

JUNE 2025

# SANTA FE EXPRESS

VFW POST 846 NEWSLETTER

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**COMMANDER's COLUMN**    *Principles Above Personalities*    MARTIN FRIES, Commander

**Comrades of Post 846**, by the time you read this our State Convention will be held, and our new slate of Post Officers will take their positions. .

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

We had several events our post was part of for Memorial Day. I spoke at the Wyandotte Korean and Vietnam Memorial and Chaplain Lane Smith was the guest speaker at the Johnson County Memorial Gardens. Mike Martin and others were at the HyVee in Olathe promoting our Buddy Poppies.

At the Memorial Day event at Johnson County Memorial Gardens, Lane Smith, BJ Cherilus and I are pictured with the Guest of Honor for the event 102 years old WWII Veteran, SFC Jon Martin, 84<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division who went was on Normandy Beach 2 weeks after the initial attack. See photos on page 3.

June's breakfast is Saturday June 14 & **STEAK Night IS BACK** on June 20 from 6 to 7:30.

Don't forget about Friday Nights the post is open from 5 to 7 and dinner is provided for attendees. We will need hosting support for Fridays in June and July. Please help since it has been the same people for the past few months. More support is needed to keep the post open on Friday Night.

**Commander Martin Fries**

## FROM YOUR AUXILIARY

DANA PFLUMM, President

Sisters and Brothers—It has been a busy month and I truly appreciate all the efforts you have made to participate in a variety of activities.

The **next monthly meeting will be on Thursday, June 12th at 5 pm**. I hope you will stay for the Commander's Dinner at 6. It is a special time when we are together.

The **Breakfast is on Saturday, June 14th at 9 am**. The speaker is Jeff Barthel, a military memorabilia collector, so it will be an interesting 'show-and-tell.'

We had a good turn out for our **Buddy Poppy Drive** and want to thank Price Chopper [87th @ Antioch] for their warm welcome and hospitality. A few members did double duty, attending the **Memorial Day Ceremony** at the Johnson County Memorial Gardens, as well. A wonderful event as it is every year.

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.

Pres. Dana    913-391-0353

## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER... LANE SMITH

*Keep Norm Hollee, devoted PSTD counselor, in your prayers as he recovers from hip replacement surgery. We had a wonderful Memorial Day event at Johnson County Memorial Gardens honoring veterans who lost their lives defending our freedom and dedicated to veterans we lost his year.*

*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, June 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 thinking of them.

Chris Anderson. 913.940.1003

## VFW BREAKFAST

**When: Saturday, Jun 14, 2025, 9:00-11:00 a.m.**

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

**Cost: Donations accepted**

**Jeff Barthel will be our speaker. He is a collector of military memorabilia. Bring your pieces from your own collection and compare notes with Jeff.**

**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  
June 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

New  
lower  
Price!

June 20, 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!





## MEMORIAL DAY 2025 @ Johnson County Memorial Gardens

*Sponsored by VFW Post 846 and  
American Legion Post 370*

*Honoring veterans who lost their lives  
defending our freedom and dedicated to  
veterans we lost his year.*



**Guest of Honor 102 year old WW II veteran:  
SFC Jon Martin, 84<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division who  
was on Normandy Beach 2 weeks after the  
initial attack.**







## Memorial Weekend Buddy Poppy Drive



We sincerely thank both of these stores for their on-going support of our periodic fund drives supporting our efforts to serve Veterans.



The Auxiliary took shifts manning the Overland Park Price Chopper store at 87th and Antioch . We met so many generous people and appreciate the store's hospitality.

Mike Martin, Michael Hobbs, Peggy Sullivan & Jon Hyde, manned the Buddy Poppy efforts at the Hy-Vee store, 151 St. and Black Bob in Olathe.

## BINGO for Veterans at the Leavenworth VA



Debbie Winter, Sheryl Gulley and Laura Gulley hosted in May  
The 3rd Tuesday of each month is a special evening for the Veterans at the Leavenworth VA. VFW Post 846 Auxiliary hosts an evening of Bingo with sweet treats as prizes.

We also provide small gifts during special holiday times. Enjoyed by all. The experience is heartfelt and open for participation by all. Come join us.



Dana Pflumm and Deb Winter delivered dog treats to a local shelter in honor of **National K9 Veterans Day.**

# 846 ACTIVITIES

## Honor Flight to Washington DC



On March 27 & 28, Southern Cowley County Kansas Honor Flight took a group of Veterans on a tour of the historic sights in Washington DC. Mike Martin, Joe Arnold and Darryl Shelton were among the veterans participating.. Jagger Jacobs, one of the Guardians is also pictured.

# June Remembrances



**PTSD**  
AWARENESS DAY  
**JUNE 27**



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THE  
COAST GUARD AUXILIARY

**June 23**



**FLAG DAY**  
**JUNE 14**

THE BIRTHDAY OF THE STARS AND STRIPES



**U.S. ARMY**  
**BIRTHDAY**

**JUNE 14**

**D-DAY**

**June 6, 1944**



**Remember & Honor**

HAPPY  
**Father's  
Day**

**Sunday, June 15**





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.



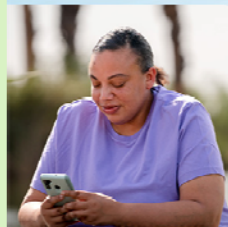
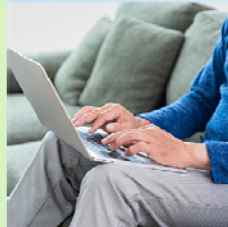
### Veterans Crisis Line:

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

**TEXT**

**838255**



SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
1	2	3 6:30 pm Veteran's Benefits Class <b>New Location</b> VFW Post 846 10630-B Metcalf Lane Overland Park, KS 66212	4	5	6  10am-Veteran's Breakfast <b>5-7 pm POST OPEN</b>	7
8	9	10 6:30 pm Veteran's Benefits Class <b>New Location</b> VFW Post 846 OPKS	11	12 <b>POST MEETING DAY</b> <b>5p Auxiliary meeting</b> <b>6 p Comdr Dinner</b> <b>7p Post 846 meeting</b>	13 10 - Veteran's Breakfast [Village Inn 5800 Broadmoor Mission KS 66202] <b>5-7 pm POST OPEN</b>	14 <b>Breakfast 9 - 11</b> <b>Speaker:</b> Jeff Barthel Military Memorabilia Collector <i>Bring items from your collection to show.</i>
15 	16	17 <b>AUX to VA</b> 6:30 pm Veteran's Benefits Class <b>New Location</b> VFW Post 846 OPKS	18	19	20 <b>POW-MIA Day</b> 10 am Veteran's Breakfast – Village Inn <b>STEAK NIGHT &amp; BINGO</b> <b>6 to 7 pm</b> [RSVP by 6/12] <b>5-7 pm POST OPEN</b>	21
22	23	24 6:30 pm Veteran's Benefits Class <b>New Location</b> VFW Post 846 OPKS	25	26	27 10:00 Veteran's Breakfast Village Inn <b>5-7 pm POST OPEN</b>	28
29	30	1 6:30 pm Veteran's Benefits Class <b>New Location</b> VFW Post 846 OPKS	2	3	4 <b>4<sup>th</sup> of July</b> 10:00 Veteran's Breakfast Village Inn	5

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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.

Buddy Poppy update: Memorial Day Weekend, Peggy Sullivan, Jonathan Hyde, Michael Hobbs and I collected donations for Buddy Poppies at the Hy-Vee store, 151 St. and Black Bob in Olathe. The total collection was \$876.52. Many thanks to the above for taking the time to come out to assist in this worthy cause.

**New Veteran Resource Initiative**

VFW Post 846 member, Joe Arnold has established a registered not-for-profit organization with a 3-part mission.

Phase 1 is underway, developing an on-line resource for veterans in many categories, by national, state and community. Phase 2 development of regular outreach opportunities within the community. Phase 3 is regionalized printed resources for distribution.

See the United States Veteran Charity's Mission and Vision at: [usvetcharity.com](http://usvetcharity.com)

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

**VFW Post 846**

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

Email: [cmdr@vfwpost846ks.org](mailto:cmdr@vfwpost846ks.org)



**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 \_\_\_\_\_ 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

**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 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 \_\_\_\_\_