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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, we had a lot of events in November, and I hope you all had a great Thanksgiving. Now we are looking forward to Christmas.

- * We had a great Veterans Day celebration at Chicken N Pickle in Overland Park, KS. They are donating 10% of all proceeds that day to our Post. See the photo of all who attended. (See Photo)
- * Also want to thank Mike Martin on the Buddy Poppy drive at HY-Vee in Olathe. That day he was able to raise over \$300 dollars for our Veterans Relief fund.
- * At our Post Meeting in November, we had SSGT Stephen Lamb from the New Zealand Army give us a country brief. (See Photo)

Our next meeting is on 12 December, dinner at 6PM followed by our Post Meeting at 7pm.

December breakfast is Saturday, 14 December at 9 am.

***** Our Christmas Dinner/Party will be Friday 13 December from 6 to 7:30 pm. It is a Prime Rib dinner with Christmas Carols and Bingo for Gift cards. If you would like to attend, please let us know so we can have a enough Prime Rib. Cost is still \$20. You must RSVP: call 913.735.3127 or e-mail vfwpost846opks@gmail.com.**

Don't forget about Friday Nights -the post is open from 4 to 8; dinner provided for those who stop by.
Martin Fries, Post Commander

FROM YOUR AUXILIARY

DANA PFLUMM, President

Sisters and Brothers—We had a busy and fulfilling November with multiple activities. A special thanks to those who assisted with the Buddy Poppy Drive at HY-Vee.

The monthly **Auxiliary meeting will be on Thursday, December 12 at 5 p.m.** The Commander's dinner follows at 6. The monthly **Breakfast is on Saturday the 14th at 9 am.**

This year our annual Christmas Holiday Party will be held in conjunction with the Post's Prime Rib dinner on Friday, December 13th—6 to 7:30 pm. As in past years, Music, Caroling, themed activities and a good time had by all. You must RSVP, see info box on page 2.

The VA Hospital visit in Leavenworth is Tuesday, December 17. Join us if you can... its FUN! And appreciated by our Veterans

Have a Happy Holiday & God Bless You All in the New Year.

President Dana 913.391.0353

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER... LANE SMITH

Continued prayers for the recovery of Kim Bishop. Wishing all of you the most healthy and happy holiday season. Please especially remember those of our military brothers & sisters who are 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, December 17th. If you are interested in going with us or helping with the treats we serve, please call me.

With winter upon us, 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



Post Christmas Party and Prime Rib Dinner

Only
\$20

December 13, 2024, 6:00-7:30pm

SERVED WITH VEGETABLE/ SALAD/ DESSERT AND DRINK

Reservations Required

Reservations required. Call 913-735-3127 or email vfwpost846opks@gmail.com to reserve your spot!

VFW POST 846 MEETING 2nd Thursday DECEMBER 12 @ 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!

VFW BREAKFAST

When: Saturday, Dec 14, 2024, 9:00-11:00 a.m.

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

Cost: Donations accepted

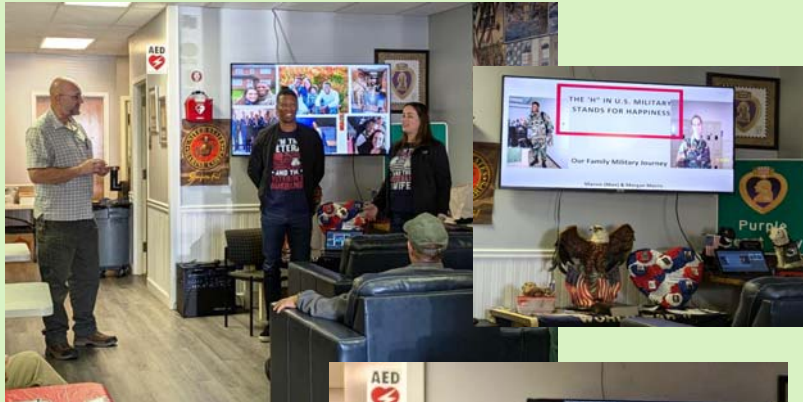
Mrs BJ Trivett, from Jackson Hewett, will be the speaker. Mrs Trivett provides tax related services and update us on tax laws specific to Veterans and Active Duty. Please come and learn how you can possibly save money on your tax bill

Menu: Biscuits and gravy, hash browns, bacon, pancakes, eggs, coffee, juice and more

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

Veteran's Day Events

For the second year, **Chicken N' Pickle** at 5901 W 135th Street hosted a Veteran's Day program and fund raiser for Post 846. The event included singing the National Anthem, flag raising ceremony, a POW/MIA missing man table, a wonderful lunch and we spoke about veterans and Veteran's Day. They were presented with a Certificate of Appreciation and a thank you letter for the great job they did on their Veteran's Day ceremony.



November Guests...

Morgan Morris, a counselor at the Veteran's Center in KC, spoke about her family's military journey at the monthly breakfast.

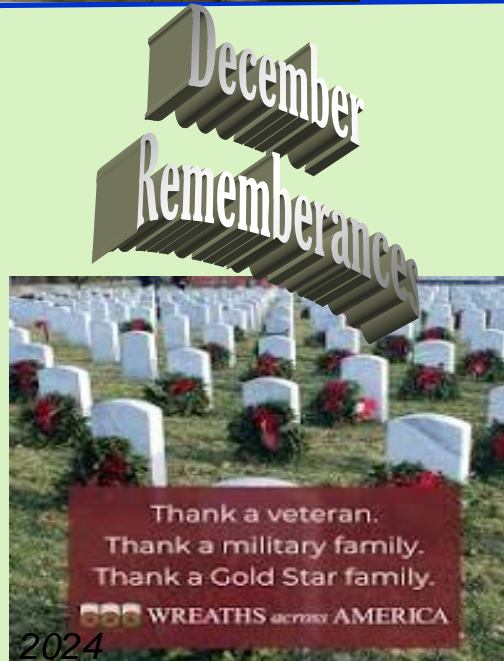
SSGT Stephen Lamb spoke at the Post meeting about his experiences in the New Zealand Army.



The Auxiliary held its annual Veterans Day Buddy Poppy drive at **Hy-Vee** at Antioch and 87th Street. Five members took turns for five hours greeting shoppers, talking about Poppies, trying to recruit new members, and raising funds to continue to help veterans.



Friday, December 13



Wednesday, December 18, 2024



SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
1	2	3 6:30 pm PTSD Class [9550 Pflumm Rd, Lenexa KS 66215]	4	5	6 10:00 Veteran's Breakfast – [Village Inn 5800 Broadmoor Mission KS 66202] 4-8 pm POST OPEN	7 
8	9	10 6:30 pm PTSD Class Lenexa VFW	11	12 5p Auxiliary meeting 6 p Comdr Dinner 7p Post 846 meeting	13 Post & Auxiliary Christmas Party & Prime Rib Dinner 6 to 7:30 pm Please RSVP US National Guard Birthday	14 Breakfast 9 - 11 Speaker: Mrs. B J Trivett, of Jackson Hewett will discuss military related tax laws.
15	16	17 AUX to VA 6:30 pm PTSD Class Lenexa VFW	18 	19	20 10:00 Veteran's Breakfast – Village Inn 4-8 pm POST OPEN	21
22	23	24 6:30 pm PTSD Class Lenexa VFW	25 	26	27 10:00 Veteran's Breakfast – Village Inn 4-8 pm POST OPEN	28
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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>

It is a GREAT source of VFW news!!

If You Need Help...

If you need help with filing with the VA, I am available on Wednesday evenings at the Post at 6:30pm to assist you. A great source of information, if you are on Facebook, is VA Disability Service.

This site is staffed by several Accredited Veteran Service Officers.

This site is a "No commenting site only the original poster and the administrator team may comment. I have seen that spouses of the veteran have sent in questions, and they are answered as well. Best of luck with your compensation claims and benefits you have earned by your military service.

Mike Martin
Post Resource Officer

Military Suicide Awareness Is a Year Long Focus

2024 Theme: 'We Are Stronger Together'

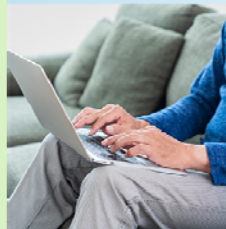
This summer we were honored to have Cara Murray, LCSW, a guest and presenter at our monthly Breakfast. She is the Suicide Prevention Coordinator at the Kansas City VA Medical Center.

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.



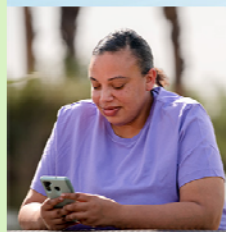
CALL

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 _____ 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

RECRUITER (please print) _____

QUARTERMASTER: _____

RECEIVED BY: _____ CASH CHECK VISA MASTERCARD DISCOVER AMEX

AMOUNT: \$ _____

EXP. DATE: _____ / _____ / _____

SIGNATURE: _____

Received from _____
 Received By: _____
 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 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 _____