

### The Groves-Walker Bulletin

### American Legion Post 346 Farmington, MI January/February 2019 Issue



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### **Meeting Nights**

1st Thur. of each month at 7:30pm: Legion & Auxiliary
2nd Wednesday of each month at 6:30pm: SAL
3rd Thur. of each month at 7pm: Home Board
4th Thur. of each month at 7pm: Exec. Committee

### **Clubroom Hours**

Monday, Wednesday & Friday: 2pm - 9pm Tuesday & Thursday: 4pm - 9pm Saturday & Sunday: Open for viewing of most major sporting events

#### **Contact Info**

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**Upcoming 18th Dist. Legion & Auxiliary meetings:** Feb 15-17 Dept. of MI Winter Meeting, Flint MI

**Upcoming 18th District SAL meetings:** 

02/07/19, 7:30pm Chief Pontiac Squadron 377 Clarkston

# The Post Executive Committee is looking for volunteers to help our newest members feel more at home.

For the first few months you would act as their sponsor, explaining to them what we do, how and why we do it, showing them around the building, introducing them to other members, guiding them to activities of interest to them, making them aware of upcoming activities, etc. Making sure they receive any supplies they may need.

Above all, making sure they feel welcome as a new member of Post 346. Please let your Commander or President know that you'd like to help!

#### **January is National Blood Donor Month**

Legion members everywhere are encouraged to give blood as part of the American Legion Blood Donor Program - a program that has existed since 1946 to help a life-saving cause that becomes even more important during the harsh winter months. If you donate blood this year, please inform our Commander or Adjutant so that your donation can be included in our Consolidated Post Report.

Thank you to one of our new handymen: Alan Huet Alan joined us in 2017, saw a need and jumped in with both feet! He has upgraded and maintained many projects around the post, too many to mention. Please show your appreciation next time you see him around the post.

If you have not yet renewed your membership, please remember that it expired on Dec. 31, 2018.

### There are lots of easy ways to renew!

1) Renew online using your credit card: Legion: www.legion.org/renew Auxiliary: www.alaforveterans.org/renew Sorry, SAL cannot yet renew online.

2) Mail a check to the post. Outside envelope write:

Attn: (LGN, AUX, SAL) membership

Legion: \$50, please make check payable to:

American Legion Post 346.

Auxiliary: \$30, Aux. Jr. \$10, please make check payable

to: American Legion Aux. Unit 346.

SAL: \$25, SAL Jr. \$11, please make check payable to:

Sons of the American Legion Squadron 346.

- 3) Come to the post and drop off your dues in person anytime the clubroom is open.
- 4) Come to the next meeting and give your dues to your membership chairman in person.
- 5) SAL can also drop off dues at Grand Tuxedo (31826 Grand River Ave. just west of the Post), Eric Welter is happy to accept dues in person Tues-Fri: 11-6 or Sat: 10-4.
- 6) Use the renewal form that was mailed to you from department headquarters.

Auxiliary and Sons, please remember...
It's not the price you pay for membership, it's the price your forefathers paid to make you eligible!

Our wonderful, hardworking Past President Leah Brancheau was honored with a Lifetime Achievement Award. This award rewards not only Leah's 13 years(!) as Auxiliary President, but her tireless efforts on behalf of the Auxiliary and Post 346. We surprised her with this plaque during the Auxiliary Sweetest Day Spaghetti Dinner. Photo: Carol Hopson



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Don't forget to send in articles for the next Bulletin, including photos if available. Anyone can submit an article for the Bulletin; but remember, I may not have the room to print all articles and I may need to edit articles for length. The submission deadline for the March/April 2019 issue of the Bulletin is Friday February 15th.



Our thanks to the volunteers who erected our Christmas Nativity scene and buttoned up the back patio for winter: Dale Baxter, Marya Davis, Jim Forbes, Gene Hatfield, Alan Huet, Jim Koponen, Mike LaFave, Denny Lis, Andy Machcinski, Art Mikkola and new member Gary Partridge.



President Carol is shown receiving the first "Post 346 Member of the Year" award from Commander Dale during the Veteran's Day ceremony. This award was formerly known as the "Legionnaire of the Year" but is now open to ALL members of the Post.

Photo: Dorothea Baxter



Special guests at our December unit meeting included our 18th Dist. President Darlene Jones and 2018 Girl's Staters: Ava Farqwhar and Kamryn Wrench. Pictured here with President Carol and Girl's State Chairman Judy Mau. Our sponsored Girls State representatives thanked us for their unforgettable week and reported on all they learned and their plans for the future. Photo: Dorothea Baxter

## DETAILS COMING SOON! se (delicious and reasonably priced!)

For these (delicious and reasonably priced!) future dinners, watch your email for more info!

January: Baked Potato Bar w/salad & bread

**February:** Soup'er Bowl Dinner, a variety of chili & soups w/salad & bread

**March:** Corned Beef & Cabbage w/carrots, potatoes & bread. Plus comedy show??

**April:** Breakfast buffet?

### Post Jr. Vice Commander Andy Machcinski

All I can say is that "spring is on the way!" Hope I do not insult the winter lovers, but in my book it has been too cold for too long already and I cannot wait for warmer weather. Now that our lives are getting back to normal, after all the celebrating and enjoying family, and with the winter solstice behind us the days are getting longer and we can all survive the next few months.

Please keep yourself and your family informed about post activities, we have a lot coming up and thanks to Carol and this newsletter and emails, no one can say "gee I did not know about that". Support the post and support the Legion by being active. As a team we can make anything happen!

I want to take this opportunity to thank all those who participated in the Wreath Laying Ceremony on Dec 01 and all the help received to set up the Christmas Manger, both days were bitterly cold but the mission was accomplished successfully. Wishing everyone a healthy and Happy New Year 2019.

Regards, Andy

### From the Flight Deck... Post 346 Commander Dale Baxter

With the holiday season behind us and ole man winter trying to break the warmth of our hearts, I would like to take this time to thank

all of you for your help with our various holiday events. We also hosted a local U.S. Reserve unit that recently deployed, so a great big heartfelt **thank you** to all that got involved and came forward with a helping hand. We couldn't have done it without you. I look forward to working with the 601st Engineering Utility Detachment again upon their redeployment. We are sponsoring this unit and will be the focal point of care packages to them in the coming months, so stay tuned for more information on that.

The New Year is upon us and we have some really exciting events planned for the coming months, so keep checking your email for blasts regarding upcoming events and the clubroom schedule. If you can get involved and help out or just want to break those winter blues, then as Steve Harvey used to say, "Stay tuned for News."

The 2019 membership year is in full swing and the Dept. of Michigan commander has offered incentives for those posts that meet department membership goals for 2019. Members can now pay their dues online, and from what I've heard, the system is working well. I encourage those members who do not have computer access, please continue to send your 2019 dues directly to the post in order to avoid delays in processing.

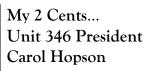
We still have vacancies in the officer positions of 1st vice commander and chaplain, please don't hesitate to help our Legion family fill these voids if you are able and have the time to do so.

As your commander, I would like to think that my door is always open, even if I'm not physically at the post on a regular basis, so continue to drop me notes and know that they'll get my attention and be addressed. As always, I look forward to hearing your comments or criticisms in how we can make Groves-Walker Post 346, the best in the 18th District. May God bless America, our troops serving abroad, our veterans, and Post 346.

Dale Baxter, Commander

I'd like to Thank SAL member Eric Welter for scheduling the bartenders for weekend football game viewing. I'd be remiss if I didn't mention "Saturday Night Delight" and "Sunday Funday" too. The fun and games in the clubroom were something to talk about. He found ways to get us engaged and kept us entertained at the same time. You don't want to miss out on the football playoff games or any of the future plans Eric may have for us, I promise! His effort is much appreciated and I'd just like to say thank you again Eric!

Sincerely, Jen Chinn Clubroom Manager



Such a busy holiday season we've had! Hope yours was Very Merry! Happy 2019! May it be a darn sight even better than 2018.



Thank you to everyone who came to our December unit meeting and made our 18th District President Darleen Jones feel welcome during her annual visit. A very special THANK YOU to everyone who donated hats, scarves and gloves to the Auxiliary Mitten Tree. Because of your generosity the Farmington Goodfellows now have **80** more items to distribute to the needy this winter.

The Auxiliary hosted a lunch for the homeless vets from the MVF (Michigan Veteran's Foundation) again! We fed 30 vets and sent donations of personal items, clothing, books and food back to MVF with them. Thank you for your generous donations!

Lots of delicious dinners in the works for the next four months (see page 2), we're still working out some of the details, so keep an eye on the clubroom bulletin board and your email for all the latest information. Plenty of good repair work being done around the building - New locks on all the doors and cabinets, replacing old ceiling tiles, buttoning up the leaks (much more work can be done once the weather turns warm again, including working on the roof), painting, cleaning, organizing and optimizing our office and all our storage areas. Maintaining a building as old as ours takes a lot of work, if you can help in any way, please contact Kevin Griswold. And as always our Auxiliary is right there, donating, supporting, getting dirty, pitching in and lending a hand, whenever and wherever we can.

I would like to personally thank the post members who volunteered to speak at the Veteran's Day ceremony. This year's theme was "The veteran is never alone". Representing the view of the veteran was Ken Reynolds, a military spouse's view was expressed by AUX member Dorothea Baxter, and one view from a veteran's son was given by SAL member Marty Chinn. Marty in particular gave a very moving and emotional speech. Thank you all.

Our 2019 membership numbers are looking pretty good, but as always, they could be much better. As of 12/15 our membership was at 101, which is 70% of our 2019 goal of 144 members. If you haven't renewed for 2019 yet, don't wait, please do it now. If you know of anyone who may be interested in joining, get them an application!

Here's hoping for an early spring! That's my 2 cents worth, I'm always eager to hear yours,

Carol Hopson, President



Keep your eye on your email for updates on NFL Playoff viewing in the clubroom during January.

### Post Adjutant Marya Davis

Happy New Year Everyone! And here is my New Year's resolution: to keep you updated on interesting motions and discussions from the Executive Committee and post meetings. Below are highlights from the last few months:

- Luncheon for homeless vets from the Michigan Veterans Foundation (MVF), a success next year requesting more of us join in to visit with the vets during the lunch. These guys really lit up telling war stories to others that can relate. So just come and listen and enjoy a free spaghetti lunch!
- Flu Shots Not too many signed up this year. Next year we will schedule earlier in the season. Come for a Coney, get your flu shot too!
- We now have a newly donated computer and printer in the office. Thank You!
- We will not charge for use of our hall for a funeral memorial for any member of the Legion/SAL/Auxiliary (does not include use of kitchen pantry supplies). We will encourage the use of a cash bar. Not applicable to a member's family, just for the member.
- SAL is funding startup costs for KENO in the clubroom. The application is in process. Pull Tabs also coming soon!
- Looking for volunteers to Sponsor New Members (see page 1)! It's a buddy system for introductions and getting them involved in events and programs at the post. Contact Marya if you are willing to help.
- Working on plans for the city to approve an outdoor liquor license. Great for our patio and maybe even some summer outdoor events.
- If you live alone and have no one who regularly checks in on you, you never know when an accident may happen. Recent events with members has prompted us to offer an Emergency Contact Form. We will keep this form on file with the post adjutant and if we don't see you when we usually do, we can contact the person(s) of your choosing. The Legion is your family and we care about you.
- Great FYI! The Michigan Department of Treasury has millions of dollars in lost or forgotten assets. Because these properties were considered abandoned and unclaimed they are turned over to the state, as required by law. The Michigan Department of Treasury is the custodian of these assets and returns them to their owners (or the owners' heirs) when they are rightfully claimed. Go to: https://unclaimedproperty.michigan.gov Or phone (517) 636-5320 and have your and/or any decedent's Social Security numbers available.

It's never too early to let friends and family members (neighbors, co-workers, anyone!) know about Boy's & Girl's State and the Post 346 Scholarship program for 2019.

Visit our website for more details!

### Please note, updated rules...

### Post 346 Clubroom Rules

The bartender is in charge!

- No one is allowed behind the bar.
   Unless asked to help.
- TV: majority rules, bartender controls the TV.
- Jukebox volume is at the discretion of the bartender.
- All members in good standing will be served. Must have a current Legion, SAL or Auxiliary card.
- The Bartender has the right to refuse service for:
  - Generally a one-time incident:
    - Disorderly conduct
    - One too many
- Check cashing is at the discretion of the Clubroom Mngr.
- No children after 9:00 pm.
- Please control your language!

### **Patron Reprimand Procedure**

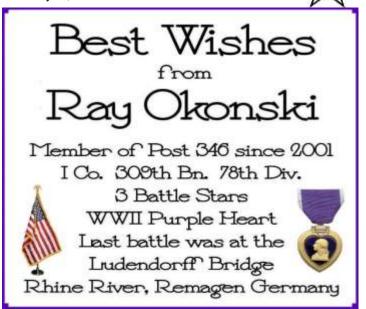
All members, guests and employees of Post 346 are entitled to be treated with the utmost dignity and respect at all times. Deliberate annoyance, offensive language and/or behavior is cause for immediate expulsion from the premises at the bartender's verbal request.

- a. FIRST OFFENSE: Letter of reprimand.
- b. SECOND OFFENSE: Letter of reprimand and automatic 30 day suspension from Post 346 premises.
- c. THIRD OFFENSE: Letter of reprimand and automatic 1 year suspension from Post 346 premises.

Offending members have a right to appeal at the next scheduled Executive Committee meeting. Offenses occurring more than three (3) years prior to a current offense will not be used to determine degree of discipline.

Adopted by Post Executive Committee on 10/25/18 Full text of "Patron Reprimand and Reporting Procedures" available upon request.

Thank you, Post 346 Home Board





### The Officers of Post 346 for 2018-19

### PRIVACY POLICY

We respect the privacy of our member's personal information, so we discourage the sharing of that information here on the public internet. Those who wish contact information for post officers may call Post 346 at: 248-478-9174 or email to: GrovesWalkerPost346@gmail.com

Thank you





John M. Ricco Passed July 22, 2018 Age: 71

John was born in Muskegon to John and Marian Ricco. He graduated with a bachelor's degree from MSU and obtained his master's degree from U of D Mercy, becoming a

certified public accountant. In 2001, John retired from the J. Lewis Cooper Co., where he held the positions exec. vice president of finance and chief financial officer. In March of 2008, John published his book: The Ride of Your Life: Fighting Cancer With Attitude. John volunteered his time and efforts to public speaking on maintaining a positive attitude when diagnosed with cancer.

John was a proud Army veteran and 10 year member of American Legion Post 346. John was also a member with the Knights of Columbus, American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants, Disabled American Veterans and the National Bone Marrow Transplant Link. An organization also close to his heart, John was very active with Gilda's Club of Metro Detroit, where he was a board member since 2007. John loved to travel and enjoyed gardening, exercising, and most importantly, spending time with his family. He will truly be missed by all who knew him.

He was the beloved husband of Janice for 44 years. Loving father of Christina (Barron) Dorf, Caralyn (Luciano Gonzalez), and Catherine Ricco; and proud grandfather of five. Funeral arrangements: McCabe Funeral Home, Farmington Hills. Donations are appreciated to Gilda's Club Metro Detroit or the Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation.

A Great BIG THANK YOU to Antonio's for their generous donation on Veterans Day



### Eldon R. Funk

Passed November 22, 2018 Age: 94

Born in Calhoun County, Illinois, son of the late Carl and Carrie Funk. Eldon was preceded in death by his loving spouse of 57 years, Shirley who passed in 2005.



Eldon is survived by his daughter Patricia Woods, son Paul Funk, daughter Sharon Hupp (William) and daughter Denise Molen (Steve, deceased). Eldon loved his 14 grandchildren dearly and was also blessed with 9 great-grandchildren. Eldon enjoyed a very special familial relationship with Nicole Murphy; Aubri, Marwan, Emma, Marissa and Zane Hayali. Eldon was further blessed with many neighbors and friends, especially Beverly Phillips. Eldon is preceded in death by his siblings James, Delbert, Norman, Dorothy and Doris.

Eldon was a 10 year member of Groves-Walker American Legion Post 346. Funeral arrangements: Heeney-Sundquist funeral home. Interment: Fort Custer National Cemetery, Battle Creek, MI.

Although she was not a member of our post, I would be remiss if I did not inform you of the passing of a dear friend of Post 346 and indeed all of Farmington.

Virginia Lee "Ginny" Morris Passed December 1, 2018 Age: 73

Of Farmington, a long-time, tireless volunteer for a variety of civic concerns for the greater Farmington community including the Miss Farmington pageant.



She was admitted to Beaumont Hospital, Farmington Hills, on Thanksgiving morning after suffering a stroke at home.

Ginny was born October 1945, in Waterford, PA, to Arthur and Eileen Donnell. Sadly, her father preceded her in death. Surviving are two devoted daughters, Karan (Timothy) Beaty and Kimberly (William) Diehr; her beloved mother, Eileen Donnell; three cherished grandchildren; and her brother, William Donnell.

Ginny is being transported to Waterford, PA, for burial in the family cemetery site. In lieu of customary remembrances, those who wish to further honor Ginny's memory are invited to consider a contribution to Groves-Walker American Legion Post 346. We humbly thank Ginny's family for suggesting contributions to our Post.www.heeney-sundquist.com/obituary/ginny-morris

### **Euchre Tournament Saturday Feb. 16th**

Registration starts at 3:00pm
Play starts at 4:00pm
Entry fee: \$25 per person
Includes food and prizes
Basket raffles - 50/50 drawing
Sign-up sheet in the clubroom,
to pre-pay make checks payable to:
American Legion Post 346
All proceeds to fund new clubroom equipment

# January Birthdays 01 Juanita Belanger 03 Dan Heffernan 04 Gary Brewer 08 Helen Currie 09 Jarrett Lott 09 Jim O'Keefe 11 Olivia Griswold 13 Barbara Piotrowski

13 Judy Sackett

15 Ken Balcom

16 Glenn Griffin

14 Julie Gogowski

17 Susan Duquette

18 David Schwartz

20 Brian Jankowski

January Anniversaries

01 Mike & Toni Hughes

25 Laureen Gogowski

29 Elizabeth Dopkowski

29 Donald Sofferin

21 Dan Festian

22 Tina Gould

24 Marty Chinn

Remember, birthdays and anniversaries will only be listed here upon request.







available in the clubroom.

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in the clubroom

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January 2019

Watch your email for details on upcoming events!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31 New Year's Eve Clubroom open	New Year's Day	2	3 NO Legion or Aux. meetings this month	4	5
6	<b>7</b> Coney Night 5:00 - 7:30pm	8	SAL meeting 6:30pm	10	11	12
13	14 Coney Night 5:00 - 7:30pm	15	16	Home Board meeting 7:00pm  Operation Desert Storm began 1991	18	19
20 Lunar Eclipse	21 Coney Night 5:00 - 7:30pm Martin Luther King Jr. Day	22	23	24 Exec. Committee meeting 7:00pm	25	26
27	28 Coney Night 5:00 - 7:30pm US - Vietnam Ceasefire 1973 Coast Guard Birthday	29	30	31	1 February	2



### February Birthdays

- 09 Ted Podsiadly
- 13 Tammy Festian
- 14 Carol Thompson
- 20 Dave Franzen
- 23 Curtis Steelman
- 24 Christina Gould
- 25 Aiyana Allen
- 29 Mike Williams

### February Anniversaries

- 03 Marian Belaire
- 20 Gil & Mary Naylor
- 23 Jim & Debbie Brancheau



### Happy Groundhog Day!

### Coming up in March

- 05 Seabee's Birthday
- 06 Ash Wednesday
- 07 Legion & Aux. meetings
- 08 Intrnl Woman's Day

### 09 SAL Corned Beef & Cabbage dinner!

- 10 Daylight savings time begins, spring ahead!
- 13 MI K-9 Veteran's Day
- 15 American Legion 100th Birthday!
- 16 Liberty Day
- 17 Saint Patrick's Day
- 20 First day of spring
- 29 Vietnam Veterans Day

## MONDAY CONEY NIGHTS!

Every Monday evening in the Clubroom 5:00 pm - 7:30 pm GREAT PRICES! NO Reservations Needed!

### **TABS FOR TOTS**

Please save the aluminum (non-magnetic!) tabs from all your beverage and pull--tab containers. Drop off your tabs at the Post's rear door. Children & Youth fund

Want to see your name above? Please contact Carol Hopson at: GrovesWalkerPost346@gmail.com

## February 2019

# Only 47 more days of winter

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28 Coney Night 5:00 - 7:30pm	29	30	31	1 Freedom Day	<b>2</b> Groundhog Day
Superbowl LIII Sunday Clubroom open at 5:30pm	4 Coney Night 5:00 - 7:30pm	Chinese New Year of the Pig	6	7 Legion & Auxiliary meetings 7:30pm	8	9
10	11 Coney Night 5:00 - 7:30pm	Abraham Lincoln's Birthday	13 SAL meeting 6:30pm	14 Valentine's Day	15 Submission deadline for Mar/Apr Bulletin	16 Euchre Tournament 3:00pm
17	18 Coney Night 5:00 - 7:30pm	19	20	21 Home Board meeting 7:00pm	G. Washington's Birthday	Flag raised on Iwo Jima 1945
24	25 Coney Night 5:00 - 7:30pm	26	27	Exec. Committee meeting 7:00pm  Persian Gulf War Ceasefire 1991	1 March	2



# GG's boutique

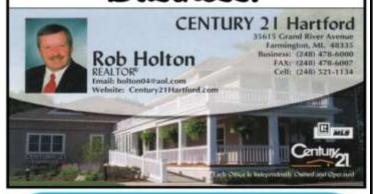


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