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VFW POST 846 NEWSLETTER



COMMANDER'S COLUMN *Principles Above Personalities*

MARTIN FRIES, Commander

Comrades of Post 846. The District 2 meeting was held on January 17, 2026, and I will provide information at our post meeting on Thursday, February 12th at 7 pm.

Due to the weather we will have a POTLUCK night instead of STEAK Night for the months of Feb and March. The post will purchase the main dish, but please bring a dish for everyone to enjoy: about 10 people. The potluck will be held on February 20 from 6 to 7:30. Please RSVP by the Post meeting on 12th if you are planning to attend. Also we will have a sign up at the post, so we don't have duplicate side dishes or desserts.

The Breakfast on the 14th, will have an interesting demonstration of 'quick-draw firing' by JD Bitell.

Don't forget about Friday Nights the post is open from 5 to 7. Dinner is provided for people that attend. Please help by hosting since it has been the same people for the past few months. With your support we can keep the post open on Friday Night for veterans and families to enjoy.

This is your newsletter and if you have something you did please take pictures so we can show what you and our post has been doing to support Veterans. Send write up and pictures to Jonathan Hyde at jhydeVFW846@aol.com or call him at 913.530.0675

Commander Martin Fries

FROM YOUR AUXILIARY

DANA PFLUMM, President

Sisters and Brothers - Don't forget the Auxiliary visits the veterans at Ft. Leavenworth Domiciliary on the third Tuesday, this month on February 17th. A group of auxiliary members met recently to make Valentines for our veterans. Please let us know if you can join us. The Bingo is always fun and the vets really appreciate our visits.

Our meeting is Thursday, February 12th at 5 pm with the Commanders dinner at 6 pm.
Then the Saturday breakfast, February 14th at 9 am.

There will be a Potluck dinner [instead of Steak Night—too cold to cook out] on Friday, February 20th.

Sign up to bring a side dish or desert at the meeting. Cook something up and join the fun.

God Bless you all.

President Dana 913-391-0353

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER... LANE SMITH

*As we move into 2026, this continues to be a time to discover the needs of our Veterans,
and find ways to support them.*

*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, Feb 17.
If you are interested in going with us or helping with the treats we serve, please call me.

We have had a return to blistering cold winter weather We are still 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

***Special Valentine's Day Edition of the
VFW Breakfast***

When: Saturday, February 14, 9:00 am to 11:00 am

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

Cost: Donations accepted

**The speaker is JD Bitell, a fast-draw firing competitor. He will discuss
his experiences as a competitor and demonstrate his skills.**

**Menu: Biscuits & gray, hash browns, pancakes, eggs,
coffee, juice and more.**

Bring your family and friends and enjoy a Great Breakfast and a Great program.

February Steak Night has become a ...

Friday Night Potluck!

Friday, February 20th from 6 to 7:30 pm.

The Post provides the main course;

You provide the sides & deserts

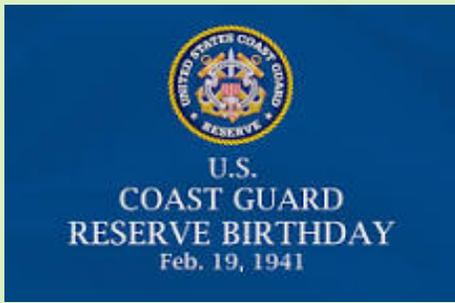
[RSVP & sign-up at the meeting Feb 12]

**VFW POST 846
MEETING
2nd Thursday
Feb 12 @ 7 pm**

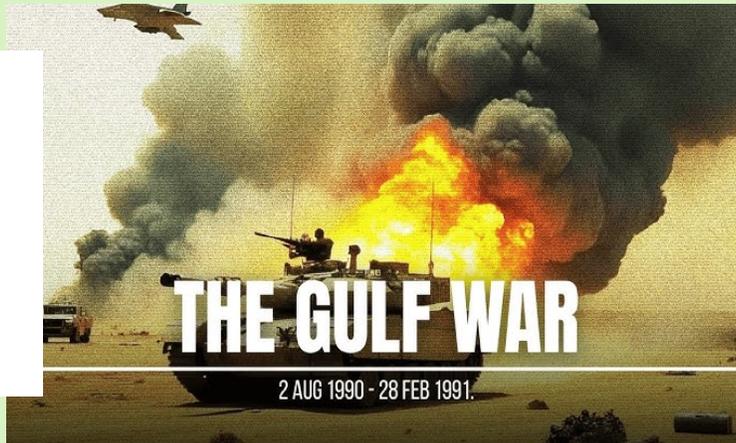
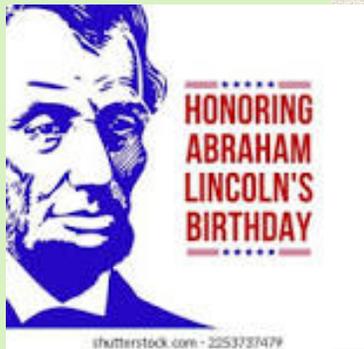
**Auxiliary
Meeting @ 5 pm**

**An informal
dinner @ 6 pm
Feel free to bring a
dessert!
Meetings are fun and**

846 REMEMBERANCES



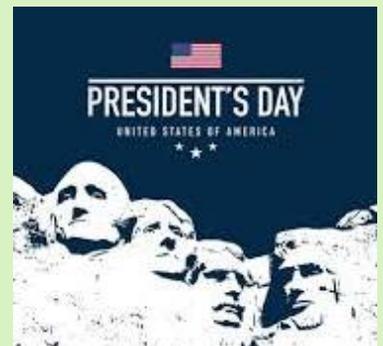
Iwo Jima Flag Raising
February 23, 1945



Army Nurse Corps established
February 2, 1901



USO established February 3, 1943



The Auxiliary's December Bingo trip to the VA Domiciliary in Leavenworth gifts for Veterans of socks with crackers, popcorn, and apple pie with whipped cream! There was a great turn out and fun was had by all. Auxiliary members have made Valentines for the Veterans on our next visit, Tuesday, February 17th. All Auxiliary and Post members are invited to join in the fun.

Follow the activities of the VFW 846 Auxiliary on Facebook including a story about GI Joe Day, February 1, celebrating the introduction of the GI Joe Doll in 1964.

<https://www.facebook.com/p/VFW-Auxiliary-846-Overland-Park-KS-61566390123623/>

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
1	2 	3  6:30 pm Veteran's Benefits Class VFW Post 846	4	5	6 10 a-Veteran's Breakfast Village Inn 5-7 pm POST OPEN	7
8	9	10 6:30 pm Veteran's Benefits Class VFW Post 846	11	12 <u>President Lincoln's Birthday</u> <u>POST MEETING DAY</u> 5p Auxiliary meeting 6 p Comdr Dinner 7p Post 846 meeting	13 10 a -Veteran's Breakfast Village Inn  HAPPY BIRTHDAY MARINE CORPS RESERVE 5-7 pm POST OPEN	14 <u>Valentine's Day</u> <u>Breakfast 9 - 11</u> Speaker: JD Bitell, Fast-draw firing competitor
15	16 	17 <u>AUX Bingo @ VA</u> 6:30 pm Veteran's Benefits Class VFW Post 846	18	19  U.S. COAST GUARD RESERVE BIRTHDAY Feb. 19, 1941	20 10 a -Veteran's Breakfast Village Inn <u>POT LUCK & BINGO</u> 6 to 7 pm [RSVP by 2/12] 5-7 pm POST OPEN	21
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Veterans Benefit Program

Brothers and Sisters,

A message from Mike Martin: The **Veteran's Benefit Class**. We were saddened by the passing of Norman Holle, but inspired by his dedicated service to others. Chuck Golba and I will still be teaching the class on Tuesday evenings at 1830 hrs.

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 and our goal is to help you access Veterans Benefits

Michael Martin

A New Veterans Resource is now available.

Joe Arnold, a member of Post 846, has established a new organization, *US Veteran Charity*, recognized by the IRS as a tax-exempt charitable organization. Its first on-going project is to develop a National Database so veterans can located Veterans organizations that provide support services. It is searchable by State, County and City/Towns across America. More information about the organization and its future projects or to access the database go to www.usvetcharity.org



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

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10630-B Metcalf Lane
Overland Park, Ks 66212
Post# 913-735-3127
Email: cmdr@vfwpost846ks.org

**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 _____ FMAIL _____ DATE OF BIRTH _____

ADDRESS _____ HOME OF RECORD _____ PHONE _____ GENDER: (M) (F) _____

ZIP _____ STATE _____ CITY _____ COUNTEY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____ 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 PW

RECIPIENT: NEW Post No. _____ FORMER MEMBER ID No. _____

TRANSFER From Post No. _____ to Post No. _____
transfer copies with Sec. 117

RECRUITER (please print) _____

QUARTERMASTER: _____

NATIONAL COPY
 AMEX
 DISCOVER
 VISA
 MASTERCARD
 CARD NO. _____
 Exp. Date: ____/____/____
 AMOUNT: \$ _____
 SIGNATURE: _____

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

Membership Application - Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S.

TEMPORARY RECEIPT

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 _____