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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, .

Our next meeting is on 10 October, dinner at 6PM followed by our Post Meeting at 7pm.

The Eisenhower Vigil will be Oct 11 in Abilene Kansas and District 2 time will be from 7-9 PM. We need to have a good showing like our post always does. Last Year your Post and Axillary had the most people stand vigil for our District. Lets show them again by having the most stand vigil this year. You will only have to stand a few minutes at a time and you will also receive the 5 Star Pin for this honor.

I want to say sorry for the September steak night. The refrigerator lost power and the steaks and food was spoiled . If you come into the post, please make sure not to overload the electrical plugs, it pops the breakers . When you leave, please check to make sure the refrigerator has power.

We will have the monthly breakfast on the 12th—after the Vigil. Our Steak Night will be Friday 18 OCT from 6 to 7:30 PM. If you would like to attend, please let us know so we can have a steak for you. We are getting thicker steaks now and they were well received in August.. And don't forget about Friday Nights—the post is open from 4 to 8 dinner is provided for people who show up.

FROM YOUR AUXILIARY

DANA PFLUMM, President

Sisters and Brothers -

October is always a special month because we honor Dwight Eisenhower. The **Eisenhower Vigil this year will be on Friday, October 11th.** The District 2 VFW Posts and Auxiliaries have been assigned the 7 to 9 PM time slot. Not only is this a solemn event, for many it is a personal, moving experience. The camaraderie among VFW members from across the state is wonderful to see.

The monthly Auxiliary meeting will be on Thursday, October 10 at 5 p.m. The Commander's dinner follows at 6.

The monthly Breakfast is on Saturday the 12th at 9 am. Don't forget the Steak Dinner Friday, October 18 from 6 to 7 pm. Member involvement makes the Auxiliary viable. See you soon.

The **VA Hospital visit in Leavenworth is Tuesday, October 15th.** Join us if you can... its FUN! And appreciated by our Veterans.

God Bless You All!

Pres. Dana 913-391-0353

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER... LANE SMITH

This month, as we do every October, we celebrate the life and leadership of **Dwight Eisenhower** with an **Overnight Vigil** at his grave in Abilene, Kansas.

This is an annual tradition on his birthday, October 11.

*** Also, Please remember those of our military who are deployed. ***

Saturday, October 26 is the National Day of the Deployed.

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

We are playing **BINGO** at the domiciliary. We go the third Tuesday of the month. This month, October 15. If you are interested in going with us or helping with the treats we serve, please call me.

With winter approaching, we are collecting winter clothes, jackets, clothes and sweatshirts, etc. for Fort Leavenworth and Annie's Closet and 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 generosity.

Chris Anderson. 913.940.1003

VFWS BREAKFAST

When: Saturday, October 12, 2024, 9:00-11:00 a.m.

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

Cost: Donations accepted

We are honored to have Jeff Loeb come and share his Vietnam Story. Come and enjoy!

Menu: Biscuits and gravy, breakfast casserole, bacon, pancakes, waffles, coffee, juice

Bring your family and friends and enjoy a fun, great breakfast! Bring the kids and grandkids!

**VFWS POST 846
MEETING
2nd Thursday
October 10th @ 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

Oct 18, 2024

Only
\$20

**STEAK
NIGHT**

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!



Auxiliary member Ruth Ann recently presented an 'Americanism Certificate' to a community member for his yard display remembering and thanking veterans.



Saturday,
October 26th, 2024

'National Day of the Deployed'

If you have something of interest to share in the newsletter, please take pictures and send the information to Jonathan Hyde at jquincyh@aol.com or at 913.530.0675.



October
Remembrances

Eisenhower Vigil



SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
		1 6:30 pm PTSD Class [9550 Pflumm Rd, Lenexa KS 66215]	2	3	4 10:00 Veteran's Breakfast – Village Inn [5800 Broadmoor Mission KS 66202] 4-8 pm POST OPEN	5
6	7	8 6:30 pm PTSD Class @ Lenexa VFW	9	10 5 p Auxiliary Meeting [4 pm Audit] 6 p Comdr Dinner 7p Post 846 Meeting	11 <i>Eisenhower Vigil Abilene, KS</i> Post 846 Stands Vigil from 7 to 9 PM	12 <u>Breakfast 9 – 11</u> Speaker: Jeff Loeb shares his experience in
13 	14	15 <i>Aux Bingo @ VA Hosp</i> 6:30 pm PTSD Class @ Lenexa VFW	16	17	18 10:00 Veteran's Breakfast – Village Inn <u>STEAK NIGHT</u> <u>6 to 7 pm</u> [RSVP by 10/10] 4-8 pm POST OPEN	19 Department School of Instruction Aug 16-18 @ Russell
20	21	22 6:30 pm PTSD Class @ Lenexa VFW	23	24	25 10:00 Veteran's Breakfast – Village Inn 4-8 pm POST OPEN	26 District 2 School of Instruction 
27	28	29 6:30 pm PTSD Class @ Lenexa VFW	30	31 		

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**The 846 Auxiliary has a
*NEW Facebook Page.***

Laura Gulley, our Facebook editor, has reported that our original Auxiliary Facebook page was shut down due to an 'unknown to us' Violation of the Facebook Community Standards.

Find the new site at:

'VFW Auxiliary 846 Overland Park, KS'

<https://www.facebook.com/search/top?q=vfw%20auxiliary%20846%20overland%20park%20ks>

**Now is the time to
Recruit NEW members to
VFW 846 Post and the
Auxiliary. Let's work
together to get this done!**

Contact Us at:

VFW Post 846

10630-B Metcalf Lane
Overland Park, Ks 66212
Post# 913-735-3127

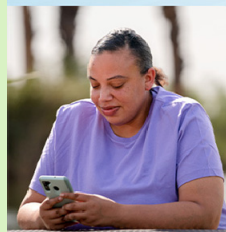
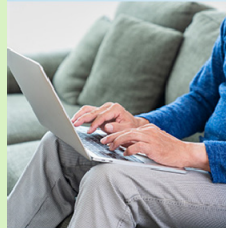
vfwpost846opks@gmail.com

September is Military Suicide Awareness Month

2024 Theme: 'We Are Stronger Together'

This summer we were honored to have Cara Murray, LCSW, a guest and presenter at our monthly Breakfast. 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 and the daily work of her team of health care professionals.



CALL

Dial 988 then Press 1

CHAT

VeteransCrisisLine.net/Chat

TEXT

838255



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.

And it is easy to access
24 hours a day,
7 days a week,
365 days a year.

Veterans and their loved ones can

call 988 and Press 1,

chat online, or

text a message to 838255

to receive confidential crisis intervention and support.

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 _____ COUNCIL _____ 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

RECRUITER (please print) _____

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 AMEX
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 Exp. Date: ____/____/____ AMOUNT: \$ _____
 SIGNATURE: _____

Received from _____
 Received By: _____
 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 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 _____