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VFW POST 846 NEWSLETTER



**COMMANDER'S COLUMN** *Principles Above Personalities*

MARTIN FRIES, Commander

*Comrades of Post 846*, I want you all to pray for our service men and women who are currently in harm's way during this conflict. USA! USA! USA!



We will be having a guest speaker from Kuwait who will be talking with us at the March meeting. Please, let's all attend and have a good turn-out for this guest speaker.



*Due to the weather we will have a potluck night instead of STEAK Night in March.*

The post will purchase the main dish but please bring a dish for everyone to enjoy. When making a dish please make enough for about 10 people. The potluck will be held on March 20 from 6 to 7:30. RSVP by the Post meeting on 12th if you are planning to attend. We want to ensure we have enough of the main dish. Also, we will have a sign up at the post, so we don't have everyone bringing the same side dish or desserts.

Don't forget about Friday Nights, the post is open from 5 to 7 & dinner is provided. Please give us help since it has been the same hosts for the past few months. This is one way you can support the Post and keep the post open on Friday Nights.

**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 March 17th. A group of auxiliary members meets semi-regularly to make small, holiday-themed gifts 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, March 12th at 5 pm with the Commanders dinner at 6 pm.  
Then the Saturday breakfast, March 14th at 9 am.

There will be a Potluck dinner instead of Steak Night—too cold to cook out on Friday, March 20th. Sign up to bring a side dish or desert at the meeting. Cook something up and join the fun.

If you know someone that qualifies to join our Auxiliary, please let us know so we can assist with the application. The NEW Application [revised in January 2026] is included in the newsletter.

*God Bless you all.*

*President Dana 913-391-0353*

**CHAPLAIN'S CORNER...** Lane Smith

Janice Wardlow Barkley, wife of member Jim Barkley, passed away January 14, 2026.

A Memorial service will be held at the Mc Gilley State Line Chapel, 12301 State Line Rd, KCMO at 12:00 noon on March 28th. Condolences may be sent to Jim at the home: 12037 Juniper St, Overland Park, KS 66209. Please keep Jim and his family in your prayers.

**V.A. HOSPITAL REPORT...** ...Christine Anderson, Chairman

We are playing **BINGO** at the domiciliary. We go the third Tuesday of the month. This month, March 17th. If you are interested in going with us or helping with the treats we serve, please call me.

We seem to be half way between Winter and Spring, so 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

## **VFW Breakfast**

**When: Saturday, March 14, 9:00 am to 11:00 am**

**Where: VFW Post 846, 10630B Metcalf Avenue, OP, KS**

**The speaker is Chris Crowley. He was a 'dust-off' pilot in Vietnam with more than 3,000 missions. Chris will be presenting a Patriot Features program.**

**He was recently presented with the Congressional Gold Medal for his service.**

**Menu: Scrambled eggs, biscuits & gray, hash browns, pancakes, bacon, sausage, fruit, dessert, coffee, juice and more.**

**Bring your family and friends and enjoy a Great Breakfast and a Great program.  
Bring the kids and grandkids, too.**

March Steak Night has become a ...

## ***Friday Night Potluck!***

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

**The Post provides the main course;**

**You provide the sides & deserts**

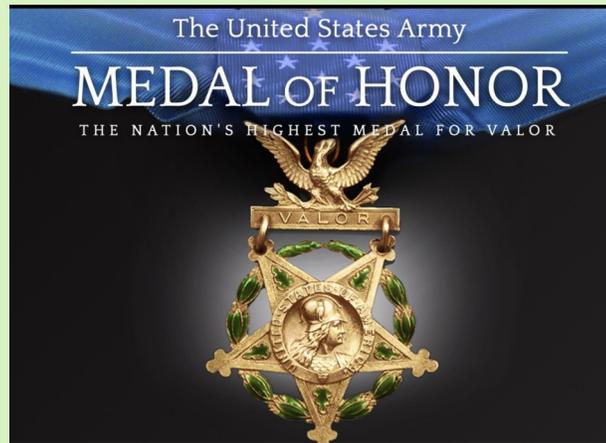
**[RSVP & sign-up for sides at the meeting March 12th]**

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

**Auxiliary  
Meeting @ 5 pm**

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

# 846 REMEMBERANCES



## & RESOURCES



### RESOURCES FOR VETERANS, ACTIVE-DUTY MILITARY AND THEIR FAMILIES

**Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW)**  
816-756-3390  
vfw.org

**Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary (VFW Auxiliary)**  
816-561-8655  
vfwauxiliary.org

**VFW National Home Military & Veteran Family Helpline**  
800-313-4200  
vfwnationalhome.org/get-help

**Veterans Crisis Line**  
Dial 988 then Press 1 or Text 838255  
veteranscrisisline.net

**Military OneSource**  
800-342-9647  
militaryonesource.mil

**U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Benefit Line: 800-827-1000**  
va.gov



**Military.com**  
www.military.com

**Veterans Employment and Training Service**  
866-4-USA-DOL  
(866-487-2365)  
dol.gov/vets

**Center for Women Veterans**  
855-VA-WOMEN  
(855-829-6636)  
va.gov/womenvet

**Military Connection**  
militaryconnection.com

**National Military Family Association**  
703-931-6632  
militaryfamily.org

**National Suicide Prevention Hotline**  
988 or 800-273-8255  
988lifeline.org

**Childhelp National Child Abuse Hotline**  
(800-422-4453)  
childhelphotline.org

**TRICARE®**  
www.tricare.mil

**Assistance for Homeless Veterans**  
877-4AID-VET  
(877-424-3838)  
va.gov/homeless

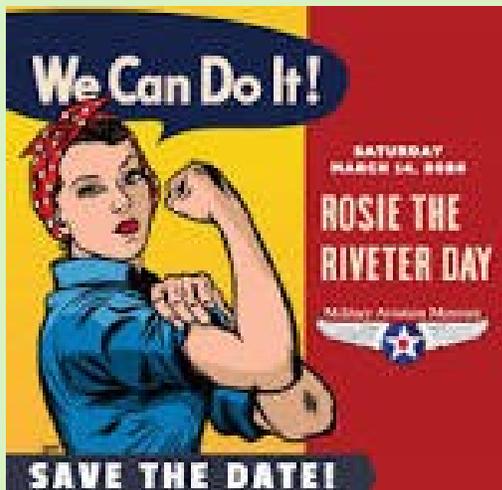
**VA Caregiver Support Line**  
855-260-3274  
caregiver.va.gov

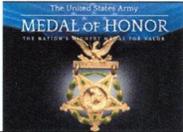
**Make the Connection**  
maketheconnection.net

**National Alliance of Families POW-MIA**  
nationalalliance.org

**National Domestic Violence Hotline**  
800-799-7233  
thehotline.org

**Children-Youth-Teens**  
militaryonesource.mil/  
parenting/children-youth-teens/



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8 	9	10 6:30 pm Veteran's Benefits Class VFW Post 846	11	12 POST MEETING DAY 5p Auxiliary meeting 6 p Comdr Dinner 7p Post 846 meeting [with a Guest speaker from Kuwait]	13 10 a -Veteran's Breakfast  5-7 pm POST OPEN	14 Breakfast 9 - 11 Speaker: Chris Crowley Vietnam 'dust-off' pilot with a Patriot Features program
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### Veterans Benefit Program

A message from Mike Martin: Classes for VA Benefits continue on Tuesday evenings at 1830 hrs. While both Chuck and I have taken a little time off, we worked out the schedule so that one of us is available to be at the post. If you have any personal questions, we do arrive prior to 1800 hrs. and are available to answer personal questions. We also stay after the meeting to answer questions. We prefer that, as opposed to interrupting the class time and prolonging the meeting. On a more interesting note, we are up to 1,109 veterans rated as 100%. Something to think about since most live in the metro area, it helps the local economy. Bring your spouse, they can be a real asset in you getting that 100% award

### 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. It is developing a National Database so veterans can locate Veterans organizations that provide support services. More information about the organization and its future projects or to access the database go to [www.usvetcharity.com](http://www.usvetcharity.com) or connect with them on Facebook.



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 \_\_\_\_\_ COUNCIL \_\_\_\_\_ 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 complete with Sec. 117

RECRUITER (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

QUARTERMASTER: \_\_\_\_\_

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 VISA  
 MASTERCARD  
 M/C 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 935-3127**

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

Please print legibly. An incomplete application could delay your membership start date.

Applicant completes sections A, D or E and H,I. Auxiliaries/Departments complete section B,F,G.

**A** APPLICATION INFORMATION

Name   Female  Male  
 Address  Date of Birth  /  /   
 City  State  ZIP  Phone (  ) -  Email

**B** Auxiliary Post No.  City  State   
 New Member  Transferring Member  Rejoining Member (Prior Member ID Number)   
 Member at Large in Department of   Member at Large - VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters

**C** (Transfer only information)  ANNUAL TRANSFER  LIFE MEMBER TRANSFER  
 Member ID  Previous Auxiliary   Paying  Nonpaying

**D**  POST-AFFILIATED (\*Must be a current member of the VFW Post affiliated with the Auxiliary to which you are applying.)  
 I am the (Relationship)  to (Eligible Veteran\* Name)   
 VFW Membership ID  VFW Post (Must be same as B)

**E**  NON-AFFILIATED (\*Veteran is not a current member of the VFW Post affiliated with the Auxiliary to which you are applying.)  
 I am the (Relationship)  to (Eligible Veteran\* Name)   
 Name of campaign ribbons or medals:   
 Dates of Service:  to  Foreign Location:

**F** Recruited/Recommended by:  Recruiter Member ID   
 Check one: Aux  VFW

**G** Investigating Committee Signatures  
 1   2   3    
 Per Section 102 of the National Bylaws.  Rejected  Accepted Meeting Date  Obligated Date

**H**  Annual Membership  Life Membership  Check here if this is a gift (Membership card will be sent to Treasurer and not member.)  
 Payment Method and Amount: Cash  \_\_\_\_\_ Check  \_\_\_\_\_ Credit Card  \_\_\_\_\_ \*\*\*  
 \*\*\*If paying by credit card, after this application is processed, an email and/or text message will be sent to the contact information provided above for payment. Instructions in the communication for payment must be completed within 30 days or otherwise the application will be voided. If someone other than the applicant above is paying by credit card for the membership, please list your phone number and email address below to receive payment instructions once the membership application has been processed.  
 Phone  Email

**I** 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 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 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   Date   
(Must be signed by all members.)

By filling out this application and providing your contact information, you agree to receive communications from the VFW Auxiliary. The communications may include updates, promotions, and other information related to our services. Communications may be in the form of e-mails, SMS text messages, and/or automated calls. You understand that these communications may be sent using an automated telephone dialer system. Standard message and data rates may apply. You can opt-out at any time by following the instructions provided in the communications. No mobile information will be shared with third parties/affiliates for marketing/promotional purposes.

**LIFE MEMBERSHIP FEES**  
 Life Membership fees are not refundable.  
 Attained age at 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