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VFW POST 846 NEWSLETTER



**COMMANDER's COLUMN** *Principles Above Personalities*

MARTIN FRIES, Commander

*Comrades of Post 846,*

*Comrades, hope you all had a great 250th Birthday Celebration for our great Nation. The Post did our Buddy Poppie event at Hy-Vee during the 4th of July weekend. Thank you to Jr. Vice Mike Martin for taking the lead on this event. This helps with our scholarships and helps veterans.*

*Remember the Monthly breakfast is on summer break but we still have steak night.*

**STEAK night is back the next one will be July 17 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 f 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.*

*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*

*Martin Fries, Post Commander*

## FROM YOUR AUXILIARY

DANA PFLUMM, President

Greetings Auxiliary Members:Welcome to July!

*God Bless you all.*

*President Dana 913-391-0353*

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER... Lane Smith

I am not aware of any health issues among our membership. Therefore, I would like to bless you with this verse from God's Word:

'Commit your way to the Lord, Trust also in Him, and He will do it. He will bring forth your righteousness as the light And your judgment as the noonday. '

Psalms 37:5-6 NASB1995

**The VFW District Meeting was held at our post on Saturday, June 20 at 10:00. Thank you for those of our post that provided a great representation of the post. The District Cdr gave us an update on the recent Department conference.**

### **VFW Breakfast**

**Our monthly breakfasts will be taking a break during the summer months. There will NOT be any breakfasts during June, July and August. Plan to attend in September**

### **July Steak Night**

**Friday, July 17th  
6 to 7:30 pm.  
RSVP Required**

**[RSVP in person, 913-735-3127 or  
vfwpost846opks@gmail.com  
NLT the meeting June 11]**

**VFW POST 846 MEETING  
2nd Thursday July 9 @ 7 pm**

**Auxiliary Meeting @ 5 pm**

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

***You're involvement is  
the key to success!***

### **INDEPENDENCE DAY BUDDY POPPY DISTRIBUTION**

**Once again, some of our great members were out distributing Buddy Poppies over the 4th of July weekend. They raised over \$1500 These donations allow us to continue to give back to veterans in many way.**

**We still have a few T-Shirts from when the Discourse Brewery sold Veteran's Choice Beer. Contact us if you are interested in purchasing one.**

# Chuckle Time

A photographer was tragically killed when a massive block of cheddar fell on him.

In all fairness, the people he was photographing tried to warn him.

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Why shouldn't you fund raise for marathons? They just take the money and run.

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When I see the names of lovers engraved on a tree, I don't find it cute or romantic.

I find it weird how many people take knives with them on dates.

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The American Déjà Vu Society were going to hold their annual convention in Chicago, until they realized they'd been there before.

**Military Trivia: What is the primary job of the military?  
To Support and Defend the Constitution.**

## Brain Work Out

1. The water level in a reservoir is low but doubles every day. It takes exactly 60 days for the reservoir to become completely full. How many days does it take for the reservoir to become exactly half full?
2. Six identical glasses are placed in a row on the table – first three filled with water, and then three empty ones. Can you move just one glass, so that empty and full glasses alternate?
3. A mute person enters the pharmacy and decides to buy a toothbrush. He imitates the movements of brushing his teeth and thus successfully explains what he needs. After him a blind person enters the pharmacy, looking for toothpaste. What does he do?
4. Suppose I show you two ancient coins. The first one is dated 51 B.C., the second one is marked George I. Which one is counterfeit?

# 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/




### Disable Veteran Tax Exemption

Beginning 1 July 2026, disabled veterans and surviving spouses of eligible veterans may qualify for a sales tax exemption. To learn more, go to [www.ksrevenue.gov/vetsalexempt.html](http://www.ksrevenue.gov/vetsalexempt.html)



### 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.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28	29	30	1	2	3	4
<h1><u>JULY 2026</u></h1>					Independence Day 17:00 - Post Open	America's 250th Independence Day 
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
		18:30 - Benefit Class		17:00 - Auxillary 18:15 - Cmndr's Dinner 19:00 - Post Meeting 	17:00 - Post Open	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
		18:30 - Benefit Class			17:00 - Post Open 18:00 - Post 846 Steak 	11:30 - Department
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	News Letter Input Due	18:30 - Benefit Class 19:00 - Auxillary Bingo			17:00 - Post Open	VFW National
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
VFW National Convention @ Reno, NV, USA					17:00 - Post Open	
	National Korean War	National Buffalo 18:30 - Benefit Class	Army Chaplain Corps			

### Veterans Benefit Program

Veteran's Benefits class continues to be held on Tuesday evening at 6:30pm.

Mike Martin                  Chuck Golba  
913-271-1832                  913-915-6093

### Brain work out answers

- 59 days. Because the water level doubles every day, the reservoir would be half full exactly one day before it is completely full.
- Take the second full glass, pour all the water into the second empty glass, and then put it back in its place.
- He simply says "I need toothpaste". He is blind, not mute.
- Both of them. People who lived 51 years before Christ didn't know about Jesus yet. When King George I was ruling, he was the first king with this name, and so he was just called George.



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  
Www.vfwpost846ks.org  
913-735-3127 vfwpost846opks@gmail.com

**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 \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ SSN (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

BRANCH OF SERVICE:  ARMY  NAVY  AIR FORCE  MARINES  COAST GUARD  
 DATES OF SERVICE: \_\_\_\_\_

MEMBERSHIP TYPE (choose one)

**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

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) \_\_\_\_\_

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

Payment Method:  NATIONAL COPY  AMEX  DISCOVER  VISA  MASTERCARD

AMOUNT: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_  
 SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

Received from \_\_\_\_\_  
 Received By: \_\_\_\_\_ (card only) CASH CHECK VISA MASTERCARD DISCOVER AMEX  
 City and State \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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 735-3127**

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

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