dinner 7p Post 846 Meeting	15 10:00 Veteran's Breakfast – Village Inn POW/MIA Recognition Day 4-8 pm POST OPEN	16 Breakfast 9 – 11 Speaker: Mike Martin Topic: POW/MIA accounts
17	18	19 Auxiliary Bingo @ Leavenworth VA 6:30 pm PTSD Class @ Lenexa VFW	20 NEW 6:30 pm PTSD & VA Benefits class @ VFW Post 846	21	22 10:00 Veteran's Breakfast – Village Inn STEAK NIGHT 6 to 7 pm [RSVP by 9/14] 4-8 pm POST OPEN	23
24	25	26 6:30 pm PTSD Class @ Lenexa VFW	27 CANCELLED PTSD & VA Benefits class @ VFW Post 846	28 VFW Day Fri Sept 29 ➤	29 10:00 Veteran's Breakfast – Village Inn  4-8 pm POST OPEN	30

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Brothers and Sisters,

Continuing in September, 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. It is a FAMILY issue — SPOUSES ARE WELCOME.

Class will be from 1830 hrs. (6:30 pm) and last about 90 minutes plus time for questions.

Handouts will be available. Call Mike Martin 913-271-1832 if you have any questions.

Fascinating Breakfast Speaker Topic

Prior to the identification of his remains, **US Air Force 1st Lt. Michael Blassie** was the unknown service member from the Vietnam War buried at the **Tomb of the Unknown Soldier** at Arlington National Cemetery. After his remains were identified by DNA testing in 1998, **they were reburied at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery in St.**

Come hear **Mike Martin** recount Blassie's story from his childhood in St. Louis, to his collegiate career at the Air Force Academy, to his military career and untimely death in 1972 and the controversy that continued into 1998.

Saturday, September 16th from 9 to 11 am.

VFW DAY



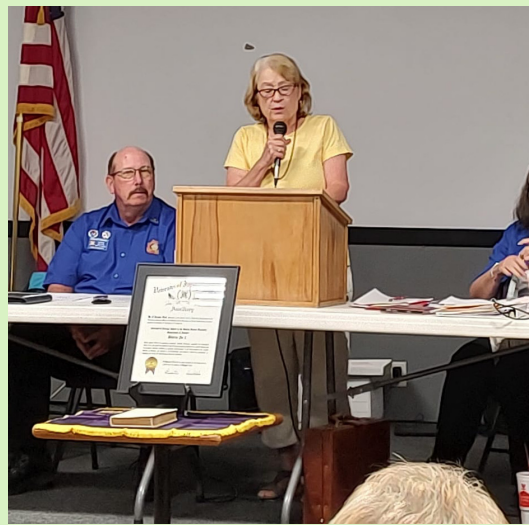
FRIDAY, SEPT 29TH



Kansas Department Auxiliary Meeting—August 2023 @ Hays KS



Look at all the familiar faces from the VFW 846 Auxiliary!



Your Post & Auxiliary have MANY ways you can serve our mission to assist Veterans. ASK!



District 2 School of Instruction attendees in DeSoto.



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