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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 big event will be Our 70th **Anniversary celebration of POST 846 Overland Park on Saturday, NOV 11 from 11:00 to 3:00.** We will have an 70th Anniversary Cake and finger food to help us celebrate our 70th Anniversary. We are planning a slide show of photos past events. If you have photos, please bring them so we can make them part of the slide show. We are planning to do Veterans Day and 70th Anniversary together for a combined event. So please plan to attend that day.

We had a great showing for October steak night with about 20 people attending and had Bingo as part of the night activities. The next Steak Night, Friday 17 NOV 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 09 November, dinne 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 member to relax and hang out with each other.*

FROM YOUR AUXILIARY

DANA PFLUMM, President

Fall has arrived and we have begun our commitment to **BINGO** with the veterans at the VA Domiciliary. This month on November 21. Always fun for the veterans and us, too.

Our next meeting is on Thursday, November 9 at 5 pm. Stay for the Commander's Dinner at 6. And don't forget, the Post's yummy Steak Night [17th].

The 70th Anniversary of VFW Post 846 is being celebrated on Saturday, Nov 11—fitting on Veteran's Day—Saturday Nov 11. Stop by from 11 to 3 to meet our and see how we support our Veterans and their families.

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

Please keep Peggy Sullivan in your Thoughts & Prayers. As she recovers from a hip fracture. She is recovering well at home.

*Infantryman's Creed: I carry America's faith and honor against her enemies.
I I am the King of Battle. I am what my country expects me to be.*

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 **21 November**. 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, November 11, 2023, 9-11 a.m.
Where: VFW Post 846, 10630B Metcalf Ave, OPKS
Cost: Donations accepted

70th Anniversary/Veteran's Day Celebration to follow.

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!

Come for
Breakfast,
Stay for the
Anniversary
Open House!

**VFW POST 846
MEETING
2nd Thursday
November 9 @ 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

November 17, 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!

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!***

Eisenhower Vigil

Post 846 and Auxiliary were well represented at the Eisenhower Vigil in Abilene, KS October 13-14, 2023, at the Eisenhower Museum. Our District's shift was from 2300 13 Oct – 0100 14 Oct. The night owls were: Commander Martin Fries, Mike Martin, Eric Bishop, Kim Bishop, Sheryl Gulley, and Laura Gulley.



Post 846 Awards Scholarships!

Commander Fries recently presented three college students \$1000 each for the pursuit of their college education.



Erin Cherilus



Celeste Bishop



Jacob Fries

All Post and Auxiliary members and their families are eligible to apply for scholarships. Apply today!



Greetings Comrades,
We have rescheduled our 70th Year Celebration on Saturday November 11, 2023. We are combining it with a Veteran's Day Celebration and our monthly Breakfast. Join us for Breakfast at 0900 and stay for the Open House. Come and go as desired until 1500. We hope to see you there. Please contact us at:

VFW POST 846
10630 B Metcalf Ave
Overland Park, KS 66212
vfwpost846opks@gmail.com
913-735-3127

Martin Fries, Commander

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
			1 6:30 pm PTSD & VA Benefits class @ VFW Post 846	2	3 10:00 Veteran's Breakfast – Village Inn [5800 Broadmoor Mission KS 66202] 4-8 pm POST OPEN	4
5	6 6:30 pm PTSD Class [9550 Pflumm Rd, Lenexa KS 66215]	7	8 6:30 pm PTSD & VA Benefits class @ VFW Post 846	9 5 p Auxiliary Meeting 6 p Comdr Dinner 7p Post 846 Meeting	10 10:00 Veteran's Breakfast – Village Inn 4-8 pm POST OPEN	11 <i>Veteran's Day</i> ***** Breakfast 9 - 11 VFW 846 70th ANNIVERSARY OPEN HOUSE 11 TO 3 PM
1	13	14 6:30 pm PTSD Class @ Lenexa VFW	15 6:30 pm PTSD & VA Benefits class @ VFW Post 846	16	17 10:00 Veteran's Breakfast – Village Inn STEAK NIGHT 6 to 7 pm [RSVP by 11/9] 4-8 pm POST OPEN	18
19	20 Aux Bingo @ Leavenworth VA 6:30 pm PTSD Class @ Lenexa VFW	21	22 6:30 pm PTSD & VA Benefits class @ VFW Post 846	23 	24 10:00 Veteran's Breakfast – Village Inn 4-8 pm POST OPEN	25
26	27	28 6:30 pm PTSD Class @ Lenexa VFW	29 6:30 pm PTSD & VA Benefits class @ VFW Post 846	30		BE INVOLVED WITH YOUR VFW 846 LOTS OF OPPORTUNITIES

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



The Bingo game at the previous Steak Night was a great success with three QT gas cards given out. Come join us next time and you may win back the cost of your steak dinner!

**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

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

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 _____