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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 12 September, dinner at 6PM followed by our Post Meeting at 7pm.*

Planning Ahead: The 2024 Eisenhower Vigil will be Oct 11 in Abilene Kansas. District 2 organizations will stand vigil from 7-9 PM.

We need to maintain our tradition of having a strong participation. Last Year your Post and Auxiliary had the most people stand vigil representing our District. Lets show them again by having the most members stand vigil. You will only have to stand a few minutes at a time. You will also receive the 5 Star Pin for this honor.

Our regular monthly events include our Breakfast with guest speakers—this month on Saturday the 14th from 9 to 11 and Steak Night will be Friday 20 SEPT from 6PM to 7:30 PM. Last month's steak night was a great success and we having more people join us on a regular basis. If you would like to attend, please let us know so we can have a steak for you. We are getting thicker steaks now and have been well received..

Don't forget about Friday Nights the post is open from 4 to 8 dinner is provided for people who show up.

Commander Martin Fries

**FROM YOUR AUXILIARY**

DANA PFLUMM, President

Sisters and Brothers—

Coming Soon. October is always a special month because we honor Dwight Eisenhower. The Eisenhower Vigil this year will be on October 11th. The District 2 VFW Posts and Auxiliaries have been assigned the 7 to 9 PM time slot. Not only is this a solemn event, for many it is a personal, moving experience. The camaraderie among VFW members from across the state is wonderful to see.

The monthly Auxiliary meeting will be on Thursday, September 12 at 5 p.m. The Commander's dinner follows at 6.

The monthly Breakfast is on Saturday the 14th at 9 am. Don't forget the Steak Dinner Friday, September 16 from 6 pm to 7 pm. Member involvement makes the Auxiliary viable. See you soon.

The VA Hospital visit in Leavenworth is Tuesday, August 20. Join us if you can... its FUN! And appreciated by our Veterans.

God Bless You All!

Pres. Dana 913-391-0353

## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER... LANE SMITH

Each September we are reminded to remember and honor our veterans.

9-11 is designated as Patriot Day;

the 20th is our POW/MIA comrades;

and on the Sunday, the 29th it is Gold Star Mother's and Family's Day,  
honoring those whose loved ones made the ultimate sacrifice.

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

We are playing **BINGO** at the domiciliary. We go the third Tuesday of the month. This month, September 17. If you are interested in going with us or helping with the treats we serve, please call me.

We are also collecting clothes and sweatshirts for Fort Leavenworth and Annie's Closet, this includes children's items. Please call me if you are unable to drop them at the post. Thanks so much for thinking of Annie's Closet. Our veterans appreciate your generosity.

Chris Anderson. 913.940.1003

## VFW BREAKFAST

**When: Saturday, Sept 14, 2024, 9:00-11:00 a.m.**

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

**Cost: Donations accepted**



We are honored to have Dr. George Westlake Jr. speak. Dr. Westlake is a Korean veteran and local Kansas City celebrity.

*Menu: Biscuits and gravy, breakfast casserole, bacon, pancakes, waffles, coffee, juice*

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

## VFW POST 846 MEETING

**2nd Thursday  
September 12 @ 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!***

Third Friday of Each Month 6 pm to 7 pm

Sept 20, 2024

Only \$20

# STEAK NIGHT

SERVED WITH VEGETABLE/ SALAD/ DESSERT AND...

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

We regret that we  
are forced to raise  
the price. But its  
still worth every  
penny!

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



VFW 846 Post & Auxiliary activities provide ample opportunities for socialization and camaraderie. Monthly Breakfasts, Steak Nights, Friday Open House and special activities are all very popular. Join Us!



We had a special guest at the August Post meeting. MAJ Dylan Lee gave a presentation about this country and the Singapore Armed Services.



At the August Breakfast we enjoyed hearing about CW5 Walter Schley's Marine Corps service in Vietnam and the Gulf War. This month's speaker is Dr. George Westlake, Jr. who served in Korea. He is the Pastor Emeritus at Sheffield Family Life Center

*If you have something of interest to share in the newsletter, please take pictures and send the information to Jonathan Hyde at [jquincyh@aol.com](mailto:jquincyh@aol.com) or at*



September Remembrances



# September is Military Suicide Awareness Month

## 2024 Theme: 'We Are Stronger Together'

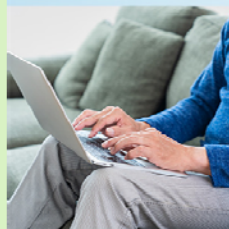
This summer we were honored to have Cara Murray, LCSW, a guest and presenter at our monthly Breakfast. She is the Suicide Prevention Coordinator at the Kansas City VA Medical Center.

She provided valuable information about how to identify crisis situations, respond at the moment, and how to guide someone for immediate help and assistance. Prevention was also a focus of her presentation and the daily work of her team of health care professionals.



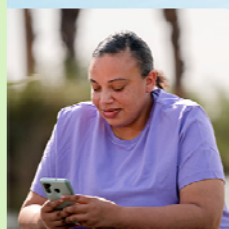
**CALL**

Dial 988 then Press 1



**CHAT**

[VeteransCrisisLine.net/Chat](https://VeteransCrisisLine.net/Chat)



**TEXT**

838255



## Veterans Crisis Line

The Veterans Crisis Line connects

- *Veterans in crisis and*
- *Families and*
- *Friends*

with qualified, caring VA responders through a confidential toll-free hotline, online chat, or text.

And it is easy to access  
**24 hours a day,**  
**7 days a week,**  
**365 days a year.**

Veterans and their loved ones can

**call 988** and Press 1,

**chat online**, or

**text a message to 838255**

to receive confidential crisis intervention and support.



SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
1	2	3 6:30 pm PTSD Class [9550 Pflumm Rd, Lenexa KS 66215]	4	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 Lenexa VFW	11 	12 <b>5p Auxiliary meeting 6 p Comdr Dinner 7p Post 846 meeting</b>	13 10:00 Veteran's Breakfast – Village Inn <b>4-8 pm POST OPEN</b>	14 <b>Breakfast 9 - 11 Speaker: Dr. George Westlake, Jr Korean War Vet</b>
15	16	17 <b>AUX to VA</b> 6:30 pm PTSD Class Lenexa VFW	18 	19 SEPT 20 	20 POW-MIA Day 10:00 Veteran's Breakfast – Village Inn <b>STEAK NIGHT</b> <b>6 to 7 pm</b> [RSVP by 9/12] <b>4-8 pm POST OPEN</b>	21 Department School of Instruction Aug 16-18 @ Russell
22	23	24 6:30 pm PTSD Class Lenexa VFW	25	26	27 10:00 Veteran's Breakfast – Village Inn <b>4-8 pm POST OPEN</b>	28 District 2 School of Instruction 10 AM @ Garnett
29 	30	1 6:30 pm PTSD Class Lenexa VFW	2	3	4 10:00 Veteran's Breakfast – Village Inn <b>4-8 pm POST OPEN</b>	5

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### Commander Names

#### Mike Martin Post 846 PSO

Commander Fries has asked me to serve as the Post Service Officer, and I have accepted.

Post Service Officers (PSOs) are local advocates who assist veterans and their loved ones to navigate a complicated benefits landscape. PSOs serve as a conduit to critical programs and services in the community, however they are not accredited by the VA for the purpose of representing claimants in their benefit claims before the VA.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me. I am available to meet you by appointment on Wednesday evening or contact me at 913-271-1832. I am ready to help you in every way I can.

Mike Martin

**Now is the time to  
Recruit NEW members to  
VFW 846 Post and the  
Auxiliary. Let's work  
together to get this done!**

**Contact Us at:**

**VFW Post 846**

10630-B Metcalf Lane  
Overland Park, Ks 66212  
Post# 913-735-3127

[vfwpost846opks@gmail.com](mailto:vfwpost846opks@gmail.com)

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

BRANCH OF SERVICE: ☐ ARMY ☐ NAVY ☐ AIR FORCE ☐ MARINES ☐ COAST GUARD

DATES OF SERVICE: \_\_\_\_\_

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 PAY

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.

RECRUITER (please print): \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

QUARTERMASTER: \_\_\_\_\_

POST NO. \_\_\_\_\_ FORMER MEMBER ID NO. \_\_\_\_\_

TRANSFER From Post No. \_\_\_\_\_ to Post No. \_\_\_\_\_

RECRUITER (please print): \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

QUARTERMASTER: \_\_\_\_\_

NATIONAL COPY ☐ AMEX ☐ DISCOVER ☐ VISA ☐ MASTERCARD ☐

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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 0635-3127**



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 \_\_\_\_\_