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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 at the Post on 10 April, Dinner at 6 pm; Meeting at 7pm.**

The first part of the Post meeting we will have a guest speaker. QM2 Kyle Crader, son of Mike Crader, Post Jr Vice-Cmdr. Kyle is on leave from his deployment on DDG80 Destroyer, *The Roosevelt*, recently patrolling the coast of Yemen, in pursuit of the Houthi rebels.

After the meeting we will retire to Discourse Brewing to taste the Veterans Choice IPA. brewed specifically for VFW Post 846. *The Post will purchase the first Veterans Choice IPA for all members, you will need to bring your **Challenge Coin** we presented you to prove you are a member.*

April is the month for Post officer elections. 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 | * Junior Vice Commander | * 3-year Trustee |
| * Senior Vice Commander | * Quarter Master | * Chapla |

Our **Saturday Morning Breakfast** will be 12 APR from 9-11. Guest speakers will present the program 'We Honor Vets', including the widow of a Vietnam Veteran and her son, a former military officer, who experienced the end-of-life comfort care and military recognition provided for their husband & father. See info on page 2

STEAK Night IS BACK on April 18 from 6 to 7:30. Since it is Good Friday we will have an option for grilled seafood (Fish and Shrimp). Please RSVP by April 15th. See the info on page 2.

Don't forget about Friday Nights the post is open from 5 to 7 dinner is provided for people who show up.

FROM YOUR AUXILIARY

DANA PFLUMM, President

The monthly **Auxiliary meeting will be on Thursday April 10 at 5 p.m.** Most important is the election of officers.

The monthly **Breakfast is on Saturday April 12 at 9 am.** The program includes a presentation, including a Vietnam Veterans family about his end-of-life comfort care and recognition of his military service.

The **VA Hospital visit is Tuesday, April 15.** Join us if you can... its FUN!

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, April 15th. 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, Apr 12, 2025, 9:00-11:00 a.m.

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

Cost: Donations accepted

We will be receiving an informational briefing on hospice for veterans.

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!

Breakfast Speakers

Tracy MacClement, M.Div & Alan Harris, D.Th, M.Ed. will discuss the end-of-life comfort care provided by the 'We Honor Vets' program of Residential Hospice. You will also hear the experiences of a Vietnam Veteran's widow and his son, a former military officer, related to the death of their husband/father. The VA was instrumental in coordinating the care services.

VFW POST 846

MEETING

2nd Thursday

April 10 @ 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

Apr 18, 2025

Only
\$20

STEAK NIGHT

SERVED WITH VEGETABLE/ SALAD/ DESSERT AND DRINK

BINGO!
\$ We will be
playing bingo
and giving out
PRIZES!

Upon request prior to
April 15th, we will
provide a seafood
option.

Reservations required. Call 913-735-3127 or email vfwpost846opks@gmail.com to reserve your spot!

After the April meeting join your fellow Post 846 members at Discourse Brewing to taste a beer specifically brewed to honor VFW Post 846. The Veterans Choice is an IPA [India Pale Ale.]

The Post will purchase the first Veterans Choice IPA for all members. So please bring your 'Challenge Coin' to show you are a member.

The promotional T-shirt is designed recognizing the six military affiliations.



Discourse Brewing
7211 W 97th St
Overland Park, Kansas

In Windmill Square
south of Home Depot

8th Annual Salute to
WOMEN VETERANS JUNE 14TH
★★★★★

When: Saturday, June 14
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Where: Honor Annex Parking Lot
4251 Northern Ave,
Kansas City, MO 64133

2025

Who: All Women Veterans are welcome! Join us at Honor Annex as we will be honoring our Women Veterans with lapel pins, flowers, certificates, music and more. A health fair and service line representatives will be on site.

Scan the code to sign up ↑

Organized by
Women's Health Program

VA U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
Kansas City VA Medical Center

Planning Ahead

May Breakfast Speaker will be our own Lane Smith.

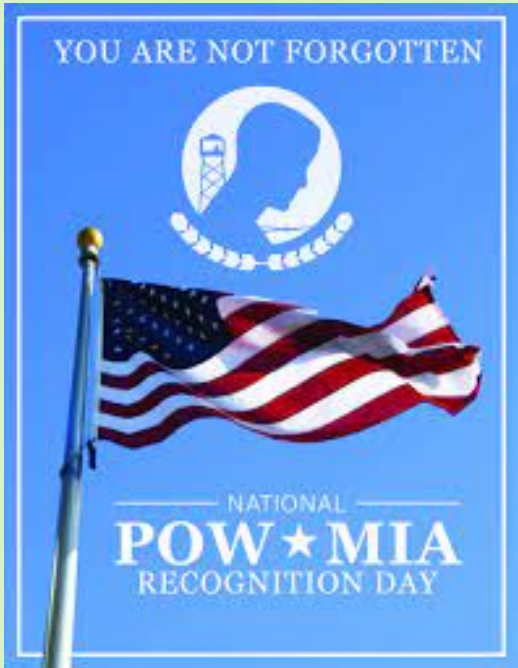
He will be giving a presentation on Normandy, France.

Info for the newsletter?

Contact Jonathan Hyde
913.530.0675
jquincyh@aol.com



Celebrations In April



| SUN | MON | TUES | WED | THURS | FRI | SAT |
|---|---|--|---|---|---|---|
| | | 1 6:30 pm PTSD Class [9550 Pflumm Rd, Lenexa KS 66215] | 2 | 3 | 4 10:00 Veteran's Breakfast – Village Inn [5800 Broadmoor Mission KS 66202] 5-7 pm POST OPEN | 5  |
| 6 | 7 | 8 6:30 pm PTSD Class @ Lenexa VFW | 9  | 10 5 p Auxiliary Mtng 6 p Comdr Dinner 7 p Post Meeting & Guest Speaker – QM2 Kyle Crader active duty US Navy | 11 10:00 Veteran's Breakfast – Village Inn 5-7 pm POST OPEN | 12 Breakfast 9 – 11 Topic: 'We Honor Vets' End-of-life comfort care program District 2 Spring Convention |
| 13 | 14  | 15 Aux Bingo @ VA Hosp 6:30 pm PTSD Class @ Lenexa VFW | 16 | 17 | 18 10:00 Veteran's Breakfast – Village Inn STEAK NIGHT With a Seafood option 6 to 7 pm [RSVP by 4/15] 5-7 pm POST OPEN | 19 |
| 20  | 21 | 22 6:30 pm PTSD Class @ Lenexa VFW | 23  | 24 | 25 10:00 Veteran's Breakfast – Village Inn 5-7 pm POST OPEN | 26 |
| 27 | 28 | 29 6:30 pm PTSD Class @ Lenexa VFW | 30 In April we celebrate: | |  |  |

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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 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: _____

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: _____ Date: _____

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

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

RECRUITER (please print) _____ DATE: _____

QUARTERMASTER: _____

NATIONAL COPY ☐ AMEX ☐ DISCOVER ☐ VISA ☐ MASTERCARD ☐ CARD NO. _____ Exp. Date: _____ / _____ AMOUNT: \$ _____ 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 8636-3127

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.

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|-------------|-------|
| 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 _____