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**VFW POST 846 NEWSLETTER** 

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# COMMANDER'S COLUMN Principles Above Personalities MARTIN FRIES, Commander

<u>Comrades of Post 846</u>. Thanks to all of our members who are supporting our monthly events. This month our VFW meeting on 13 February will have a special guest. <u>MAJ Andris Locmelis</u> from the **Republic of Latvia** who will give his country brief. <u>Latvia</u> is a country in the Baltic region of Northern Europe

and was a former Soviet Block country.



<u>Our next meeting is on</u> <u>13 FEBRUARY, dinner at 6PM</u> followed by meeting at 7pm.

The <u>Breakfast speaker on Saturday 15 FEB is Steve Woelk</u>. He was a crewman aboard the USS Pueblo, captured by North Korea in 1968. All the crewmen were held captive for 11 months.

<u>3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Chili Cook-Off</u> will take place on Friday, FEB 21 from 6-7 PM. Please bring your best Chili to see if you can take the award away from me. All are invited to participate: Cook and/or enjoy delicious chili.

<u>Don't forget about Friday Nights</u> the post is open from 5 to 7. Dinner is provided for those who stop by. We are also looking for hosts—only 2 hours —if you would like to volunteer.

## **Commander Martin Fries**

# FROM YOUR AUXILIARY

## DANA PFLUMM, President

The monthly <u>Auxiliary meeting will be on Thursday February 13th at 5 p.m</u>. Come to the meeting to be involved and stay for The Commander's dinner that follows at 6. Special Note: The Audit Committee will meet at 4 pm to complete the quarterly reporting obligation.

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The monthly **<u>Breakfast is on Saturday February 15th at 9 am</u></u>. The program topics and guest speakers have been very interesting. Come join us for an educational & fun social event.** 

<u>On Friday February 21 the Post will sponsor the 3rd Annual Chili Cook-Off.</u> Whether you want to enter your Chili, or just want to sample & judge... All are welcome.

The VA Hospital visit is Tuesday, February 18. Join us if you can... its FUN!

In 2025 the Post & Auxiliary are focusing on increasing Membership & Participation. Invite potential members and community members to our wonderful events.

God Bless You All!

#### CHAPLAIN'S CORNER... LANE SMITH

This month, on February 3rd, we celebrate Four Chaplains Day, honoring the four chaplains who lost their lives aboard the troop ship SS Dorchester, when it was sunk by a German U-boat in 1943. See story in this newsletter.

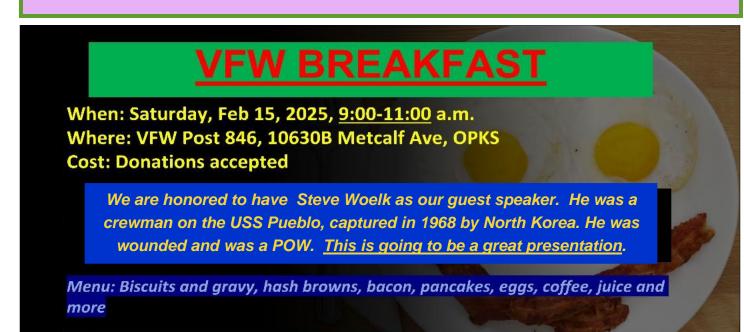
Infantryman's Creed: I carry America's faith and honor against her enemies. I am the King of Battle. I am what my country expects me to be.

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

We are playing **BINGO** at the domiciliary. We go the third Tuesday of the month. This month, February.18. If you are interested in going with us or helping with the treats we serve, please call me.

We are also collecting clothes and sweatshirts for Fort Leavenworth and Annie's Closet, 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 thinking of them.

Chris Anderson. 913.940.1003



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

# VFW POST 846 MEETING 2nd Thursday February 13 @ 7 pm

An informal dinner at 6pm on meeting night. Feel free to bring a dessert! Meetings are fun and informative.

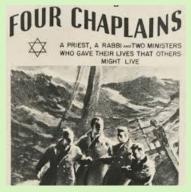
You're involvement is the key to SUCCESS!



Chili Cook Off Feb. 21, 2025 6-7 pm the post is open 4-5pm the come early and stay a

VFW Post 846

Anyone is welcome to bring their special chili - about 1-2 quarts - so that all that attend can sample. It doesn't matter if you enter a chili or not, we would love for you to come and taste what others are making tool



NATIONAL SALUTE TO VETERANS PATIENTS WEEK

Week of February 9-15

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# ;Four Chaplains" Honored Annually

At the height of WWII more than 900 service members, civilians and crew were aboard the U.S. Army Transport *Dorchester* as it sailed from Newfoundland to Greenland.

On board the ship were four Army chaplains, all lieutenants, including George L. Fox, a Methodist minister; John P. Washington, a Catholic priest; Clark V. Poling, a Dutch Reformed minister; and Alexander D. Goode, a rabbi.

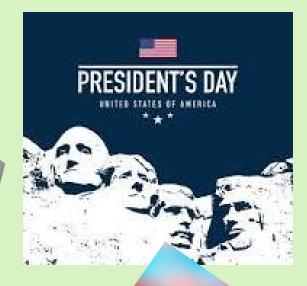
On the morning of Feb 3, the ship was sunk by a German Uboat. As the ship sank into the water, the four chaplains did their best to attend to the needs of frightened servicemen by calming them, tending to spiritual needs, helping the wounded and guiding them to safety.

They selflessly gave up their life-saving gear to assist others and eventually were among the 672 who perished in the icy waters of the North Atlantic.

In 1961Congress created a "Four Chaplains Medal" that was presented to their survivors.



At the January breakfast, Jim Thornton, Commander of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, presented a fascinating history of the '*Battle of St. Louis*' also known as the '*Battle of Fort San Carlos*.' The only Revolutionary War battle in Missouri was fought in the area near the Gateway Arch.





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# VA Benefit Assistance from VFW Post 846 Is Now Available

**Reminder: I am available on Wednesday evenings starting assist** with filing claims for VA Benefits. My main focus is on PTSD, but I do have some limited knowledge on other conditions. There is no charge for this service and a good reference is on Facebook - VA Disability Service. There are several Veteran Service Officers that are on this site to answer any questions that you may have and no one but these VSO's can respond to you. I monitor this site and have learned quite a bit about dealing with the VA.

Please call me at 913-271-1832 to set up an appointment.

Also on another note: <u>As of January 31, 2025, you have to have an</u> <u>'ID. Me' or 'Login.gov' account to sign in to 'myhealthe.gov' account.</u> If you need help with this, you can bring a laptop or let me know & I will bring mine.

Mike Martin Post 846 Resource Officer 913-271-1832





Contact Us at:

VFW Post 846

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

# <u>HERE IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO JOIN US AT VFW POST 846...</u> <u>APPLICATION — For questions about eligibility, contact svcmdr@vfwpost846ks.org</u>

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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				
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Annual Membership					
Rejoin Membership Rejoined Previous Member ID No.	Previous Auxiliary				
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THESE FIELDS REQUIRED					
Name	Date of Birth				
Address	Male	Female			
City	State	ZIP			
Phone Ema	ail				
POST-AFFILIATED (*Must be a member to the VFW Post affiliated with the Aux	xiliary to which you are applying.)				
Relationship to Eligible Veteran*	VFW Membership ID				
LIFE MEMBER TRANSFER Previous Auxiliary					
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Dates of Service: to	Location:				
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(Must be signed by all members.) Date

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