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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, a few dates to put on your Calendar

** the annual **Eisenhower Vigil** our District 2 time will be OCT 11th from 0300 to 0500. Its early but without our Post help the district does not get a very good showing so please plan on attending if you can.

** **District 2 meeting** will be September 13 at 1000 hours at Lenexa Post. If you are unable to attend please attend the breakfast, Giving your scheduling issues we would prefer you to attend our monthly activities.

** This month's **breakfast is on Saturday September 13th**. We have a great guest speaker presenting on the Chosin Reservoir Campaign in Korea, 1950.

STEAK Night the next steak night is **September 19** 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 September 11th if you are planning to attend so we can have a steak for you.

Don't forget about Friday Nights the post is open from 5 to 7 dinner is provided for people who show up. Please give use help since it has been the same for the past few months supporting keeping the post open on Friday Night.

Commander Martin Fries

FROM YOUR AUXILIARY

DANA PFLUMM, President

Sisters and Brothers— The **next monthly meeting will be on Thursday, September 10 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.

Join as we go to the Leavenworth VA for Bingo with most appreciative Veterans. Every month it is the 3rd Tuesday - in September it is the 16th. We have had more Post members join us, so come along.

Eisenhower Vigil our District 2 time will be OCT 11th from 0300 to 0500. It is always a special ceremony and our Post and Auxiliary have always had good representation. Join us in this moving experience.

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There are lots of ways to be involved with the VFW Post 846 Auxiliary... and serve our Veterans.

God Bless All of You

President Dana

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER... LANE SMITH

This month we remember, the horrors and the heroes of 9/11. Next year, as we celebrate the 250th Anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, we will honor our fallen heroes and those that fought for our independence with special celebratory ceremonies.

*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, September 16. 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 [and anticipating winter needs] 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 - September 13 from 9 to 11 am

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

Cost: Donations accepted

Dr Dan Dudnick will make a presentation about the Chosin Reservoir Campaign in Korea, December of 1950

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
September 11 @ 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

September 13, 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!

VFW Scholarship Program

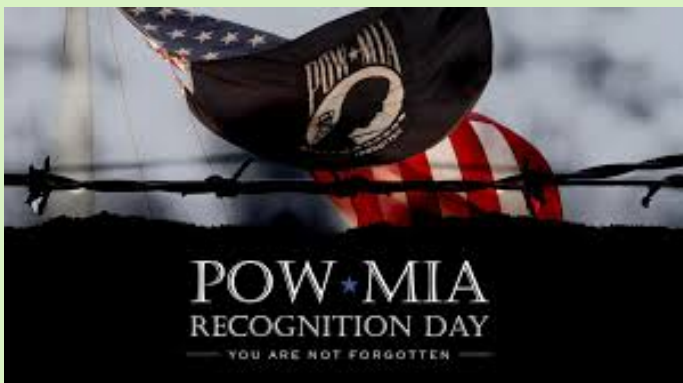
Annually the VFW Post 846 Post awards \$1,000 scholarships to deserving students of VFW members & their families. At a recently held ceremony at the monthly meeting the following were awarded scholarships.

From left to right: Erin Cherilus, Sheldon Cherilus, Celeste Bishop, Luke Fries, Jacob Fries, Dayton Richardson, and Caden Richardson.

The ask about scholarship opportunities contact the VFW Post and the VFW Auxiliary



September Remembrances



SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
	1 	2 	3	4	5 10:00 Veteran's Breakfast – Village Inn 5800 Broadmoor Mission KS 66202 5-7 pm POST OPEN	6
7	8	9 6:30 pm Vet's Benefits Class @ VFW Post 846	10	11 5 p Auxiliary Meeting 6 p Comdr Dinner 7p Post 846 meeting 9/11 Rememberance	12 10:00 Veteran's Breakfast – Village Inn 5-7 pm POST OPEN	13 9 am Breakfast Speaker Dr Dan Dudnick Chosin Reservoir Campaign Korea, 1950
14	15	16 Aux Bingo @ Leavenworth VA 6:30 pm Vet's Benefits Class @ VFW Post 846	17	18  Sept 19	19 10:00 Veteran's Breakfast – Village Inn STEAK NIGHT 6 to 7:30 pm [RSVP by 9/11] 5-7 pm POST OPEN	20
21	22	23 6:30 pm Vet's Benefits Class @ VFW Post 846	24	25	26 10:00 Veteran's Breakfast – Village Inn 5-7 pm POST OPEN	27
28	29 	30 6:30 pm Vet's Benefits Class @ VFW Post 846	31	1	2	3

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



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

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Overland Park, Ks 66212
Post# 913-735-3127
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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.



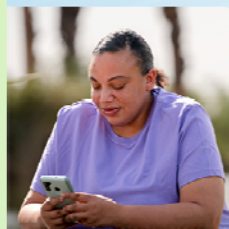
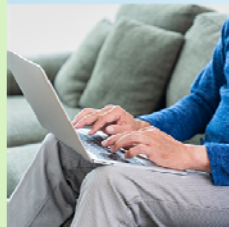
Veterans Crisis Line:

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: _____

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 (please print) _____ DATE _____

QUARTERMASTER: _____

POST NO. _____ FORMER MEMBER ID NO. _____

TRANSFER From Post No. _____ to Post No. _____

RECRUITER (please print) _____ DATE _____

QUARTERMASTER: _____

NATIONAL COPY ☐ AMEX ☐ DISCOVER ☐ VISA ☐ MASTERCARD ☐

AMOUNT: \$ _____

Exp. Date: _____

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 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 _____