



# The Groves-Walker Bulletin

## American Legion Post 346 Farmington, MI

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#### From the Mind of Jim... Post 346 Commander James Weston



We had our 9/11 Ceremony at Riley Park honoring our local police and fire first responders as well as those who lost their lives on Sept. 11, 2001. The attendance was average with close to 50 people showing up to remember that horrendous day in the history of our country. Thanks to Jim Koponen, Ralph & Carol Philp, Tony Mallia and Terry Montgomery for setting up and tearing down the tables, chairs, etc. Thanks also to Tammy Festian for providing the delicious cakes from Costco. If I forgot anyone, thank you to all who helped out.

The Legion will be having a Steak Fry in October. The date has not yet been set, but when it is, it will be posted on the bulletin board in the Clubroom, an email will be sent out, and it will be mentioned at the October meeting.

I would like to see a larger attendance at our October meeting. We have a few suggestions from members to better the revenue coming into the Post, so let's get something going. That's all for now, God bless America and our troops in foreign lands.

Jim Weston, Commander



Stop by the NE corner of Farmington City hall and see the new **First Responders 9/11 Memorial**. Dedicated on 9/11/14, it contains a piece of structural steel from the World Trade Center devastation. Photo: Ralph Philp

#### STEAK FRY Coming up in October!

Date to be announced, keep your eyes peeled and your ears open!

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



First of all, I would like to thank Marian Belaire and Pam Young for going to the convention this past summer, Great job. Well, my first meeting is over and done with, the nerves have settled down. Why I was so nervous in the first place, I don't know, especially when I have known all the members for six years.

My hat goes off to all the help that was received for the 911 Ceremony. The feedback I received, was how well everything was handled. Also, Amy Lang from channel 2 news was very pleased with everything from the American Legion.

18th Dist. Leadership Chairman Jacquelynn Boughner will be presenting a Unit Member Workshop at our Post on Saturday, Nov 1st. Check in will be at 8:30 am, start time 9:00 am, with a pot-luck lunch (please bring a dish to pass), and ending at 2:00 pm. All Auxiliary members and prospective members are invited to attend a fun and informative afternoon. You'll learn about Auxiliary history, fund-raiser ideas, and we'll be sharing ideas with other units.

On Saturday, October 4th we will have our first spaghetti dinner of the season. So lets all of us try to come down to the Post, have a delicious dinner and an enjoyable evening together. Till then,

Thank You,  
Tammy Festian, Auxiliary President

#### ALL YOU CAN EAT SPAGHETTI DINNER

Presented by the Auxiliary, Everyone Welcome!

Saturday October 4th  
5:00 to 7:00 pm  
Adults \$7  
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(under 13)

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Please don't forget to 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.

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## A Letter From Your Editor

### Carol Philp

I am now beginning my fifth year as editor of the Groves-Walker Bulletin. This has been a wonderful experience, a learning experience, sometimes a bit difficult but always a labor of love.

I now feel the need to concentrate on other areas of my life more fully and would like to pass along the editorship to the next volunteer. Anyone considering the position should care about the Legion, its programs and its future, being creative helps, and being computer literate is a definite plus. If needed I will teach you all about putting together the Bulletin and will give you the materials needed to do so. I would like to leave the Bulletin at the end of this Legion year (after the publication of the July-August Bulletin). **Anyone interested in taking over the Post newsletter, please call me at 248-910-2586 or email to [info@americanlegionpost346.org](mailto:info@americanlegionpost346.org)**

**Please help me welcome a NEW advertiser to the Bulletin – Chris Makowski of Eco Cleaners. They use all eco-friendly products to clean your clothes, give them a try and, just like all our advertisers, let them know you saw their ad in the Bulletin!**

Don't forget to send in articles for the next edition of the Bulletin, including photos if available. **Anyone** can submit an article for the Bulletin; *but please remember, we may not have the room to print all submissions (or some submissions in their entirety).* **The submission deadline for the November 2014 edition of the Bulletin is October 17th.**

Thank you, Carol Philp

The Auxiliary will soon be hosting another luncheon for the homeless veterans from the Michigan Veterans Foundation on **Wednesday, November 5th.** We ask any volunteers to come at **11:00 am for a starting time of 12:00 noon.** We are asking for help with greeting the vets, serving food, drinks and deserts, and with the clean up after. If you wish to volunteer please use the sign-up sheet in the Clubroom or email to [info@americanlegionpost346.org](mailto:info@americanlegionpost346.org).



## Post Sr. Vice Commander Post Service Officer Anthony Mallia



Membership report as of Sept 11th:  
Goal: 279, PUFL: 27, Renewals: 133,  
Total: 160. That puts us at 57.35%.

Service Officer Report: I just what to report that on Sept 11th we buried 13 unclaimed Veterans at Great Lakes National Cemetery from Wayne County. We do not how many unclaimed Veterans there may be from different counties but the problem seems to be wide-spread.

I am still waiting to get more DD-214s from members. **Please submit your DD-214 ASAP**, if you are unable to find it please let me know and I will submit the paperwork to get your DD-214 for you. Also, please let Chaplain Vern McBride know of anyone on sick call or passing away.

Tony Mallia, Sr. Vice Commander

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## Sons of the American Legion Commander Robert Smart



Looks like our summer is gone. I do not know about you but it sure did not seem like much of a summer to me. Now that we are into fall that means Lions Football at the post. We had a good turn out on Sunday Sept 14th thanks in most part to people from the Elks and Paula's family celebrating her birthday. Stop down to the post and enjoy good people a good time and sometimes even a good game too. It is our post like the saying goes "Use it or Lose it". Have a great October and we will see you at the post. God Bless all our Vets and active service members.

Rob Smart, SAL Commander

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## Detroit Lions Sunday Game Party Presented by the S.A.L.

10/5 vs Buffalo at 1:00pm  
10/12 vs Minnesota at 1:00pm  
10/19 vs New Orleans at 1:00pm



Come watch the Lions make their playoff run on our big screen TV! Come on down, support your Post and see who the guest bartender will be. Food and drink specials will be offered during the game only, no tokens will be given out. If you would like to volunteer to bring in a dish to pass or bar-tend, sign-up sheets are in the clubroom. Let's have a great time cheering on the Lions!

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**This is YOUR Post - USE it or LOSE IT!**

Ralph Philp  
Homeboard Finance Officer

My Fellow Legionnaires, I am coming to you with hat in hand and asking for your help. If you have been around the Post long enough, you know me and that I tell it like it is. The Post is in trouble financially and we need help to make our building more presentable (not to mention safer) to bring in more rentals (income). We had an offer of help from our local LOC Credit Union in the form of labor to accomplish whatever we need done on Veterans Day (Nov. 11). We would like to put these wonderful volunteers to work repainting our upstairs room, all we have to do is supply the paint and equipment. I'm asking everyone - if you have brushes, rollers, paint trays or drop cloths to donate, it would be greatly appreciated. In lieu of any of those items, we also need monetary donations to purchase paint. Even small contributions will help.

Also, the next time you hear about an SAL Steak Fry or Auxiliary Spaghetti Dinner, try to make an effort to come on down, enjoy a good meal, an evening with friends, and know that you are helping to support your Post. I've heard the stories... "I don't drink any more", so come down and have a soda, coffee or tea. "I don't like to drive after dark", there are plenty of volunteers available to pick you up, just contact your Officers. Our Post needs everyone's help if we are going to stay alive.

**P.S. The Post is in need of a replacement refrigerator for the upstairs kitchen. Anyone willing to donate please contact the Post.**

Thank you, Ralph Philp, Home Board Finance Officer



There is a **NEW Korean War Service Medal** available to members of any branch of service that served in Korea between 6/25/1950 and 7/27/1953. This new Service Medal is available in addition to the original Korean Service Medal you have already received. Documentation which proves your service in Korea is required, this is a one-time issuance of this Foreign Service Award. Request forms are available from **Tony Mallia** email: amnovi1@att.net or call 248-310-4190.



**Talk About**  
☆☆☆ The ☆☆☆  
**American Legion**

## Member call to action!

**Please spread the word** to everyone you know, family, friends, business associates, church or gym acquaintances. The Post needs **NEW RENTERS!** Rent by the hour, or by the month.

We have two banquet rooms (upstairs 2800 sq. ft. - downstairs 1286 sq. ft.), kitchen space, tables, chairs and lots of storage space for almost any need. Floor plans and more information available on our website at [www.americanlegionpost346.org](http://www.americanlegionpost346.org).

**Rent at Groves-Walker Post 346 for:**

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**Community Groups**



Please contact the Post at 248-478-9174 or email: [info@americanlegionpost346.org](mailto:info@americanlegionpost346.org) for more information.

## Firekeepers Casino Halloween Bus Trip

**Thurs Oct. 30th**  
\$45 per person  
\$20 back in free play  
Plus \$5 toward food

Bus leaves the Post at 8:00 am SHARP  
Returns approx. 5:00 pm



Refreshments and fun on the bus! **1st, 2nd & 3rd Prizes for Best Halloween Costumes!** Please contact **Tammy Festian 248-476-4611** by **Oct.1** to **reserve your place.** Sign-up sheet in the Clubroom. You **MUST** bring photo ID with you. Please provide your name, address and date of birth OR you can show your Firekeepers Club card.



Aggression unopposed becomes a contagious disease. - Jimmy Carter

# TAPS

To those members who have  
joined the Lords Army,  
We on earth will  
mourn their passing.



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Charles A. (Biff) Wilson  
October 20, 1944 - May 30, 2014

Age 69, of Farmington Hills. Biff was born in Detroit, the son of Arlington and Bernice (Dral) Wilson. In addition to his wife of 47 years, Suzi, Biff is survived by two loving children, T.J. and Amy. Biff was a 2 year member of Groves-Walker American Legion Post 346 in Farmington.

Those who wish to further honor Mr. Wilson's memory may consider contributions to either Angela Hospice, Livonia, or JARC (Jewish Association of Residential Care), Farmington Hills. Funeral arrangements by Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home Farmington. Memorial Mass was June 6<sup>th</sup> in Olmsted, OH.

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Gatha M. Seyuin  
1922 - August 25, 2014

Age 92, of Farmington Hills. Gatha is survived by her beloved husband of 72 years, Joseph; devoted children, Joann Schlicht and Joseph (Mary); 17 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren, eight great-great-grandchildren. Sadly, Gatha was preceded in death by her daughter, Ruth Kelley. Gatha was also a 28 year PUFL member of Auxiliary Unit 346. Funeral arrangements Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home. Interment Mt. Hope, Livonia. Memorial gifts suggested to Angela Hospice.



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Gregory Martin Klein  
October 16, 1947 - May 31, 2014

Age 66 of Farmington Hills. Beloved husband of Donna. Loving father of Terry (Cindy). Dear brother of Judy (Don) Taulbee, Jim Klein, Jerry (Opal) Klein and Bert (Lynn) Klein. Grandfather of three. Funeral arrangements: RG & GR Harris Funeral Home Livonia. Internment: Christian Memorial Cemetery Rochester Hills.



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**Rite-Aid Pharmacy will be holding a Flu Shot Clinic at the Post on Thursday Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup> right after our regular meeting. The cost of your flu shot is only \$31.99 (which is covered by most insurance plans).**



Obituaries that were only recently brought to my attention:

Edward Bashur 8/23/1921 - 3/12/2012  
Howard Loos 10/28/1928 - 11/22/2013

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## IMPORTANT: All Legion Members!

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

In order for us to be in compliance with IRS regulations, should an audit of our records be conducted, we need each member to provide a **redacted** copy of your DD-214 as soon as possible.

We realize that your DD-214 contains personal and/or medical information, which is why we emphasize that you provide a **redacted copy (sensitive information blacked out)**. Copies provided to the Post **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 in care of Tony Mallia or given to him at upcoming meetings. He will be responsible for the safe-keeping of these documents. If you cannot locate a copy of your DD-214, please contact Tony Mallia via the Post, phone: 248-310-4190 or email to: AMNOV11@att.net

Thank you,  
Jim Weston, Commander



FYI: Veteran Tickets Foundation (VetTix.org) provides FREE event tickets to family members of troops Killed In Action (K.I.A.), active Military and Veterans to sporting events, concerts, performing arts and family activities. Attending these events reduces stress through entertainment, strengthens family bonds, builds life long memories and encourages service members to stay engaged with American life and local communities. Giving free event tickets is an expression of appreciation, acknowledgement and an enduring symbol that we, as a nation, honor the service of our troops today and long after their tour of duty has passed. Helping our veterans attend events provides positive family and life experiences after their years of service to our country



Please mark your calendars for the **Veterans' Day Service at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul**

(4800 Woodward Ave. Detroit 48201) on Sunday, Nov. 9, 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 both moving and inspiring, and a fitting tribute to all those who have served our country.

A reception with light refreshments follows the service. For more information email: [cathedralveteransday@gmail.com](mailto:cathedralveteransday@gmail.com) or phone Susan Combs at 313-831-5000 or Bob Prout at 586-242-8181. Whether as a group, or simply an individual who seeks a way to say "thank you" or to offer prayers for comrades still serving, or to remember those who have fallen, all are welcome.

9/11 Remembrance Ceremony



Commander Weston presents Officer of the Year Commendation to City of Farmington Public Safety Officer Andrew Morche.



Commander Weston, Farmington Hills Firefighter of the Year Lt. Donald Schinski and Fire Chief Corey Bartsch.



Farmington Hills Police Officer of the Year Sgt. Bonnie Unruh is congratulated by Police Chief Chuck Nebus. Two other Police Officers of the Year were unable to attend because of official duties, they are - Office Eric Buckberry and Officer Mike Meister. Photos: Ralph Philp



**Firing Line Indoor Gun Range presents their First Annual - Mission: Smoking BBQ**

October 5th 4:00 – 8:00 pm  
33000 Ford Rd. Westland

\$30 Adults, \$25 Vets, \$15 Children (under 15)  
All proceeds to be donated to Camp Liberty and the Veterans Memorial Garden in Westland.

This will be a non-alcohol family event that will include a **BBQ Dinner, Shooting events on 3 ranges, Raffles, outdoor Cigar Bar, Silent Auction, DJ, and Door Prizes.** To donate gifts for Silent Auction, purchase ad space, become a sponsor, purchase tickets, or for more information call the Firing Line at 734-326-7320, or Mike Williams at 734-634-5867.







October Birthdays

- 1 Tim Martin
- 2 Edward Laird
- 4 Linda Green
- 4 Denzel Hammond
- 6 Paul Brancheau
- 7 Patricia Rodgers
- 7 Terry A. Roberts
- 8 Rob Smart
- 8 Grechen Hildenbrand
- 9 Jim Weston
- 9 Melvin Kempman
- 9 Myrtle Granger
- 10 Dick Joslyn
- 10 Kenneth Monberg
- 11 Dave Kokko

- 11 Dale Vecchio
- 12 Judith Stein
- 13 Fred Bromm
- 13 William Orlando
- 14 Carolynn Mallia
- 14 Robert Hanson
- 14 Daniel Merrill
- 14 Susan Franzen
- 15 Kelly L. Walker
- 16 Charles Boyle
- 16 John Miller
- 18 William Spears
- 19 Kristina Christensen
- 21 Harold Wilson
- 23 James Barrie
- 27 Janet Czerwinski
- 28 Kim Jaske
- 28 Rosemary Berger
- 28 Hannah Durham
- 29 Charles Smith
- 29 Marge K. Hildenbrand
- 29 Amy Kokko
- 31 Francis Seager



October Anniversaries

- 3 Dale & Diane Farrell
- 8 Matt & Michelle Pitt
- 10 Bob & Sharon DeWitt
- 12 Tom & Christina James
- 15 Dale & Laura Mauck
- 16 Tim & Cathy Martin
- 19 Donal & Claudia Stanton

**Don't see your name?**  
**Please contact Carol at**  
[info@americanlegionpost346.org](mailto:info@americanlegionpost346.org)

Remember, the only way we can correctly list your birthdays and anniversaries is if you provide them to us to publish.

Coming up in November

- 1 All Saints Day
- 2 Daylight Savings Time ends
- 4 Election Day
- 5 MVF Luncheon
- 6 Legion & Aux. meetings
- 10 Marine Birthday
- 11 Veteran's Day
- 16 Sadie Hawkins Day
- 27 Thanksgiving
- 28 Black Friday



# October 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29 Exec. Board meeting 7:30pm Coney Night 5:00-7:30pm	30	1	2 Legion & Aux. meetings 7:30pm	3 BINGO 6:15pm Yom Kippur begins	4 Spaghetti Dinner 5:00 – 7:00pm
5 SAL Lions Game Party 1:00pm Child Health Day	6 Coney Night 5:00-7:30pm	7	8 SAL meeting 7:30pm	9 Leif Erikson Day	10 BINGO 6:15pm	11
12 SAL Lions Game Party 1:00pm	13 Coney Night 5:00-7:30pm Navy Birthday Columbus Day	14	15	16 Boss' day	17 Submission deadline for Nov. Bulletin BINGO 6:15pm	18 Sweetest day
19 SAL Lions Game Party 1:00pm	20 Coney Night 5:00-7:30pm	21 Home Board meeting 7:30pm	22 Navy Day	23	24 BINGO 6:15pm United Nations Day	25
26	27 Coney Night 5:00-7:30pm	28	29	30 Firekeepers Casino Bus Trip 8:00am - 5:00pm	31 BINGO 6:15pm Halloween	



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Drinks (w/ dog order) . . . . .75¢  
 Includes: Draft beer, Coke, diet Coke,  
 7up, ginger ale, orange juice, cranberry juice.

**No reservations needed, COME ON DOWN!**

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Thank You, Jim Koponen



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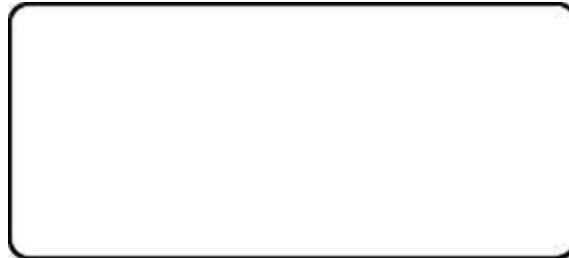


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### Meeting Nights

Legion & Auxiliary - 1st Thursday of each month at 7:30 pm  
SAL - 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7:30 pm  
Home Board - 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:30 pm  
Exec. Board - Monday before Legion & Aux. meetings at 7:30 pm

### Clubroom Hours

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

For contact information for your officers or hall rental information,  
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### Preamble to the Constitution of The American Legion

For God and Country we associate ourselves together for the following purposes:

- To uphold and defend the Constitution of The United States of America;
- To maintain law and order; To foster and perpetuate a one hundred percent Americanism;
- To preserve the memories and incidents of our associations in the great wars;
- To inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state and nation;
- To combat the autocracy of both the classes and the masses;
- To make right the master of might; To promote peace and goodwill on earth;
- To safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice, freedom and democracy;
- To consecrate and sanctify our comradeship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness.

