

May 2026 **Military Appreciation Month**

SANTA FE EXPRESS

VFV POST 846 NEWSLETTER

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

Comrades of Post 846, Comrades, the post-election took place in April, and the following are your Leadership team and congratulations.

Post Commander, Martin Fries
Senior Vice Commander, BJ Cherilus
Junior Vice Commander, Mike Martin
Quartermaster, Eric Bishop
Chaplain, Lane Smith
1-year Trustee, Peggy Sullivan
2-year Trustee, Tony Huddleston
3-year Trustee, Mike Crader

Remember the scholarship applications are due to the post by June's meeting so we can review and have the individuals present for the July post meeting.

Don't forget about Memorial Day on Monday, May 25, 2026. We will be doing Buddy Poppie's at Hy-Vee at 151st Street. This helps with our scholarships and helps veterans. Contact Mike Martin for more information about helping out.

We will also be doing our Memorial Day event at Johnson County Memorial Gardens. More to follow at the post meeting.

STEAK night is back the next one will be May 22 from 6 to 7:30. Cost is \$20 please let us know by the meeting if you will be attending.

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

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

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.

FROM YOUR AUXILIARY

Nothing submitted this month.

DANA PFLUMM, President

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER... Lane Smith

Nothing submitted this month.

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

Nothing submitted this month.

Veterans Benefit Program: Mike Martin - Update on the Tuesday evening PTSD class that Chuck Golba and I have at the Post. This class was started by Norman Holle and to date we are at 1110 veterans who have received 100% from the VA through these classes. Interested, then join us on a Tuesday evening @ 1830 hours , you might learn something.

VFW Breakfast

When: Saturday, May 16th, 9:00 am to 11:00 am

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

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.

Friday Night Steak Night!

Friday, MAY 22nd from 6 to 7:30 pm.

[RSVP & sign-up for sides at the meeting May 14th]

**VFW POST 846
MEETING
2nd Thursday
May 14th @ 7 pm**

**Auxiliary
Meeting @ 5 pm**

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

May 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 5-7 PM Post Open	2
3	4	5	6	7	8 5-7 PM Post Open	9
10	11	12	13	14 POST MEETING Auxiliary 5-6 PM Cmdrs Dinner 6-7 PM Post Meeting 7 PM	15 5-7 PM Post Open	16 Post Breakfast 9-11 AM
17	18	19	20	21	22 Post Steak Night 6-8 PM	23
24	25 Memorial Day	26	27	28	29 5-7 PM Post Open	30
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A message from Mike Martin:

Commander Fries has asked me to lead the post on Buddy Poppy Collections and I have accepted. Funds collected from the VFW are used for those veterans who are in need of financial support, who have fallen on hard times as well as it funds the Scholarships we present to children of member veterans. This past year we have donated more money for these causes than the Kansas State VFW. We should be very proud of this. Locations in Overland Park and Olathe can be approached to collect these donations. Pick your location and time and approach the business prior to the holiday period and receive permission to set up at the entrance. If you can, please wear some clothing that identifies you as a veteran and be prepared to answer any question that the public may ask about what the money is used for.

There are some containers at the post for these collections. The poppies have been ordered and should be at the post in time for our meeting. You are free to make your own collection container, but it would be a good idea to have some language that it is for the VFW. The Auxiliary also does collections, and the money collected is for the use of the auxiliary.

The holidays we do collections are Memorial Day weekend, July 4; Labor Day weekend; and Veterans Day are the days I personally collect and on the 3 day weekends I do every day normally 0800 -1200 but you pick a time that is comfortable for your schedule. Maybe you do an hour or so in the afternoon after someone has done a couple hours in the morning. Good luck and thanks for all that you can do. Call me if you have any questions.

Mike Martin 913-271-1832

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 or connect with them on Facebook.

Recruiting NEW members is on-going

VFW Post 846
 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 _____ 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. 107
 RECRUITER (please print) _____
DATE _____ RECIPIENT'S _____

QUARTERMASTER: _____

NATIONAL COPY AMEX
 DISCOVER
 VISA
 MASTERCARD
 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 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