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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 Post presented eight (8) scholarships last month of \$1,000 each to members of our Post Families for College and Trade School. Next month we will introduce you to our scholarship recipients. In the past five (5) years our post has given away more than \$21,000 for academic scholarships for Veterans and family members of our post Vets.. I am very proud of what we have done for Veterans and with these scholarships you should also be proud.

The next **VFW meeting will be on Thursday, Nov 14 th at 6 pm**, Commanders dinner at 6 pm. This month's **breakfast is on Saturday August 16th**. This months topic is the Indian Wars in Kansas around 1867, after the Civil War..

STEAK Night the next steak night is **August 22 from 6 to 7:30**. New lower price for steak night only \$15. Where can you get a steak cooked to order for \$15 with all the sides. Need to know by Post meeting on August 14 if you are planning on attending so we can have a steak for you.

Don't forget about **Friday Nights, the Post is open from 5 to 7** and dinner is provided for those who attend. We still need support for dates in August and September. Please give help since it has been the same few members hosting in recent months. Let's keep the post open on Friday nights for end of the week socializing.

Commander Martin Fries

FROM YOUR AUXILIARY

DANA PFLUMM, President

Sisters and Brothers— The **next monthly meeting will be on Thursday, August 14 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 **Department School of Instruction is Aug 22-23** in Arkansas City Kansas. These are the recently installed Officers and Committee Chairs for rthe 2025-26 year. Please volunteer and help out when you can. Let's have a **GREAT** year.

President	Dana Pflumm	Americanism	Sheryl Gulley
Sr Vice President	Laura Gulley	Aux. Outreach	Sheryl Gulley
Jr Vice President	Christine Anderson	Buddy Poppy / NH	Dana Pflumm
Secretary	Sheryl Gulley	Extension / Revitalization	Sheryl Gulley
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Chaplain	Joy Winter	Hospital	Christine Anderson
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Trustee #2	Jonathan Hyde	Veterans & Family Spt.	Laura Gulley
Trustee #3	Joy Winter	Youth Activities	Jonathan Hyde
Historian	Laura Gulley	Patriotic Instructor	Sheryl Gulley

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, August 19. 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 - August 16, 2025, 9:00 - 11:00 am

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

Cost: Donations accepted

Dennis Garstang will present 'History of the Indian Wars in Kansas circa 1867, including the Kidder Massacre' that is indirectly related to General George Custer prior to his tenure at Ft. Leavenworth.

Menu: Biscuits and gravy, hash browns, bacon, pancakes, eggs, coffee, juice and more. Plus great company and interesting programs.

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

**VFW POST 846
MEETING
2nd Thursday
August 14th @ 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

August 22, 2025

STEAK NIGHT

Only \$15

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 to reserve your spot!

Volunteer Corner

Share pictures & stories about what you are doing for Veterans or others in our community.



Debbie and Joy Winter knit hats on a regular basis and provide them to a variety of Veteran and community organizations. These were among the hats donated to HUB Argentine, The not-for-profit in KCK provides services connecting individuals and families with clothing and food resources and educational and social programs.

VFW 846 had a special guest at our Steak Night in July.

Reed Houlton has always had an interest in the military, partially due to stories he heard from family members who had served. His mother, Jenni, inquired about visiting with veterans and Commander Fries invited them to our monthly Steak Night.

Reed was very inquisitive and had a great evening talking with veterans. His evening ended when he was presented with our 846 Post coin. Later he told his mother 'it was one of his favorite events in his life.'



August Remembrances



Aug 4 —Coast Guard Day

Aug 29—US Marine Corps Reserve Birthday



Aug 14—Navajo Code Talkers Day

Aug 16 —National Airborne Day

Aug 7—Purple Heart Day



SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
				BE INVOLVED WITH <i>YOUR</i> VFW 846	1 10:00 Veteran's Breakfast – Village Inn [5800 Broadmoor – Mission KS]	2
3	4 	5 6:30 pm Vet's Benefits Class@ VFW Post 846	6	7 	8 10:00 Veteran's Breakfast – Village Inn 5-7 pm POST OPEN	9
10	11	12 6:30 pm Vet's Benefits Class@ VFW Post 846	13	14 5 p Auxiliary Meeting 6 p Comdr Dinner 7p Post 846 Meeting	15 10:00 Veteran's Breakfast – Village Inn 5-7 pm POST OPEN	16 <u>Breakfast 9 – 11</u> Speaker: <i>Dennis Garstang</i> <i>'History of the Indian Wars in Kansas circa 1867.'</i>
17	18	19 Aux Bingo @ Leavenworth VA 6:30 pm Vet's Benefits Class@ VFW Post 846	20	21	22 10:00 Veteran's Breakfast – Village Inn STEAK NIGHT 6 to 7 pm [RSVP by 8/14]	23 <u>Sat-Sun 22-23</u> Department School of Instruction – Arkansas City KS
24	25	26 6:30 pm Vet's Benefits Class@ VFW Post 846	27	28	29 10am – Veteran's Breakfast 5 – 7 pm Post Open 	30
31	1 LABOR DAY	2	3	4	5	6

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.

UPDATE: We are pleased to announce that since the program began 20+ years ago we just passed a significant milestone -

We have now helped guide 1,100 veterans through the process to achieve a 100% Disability rating by the VA.

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

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

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PTSD
AWARENESS DAY
JUNE 27

PTSD Awareness Day Is one day a year... But the issue is a Daily Concern for many!

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

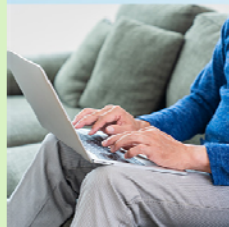
with qualified, caring VA responders through a confidential toll-free hotline, online chat, or text.

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.**



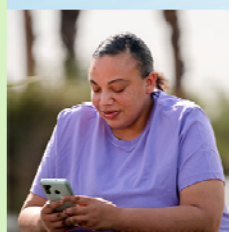
CALL

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

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 0635-3127

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 _____