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VFW POST 846 NEWSLETTER

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*Wishing You a
Happy, Healthy
& Prosperous 2025*

VFW Post 846

MARTIN FRIES

COMMANDER

DANA PFLUMM

AUXILIARY PRESIDENT

*When you are making New Year's Resolutions
for you and your family,
Resolve to continue Helping Veterans &
Participating in Post Events & Activities in 2025!*

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER... LANE SMITH

Wishing all of you the most healthy and happy holiday season. Please especially remember those 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, January 21st. 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

**VFW POST 846 &
AUXILIARY ACTIVITIES
FOR JANUARY 2025**

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| Thurs Jan 9 | 5 pm | Auxiliary Meeting |
| | 6 pm | Commanders Dinner |
| | 7 pm | Post meeting |
| Fri—Sun Jan 10-12 | | VFW/Aux Mid-Winter Mtng
Salina |
| Sat Jan 11 | 9 am | Breakfast |
| | 10 am | Speaker |
| Fri Jan 17 | | CAMCE;LED-Steak Night |
| Sat Jan 18 | | Aux District Coffee Tour |
| Tues Jan 21 | | Aux Bingo @ Leavenworth VA |

VFW BREAKFAST

Saturday, Jan 11, 9 11 am
VFW Post 846, 10630B Metcalf Ave
Cost: Donations accepted

Guest Speaker

Jim Thornton, Commander
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

*Will make a unique presentation about
Missouri's involvement in the American
Revolutionary War.*

*Invite your family and friends to join the
fun and enjoy a wonderful breakfast of
biscuits & gravy, pancakes, bacon, &
eggs, hash browns, coffee & juice
and more.*

February Speaker: a crewman from the USS Pueblo
that was captured by the North Koreans in 1969.



It's a
GREAT year
to be involved!



SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
New Year!	New Opportunities	To Serve Veterans!	 1	2	3 10:00 Veteran's Breakfast – Village Inn [5800 Broadmoor Mission KS 66202]	4
5	6	7 6:30 pm PTSD Class [9550 Pflumm Rd, Lenexa KS 66215]	8	9 5 p Auxiliary Meeting 6 p Comdr Dinner 7p Post 846 Meeting	10 10:00 Veteran's Breakfast – Village Inn Mid-Winter Meetings – Jan 10-12 in Salina 5 to 7pm POST OPEN [Note new hours]	11 9 – 11 am Breakfast Speaker: Jim Thornton, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. <i>Missouri and the American Revolution.</i>
12 Mid-Winter Meetings - Salina	13	14 6:30 pm PTSD Class @ Lenexa VFW	15	16	17 10:00 Veteran's Breakfast – Village Inn Steak Night CANCELLED 5 to 7 pm POST OPEN	18 10 am District 2 Coffee Tour Lenexa VFW
19	20 	21 Aux Bingo @ Leavenworth VA 6:30 pm PTSD Class @ Lenexa VFW	22	23	24 10:00 Veteran's Breakfast – Village Inn 5 to 7 pm POST OPEN	25
26	27 	28 6:30 pm PTSD Class @ Lenexa VFW	29	30	31 10:00 Veteran's Breakfast – Village Inn 5 to 7 pm POST OPEN	BE INVOLVED WITH YOUR VFW Post 846 LOTS OF OPPORTUNITIES

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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. She has developed a new site with great, up-to-date information. Find the new Facebook site at: 'VFW Auxiliary 846 Overland Park, KS' 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'

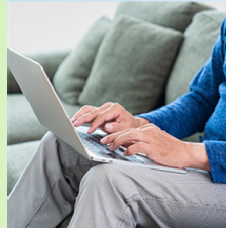
This summer we were honored to have Cara Murray, LCSW, a guest and presenter at our monthly Breakfast. She is the Suicide Prevention Coordinator at the Kansas City VA Medical Center.

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.



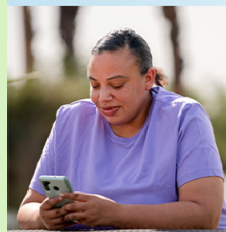
CALL

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

NATIONAL COPY AMEX DISCOVER VISA MASTERCARD

AMOUNT: \$ _____

Exp. Date: _____ / _____

SIGNATURE: _____

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.

Received from _____
 Post No. _____
 City and State _____
 Date: _____

Membership Application - Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S.

RECEIVED BY: _____ CASH CHECK VISA MASTERCARD DISCOVER AMEX

**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 _____