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From the Flight Deck...

Post 346 Commander
Dale Baxter



Hello Legionnaires, SAL & Auxiliary,

The year is flying by and before you know it, the holidays will be upon us. Together, we have accomplished a great deal so far this year. I'm so excited for what the coming months hold for this Post. We have the Veteran's Day event in the planning and the Clubroom open on weekends for sports viewing.

We owe a big shout-out to Mark Moulds, who's our SAL Squadron Commander and his crew of officers for the awesome Steak-Fry/Comedy Night event. It was a huge success.

With the help of our current members, we are bringing new members into our fold and I hope that everyone will make them feel welcome and assist them where you can. Don't forget about our "Early Bird" special in regards to membership. The last and final \$100 drawing will be held at the Veteran's Day event on November 11, so if you want to be in on the drawing, please pay your 2018 dues directly to the Post.

We have another very special event on our November calendar. This year our Post will be hosting lunch for the Commander's tour on Sunday Nov. 12, at 2:00pm. I hope that we get a huge showing by all Post, Auxiliary, and SAL members to show our Department officers how proud we are of our Post, so please put this on your calendar and plan to attend.

As always, a very special thanks goes out to all of you that work in the background and prefer to be the silent voices (you know who are) and my officers and committee chairpersons for without your support and guidance, we could not have accomplished as much as we have. My request for each and every member of this Post, whether you are a Post, Auxiliary, or SAL Squadron member, stay involved and let's make this a great year and showcase to the 18th District, Department and National who we are with pride. 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

History doesn't repeat itself,
but it rhymes. - Mark Twain



Service Not Self...

Unit 346 President
Leah Brancheau



Dear Members and Friends,

As you have probably heard by now, the SAL Steak Fry/Comedy Event went off perfectly. Great job SAL and members helping to make this a big success! AWESOME!

Thank you Myrtle Granger for your generous donations to the Michigan Veteran's Foundation. We are going to try to have a luncheon for these men at a future date to be determined, will keep you informed on this.

The holidays will soon be upon us. We will probably have a dish to pass/potluck for our December meeting but will discuss that at the November meeting. Hope you are all well and able to come to the next meeting. Feel free to call if you have a need or a suggestion. If I am unable to answer just leave your name and number and I WILL return your call at ***-***-****.

Yours in Service,
Leah Brancheau, President

All veterans are invited to participate in the **12th Annual Detroit Veterans Day Parade** on Sunday Nov. 5th on Jefferson Ave. downtown. Parade route is from E. Jefferson at Chene to Hart Plaza beginning at noon. Being part of an organized group is not required. Go to www.detroitveteransdayparade.org and click on the registration tab. Also happening at Hart Plaza that day is Vets Fest 11am - 3pm.



Your Post 346 Officers
Wish You and Yours
Happy Thanksgiving
a Very Merry Christmas

and the Happiest of New Years!



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Congratulations to Jim Weston for being voted in as Sr. Vice and thank you to Mike LaFave for taking over as Poppy Chairman. We wish Skip Nafe good luck with his continuing care of his dad Joe.

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 Jan/Feb 2018 edition of the Bulletin is Friday December 15th.

Thank you, Carol Hopson, Editor

SAL Commander Mark Moulds

I hope everyone's enjoying the warm fall weather. The comedy show/steak fry was a huge success, we raised \$3,400 dollars total. Both the upstairs and downstairs bars did very well, also raising money for the Post. A week after the show I got an email from an American Legion Post in the Marshall Islands, Robert B Anderson Memorial Post 44 informing me that their Executive Committee approved up to \$7,000 donation towards our roof. This brings the total money raised to over \$11,000 for this event.

I couldn't have done it without all our volunteers and would like to thank Leah Brancheau, Gerry Galinet and Jan Smart for all their work in the kitchen. Kevin and Mike Griswold sold 50-50 tickets, Denny Lis and Christian Baxter for steak fry sales, Marya Davis for the raffles and a liquor basket. Eric Welter for helping getting word out, advertisements, contacting other posts and door prize sales. Marty Chinn, Steve Rider and Greg for manning the grills to help our visitors cook their steaks. Rich Higginbottom for introducing the comedians upstairs and all the other work he did. I would also like to thank our bartenders Jen Chinn, Becky Sockow, Annie Mellert and Emily Moulds for all their hard work tending bar.

The following weekend we sold \$1400 in keibasa at the Polish festival at the Farmers Market downtown. We had a lot of fun doing these events, so come on down and get involved in a couple events a year and have some fun!!!

Mark Moulds, SAL Commander

*Awww, did you have a bad day?
Or was it a bad five minutes
that you milked all day? ~ anonymous*



Legion Jr. Vice Commander Andy Machcinski

My Fellow Legionnaires:

Hard as it is to believe, summer is gone and the beautiful colorful season of fall is here again, we will not mention the next so my advice to you all is "think spring". With fall here again come two ceremonies I wish to ask all of you to support, attend and respect; our Veterans Day Salute on November 11 at 7:00pm, downstairs at the Post. And the Annual Placing of Holiday Wreaths at the Farmington War Memorial Monument on December 02 at 1:00pm.

This year the Veterans Day Salute speakers will be our own police, fire and public safety officers from Farmington and Farmington Hills. They will share their experiences and I'm sure, will be most interesting. Please bring your family and friends to make this day special and show our commitment to our veterans, and as always please bring your cover and wear it proudly.

The Annual Placing of Holiday Wreaths at the War Memorial downtown Farmington is a short ceremony but very moving. This year as last we will have a bagpiper and taps played along with the wreath ceremony. Let us all remember our fallen veterans from wars past and find time away from our busy modern world to come and pay our respects to them. Spread the word to your friends, family, neighbors, even put it on your Facebook page so we have a huge crowd. As always Legionnaires bring your cover, show your pride and reverence and be a part of this small but powerful ceremony.

Finally I personally wish to thank everyone for their support of the Memorial Day Ceremony in downtown Farmington. It was well attended and represented by the citizens of our community and members of our Post, thank you again.

Wishing you all a very HAPPY THANKSGIVING! There is a lot we all have to give thanks for, most of all that we live in this great land of ours called the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. On that day please have a moment of silence and remembrance for all the service members who are currently overseas and are not able to be with friends and family to celebrate and partake in Thanksgiving's bounty.

Regards,
Andy Machcinski, Jr. Vice

Be an Early Bird!

The **Early Bird incentive** for paying your 2018 Legion dues early is really paying off! Both for the Post and for our lucky winners! The final drawing for **\$100** will be at the **Veterans Day** ceremony on November 11th.



All Legion members who have paid their 2018 dues before 11/11 will be included in the final drawing, each winner may only win once and you need not be present to win.

Your payment will be credited more quickly and you will receive your 2018 membership card sooner if you pay your dues directly to the Post via mail or in person.

Get your 2018 dues in as soon as you can and be eligible to win \$100!



Perry Kreiss from Harrison HS came to the October meeting to report on and thank us for his experiences at Boys State this year. Photo: Marya Davis

Shown volunteering at the Michigan Veteran's Foundation 6th Annual Car Show and charity fund raiser are Auxiliary members Tammy Festian and Marian Bellaire



Shown after the rousing Comedy Club Show and Steak Fry on Sept. 30 are SAL Commander Mark Moulds with comedians Geni Marie Patee-Niedosik, Cori Healy and Kevin Downy Jr. Proceeds from the dinner and show have put even more into the roof fund! Good job Mark & SAL!

Don't forget about our annual Veterans Day Ceremony on Nov. 11th at 7:00pm



News, Notes, & Upcoming Events:

Nov. 5: Detroit's 12th Annual Veteran's Day Parade, downtown, noon. See page 1.

Nov. 11: Annual Veterans Day Ceremony, downstairs, 7:00pm. Also final Early Bird drawing!

Nov. 12: Annual Department Commander's Tour, downstairs, 2:00pm. See page 2.

Dec. 2: Annual Holiday Wreath Placing Ceremony, downtown at the Farmington War Memorial Monument, 1:00pm. See page 2.

Dec. 22: Post Christmas Potluck party, Clubroom, 6:00ish pm. See below.

Jim Weston is now Sr. Vice Commander and **Mike LaFave** has taken over as Poppy Chairman.

Executive Committee meetings, temporarily changed to Monday nights, are now back to Tuesdays at 7:00pm (the Tuesday before regular meetings on the first Thursday of each month). Any interested members are welcome to attend.

The Cathedral Church of St. Paul will host its 54th Veterans' Day Service at the Cathedral (located at 4800 Woodward Avenue at the corner of Woodward & Warren) on Sunday, Nov. 12th at 4:00 pm. The emphasis of this service is thanksgiving, an expression of our profound appreciation for all who have served the pursuit of freedom and peace in service to their country, regardless of their race, religion or ethnic background. We also honor those who serve in state and local police and fire departments. From the solemn procession accompanied by bagpipes and organ, to the bugler's playing of Taps and Last Post, to the concluding hymn, you'll find it moving, inspiring and a fitting tribute to all those who have served our country. A reception with light refreshments will follow the service.



Grace and peace,
The Very Reverend S. Scott Hunter, D.Min.
Dean, Cathedral Church of St. Paul
LCDR Robert W. Prout, USNR Retired,
Chairman Veterans' Service Committee

Christmas Pot-Luck Party in the Clubroom

Friday December 22nd
Starting at 6:00ish pm

Open to ALL members!
Come on down and join in the holiday festivities with your friends and comrades!



Willie Clark

April 28, 1937 - March 17, 2017
Mr. Clark (age 79) of Farmington Hills, MI. Willie was a Vietnam veteran and an 8 year member of Groves-Walker American Legion Post 346. Funeral arrangements: Haley Funeral Directors, Southfield. Internment: Glen Eden Cemetery, Livonia. In lieu of flowers, the family has requested that donations be made in Mr. Clark's honor to one of the following organizations. American Heart Association: <http://www2.heart.org/goto/willieclark> Fisher House Foundation: donations@fisherhouse.org Tensas Reunion Scholarship Fund: <http://tensasreunioninc.com/scholarships>



Our sincere condolences to Dave Harmon on the passing of his mother in October.

A Commentary...

(The opinions expressed herein are those of the contributor and are not necessarily those of the American Legion or Post 346.)

Recently I went to an SAL fundraiser, dinner and a comedy show. The comedian was on "Americas Got Talent", I needed a good laugh. The entertainment started out a little risqué then went totally out of bounds, crossed the line. It offended me. I realize he was feeding off the audience's responses. If I weren't holding someone else's raffle ticket I would have left before the last drawing (which was after the show ended). It was brought to my attention that this is NOT a church and if we went to a comedy club this is the kind of humor we would get. Exactly! This is not a church but nor is it a nightclub. It is the American Legion where we pledge allegiance to the flag - "one nation under God". I believe the American Legion deserves respect.

Thank you, Myrtle

Team Cancer KnockOuts is hosting a Girls Night Out - Fall Fundraiser

Come dine and shop with us to help raise money for The American Cancer Society. Enjoy a delicious dinner of homemade soups, salads, breads and desserts then browse our vendor tables. Bring your family and friends.

Featuring: TastefullySimple, PartyLite, Tupperware, Thirty One, Scentsy, Mary Kay, Touchstone Crystal by Swarovski, Young Living Essential Oils, The Pampered Chef

When: Thursday, November 16th, 6:00pm - 9:00pm

Where: Groves-Walker Post 346

Cost: \$15.00 (\$10 donation to the American Cancer Society and \$5 towards the cost of dinner)

Reserve your seats now, email to: DJred13@aol.com or contact Denise-Lis-Janssen on Facebook



If you have already paid your 2018 dues, Thank You!

Dues renewal notices first go out in June of each year, then approx. every two months thereafter until paid. Please ignore duplicate renewal notices that may be mailed to you, **please DO NOT send duplicate payments.** These notices are automatically generated by the Department of MI office and may not reflect recent payments. The surest way to make sure your payment is recorded quickly and correctly is to mail it directly to the Post.

If you have received your 2018 card, you are all set! If you have paid but have not yet received your new card, please send an inquiry to your membership chairman:

Legion - Dave Harmon email: dharmon007@hotmail.com or call: 313-378-9797.

Auxiliary - Cheryl Fierk email: cher1318@yahoo.com or call: 734-525-2906.

SAL - Eric Welter email: ericlouiswelter@gmail.com or call: 248-895-6674.

Remember, if you have not paid your 2018 dues (Legion \$50, Aux. \$20, Aux. Jr. \$5, SAL \$25, SAL Jr. \$11) by December 31, 2017, your membership is delinquent and you may lose any continuous years of membership you have accumulated. Please remember to pay your dues early. Post 346 appreciates each and every one of you and values your membership with the American Legion.

Thank you,
Dale Baxter, Legion Commander, Post 346
Leah Brancheau, Auxiliary President, Unit 346
Mark Moulds, SAL Commander, Squadron 346

All members are invited to come down to the Post on Sunday Nov. 12 at 2:00pm (downstairs) for the Annual Department **Commander's Tour**. Meet, greet and make welcome all of our new 18th District, 3rd Zone and Department of Michigan Legion, Auxiliary and SAL officers for 2017-18. A brief lunch and refreshments will be provided.

- Please -

If you have email access, allow me to send your Bulletin to you via email. We can help save the the Post the costs of printing and postage. If you do not care to receive the Bulletin at all, perhaps you live out of state, please contact Carol to discontinue receiving the Bulletin.

Please email Carol Hopson at: GrovesWalkerPost346@gmail.com



- Thank You -

<u>November Birthdays</u>	22 Gary Fierk 23 Michelle Pitt 24 Claudette Calka 25 Philip Carlisle 25 Stephanie Kettwig 25 Kevin Clarke 26 Laurie Kuznia 27 Jean Herren 28 Dave Harmon 28 Harvey Lenz 30 Gerald Hoskins
03 Dale Mauck 05 Ann Mellert 07 Robert Watts 09 William Robertson 10 Judith Mau 11 Cathy Lysak 12 Orville Roberts 13 Carl Steen 14 Jan Smart 14 Mike LaFave 15 Charles White 16 Dale Farrell 16 Bridget Lynch 19 John Berling 21 Dawn Dupon 22 Ann Roberts	<u>November Anniversaries</u> 05 Peter & Carol Larion 07 Dan & Tammy Festian 11 Mr & Mrs Donald Crisman 12 Donald & Judy Sofferin 18 Ted & Kitty Podsiadly



The American Legion believes membership applications are something that every Legionnaire should carry in his or her wallet at all times. You never know when you may run into a veteran who might like to join our Post! Applications are ALWAYS available in the Clubroom.

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November 2017

**Don't forget to fall back
Sunday 11/05**










Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 Please remember to pay your 2018 dues soon!	30 Coney Night 5:00pm - 7:30pm 	31 Exec. Committee meeting 7:00pm	1 All Saints Day	2 Legion & Auxiliary meetings 7:30pm	3	4
5  Daylight Savings time ends 2:00 AM	6 Coney Night 5:00pm - 7:30pm	7 Election Day	8 SAL meeting 6:30pm 	9	10  Auxiliary Birthday Marines Birthday	11 Veterans Day Ceremony 7:00pm Veterans Day
12 Commander's Tour 2:00pm Sadie Hawkins Day	13 Coney Night 5:00pm - 7:30pm	14	15	16 Girls Night Out Team Cancer KnockOuts Fall Fundraiser 6:00 - 9:00pm	17	18
19	20 Coney Night 5:00pm - 7:30pm	21 Home Board meeting 7:00pm 	22	23  Thanksgiving	24  Black Friday	25 Small Business Sat.
26	27 Coney Night 5:00pm - 7:30pm Cyber Monday	28	29	30	1 December	2



<p><u>December Birthdays</u></p> <p>01 Jimmy Brancheau 02 Diana Sweeten 03 Dale Baxter 03 Walter Dogonski 06 A. (Bill) Horton 15 Kricia (Grossman) Doescher 17 Mike Peters 19 Vasillie (Bill) Croitori 19 Connie Crissman 19 Tracey Smart 20 Marya Davis 20 Kathy Bradley 23 Robert Chambers 24 Mike Hughes</p>	<p>28 Andy Lingner 31 Fred Troke 31 Wendy Keene</p> <p><u>December Anniversaries</u></p> <p>01 Wally & Lorraine Christensen 01 Terry & Ann Roberts 09 Charles & Helen Scott 23 John & Colleen Pirko 26 Dave & Cathy Franzen</p> 	<p><u>Coming up in January</u></p> <p>01 New Year's Day 15 Martin Luther King Day 17 Operation Desert Storm began 1991 20 Inauguration Day 28 Coast Guard Birthday 28 US - Vietnam Ceasefire 1973</p> 	<p>MONDAY CONEY NIGHTS!</p> <p>Every Monday evening in the Clubroom 5:00 pm - 7:30 pm GREAT PRICES! NO Reservations Needed!</p> <hr/> <p>TABS FOR TOTS</p> <p>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</p>
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December 2017 *Happy Holidays!*

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26 Please remember to pay your 2018 dues!	27 Coney Night 5:00pm - 7:30pm 	28	29	30	1	2 Farmington Wreath Placing Ceremony at War Monument 1:00pm
3	4 Coney Night 5:00pm - 7:30pm	5 Exec. Committee meeting 7:00pm 	6	7 Legion & Auxiliary meetings 7:30pm Pearl Harbor Day	8	9
10	11 Coney Night 5:00pm - 7:30pm	12  Hanukkah begins	13 SAL meeting 6:30pm 	14	15 Submission deadline for Jan/Feb Bulletin Bill of Rights Day Iraq War ends 2011	16  National Ugly Xmas Sweater Day
17	18 Coney Night 5:00pm - 7:30pm	19 Home Board meeting 7:00pm 	20 Hanukkah ends	21  Winter Solstice	22 Post Christmas Potluck Party 6:00ish pm	23
24 New Years Eve 31	25  Christmas Day	26	27	28  Operation Enduring Freedom ends 2014	29	30



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- Fitness Classes
- Dances / Parties
- Special Occasions
- Classes / Seminars
- Community Groups

Please contact Post 346 for more information.



Meeting Nights

Legion & Auxiliary: 1st Thu. of each month at 7:30pm
SAL: 2nd Wed. of each month at 6:30pm
Home Board: 3rd Tues. of each month at 7:00pm
Executive Committee: Tue. before 1st Thu. of each month at 7:00pm

Clubroom Hours

Monday, Wednesday & Friday: 2pm - 9pm
Tuesday & Thursday: 4pm - 9pm
Saturday & Sunday: Closed
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