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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, At our last on meeting elections were held and the following are your new elected leadership. They will take office at the June meeting.

Commander – Martin Fries

Quarter Master – Mike Crader

Senior Vice Commander – Eric Bishop

3-year Trustee – Tony Huddleston

Junior Vice Commander – BJ Cherilus

Chaplain – Lane Smith

After the last meeting we retired to Discourse Brewing to sample the *Veteran's Choice IPA* that was created for VFW Post 846. Also they have *T-Shirts with the Veteran's Choice logo* that are available for purchase. Our Post is receiving part of the proceeds from the IPA and T-Shirt sales.

This month's meeting is May 8, and breakfast on Saturday May 10th, our guest speaker will be Lane Smith making a presentation about his trip to Normandy on the WWII tour.

Our VFW Post has been supporting the Navy Junior ROTC program at Shawnee Mission North for the past 20+ years and I had the pleasure of presenting our VFW Award to one of the cadets. [see related picture on activities page.]

STEAK Night IS BACK the next steak night is May 16 from 6 to 7:30. RSVP by May 8th.

Don't forget about Friday Nights, the post is open from 5 to 7 dinner is provided for people who show up. We will need support for the following dates MAY 9, 16, 23, and June 6, 13. Please give us help since it has been the same people hosting for the past few months. Your support will help keep the post open on Friday Nights

Martin Fries, Post Commander

FROM YOUR AUXILIARY

DANA PFLUMM, President

Sisters and Brothers—The monthly **Auxiliary meeting will be on Thursday, May 8 at 5 p.m.** The Commander's dinner follows at 6. The monthly **Breakfast is on Saturday the 10th at 9 am.** Lane Smith will give a program on his recent trip to Normandy, France.

The **VA Hospital visit in Leavenworth is Tuesday, May 20.** Join us if you can... its FUN! And appreciated by our Veterans, Post members are invited to join the Auxiliary.

We had our election of officers in April and taking office in June. Full details to come.

Be involved as best you can as we grow the Post and our Auxiliary.

President Dana 913.391.0353

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER... LANE SMITH

- *We know of no illness or injuries among our Post 846 and Auxiliary members. Please continue to pray for those whose support is needed.*
- I am looking forward to sharing my experiences on my recent WWII Tour and visit to Normandy, France. I hope you can join us.

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

We are playing **BINGO** at the domiciliary. We go the third Tuesday of the month. This month, May 20th If you are interested in going with us or helping with the treats we serve, please call me.

With Spring having Sprung we are looking for summer-based items for Fort Leavenworth and Annie's Closet and 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, May 10, 2025, 9:00-11:00 a.m.

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

Cost: Donations accepted

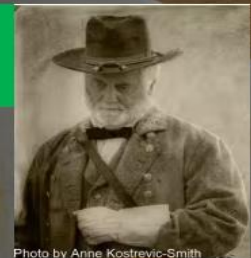


Photo by Anne Kostrevic-Smith

Our very own Lane Smith will be giving us a review of his recent trip to Normandy. You don't want to miss this!

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
May 8 @ 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



May 16, 2025

Only
\$20

**STEAK
NIGHT**

SERVED WITH VEGETABLE! SALAD! DESSERT AND DRINK



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

846 Activities

Our VFW Post has been supporting the Navy Junior ROTC program at Shawnee Mission North High School for the past 20+ years. Commander Martin had the pleasure of presenting our VFW Award to an outstanding cadet.



April Breakfast

Tracy MacClement & Alan Harris presented the 'We Honor Vets' program of Residential Hospice. The program also included the experiences of Susan Howard, the widow of a Vietnam Veteran, who received hospice services facilitated by the KC VA.

Info for the newsletter?
Contact Jonathan Hyde 913.530.0675
jquincyh@aol.com



After the April meeting, Post & Auxiliary members tasted the *Veteran's Choice IPA* at Discourse Brewery. A portion of beer and T-shirt sales are donated to our Post.

**Thank You, Discourse Brewery
for your Support and your
Commitment to Veterans.**

May
Remembrances



SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
				1 	2 10:00 Veteran's Breakfast – [Village Inn 5800 Broadmoor] 5 – 7 pm POST OPEN	3
4	5	6 6:30 pm PTSD Class Lenexa VFW	7	8 5p Auxiliary meeting 6 p Comdr Dinner 7p Post 846 meeting 	9 10:00 Veteran's Breakfast – Village Inn 5 – 7 pm POST OPEN	10 Breakfast 9 - 11 Speaker: Lane Smith will be sharing his experiences on his WWII tour to Normandy, France
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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



LEAWOOD HONORS ALL VETERANS: A LASTING TRIBUTE

The Leawood Foundation is proud to announce the capital campaign to create the Leawood Veterans Memorial, to be located in the courtyard in front of City Hall in Leawood, Kansas.



The memorial will serve as a place for reflection and an educational space, providing opportunities for all ages to learn about America's journey to freedom and the role of all veterans in shaping our nation throughout periods of war and peace. The proposed design created by PLAID Collaborative LLC, will be completely funded by donors like you.

**SCAN TO DONATE
OR LEARN MORE!**



www.leawoodveteransmemorial.org

A kickoff event will take place on **Armed Forces Day, May 17th, from 9:30 to 11:00.** Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 243 will have their Huey helicopter on display for kids (and big kids) to explore, and a Korean War Jeep will be available, as well as a large collection of military items. Coffee and cookies will be served. Address: Leawood, KS, City Hall, 4800 Town Center Drive, Leawood, KS 66211. If you want to donate, please write a check to Leawood Foundation using the same address.

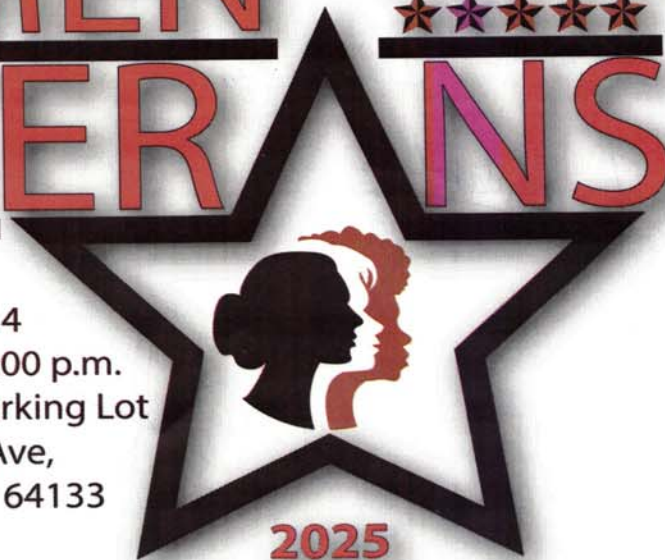
Hope to see you there to celebrate!

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



Scan the code to sign up ↑

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.

Organized by
Women's Health Program

VA



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

Military Suicide Awareness Is a Year Long Focus

2024 Theme: 'We Are Stronger Together'

Commitment continues in 2025.

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.



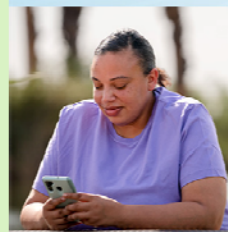
CALL

Dial 988 then Press 1



CHAT

VeteransCrisisLine.net/Chat



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.

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: _____

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 INFORMATION

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

☐ TRANSFER From Post No. _____ to Post No. _____
 Recruiter (please print) _____

QUARTERMASTER: _____

NATIONAL COPY ☐ AMEX ☐ DISCOVER ☐ VISA ☐ MASTERCARD ☐

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

SIGNATURE: _____

TEMPORARY RECEIPT

Received from: _____
 Post No.: _____
 City and State: _____
 Date: _____

Received By: _____ (circle one) CASH CHECK VISA MASTERCARD DISCOVER AMEX

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 0636-3127

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 _____