



The Groves-Walker Bulletin

American Legion Post 346 Farmington, MI
January/February 2021 - Vol. XI Issue 3



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Meeting Nights

1st Wednesday of the month at 6:30pm: **SAL**
1st Thur. of the month at 7:30pm: **Legion - Auxiliary**
3rd Thur. of the month at 6:30pm: **Home Board**
and at 7pm: **Executive Committee (NEW)**

Clubroom Hours

Monday - Friday: 4pm - 9pm
Open some weekends for sports viewing

Contact Info

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31775 Grand River Ave. Farmington, MI 48336-4238

Volunteer opportunities

Volunteers needed for: Help with researching possible grant opportunities ~ Finding buyers for 6 gravesites at Oakview cemetery in Royal Oak ~ Contact Marya if you can help.

Keep an eye on your email for volunteer requests from the Legion, Auxiliary and SAL. Thank you!

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 decide to donate blood anywhere during the year, please inform our Commander so that your donation can be included in our Consolidated Post Report.



Happy New Year
from Post 346!

*May it be a darn sight better
than the last one!*



**ALL MEETINGS AND EVENTS
LISTED HERE ARE SUBJECT
TO CURRENT COVID-19
RESTRICTIONS**

WANTED: Can you or someone you know create and manage a Twitter and/or Instagram account for the Post? We need to get our message with hashtags out to a wider public audience. Please ask around if a friend or family member is willing to help. Please contact Marya.

Coronavirus financial aid and resources

- [Veterans COVID-19 Emergency Financial Relief](#)
- The [CARES Act \(Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security\)](#) - www.stabenow.senate.gov/veterans
- A comprehensive list of State and U.S. Government coronavirus assistance resources - www.stabenow.senate.gov/coronavirus
- Michigan coronavirus information - www.michigan.gov/coronavirus
- Michigan coronavirus hotline - 888-535-6136
- Michigan aging & adult services - www.michigan.gov/osa or call 248-357-2255
- Beaumont Hospitals - www.communityresource.beaumont.org
- U.S. Government benefits finder - www.benefits.gov
- U.S. Government Centers for Disease Control and Prevention - www.cdc.gov
- **Please don't forget about our Post's Poppy funds! Anonymous one-time grants, not loans, specifically earmarked for the financial needs of veterans and their families. Feel free to contact Mike LaFave at: 248-516-8545 or Carol Hopson at: 248-910-2586 if you could use a little help.**

**Congratulations to our three
Legion Early Bird Membership
\$100 Winners!**

**Total of GoFundMe Donations
from Legion member Dan McGrath**

\$15,125



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Any member can submit an article for the next Bulletin, including photos (articles may be edited for length, spelling and/or content). Articles can be submitted at any time, **please don't wait for the deadline of Friday February 19th for the March/April 2021 issue of the Bulletin.**

## Chaplain's Corner

Andy Machcinski

My Fellow Legion family members:

Thanks to the President and our prayers, all indications are that a vaccine has been found to combat this terrible disease. With our lives being turned upside down, our churches and gathering places closed, and visitation to nursing homes restricted so we cannot visit friends and relatives, share a prayer or even say our final goodbyes, all may seem lost. But this is the time to place your faith in God. He is with us and through His grace and guidance we will all be stronger and wiser.

There is a reason for everything, He has a plan for each of us, trust in Him and put your faith in Him. In this holiday season and in the coming of the New Year, say a prayer every day, spend a minute talking to Him, He will listen, and have faith that God will make it all right, through His guidance and love for us all. I offer a prayer for each of us during this troubled time:

God,

*We pray for Your love and compassion to abound as we walk through this challenging season. We ask for wisdom for those who bear the load of making decisions with widespread consequences.*

*We pray for those who are suffering with sickness and all who are caring for them. We ask for protection for the elderly and vulnerable to not succumb to this virus. We pray for misinformation to be curbed, that fear may take no hold in hearts and minds.*

*As we exercise the good sense that You in Your mercy provide, may we also approach each day in faith and peace, trusting in the truth of Your goodness towards us.*

Amen

Regards, Your Chaplain,  
Andy



## Queen of Hearts Progressive Raffle

Drawings 7:15 pm Mondays

Jan. 18 thru May 30, 2020

\$1 tickets on sale **NOW** at the back patio & through PayPal, Venmo and Zelle to: [346Queen@gmail.com](mailto:346Queen@gmail.com)

Light dinner is available 5 - 7 pm. While supplies last. If no one finds the Queen of Hearts, the jackpot rolls over to the next week and ticket sales begin anew. E-ticket sales stop at noon on Sun. to allow for processing time. On-site ticket sales stop at approx. 6:00 pm.



Need not be present to win, must be 18 to play. License number #C29768

Current Jackpot will be at least - \$100  
Drawing 1 - 01/18 -

## SAL News & Notes

Trunk R Treat @ The Legion - Kudos to Senior Vice Commander Kevin Griswold who pulled out all the stops to give the Legion and the Farmington Community this event. The event was held October 23 amid a global pandemic and social distancing. The Legion had approx. 85 attendees at the event. It had been the idea of Kevin's for over a year and a half to hold a Trunk R Treat. With a little help from volunteers, too many to mention, we were able to hold this event. Thank you to Kevin Griswold and our volunteers for the success of this event.

Eric Welter, SAL Commander



## Club Room Corner

As this crazy year comes to an end, I would like to thank all the members for their support. Without you we could not have stayed open during the summer. I would also like to thank the volunteer bartenders for their help without pay. Thank you for the donations that built the GW Corral out back (The Patio). Here's to a better New Year.

Thank you,  
Eric Welter, Clubroom Manager



**OOPS!** And the award for being the first to spot my error in the last Bulletin goes to Norm Pranger! I accidentally listed Pearl Harbor Day on November 7 not December 7. My apologies, Carol

**If** you are considering a generous donation to help your Post during these difficult times, please make checks payable to: American Legion Post 346

## Commander's Corner...

### Post 346 Commander

Marya Davis



Good News: We just received a \$20,000 Grant from Oakland County! Per that application, \$10,000 is committed to utilities and there will be some back-pay for our Clubroom Manager and a distribution for our three primary bartenders who all selflessly gave their time for the majority of the year to keep us together and the clubroom open. Money is also set aside for a sturdy exterior shelter so we can re-open for outdoor gatherings very soon. Together with the \$1,000 Grant from American Legion National, that gets us to June if there are no major repairs. This is far better than the previous expectation of having to shut down by February.

Reality: Leadership is looking for a smaller building to buy or space to lease that is more efficient and more manageable. Our building will be advertised for sale to give us time to pave the way to a more sustainable future.

In 1923, our Post started in a room in the east end of the Farmington Village Water Works building. From there, meetings were held in the basement of the Farmington National Bank (corner of Grand River Ave & Farmington Rd). In 1924 - A log cabin built for the Farmington Village Centennial Celebration was donated as the new home for Post 346 once festivities had ended. And then in 1929, we moved to a two-story house at 33109 Grand River Ave. (current location of the Downtown Farmington shopping center) purchased by members Howard & Harley Warner (sons of former Governor Fred M. Warner). In May 1945, land was purchased for our current location. In March 1948, the first meetings were held although construction was not yet complete. Finally, in 1949, construction was completed on our current location of 31775 Grand River Ave. We have been here for 71 years.

As I have said before, *"we will not willingly give up on the intrinsic value of having a place to assemble which is essential to our human need for the camaraderie shared in our unique relationships founded on service and sacrifice. We choose to take action for the sake of our Legion family. Rather than being the victim of change, we choose to lean forward to evolve and adapt, to survive and thrive."* Nothing is guaranteed due to COVID. But our duty to serve veterans, their families, and the community of Farmington, will endure! The generous GoFundMe donations from our community, the individual donations from our membership, support from the Auxiliary & SAL, and these grants provide us a sturdy bridge to continue our mission.

The days are getting longer and Queen of Hearts is starting again (see info on page 2). Let's celebrate and get together as soon as that new outdoor structure is set up! We can't roast marshmallows but maybe we can have some hot chocolate together!

In Service,  
Marya Davis, Commander

## My 2 Cents...

### Unit 346 President

Carol Hopson



Happy New Year to one and all! May 2021 be a heck of a lot better than 2020! Hope everyone is hanging in there and staying healthy.

Because of our lack of funds due to helping to support the Post this year, we previously voted to not uphold our annual tradition of adopting a family in need for Christmas and instead gave a smaller donation to CARES. But thanks to an anonymous donation from a local family we were able to give a \$600 Meijer gift card to a single mom and her 3 children this Christmas (chosen by our friend Todd Lipa, Exec. Director of CARES). Our benefactor and her family had a good 2020, no one came down with COVID-19, no one lost their job, and they wanted to share their good fortune with others. We were lucky enough to be chosen to be the instrument of their generosity. And our single mom and her family were grateful beyond words.

A sincere thank you to everyone who donated goods for our annual "Mitten Tree" (even though it was just a bin at the back patio instead of on an actual Christmas tree). We donated 78 items to the Farmington Goodfellows for distribution to local families in need!

A HUGE Thank You to our Commander Marya for all the hard work and hours she has personally put into fund raising projects, and grant research and applications to help keep the Post afloat this year.

I'm looking forward to a far more positive, healthier and happier 2021 where we can all, once again, come together to do the good work of the American Legion Auxiliary.

I'd like to leave you with this thought... As the membership of Post 346 moves into an uncertain future, where ever we may call home next year, please remember that our heart and soul lies in our **membership**, not in our **building**.

That's my 2 cents worth, I'm always eager to hear yours,  
Carol Hopson, President

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Please start thinking **NOW** about offering your name for nomination for new officers and chairmanships for the upcoming 2021-22 year.

Please start thinking about candidates for the Boy's State and Girl's State programs for 2021.

Click here for more info:

[www.americanlegionpost346.org/information.html](http://www.americanlegionpost346.org/information.html)



*I change my thoughts,  
I change my world.  
- Norman Vincent Peale*





Stanley W. Packard Jr.

July 21, 1928 - November 12, 2020

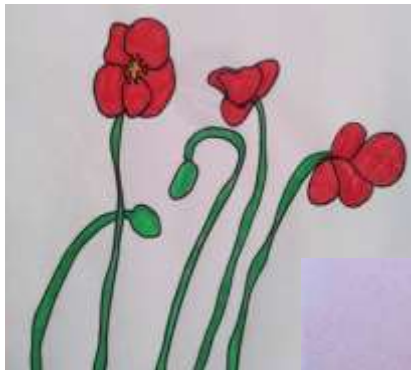
"Bill" was born in Detroit the son of the late Martha and Stanley William Packard, Sr. Sadly, Bill is preceded in death by his wife of 63 years, Ruth. He is the dearest brother of James, Walter and the late Howard; uncle of six.



Bill served his country in the US Army during the Korean War. He received a Silver Star for his valiant service. He has been a member of Groves-Walker American Legion Post 346 since 1963, he is also a member of Hubert-Fortiers-O'Grady VFW Post 345 in Redford.

Internment at Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly, MI, with military honors. In lieu of flowers please make any donations to Wounded Warrior Project.

[https://www.heeney-sundquist.com/obituary/stanley-packard-jr-bill?fh\\_id=15661](https://www.heeney-sundquist.com/obituary/stanley-packard-jr-bill?fh_id=15661)



Jurnee (age 10) and Colton (age 5) drew these terrific poppy pictures in honor of Veteran's Day for their school art classes.

Jurnee is the great-grand-daughter of former member "Red" Gould & grand-daughter of member Don Gould. Colton is the great grandson of member Don Gould. Great job kids!

### Did you know...?

There have only been 5 five-star generals. The rank didn't exist until 1944 and was retired in 1981, when the last living one, Omar Bradley, died. Two presidents held the title; Dwight D. Eisenhower and George Washington, who was promoted posthumously. The other two were Douglas MacArthur and George C Marshall.

### Can you believe... ?

The "Father of Traffic Safety" William Eno invented the stop sign, speed limits, traffic circle, and one-way street... but never learned to drive.



## Veteran's Day 2020

Because of COVID-19 restrictions, the Post decided to forego our annual Veteran's Day ceremony at the Post. But that didn't mean we weren't out there celebrating and thanking our local veterans. Post Honor Guard members Marya Davis, Jim Koponen and Andy Machcinski were at the Costick Center to salute our local vets as they drove through to pick up a free Veteran's Day box lunch (sponsored by American House). Photos: Carol Hopson



## Did You Know... ?

The Green Beret wasn't part of the special forces uniform until 1961, after President Kennedy visited Fort Bragg and noticed an officer wearing one. Kennedy thought that members of this elite team needed something to distinguish them from other soldiers and made the green beret their official headgear. At Kennedy's funeral, Command Sergeant Major Francis Ruddy placed his beret on the president's grave, a tradition that Green Berets visiting Arlington National Cemetery continue today.

Kennedy's death also affected the 1963 Army-Navy football game. The nation was officially in mourning for 30 days, and holding the game would have been deemed disrespectful. But the president himself had been scheduled to attend, and the Kennedy family personally requested that it go on. JFK's beloved Navy won.

## Holiday Wreath Laying

We may not have held our traditional Holiday Wreath laying ceremony this year but a few of us still got together to lay a wreath at the War Memorial Monument. The Post wanted to be a good example to the community by not hosting a large gathering. We said a prayer for all those service members who never made it home for the holidays and paused to remember those who cannot be home with their loved ones this holiday season.



The front of the building looks great. Drive by and take a good look. There was no Christmas manger display this year as it was not a COVID safe activity, but SAL did place an inflatable holiday display on the front lawn. **Thank you to Andy Machcinski** for the decorative holiday pots on the front steps, the new hall rental signs and the new address number sign.



**Are you sick and tired of unsolicited credit card offers, insurance offers, and other junk mail?** Find out how to reduce the amount of junk mail you receive by clicking this link to the Federal Trade Commission website - <https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/0148-prescreened-credit-and-insurance-offers>

**If you have not yet renewed your membership, please remember that it expired on Dec. 31, 2020.**

There are lots of easy ways to renew!

1) Renew online using your credit card:

Legion: [www.legion.org/renew](http://www.legion.org/renew)

Auxiliary: [www.alaforveterans.org/renew](http://www.alaforveterans.org/renew)

Sorry, SAL cannot yet renew online.

2) Mail a check to the Post

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 pay your dues in person anytime the clubroom is open. Credit card payment also accepted in the clubroom.

4) Come to the next meeting and give your dues to your membership chairman in person.

5) Use the renewal form that was mailed to you from Department headquarters.

***If you have 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 Headquarters and may not reflect recent payments.

Your dues must be paid in full to receive the benefits of membership in our American Legion Post such as service of alcoholic beverages in the Clubroom, a vote on Post issues, or a copy of the Bulletin emailed to your home.

We appreciate each and every one of you and value your membership with the American Legion and Groves-Walker Post 346.

Membership chairmen:

Legion: Dave Harmon

email: [dharmon007@hotmail.com](mailto:dharmon007@hotmail.com)

or call: 313-378-9197

Auxiliary: Carol Hopson email:

[GrovesWalkerPost346@gmail.com](mailto:GrovesWalkerPost346@gmail.com)

or call: 248-910-2586

SAL: Eric Welter

email: [SALSquadron346@gmail.com](mailto:SALSquadron346@gmail.com)

or call: 248-895-6674



*The question isn't who is going to let me,  
it's who is going to stop me. - Ayn Rand*



## Farmington American Legion gets a fundraising boost

11/12/20 by Joni Hubred - Farmington Voice  
Ask Farmington American Legion Groves-Walker Post Commander Marya Davis how she's doing these days, and you'll hear words like "ecstatic" and "excited." Just a few months ago, the Post struggled with the loss of rental revenues due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and members feared the doors might close for good. The iconic red brick building at 31775 Grand River has space to host weddings, private parties, and other community events, but even though it re-opened in June, capacity has been limited.

Veteran James Koponen was interviewed for a WJBK-TV segment that aired again this week. (fox2detroit.com) Now, though, the future looks brighter, thanks to a generous community, Davis said. A crowdfunding campaign launched over the summer is now within \$2,000 of its \$15,000 goal. The drive got a \$3,000 boost this week after WJBK-TV re-aired a segment on the Post's struggles. Support has also come from outside the Farmington area, she added. "A vet from the Garden City area walked into the clubroom last night and handed us a check for \$100." The Legion also organized a Queen of Hearts raffle, through which people purchased \$1 tickets for a chance to draw a card and split a large pot with the Club. After expenses, that brought in about \$3,000 – which, coincidentally, covers about one month's worth of expenses. "We will start that again in January," Davis said. "I learned a lot, it will be much better this time around."

Davis said the Post has avoided COVID-19 loans because members weren't sure they'd be able to repay them. While she has applied for some grants, most have been targeted to 501(c)3 nonprofits, and the group falls under a different classification.

While grateful for the outpouring of community support, Davis said, the Legion's most sustainable path forward is rental revenues. Capacity is currently limited to 30 people in the lower hall and 60 in the upper hall; both rooms offer plenty of space for groups to spread out.

Monday night dinners open to the public from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. (or while supplies last) also provide some support. Davis said the Club follows strict COVID-19 safety measures. "Our bartenders are still working for free as they have all summer long," she said, adding members have been generous with tips. "It's really up to all of us that we have this place for veterans and their families to gather."

*I have noticed that even people who claim everything is predetermined and that we can do nothing to change it, still look both ways before they cross the road.*

*- Stephen Hawking*



## Membership Eligibility



**Legion membership eligibility.** Veterans or active duty military who have served at least one day of active duty in the US Armed Forces since December 7, 1941 and have been honorably discharged or are still serving.

**Auxiliary membership eligibility.** 1) Relationship to veteran: Mother, daughter, sister, grandmother, granddaughter, male or female spouse, self (for female veterans).  
2) Potential member must be related to a living veteran by one of the relationships stated **AND** veteran is a current member of the American Legion. **OR**, Potential member is related to a deceased veteran who served at least one day of active service during eligible time periods (Apr. 6, 1917 to Nov. 11, 1918 and any time after Dec. 7, 1941) and was honorably discharged. Deceased veteran does not have to have been a member of the American Legion.

**SAL membership eligibility.** 1) All male descendants adopted sons, and stepsons. 2) Potential member must be related to a living veteran by one of the relationships stated **AND** veteran is a current member of the American Legion. **OR**, Potential member is related to a deceased veteran who served at least one day of active service during eligible time periods (Apr. 6, 1917 to Nov. 11, 1918 and any time after Dec. 7, 1941) and was honorably discharged. Deceased veteran does not have to have been a member of the American Legion.

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*If you planted hope today in any hopeless heart,  
If someone's burden was lighter  
because you did your part,  
If you caused a laugh that chased some tears away,  
Then your day has been well spent.*

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**Hopefully** you joined the American Legion because the organization means something to you, because you care about helping our active duty service-members, veterans and their families.

**Hopefully** you joined our Post because it means something to you, a place to meet, share, donate, contribute to our community, have fun with your comrades, somewhere to see the big game, relax with friends and family or enjoy delicious dinners.

**Please** show you care about our Post and the American Legion by coming to monthly meetings and contributing your voice to ours, your hands to ours, a bit of your time to ours.

**Please become an ACTIVE member of Post 346!**

## County delivers \$20K check to Farmington American Legion

December 19, 2020 by Joni Hubred - Farmington Voice  
Oakland County officials delivered an early Christmas gift Friday, in the form of a \$20,000 grant check for the Groves-Walker American Legion Post #346 in Farmington. Post Commander Marya Davis said funds will go toward utility payments and payroll, and to purchase a structure that will allow veterans to gather outdoors. State executive and health orders have closed the hall on Grand River to indoor dining and facility rentals, slashing revenues.

Since September, Post members have been fundraising through a GoFundMe campaign and Queen of Hearts raffle. Davis said veterans are often uncomfortable asking for help and need to interact with others who have had military experience. "These folks need the camaraderie of similar minded people," she said. "It's absolutely essential that we can create a safe space for them to come, so we can still bring them together."

### **County reaches out to vets**

Oakland County Deputy Executive Sean Carlson, a U.S. Air Force veteran, said the grant funds came through the federal CARES (Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security) Act. Officials have distributed about \$90 million to small businesses and nonprofits. "We wanted to make sure we were taking care of veterans as well," he said. "They are a very important part of our community."

Oakland County Executive David Coulter said veterans have needs that are different from those of other citizens, and the county has been "aggressively reaching out" to them. "You would be struck by how many challenges they are facing because of this," he said. "We know that if you want to help veterans, working with the service organizations that know them the best and know their needs is the way to go."

Carlson said \$550,000 has been distributed among 31 veterans' organizations, and more than \$750,000 has gone to veterans themselves, with grants of up to \$2,500 helping them through hardships caused by COVID-19. The individual checks went out Friday to more than 500 veterans.

Coulter added that, while the Board of Commissioners is split politically, votes to allocate the CARES Act funds to residents in need have been unanimous.

*The first to apologize  
is the bravest  
The first to forgive  
is the strongest  
The first to forget  
is the happiest*



December 18, 2020



Pictured from left: Oakland County Deputy Executive Sean Carlson, Post 346 Auxiliary President Carol Hopson, Post Commander Marya Davis, County Executive David Coulter, and Oakland County Commissioner Janet Jackson.

### **Your best bet when seeking veteran discounts with your favorite stores, restaurants or services:**

- 1) Always ask if you can get a veteran discount no matter where you shop or what services you seek.
- 2) Not all stores in a national chain will give the same discounts because they may be individually owned and operated.
- 3) Each business you deal with is likely to ask for a different form of proof of service: a VA card (sometimes only a "combat related" disability designation), DD-214, veteran organization membership card, County veteran discount cards, veteran designation on driver's license, sometimes just wearing a veteran baseball cap will do! You'll never know unless you ask.

### **We know how hard it is to remember everything you need to take care of when a loved one passes away, and even harder to know what benefits a deceased veteran may be entitled to.**

This is one reason why the American Legion has Service Officers, to help the deceased veteran's family receive all the benefits they may be entitled to. Always remember, and tell your loved ones -

- 1) Know where your DD-214 is. An American Legion service officer can help you get a replacement copy if lost.
- 2) Tell your funeral director that the deceased was a veteran.
- 3) Contact your Post (or the nearest American Legion Post if your loved one was not a member), and not only can you receive the help of a Service Officer but, the Post's Honor Guard can help with a military funeral service. Other benefits might include a free burial plot, headstone, survivor benefits, burial expenses, and an American flag to drape the casket.



## 10/23/20 SAL Trunk R Treat



The (first annual?) SAL Trunk R Treat event was a great success! Members and friends opened their hearts and their car trunks to the kids of our community and they had a great time! Shown above is Paula Cotroneio with her grand kids, Piper Todd with his inflatable horror show and Danielle Jankowski with her monster trunk. Approx. 85 kids made their way around our parking lot. Lights, music, candy, kids and fun!  
Photos: Carol Hopson

Show your support of our military & our veterans  
Only \$5 each, available in the clubroom.  
NEW design featuring poppies now available!



Official Post 346 Bottle Koozie  
Only \$5 each, asst. colors,  
available in the clubroom



Post 346 License Plates  
Show pride in our Post!  
\$5 each, in the clubroom

Blue Star Banners - Gold Star Banners  
Show pride in your family members  
who are serving or were KIA.  
\$6 each, in the clubroom  
Banners are available with 1 to 5  
Blue Stars or 1 Gold Star.  
Banners measure 14" x 8".  
Also available from Carol Hopson.



### Please remember. . .

The Bulletin is no longer being mailed to members via the US Postal Service. Copies are emailed to members who have an email address on file and available for download from our website. If you have friends or relatives who are members but not tech-savvy, and they still wish to receive the Bulletin, please consider downloading and printing it for them. Thank you

### For the Guys: 5 Deadly terms used by women.

#### #1 Fine.

The word women use to end an argument when she knows she is right and you need to shut up.

#### #2 Nothing.

Means something, and you need to be worried.

#### #3 Go Ahead.

This is a dare, not permission. Do not do it.

#### #4 Whatever...

A women's way of saying "screw you".

#### #5 That's OK.

She is thinking long and hard on how and when you will pay for your mistake.

#### Bonus: WOW!

This not a compliment. She's amazed that one person could be so stupid.





## January Birthdays

03 Dan Heffernan  
04 Gary Brewer  
08 Helen Currie  
09 Jarrett Lott  
09 Jim O'Keefe  
10 John Hoelscher  
11 Olivia Griswold  
13 Barbara Piotrowski  
13 Judy Sackett  
14 Julie Gogowski  
15 Robert McGowan  
15 Ken Balcom  
17 Susan Duquette  
18 David Schwartz  
20 Brian Jankowski

21 Dan Festian  
24 Marty Chinn  
25 Laureen Gogowski  
28 Lois Thill  
29 Elizabeth Dopkowski

## January Anniversaries

01 Mike & Toni Hughes



We believe membership applications are something that every Post member should carry in his or her wallet at all times. You never know when you may run into someone who might like to join our Post! Applications are ALWAYS available in the clubroom.

## ADVERTISE IN THE BULLETIN!

For more info contact  
Carol Hopson at:  
GrovesWalkerPost346@gmail.com

## TABS FOR TOTS

Please save the aluminum (non-magnetic!) tabs from all your beverage and pull-tab containers. Drop off your tabs at the rear door.

Funds benefit Ronald McDonald House Charities

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

# January 2021

All events and meetings listed  
are subject to current  
COVID-19 restrictions

| Sunday   | Monday                                                                                                 | Tuesday | Wednesday                                                                                                                 | Thursday                                                                                                                        | Friday                                                                                                     | Saturday |
|----------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| 27       | 28                                                                                                     | 29      | 30                                                                                                                        | 31                                                                                                                              | 1<br><br>New Year's Day | 2        |
| 3        | 4                                                                                                      | 5       | 6<br>NO SAL meeting<br>                | 7<br>Legion via Zoom<br>NO Aux. meeting<br> | 8                                                                                                          | 9        |
| 10       | 11                                                                                                     | 12      | 13<br>Ladies Night in the clubroom<br> | 14                                                                                                                              | 15                                                                                                         | 16       |
| 17       | 18<br>Dinner at the Post fundraiser 5 -7pm<br>Queen of Hearts drawing 7:15pm<br>Martin Luther King Day | 19      | 20<br><br>Inauguration Day             | 21<br>Home Board meeting 6:30pm<br>Exec. Committee meeting 7:00pm                                                               | 22                                                                                                         | 23       |
| 24<br>31 | 25<br>Dinner at the Post fundraiser 5 -7pm<br>Queen of Hearts drawing 7:15pm                           | 26      | 27                                                                                                                        | 28<br><br>Coast Guard Birthday              | 29                                                                                                         | 30       |



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| <b>February Birthdays</b><br>09 Ted Podsiadly<br>13 Bonita Flowery<br>13 Tammy Festian<br>14 Carol Thompson<br>14 Ken Reynolds<br>20 Dave Franzen<br>23 Curtis Steelman<br>24 Christina Gould<br>25 Aiyana Allen<br>29 Mike Williams | <b>February Anniversaries</b><br>03 Marian Belaire<br>20 Gil & Mary Naylor<br>23 Jim & Debbie Brancheau<br> | <b>Coming up in March</b><br>04 LGN, AUX meetings<br>05 Seabee's Birthday<br>13 MI K-9 Veteran's Day<br>14 Daylight savings time begins<br>15 American Legion Birthday 1918<br>16 Liberty Day<br>17 Saint Patrick's Day<br>20 Spring Begins<br>25 Natl Medal of Honor Day<br>28 Palm Sunday<br>Passover<br>29 Vietnam Veterans Day | <b>Dinner at the Post FUNDRAISER!</b><br>Monday evenings<br>in the Clubroom<br>5:00 pm - 7:00 pm<br>GOOD FOOD,<br>GREAT PRICES!<br><hr/> <b>Members and their guests always enjoy free WiFi in the clubroom</b>  |
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| Sunday                                                                                                              | Monday                                                                                                          | Tuesday                                                                                                                          | Wednesday                                                                                                             | Thursday                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Friday                                                                                                                                                    | Saturday                                                                                           |
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| <b>31</b><br>                       | <b>1</b><br>Dinner at the Post fundraiser 5 -7pm<br>Queen of Hearts drawing 7:15pm<br><br>Freedom Day           | <b>2</b><br><br>Groundhog Day                   | <b>3</b><br>SAL meeting 6:30pm<br>   | <b>4</b><br>Legion & Auxiliary meetings 7:30pm<br>      | <b>5</b><br>                                                           | <b>6</b><br>    |
| <b>7</b><br><br>Superbowl Sunday | <b>8</b><br>Dinner at the Post fundraiser 5 -7pm<br>Queen of Hearts drawing 7:15pm                              | <b>9</b><br>                                   | <b>10</b><br>                       | <b>11</b><br>                                                                                                                             | <b>12</b><br><br>Chinese New Year of the OX<br>A. Lincoln's Birthday | <b>13</b><br>  |
| <b>14</b><br><br>Valentine's Day | <b>15</b><br>Dinner at the Post fundraiser 5 -7pm<br>Queen of Hearts drawing 7:15pm<br><br>President's Day      | <b>16</b><br>                                 | <b>17</b><br>Ladies Night in the clubroom<br><br>Ash Wednesday                                                        | <b>18</b><br>Home Board meeting 6:30pm<br>Exec. Committee meeting 7:00pm                                                                                                                                                     | <b>19</b><br>Submission Deadline for Mar/Apr Bulletin                                                                                                     | <b>20</b><br> |
| <b>21</b><br>                     | <b>22</b><br>Dinner at the Post fundraiser 5 -7pm<br>Queen of Hearts drawing 7:15pm<br>G. Washington's Birthday | <b>23</b><br><br>Flag raised on Iwo Jima 1945 | <b>24</b><br>                      | <b>25</b><br>                                                                                                                            | <b>26</b><br>                                                        | <b>27</b><br> |
| <b>28</b><br>                     | <b>1</b><br>Dinner at the Post fundraiser 5 -7pm<br>Queen of Hearts drawing 7:15pm<br><br><b>March</b>          | <b>2</b><br>                                  | <b>3</b><br>SAL meeting 6:30pm<br> | <b>4</b><br>Legion & Auxiliary meetings 7:30pm<br>  | <b>5</b><br>                                                         | <b>6</b><br>  |





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