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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, last month our at the beginning of the Post meeting our Guest Speaker, MAJ Andris Locmelis from The Republic of Latvia give his country brief. Very interesting.

Our next meeting is 13 March, dinner at 6PM followed by our Post Meeting at 7pm.

NEXT MONTH are elections for the post please let us know if you would like to be considered for leadership positions. The following position are up for elections

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| * Commander | * Quarter Master |
| * Senior Vice Commander | * 3-year Trustee |
| * Junior Vice Commander | * Chaplain |

3rd Annual Chili cook-off was again a great success.. I was not the winner this time: like the Chiefs, I was not a Three-Peat. But congratulations to Jon Robbins who took First Place and Mike Craders who came in second.

Our Saturday Morning Breakfast will be 15 MAR from 9-11. Guest speaker will be Liz Kelley, She was one of the Golddiggers that toured with Bob Hope and the USO in Vietnam.

Martin Fries, Commander



FROM YOUR AUXILIARY

DANA PFLUMM, President

The monthly Auxiliary meeting will be on Thursday March 13 at 5 p.m. Come to the meeting to be involved and stay for The Commander's dinner that follows at 6. Due to adverse weather conditions the February meeting was held by ZOOM.

The monthly Breakfast is on Saturday March 15th at 9 am. The program topics and guest speakers have been very interesting. Come join us for an educational & fun social event.

The VA Hospital visit is Tuesday, March 18.. Join us if you can... its FUN!

Planning Ahead : The District 2 Spring Convention is Saturday, April 12 at the DeSoto Post. There will be a joint Memorial Service at 9:30 with the meeting at 10. Join us if you can.

God Bless You All!

President Dana 913-391-0353

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER... LANE SMITH

Each month as we remember our fallen comrades and their families and friends, it is a reminder that we are one within our dedication to our service and our nation. May we bless one another in this union.

*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.*

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

We are playing **BINGO** at the domiciliary. We go the third Tuesday of the month. This month, March 18. 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 thinking of them.

Chris Anderson. 913.940.1003

VFW BREAKFAST

When: Saturday, Mar 15, 2025, 9:00-11:00 a.m.

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

Cost: Donations accepted

Liz Kelley will be our speaker. She was one of the Goldiggers that toured with Bob Hope and the USO to Vietnam. This will be interesting! Come hear her story.

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

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



**VFW POST 846
MEETING
2nd Thursday
March 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!**

**No Steak night
in March
in anticipation of
weather issues.**

**Be ready for a
return in April.**

**3rd Annual
Chili Cook-Off**



Champions

1st Place

Jon Robbins

2nd Place

Mike Craders

**The Veterans Crisis Line is Your Lifeline -
Always There, if you need it.**



CALL

Dial 988 then Press 1



CHAT

VeteransCrisisLine.net/Chat



TEXT

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Editors Note: 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 pictures and info to Jonathan Hyde at jquincyh@aol.com or at 913.530.0675.

We are in the process of redesigning the *Santa Fe Express* newsletter using the digital platform, *Constant Contact*. It will provide more design options and offer a format that will offer more options for immediate last-minute communication to members as the need arises. If you have experience with *Constant Contact*, please share with us your experience.



Celebrating!

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March 25 2025

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2	3 	4 6:30 pm PTSD Class @ Lenexa 9550 Pflumm Rd, Lenexa KS 66215]	5 Wednesday evenings Assistance with filing for VA Benefits – by Appointment. Mike Martin 913-271-1832	6	7 10:00 Veteran's Breakfast – Village Inn [5800Broadmoor Mission KS 66202] 5-7 pm POST OPEN	8
9	10	11 6:30 pm PTSD Class @ Lenexa	12 	13 5 p Auxiliary Meeting 6 p Commander's Dinner 7p Post 846 Meeting	14 10:00 Veteran's Breakfast – Village Inn 5-7 pm POST OPEN	15 Breakfast 9 – 11 Speaker: Liz Kelley Dean Martin Golddigger on Bob Hope's USO Tours in Vietnam
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VA Benefit Assistance from VFW Post 846 Is Now Available

Reminder: I am available on Wednesday evenings starting assist with filing claims for VA Benefits. My main focus is on PTSD, but I do have some limited knowledge on other conditions. There is no charge for this service and a good reference is on Facebook - VA Disability Service. There are several Veteran Service Officers that are on this site to answer any questions that you may have and no one but these VSO's can respond to you. I monitor this site and have learned quite a bit about dealing with the VA.

Please call me at 913-271-1832 to set up an appointment.

Also on another note: **As of January 31, 2025, you have to have an 'ID. Me' or 'Login.gov' account to sign in to 'myhealthe.gov' account.** If you need help with this, you can bring a laptop or let me know & I will bring mine.

Mike Martin
Post 846 Resource Officer
913-271-1832



Contact Us at:

VFW Post 846

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

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: _____ COUNTRY: _____ 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 PAY

Member ID No. _____

☐ NEW Post No. _____ ☐ FORMER MEMBER ID No. _____

☐ TRANSFER From Post No. _____ to Post No. _____
 Transfer complies with Sec. 167

RECRUITER (please print) _____

QUARTERMASTER: _____

NATIONAL COPY ☐ AMEX ☐ DISCOVER ☐ VISA ☐ MASTERCARD ☐ CARD NO. _____

AMOUNT: \$ _____ Exp. Date: _____ / _____ SIGNATURE: _____

Received from: _____
 Post No.: _____
 Received By: _____ (circle one) CASH CHECK VISA MASTERCARD DISCOVER AMEX
 City and State: _____ \$ _____
 Date: _____

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 _____

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 _____