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# SANTA FE EXPRESS

VFW POST 846 NEWSLETTER

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

**Comrades of Post 846**, our next big event will be **GEN Eisenhower Vigil** on evening of Friday 13 October from 11pm to 1am is our District time. If you can come out to help our District, please let me know at the meeting.

Our 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration will be Saturday, NOV 11. We will be able to do Veterans Day and 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary together for a combined event. So please plan to attend that day.

The next Steak Night Friday Night 20 OCT from 6PM to 8PM our Chef Comrade Larry Fries will be ready to take how you want your steaks cooked. **Our next meeting is on 12 October, dinner at 6PM followed by meeting at 7pm.**

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 members to relax and hang out with each other. Remember to document the work of the Post, so we can promote our activities that support Veterans through pictures and articles in the newsletter. Send to Jonathan Hyde @ [jquincyh@aol.com](mailto:jquincyh@aol.com).*

*Martin Fries, Commander*

**FROM YOUR AUXILIARY**

DANA PFLUMM, President

Fall has arrived and October is a busy month. Tuesday, Oct 17 we have resumed playing **BINGO** with the veterans at the VA Domiciliary. Always fun for the veterans and us, too.

The **Eisenhower Vigil** is on the night of Friday, October 13th. Our District will participate from 11 pm to 1 am. Always a solemn event.

The **District 2 meeting** is Saturday, Oct 21 at Ottawa.

**Our next meeting is on Thursday, October 12 at 5 pm. Stay for the Commander's Dinner at 6.** And don't forget, the Post's yummy Steak Night [20th] and Breakfast [21st] events.

**WE NEED YOU!** We are looking for new members who have a desire to enhance the lives of our Veterans and their families. You will be working with a great group of volunteers who would love to have you join us. Call me, Dana, 913-391-0353 or Chris, 913-940-1003.

**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 **17 October** 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, October 21, 2023, 9-11 a.m.

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

Cost: Donations accepted

Speaker to be announced later.

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

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

Note:  
Date Change  
due to  
Eisenhower  
Vigil

**VFW POST 846  
MEETING  
2nd Thursday  
October 12th @ 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.*
- *Choose 4 to 6 or 6 to 8.*

***YOU can be part of the  
team of volunteers that  
makes our Post viable.***

Third Friday of Each Month 6 pm to 7 pm

October 20, 2023

Only  
\$15

**STEAK  
NIGHT**

SERVED WITH VEGETABLE/ SALAD/ DESSERT AND DRINK

Reservations required. Call 913-735-3127 or email [vfwpost846opks@gmail.com](mailto:vfwpost846opks@gmail.com) to reserve your spot!

**BINGO!**

**We will be playing bingo  
and giving out  
PRIZES!**

***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	3	4 6:30 pm PTSD & VA Benefits class @ VFW Post 846	5	6 10:00 Veteran's Breakfast – Village Inn [ 5800 Broadmoor Mission KS 66202] <b>4-8 pm POST OPEN</b>	7
8	9 	10 6:30 pm PTSD Class [9550 Pflumm Rd, Lenexa KS 66215]	11 6:30 pm PTSD & VA Benefits class @ VFW Post 846	12 <b>5 p Auxiliary Meeting</b> <b>6 p Comdr Dinner</b> <b>7p Post 846 Meeting</b>	13 10:00 Veteran's Breakfast – Village Inn 	14 <i>Oct 13 -14 Eisenhower Vigil @ Abilene</i>
15	16 <b>Aux Bingo @ Leavenworth VA</b> 6:30 pm PTSD Class @ Lenexa VFW	17	18 6:30 pm PTSD & VA Benefits class @ VFW Post 846	19	20 10:00 Veteran's Breakfast – Village Inn <b>STEAK NIGHT 6 to 7 pm [RSVP by 10/12] 4-8 pm POST OPEN</b>	21 <b>Breakfast 9 – 11 Speaker: TBD</b> <i>District 2 meeting @ Ottawa</i>
22	23 6:30 pm PTSD Class @ Lenexa VFW	24	25 6:30 pm PTSD & VA Benefits class @ VFW Post 846	26	27 10:00 Veteran's Breakfast – Village Inn	28 
29	30 	31 6:30 pm PTSD Class @ Lenexa VFW		<b>It's A BUSY MONTH</b> <b>LOTS OF FUN ACTIVITIES...</b>		<b>BE INVOLVED WITH YOUR VFW 846</b>

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### PTSD & VA Benefits Class

Brothers and Sisters,

Each Wednesday I hold class at the Post with the class starting at 1830 hours. I arrive at 1800 hours and if no one shows up I leave at 1900 hours. If you still want to attend but will be arriving late, please call me at 913-271-1832.

The class does cover all **Agent Orange** as well as **Pact Act**. A packet of very good information on the amount of compensation, burial benefits, **Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC)** for spouses, benefits at various compensation percentages is available. Remember, it is not what happened to you but how the trauma/stressor affects you today.

Mike Martin



**Welcome!**

The new addition to Steak night!

# OCT. 27— U.S. NAVY DAY



The US Navy was established in April, 1775 by the Continental Congress at the request of General George Washington.

On April 30, 1798, President John Adams signed a congressional act establishing the Department of the Navy solely responsible for naval affairs.

The official Navy Day: The Navy League of the United States organized the first Navy Day in 1922, choosing October 27th to honor the birth of President Theodore Roosevelt. Roosevelt had been an Assistant Secretary of the Navy and supported a strong Navy as well as the idea of Navy Day.

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**HERE IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO JOIN US AT VFW POST 846...**  
**APPLICATION — For questions about eligibility, contact [svcmldr@vfwpost846ks.org](mailto: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 \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
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**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)

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  \_\_\_\_\_ 2  \_\_\_\_\_ 3  \_\_\_\_\_  
 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  \_\_\_\_\_ 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  \_\_\_\_\_ (Must be signed by all members.) Date \_\_\_\_\_