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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, Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July and 249<sup>th</sup> Birthday United States of America.**

We had a good meeting last month and the new officers have taken on their roles. Our Post gives back to Veterans. Last month we supported one of our post members who was going through a tough time and needed financial support. This year we will be awarding eight (8) scholarships at this next meeting. This is what we do! Always looking out for and supporting Veterans and their families.

This month's **Breakfast** is on **Saturday July 12<sup>th</sup>** from 9 to 11 with a speaker from the KC VA's Whole Health initiative.

**STEAK Night IS BACK** the next steak night is July 18 from 6 to 7:30. We had a good showing at steak night and sold out all the steaks. See enclosed picture of 1LT Lee, US Army from the 9<sup>th</sup> MSC in Fort Shafter Hawaii and Michael at steak night.

Don't forget about Friday Nights: the Post is open from 5 to 7 and dinner is provided, We need host support for future Friday nights in July and August. Please help since it has been the same members for the past few months.

**Commander Martin Fries**

**FROM YOUR AUXILIARY**

DANA PFLUMM, President

Sisters and Brothers—It has been a couple very busy months, and I appreciate those of you who have invested your time to be involved in the service of our veterans.

The **next monthly meeting will be on Thursday, July 10th at 5 pm.** I hope you will stay for the Commander's Dinner at 6. It is a special time when we are all together.

The **Breakfast is on Saturday, June 12th at 9 am.** The speakers are Sheila Roth and Teresa Newton, from the Kansas City VA, who will provide vital information about the importance of Whole Health and the activities that support our ability to maintain our health.

On the 'Remembrances' page [page 4] are the names of Auxiliary members who we lost in the past year. They were recognized at the **Memorial Day Ceremony** at the Johnson County Memorial Gardens, as well.

We have had some interest from Auxiliary and Post members about participating in our **3rd Tuesday outing to visit Veterans at the VA.** Please consider it. The Veterans look forward to our visits.

*God Bless you all.*

*President Dana    913-391-0353*

## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER... LANE SMITH

Keep Norm Hollee, devoted PSTD/Veteran's Benefit counselor, in your prayers as he recovers from hip replacement surgery.

I hope you found safe, meaningful and memorable ways to celebrate the 4th of July with your family and friends. Next year is the 250th Anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

*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, July 25th. 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 July 12, 2025, 9:00 - 11:00 am**

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

**Cost: Donations accepted**

**Sheila Roth & Teresa Newton, from the KCVA will discuss the activities of the VA's Whole Health Program.**

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

**Bring your family and friends, and enjoy a fun morning & a great breakfast. Kids and grandkids are Welcome.**

**VFW POST 846  
MEETING  
2nd Thursday  
July 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

New  
lower  
Price!

July 18, 2025

Only \$15

# STEAK NIGHT

SERVED WITH VEGETABLE/ SALAD/ DESSERT AND DRINK

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

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





## 2025-26 year begins

Officers of Post 846 were sworn in at the June meeting by former Commander Larry Fries.



Special guest 1LT Lee, US Army from the 9<sup>th</sup> MSC in Fort Shafter Hawaii and Michael at steak night.



At the June Breakfast Jeff Barthol, a collector of Military Memorabilia, shared items from his extensive collection. He is also involved with groups that restore and make military vehicles available for public events. A few of our Post members have donated their military items to his collection.

# 846 ACTIVITIES



## Durable Medical Equipment is available through VFW Post 846

Tim Slagle was at a Boulevard Drive-in Swap and Shop, where a woman had a wheelchair for sale for \$20. Tim was not sure he had enough money to purchase everything he needed that day. Tim told the woman he was the Surgeon at the VFW post 846, and we loan out medical equipment to those in need.

When Tim paused, a man came by and said his father had been in the military and when he was sick, a VFW post gave him a wheelchair. Later the family moved to another state, and when this dad got well, the family gave the wheelchair to another VFW post. He was appreciative of the support given to his father, so he volunteered to pay the \$20 for this wheelchair. Tim told the man, "We are just there helping each other and that is what I tell all the vendors."

If you have medical equipment you no longer need including crutches, canes, wheelchair, walker, commodes, or other assistive devices please consider donating them to VFW Post 846.

If you need medical equipment, let us know so we can provide assistance. We are here to help!



# July Remembrances



250th U.S. Army Chaplain  
Corps and Regimental  
Association Ball  
[eventbrite.com](https://eventbrite.com)



National Korean War Veterans Armistice Day | July 27  
#CelebrateEveryDay

These are the VFW 846 Post & Auxiliary members we lost last year and were remembered at the 2025 Memorial Day Remembrance Ceremony.

Bob Bennett	Jeanie Adkins-Peine
Bob Clark	Betty Alpert
Bill Dickinson	Helen Gish
Bob Goodrich	Roberta Horn
Harlan Hook	Constance Kallevig
John Hopkins	Frances Lowden
John Matz	Doris Shugart
Dave Tomlinson	



SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
		1 6:30 pm Veteran's Benefits Class <i>New Location</i> VFW Post 846 10630-B Metcalf Lane Overland Park, KS 66212	2	3	4 	5
6	7	8 6:30 pm Vet's Benefits Class VFW Post 846	9	10 <u>POST MEETING DAY</u> 5 p Auxiliary 6 p Comdr Dinner 7p Post 846 Meeting	11 10:00 Veteran's Breakfast – Village Inn  5-7 pm POST OPEN	12 <u>Breakfast 9 – 11</u> <b>Speaker: Sheila Roth</b> KCVA <b>Whole Health Program</b>
13	14	15 <i>Aux Bingo @ VA Hosp</i> 6:30 pm Vet's Benefits Class VFW Post 846	16	17	18 10:00 Veteran's Breakfast – Village Inn <u>STEAK NIGHT</u> 6 to 7 pm [RSVP by 7/10]	19
20	21	22 6:30 pm Vet's Benefits Class VFW Post 846	23	24	25  5-7 pm POST OPEN	26
27 National Korean War Veteran's Armistice Day 		29  6:30 pm Vet's Benefits Class VFW Post 846	30	31	1	2

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**UPDATE PTSD/Veterans Benefit Program UPDATE**

Brothers and Sisters,

**A message from Mike Martin:** The PTSD Class will be held at Post 846 from now on. Along with this move we are changing the name of the class to Veteran's Benefit Class. Norman Holle, Chuck Golba and I will still be teaching the class on Tuesday evenings at 1830 hrs.

I would like to take this time to thank the Lenexa VFW for hosting our classes for the last five years after we sold our building.

As some of you are aware, Norman Holle fell, he had surgery to replace the ball joint in his hip. Currently he is on the mend. We don't know when he will be returning to class but if you want to call him, his number is 913-856-4310. I'm sure he would love to hear from you.

FYI: If you are not able to attend the Tuesday night class, I am available to meet you at the Post on Wednesday evening. Call me at 913-271-1832 to make an appointment.

Please know we are here to support you.

Michael Martin



**Recruiting NEW members is on-going work. Let's work together to get this done!**

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Overland Park, Ks 66212  
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**PTSD**  
AWARENESS DAY  
**JUNE 27**

## In Honor of PTSD Awareness Day June 27, 2025 We Reprise the Important Information from a 2024 Presentation

The May, 2024 Breakfast featured a talk by Cara Murray, LCSW. 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.



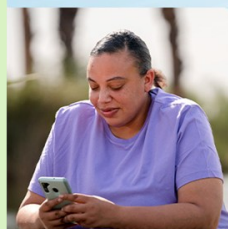
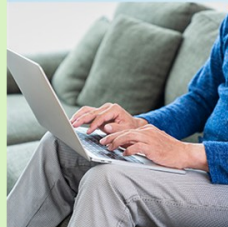
### Veterans Crisis Line:

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.

Veterans and their loved ones can **call 988 and Press 1**, **chat** online, or send a **text message to 838255** to receive confidential crisis intervention and **support 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year.**



**CALL**

**Dial 988 then Press 1**

**CHAT**

**VeteransCrisisLine.net/Chat**

**TEXT**

**838255**



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

**VFW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION** vfw 01/14

NAME FIRST MIDDLE LAST \_\_\_\_\_ FNAME \_\_\_\_\_ 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: \_\_\_\_\_

**CREDIT CARD INFORMATION**

☐ NATIONAL COPY ☐ AMEX ☐ DISCOVER ☐ VISA ☐ MASTERCARD  
 Card No. \_\_\_\_\_ 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**



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 \_\_\_\_\_