



# The Groves-Walker Bulletin

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## The Wit & Wisdom of Jim... Post 346 Commander James Weston



Legionnaires, SAL & Auxiliary,

Hope all of you are in good health, due to this cold weather but, we're all Michiganders and should be used to the cold. Due to the inclement weather we had no January meeting, so we'll cover those issues at our February meeting.

The Post will have their Superbowl Sunday Pot-Luck Party on February 1st. Stop by for some comradery, good food, and football action with members and friends. Our **Big Event** will be the Spaghetti dinner and Raffle drawing on Saturday February 7th. This is very important for our Post, and I understand we are doing quite well on raffle ticket sales (and unused tickets being returned). Thank you Skip for all your efforts in handling this event.

We've made some improvements in the Clubroom behind the bar. Stop by and take a peek at what Gary Fierk has done. Thank you Gary, although you can't go on vacation yet, ha ha ha ;) See all of you at the February meeting (2/5). God Bless all of us and our troops in foreign lands.

Jim Weston, Commander

### SAL Valentine's Day STEAK FRY

Everyone Welcome!  
Saturday **February 14th**  
Serving dinner from  
5:00 to 8:00 pm

Adults \$12 per plate  
Children \$8 per plate  
(under 13)



With Baked Potato,  
Roll & butter, Salad & Desert included  
*PLUS Music for your dining and dancing pleasure.*

Please let us know you're coming by using the sign-up sheet in the clubroom, emailing to: [info@americanlegionpost346.org](mailto:info@americanlegionpost346.org) or by calling the Post at: 248-478-9174.

You know, doing what is right is easy.  
The problem is knowing what is right.  
- Lyndon B. Johnson



## Blue Eyes Blog... Unit 346 President Tamela Festian



BRRR... its cold outside. If anybody knows me, I do not usually dress in 3 or 4 layers of clothing. So it must be cold. Sorry that we didn't have a meeting the first of the year due to the weather. When I came into the club room that evening a few ladies were there, and I must say, we had a great time anyway.

We are going to start collecting items to send overseas to our troops. I have a list that will be handed out next meeting (also printed on page 3 here). Some ladies already have it. So, till then, don't forget (Feb. 7th) RAFFLE night with Spaghetti dinner, also (Feb. 14th) Valentine's Day Steak dinner.

Oh, by the way, we all have big HEARTS, so let's make everything we do successful. Talking about hearts, don't forget VALENTINE'S DAY for all you sweethearts.

Tammy Festian, President

### Please donate your old, well-loved blue jeans!



Operation: Quiet Comfort honors and comforts members of the U.S. Armed Forces who are injured while serving in harm's way. OQC provides small quilts to comfort our Wounded Warriors. These quilts contain messages of thanks, encouragement and appreciation from a grateful nation. Donations may be left in the Clubroom, Thank You

### IMPORTANT: All Legion Members!

**Post 346 is STILL requesting that each member provide a copy of their DD-214 to the Post.**

In order for us to be in compliance with IRS regulations we need each member to provide a **redacted (sensitive information blacked out)** copy of your DD-214 as soon as possible. Copies provided **must** have your name, department, component and branch of service, and record of service dates, **all other personal information may be blacked out.** DD-214 copies can be mailed to the Post or given to Tony Mallia. If you cannot locate a copy of your DD-214, please contact Tony Mallia phone: 248-310-4190 or email to: [AMNOVI1@att.net](mailto:AMNOVI1@att.net)

Thank you, Jim Weston, Commander

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## A Letter From Your Editor Carol Philp

Was one of your New Year's resolutions to learn a new hobby, take on a new challenge, or perhaps to volunteer at the Post more? Here is your chance! I would still like to pass along the editorship of the Post newsletter to the next volunteer after I publish the July/August 2015 edition of the Bulletin. I will provide you with all materials and instruction needed to put out the Post's newsletter. Here's an oldie but a goodie... Try it you might like it!

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, we may not have the room to print all articles (or some articles in their entirety).* **The submission deadline for the March 2015 edition of the Bulletin is February 16th.**

Thank you, Carol Philp

## Raffle Chairman "Skip" Nafe

Dear Follow Post Members  
The Raffle is coming to a close, Drawing to be on February 7th at 6:45pm. PLEASE CALL AHEAD (248-478-9174, email to: info@AMERICANLEGIONPOST346.org or use the sign-up sheet in the Clubroom) and advise the Post as to how many will be coming to the Spaghetti dinner. We are expecting a large turn-out and we don't want to run out of food. The dinner will be upstairs, there's elevator access in the rear of the building.

To all that sent your raffle tickets and/or donations in, A Great Big THANK YOU! As to the 290+ members from which I have heard nothing, I am very disappointed in you. You haven't even had courtesy of returning the unpurchased tickets. But there is still hope! Tickets will be for sale right up until the drawing. Just look at the Odds! Your odds of winning our top prize of \$3000 are 100 times better than a Slot Machine, 1,000 times better than the State Lottery, and 1,000,000 times better than the Multi-State Lottery (and I'm being conservative!). If anyone needs more tickets to sell or other information, please feel free to call me at 248-419-0000.

Skip Nafe, Raffle Chairman



## ALL YOU CAN EAT SPAGHETTI DINNER & LEGION RAFFLE DRAWING!

Everyone Welcome!  
Saturday **February 7th**  
Serving dinner from  
5:00 pm to 7:00 pm

**Adults \$8**  
Children \$5 (under 13)  
Don't forget to bring  
your Raffle ticket stub  
and get ½ off the price  
of your dinner!



With Garlic Bread, Salad & Desert included

**Also being raffled off that night** will be a Leather Bomber Jacket w/embroidered Army insignia on back by "Michael Hoban WhereMI" (shown here modeled by Commander Jim Weston) Jacket has 2 front pockets, 1 sleeve pocket w/zipper, 3 inside pockets; warm polyester lining; rib knit collar, cuffs and banded bottom; size 2X **(NO other sizes available)**



**Because of the volume of people we are expecting to attend this dinner and raffle drawing, it is VERY IMPORTANT to let us know you're coming by using the sign-up sheet in the clubroom, emailing to: info@americanlegionpost346.org or by calling the Post at: 248-478-9174.**

## Superbowl Sunday Pot-Luck Party 5:30pm - Sunday Feb. 1st

Watch the best teams from the AFC and NFC go head to head in their final bid for Superbowl glory! Come on down, support your Post 346 and watch the big game on our big screen TVs! If you would like to volunteer to bring a dish to pass use the sign up sheet in the clubroom. Let's have a great time watching the Superbowl XLIX action!





# TAPS

Stanley J. Galica 1917 - 2011

Age 94, of Farmington. September 3, 2011. Beloved husband of the late Rose for 57 years. Loving father of Kenneth G. (Joan) Galica. Cherished grandfather of Kenneth A. Galica. Stanley was a retired Detroit Battalion Fire Chief, WWII U.S. Army combat veteran and Purple Heart recipient. Funeral Mass at St. Gerald Catholic Church, visitation at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home. Memorials suggested to the Capuchins.



My most sincere apologies to Gloria Bytner for reporting her as being deceased in the January Bulletin. Gloria is doing fine!

## SAL Adjutant Rob Holton

I hope everyone is staying warm it seems like the winter has caught up with us. It sure has been nice to see more of our members coming to the functions down at the post. You should stop down and see what you have been missing. Coney Dog Mondays are back in action also SAL football Sunday parties have been a great success. Would like to see a great turn out for the Super Bowl Pot-Luck party on Feb 1st, and don't forget The St. Valentine Day Steak Fry on Feb 14th from 5:00 to 8:00, come on down and enjoy a great dinner and dance the night away. To any of you that might be going South have a safe trip. Please keep all of our Military personnel in your prayers.

Rob Holton  
SAL Adjutant/ Finance Officer



Come on down to the Post every Saturday from 10am - 2pm for the Farmington Winter Farmer's Market! Great food, unique craft items, and friendly representatives from local businesses. AND every 3rd Saturday, the Post 346 Coney Dog Booth! Same great hot dogs, Coney dogs, fries and Coney fries that you love on Monday nights in the Clubroom!

## Unit 346 "Valentine Care Packages"

Donations are now being accepted for military "Care Packages" to be sent overseas during February. Please bring all donations to the February meeting (Thurs. 2/5), or to the Post the day of the meeting. The Auxiliary would like to be able to send the following items to our troops overseas (men and women), all donations are GREATLY appreciated (including monetary donations). THANK YOU!

### Personal hygiene items:

- bars of soap
- razors
- deodorant
- body spray
- toothpaste & brush
- mouthwash
- dental floss
- wet-wipes
- antibacterial wipes

- Alka-Seltzer 2 pack
- Pepto-Bismol tablets
- Tums
- cough drops
- Band-aids

- sewing kit
- suntan lotion
- sun glasses
- laundry detergent (single load packs)
- hand & foot warmer packs
- writing supplies (pens, pencils, paper)
- phone cards
- memory sticks & cards

- puzzles, crosswords, Sudoku
- travel size board games
- deck of cards
- Tom Clancy books

- Pringles, Lays chips
- beef jerky
- cookies
- hard candy
- Gatorade, other drink mixes (single serving size)
- instant coffee, tea bags



## - PLEASE -

If you have email access, allow me to send your monthly Bulletin to you via email. Please help save the Post the costs of printing and postage for the Bulletin. Email Carol at: [info@americanlegionpost346.org](mailto:info@americanlegionpost346.org)

Also, if you do not care to have the Bulletin mailed (or emailed) to you at all (perhaps you live out of state?), please contact me.

- Thank You -



Conformity is the jailer of freedom and the enemy of growth. - John F. Kennedy

February Birthdays

- 1 Stacy Popp
- 1 Chris Wasilewski
- 6 Joe DesRoches
- 8 Mary Kawecki
- 8 Kathy Popa
- 9 Colleen Pirko
- 9 Ted Podiadly
- 10 Dawn Workman
- 10 Ed Bland
- 12 William Monson
- 13 Tammy Festian
- 13 Joe Nafe
- 14 Carol Thompson
- 15 Dorothy Montour
- 15 Joseph Bytner II
- 18 Robert Smart
- 19 Nancy Maki
- 19 Norm Granger
- 20 Dave Franzen
- 20 John Lapham
- 22 Ayden Brent

- 23 Curtis Steelman
- 24 Christina Gould
- 24 Ida M. Valley
- 25 Aiyana Allen
- 25 Jeanette Schremser
- 28 Marie Currie
- 28 John E Pirko
- 29 Mike Williams

February Anniversaries

- 10 Bill & Barb Lapham
- 10 Dale & Kathy Popa
- 20 Gil & Mary Naylor
- 21 Dick & Pam Joslyn
- 23 Jim & Debbie Brancheau

**Don't see your name?  
Please contact Carol at**  
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or 248-910-2586

Coming up in March

- 5 Legion & Aux. meetings**
- Seabee's Birthday
- 8 Daylight Savings Time begins
- 13 MI K-9 Veteran's Day
- 14 St. Patrick's Corned Beef & Cabbage dinner**
- 15 American Legion Bday
- 16 Liberty Day
- 17 St. Patrick's Day
- 20 Spring begins
- 25 National Medal of Honor Day
- 29 Palm Sunday



**MONDAY CONEY NIGHTS!**

Every Monday in the Clubroom 5 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.

**HALL RENTAL**

Don't forget your Post when it comes to hall rentals for your next big occasion!  
Call 248-478-9174



February 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Superbowl Pot-Luck Party 5:30pm  Freedom Day	2  Coney Night 5:00-7:30pm Groundhog Day	3 Exec. Board Meeting 7:00pm	4	5 Legion & Aux. meetings 7:30pm	6	7 Raffle Drawing Spaghetti Dinner <u>5:00-7:00pm</u> Farmington Farmers Market 10am-2pm
8	9  Coney Night 5:00-7:30pm	10	11 SAL meeting 7:30pm	12  Lincoln's Birthday	13	14 Valentine's Steak Fry <u>5:00-7:00pm</u> Farmington Farmers Market 10am-2pm Valentine's Day
15  Susan B. Anthony Day	16 Submission deadline for <u>March Bulletin</u> Coney Night 5:00-7:30pm President's Day	17 Home Board meeting 7:30pm  Fat Tuesday Mardi Gras	18  Ash Wednesday	19  Chinese New Year Year of the Sheep	20	21  Farmington Farmers Market 10am-2pm w/ Post 346 Hot Dog Booth
22  George Washington's Birthday	23  Coney Night 5:00-7:30pm	24	25	26	27	28  Farmington Farmers Market 10am-2pm
1  <b>MARCH</b>	2  Coney Night 5:00-7:30pm	3 Exec. Board Meeting 7:00pm	4	5 Legion & Aux. meetings 7:30pm  Seabee's Birthday	6	7  Farmington Farmers Market 10am-2pm



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## Best Wishes from Ray Okonski

Member of Post 346 since 2001  
I Co. 309th Bn. 78th Div.  
3 Battle Stars



WWII Purple Heart  
Last battle was at the  
Ludendorff Bridge  
Rhine River, Remagen Germany



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- Meetings
- Businesses
- Game Nights
- Fund Raisers
- Church Groups
- Fitness Classes
- Dances / Parties
- Special Occasions
- Classes / Seminars
- Community Groups

Please contact Post 346 at: 248-478-9174  
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for more information.



### Meeting Nights

Legion & Auxiliary - 1st Thur. of each month at 7:30pm  
SAL - 2nd Wed. of each month at 7:30pm  
Home Board - 3rd Tues. of each month at 7:30pm  
Exec. Board - Tues. before Legion & Aux.  
meeting at 7:00pm

### Clubroom Hours

Monday, Wednesday & Friday: 2pm - 9pm  
Tuesday & Thursday: 4pm - 9pm  
Saturday & Sunday: Closed  
(open for scheduled events only)

For contact information for your officers or  
hall rental information, call **(248) 478-9174**

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