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My 2 Cents Worth...  
Post 346 Commander  
James Weston



Legionnaires, SAL & Auxiliary,  
Welcome to 2016. I hope all had a wonderful holiday season and Santa was good to you. We're still going in the right direction at the Post. Rentals are exceeding beyond what we ever expected. For those who don't know, Darla Anderson is the new Clubroom Manager, Congratulations Darla! Good Luck to Gary Fierk, our past Clubroom Manager, on his retirement.

Thank you to Tony Mallia and Carol Hopson for the Heeney-Sundquist appreciation ceremony, it was very touching! Thank you to Art and Marya for the work on the back canopy. As I write this we are still waiting to get the grant from Home Depot, hopefully during January or February, in our slow months, they will start with repairs.

Let's not forget our raffle January 30th. It's a great money-maker for the Post. Members, get your tickets in! You can obtain tickets at the Post or contact Skip Nafe at 248-419-0000. That's about all for now, God bless all of us and our troops abroad. Hope 2016 brings great happiness to all.

Jim Weston, Commander



At the November meeting, Post member Frank Powell received his 70 year membership pin from Commander Jim Weston. Congratulations Frank! Photo: Marya Davis

You did what you knew how to do,  
and when you knew better,  
you did better. - Maya Angelou



Blue Eyes Blog...  
Unit 346 President  
Tamela Festian



HAPPY New Year!!!!  
Well, I see everyone made it thru another year. New Year means setting goals. But sometimes it is a good reminder, that any new goals require one day at a time for best results. The last two months of 2015 were busy. On Veterans Day, we had a beautiful service. Plus, our Myrtle Granger sang God Bless America. One of our guest speakers was from Michigan Veterans Foundation.

After everything was done, my three amigos who work in the kitchen on Coney Dog night donated their money that month to the Michigan Veterans Foundation (\$500!). Many thanks to Paula, Gerry and Mark. Then we had our 18th District President, Sandra Carter attend our meeting in December. Thank you everyone for your help with our Mitten Tree Goodfellow donations. We had a total of 121 items donated! We chose our needy family for Christmas, and Darla Anderson and Karen Mamgrum took on the job of shopping for them. Everyone loves to shop with someone else money. Thank you ladies for your effort. Also, thank you to Tom Mohan and Deanna Wagstaff for donating 100 flannel shirts for the Michigan Veterans Foundation. Special thanks to them again for the kindness that comes from their HEARTS. And to Marian Belaire, Leah Brancheau and Jan Smart for taking the time to wrap the gifts.

I was glad to have a nice evening on Dec.18th at the Michigan Veterans Foundation Holiday Party at Shields Pizzeria. At the end January, we are sending our care packages out, for our troops overseas. So, continue to bring items down to the Post. Our last bus trip to Firekeepers Casino was a huge success. To those that helped out with this event, it was appreciated very much. We had a full bus load of people. So sorry we had to turn away 9 people and leave them behind. Looking forward to our next trip.

Coming up, the RAFFLE with dinner will be happening on Jan. 30th. We cannot forget February and all our sweethearts, VALENTINES DAY! If I forgot to mention anyone, here is another Thank You!

Tammy Festian, President

What I learned from Christmas ~  
It's the thought that counts... but get a gift receipt.

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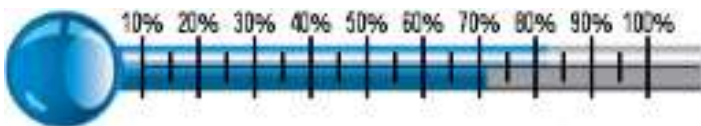
Happy 2016! New year, clean slate, new start, new goals, new accomplishments!

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 reserve the right to edit articles for length. The submission deadline for the Mar/Apr 2016 edition of the Bulletin is Tues. February 16th.*

Thank you, Carol Hopson

**Thank you** for your continued support of our Monday Coney Nights! Using the proceeds from our sales over the last few months - on Veterans Day Nov. 11, 15, we were honored to present the Michigan Veterans Foundation (MVF) in Detroit with a check for \$500. It could not have happened without your help! Thank you very much, Paula Cotroneio, Gerry Galinet & Mark Moulds

**Membership: Legion 231 (goal 280) 82%**



**Auxiliary 111 (goal 156) 71%**

**2nd Annual Post 346 Raffle**

**1st prize: \$3000**, 2nd prize: \$1000,  
3rd prize: \$750, 4th prize: \$500,  
5th/6th/7th prizes: \$250 each


Tickets - \$10 each, available in the Clubroom,  
and from Chairman Skip Nafe

Drawing: January 30, 2016

at one of our delicious Spaghetti Dinners  
Show your raffle ticket for ½ price dinner!

Raffle tickets have been mailed to members, please support your Post by purchasing a Raffle ticket.

**Please return unsold tickets to the Post  
so others can have a chance to WIN!**

*I saw that. - Karma* 

**Post Adjutant**  
Dale Baxter

Hello Comrades,  
Hope everyone has had a safe and pleasant holiday season. I'm excited about the coming year as we have a lot of exciting things coming up at the Post. I would like to thank all who attended the December meeting and all who turned in their proxy forms for our Post Constitution/By-Laws voting. The votes have been tallied and all the proposed changes have been approved by unanimous votes. The process continues now and the proposed changes have been sent to the Department of Michigan for approval. Once these changes have been reviewed/approved by the Department Judge Advocate, the revisions to our Constitution/By-Laws will be effective immediately. I will keep all members informed as the process continues. Please keep in mind that another vote may be required if Department does not concur with our changes. Let's keep our fingers crossed that this doesn't happen as a lot of hard work was involved in this process. I want to give my sincere thanks to all committee members involved. A special thank you to Carol Hopson, Marya Davis and Tony Malia, as well as all committee members that worked behind the scenes and were actively involved. Together, let us all make this a good year to come for the Post and as always requested, PLEASE GET INVOLVED, this is OUR Post and together, we can make things happen. Always feel free to contact me if I can be of assistance as your Post Adjutant.

Dale Baxter  
Post Adjutant

**Post Service Officer**  
Tony Mallia

When requesting a space in a National Cemetery for a deceased veteran, the office of the National Cemetery Scheduling Officer will check the veteran's eligibility and then send a letter of approval or denial within about two weeks. Please send the following information to the address below: Full name, address, SS#, home phone#, date of birth, city and state of birth, race, spouse's information and a copy of your DD form 214 and Honorable Discharge certificate. Mail to:  
Office of National Cemetery Scheduling Officer  
Attn: Pre-need  
P.O. Box 510543  
St. Louis, MO 63151

Tony Mallia  
Post Sr. Vice Commander, Service Officer, Membership

**There are many openings for officers  
and chairmanships in our Legion  
and Auxiliary. Never been an officer?  
Get your feet wet by trying it out  
until the end of the Post year in July.  
Help your Post, get involved.**

**THE OFFICERS OF POST 346  
FOR 2015 - 2016**

**PRIVACY POLICY**

**We respect the privacy of our member's personal information, so we discourage the sharing of that information here on the public internet. Those who wish contact information concerning Post Officers may call Post 346 at 248-478-9174 or email to [info@americanlegionpost346.org](mailto:info@americanlegionpost346.org).  
Thank you**



**LIST PUBLISHED TWICE A YEAR (JANUARY & JULY) PLEASE SAVE FOR FUTURE REFERENCE**

SAL Adjutant  
Rob Holton

Hope everyone had a great Christmas with your family and friends. With this weather it is hard to believe its Winter time. It is time to mark your calendars for our first Steak Fry of the new year. It will be on Saturday February 13th from 5 to 7pm. We'll be serving up steak, and potato salad to all your friends at the post. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Clubroom. I would like to thank all of the bartenders for their help during our Lions Football Sunday Parties, unfortunately the Lions did not hold up their end of the deal. Make sure you check out the newsletter for all the upcoming events that will be going on at the post. The SAL hopes everyone has a great 2016 and please do not forget all of our troops that will be away from family and friends so we can be with ours.

Rob Holton  
SAL Adjutant

### Unit 346 Valentine Care Packages

Donations are once again being requested for military "Care Packages" to be sent overseas during February. **Please bring all donations to the Post by January 31st.** Please leave donations in the downstairs restroom vestibule. The Auxiliary would like to be able to send the following items to our troops overseas (men and women), all donations (including monetary donations) are GREATLY appreciated! Last year at this time we were able to send 12 LARGE boxes to military units stationed in the middle east. THANK YOU!

**Small or travel sizes of:** bars of soap, razors, deodorant, body spray, toothpaste & brush, mouthwash, dental floss, shampoo, conditioner.

Wet-wipes, antibacterial wipes, Alka-Seltzer 2 pack, Tums, Pepto-Bismol tablets, 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, paperback books.

Pringles, Lays chips, beef jerky, cookies, hard candy (NO chocolate please), Gatorade, other drink mixes (single serving size), instant coffee, tea bags.

### This Space RESERVED for You!

Are you a business owner? Have you ever considered advertising to your friends and neighbors in a local publication? The Bulletin is seen by hundreds of local Legion, SAL and Auxiliary members, their families and friends bimonthly. Advertising in the Groves-Walker Bulletin can be a very cost-effective local advertising choice. Interested? Contact Carol at 248-910-2586 or email to [info@americanlegionpopst346.org](mailto:info@americanlegionpopst346.org)



## American Cancer Society Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

Please Come Join 'Team Cancer Knockouts'  
at our annual Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser  
for the American Cancer Society's Relay For Life

### Saturday January 16th

Serving dinner 5:00 - 7:00pm

Adults: \$10

Children (under 13): \$5

Dinner includes:

All-you-can-eat spaghetti,  
salad, rolls, dessert, coffee, tea.

Cash bar, Basket raffles!



### Play-off Pot-luck Parties

Sundays in January:

1/10 1/17 1/24 1/31

Come on down to the Post  
and watch the play-off games on  
our big screen TVs. Bring a dish  
to pass and enjoy all the action  
with your friends and comrades.

Watch the Clubroom bulletin board for game times.



### SUPERBOWL 50 Potluck Party!

Sunday Feb.7th, 5:00 pm

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 action of Superbowl XIX!



### SAL STEAK FRY

Everyone Welcome!

Saturday Feb. 13th

Serving dinner from  
5:00 to 7:00 pm

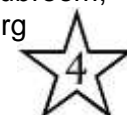
Adults \$12 per plate

Children \$8 per plate  
(under 13)

With Potato salad,  
Roll & butter,  
Desert, cash bar.



Please, 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](mailto:info@americanlegionpost346.org)  
or by calling the Post at: 248-478-9174.



**On November 20** we gathered at the Post to honor one of our local business. I hesitate to call Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home simply a successful business, they're so much more than that, they're an institution here in Farmington. I've been a member of the American Legion Auxiliary since I was 10 years old, and for as long as I can remember, there has been Heeney-Sundquist, working hand in hand with Post 346 for our veterans and the people of our community. They have helped us to further the goals of the American Legion time and time again. We came together that night to honor not only their extensive knowledge of their industry, but their great compassion and their willingness to go above and beyond for those who come to them for help, at what might be the worst time of their lives. Their corporate culture, their legacy of knowledge, compassion and generosity; passed down from the late Walter Sundquist, who was a life member of this Post; continues to flourish and grow under the current leadership of President Mark Ziegler. To everyone at Heeney-Sundquist, for all you have done for us in the past, and continue to help us with today, the sincere and heartfelt gratitude of Groves-Walker Post 346. Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home not only received an appreciation plaque from our Post, but a special award from the Governor of the State of Michigan.

Carol Hopson,  
Bulletin Editor, Event Co-Coordinator



Heeney-Sundquist staff (L to R): Chris Kitzman, Trish Heffernan, Geoff Young, Tom Chapman, and Roger Geiger and his wife.



Heeney-Sundquist President Mark Ziegler, his wife Jody and their sons Ross, Logan and Chase.

Also attending the program were: President of the Michigan Funeral Directors Assn. Gene Andrus  
Farmington Mayor Bill Galvin  
Farmington Hills Mayor Ken Massey  
Farmington City Council member Sarah Bowman  
Farmington City Council member Greg Cowley  
Farmington Hills City Council member Rich Lerner  
Farmington Hills Police Chief Chuck Nebus  
Miss Farmington 2015 Sydney Schrand  
Miss Farmington 2015 1st runner-up Alyssa Grabinski  
Miss Farmington 2014 Emma Feheeley  
Miss Farmington Pageant Coordinator Virginia Morris  
18th Dist. Sr. Vice Commander Steve Stevens  
18th Dist. Aux. President Sandra Carter  
Post 346 Commander Jim Weston  
Post 346 Chaplain Vern McBride  
Unit 346 Aux. President Tammy Festian  
and the Post 346 Honor Guard: Captain Ray Barry, Phil Carlisle, Jim Forbes, and Jim Koponen.



Mark Ziegler with Event Coordinators Carol Hopson and Tony Mallia (& Opie)

**Post 346 is STILL requesting that each member provide a copy of their DD form 214 to the Post.** 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. If you cannot locate a copy of your DD-214, please contact Tony Mallia, phone: 248-310-4190 or email to: AMNOV11@att.net

Never grow a wishbone, where your backbone ought to be. - anonymous





A Great bunch of volunteers! (above L to R) Andy Machcinski, Dale Baxter, Jim O'Keefe, Marya Davis, Denny Lis, Gary Fierk, Jim Koponen, Mary Newlin, Jim Weston, Jim Forbes, and Gene Hatfield. Our nativity scene has been out in front of the Post for years and was really in a state of disrepair. A huge Thank You goes to Mary, Roger and Grace Newlin for making our figures sparkle again. They spent hours and hours re-doing them, on behalf of the Post. Thank You from all our members.



Above you see only a small portion of the donations collected at the December meeting for the annual Aux. "Mitten Tree". 121 items in total were donated! All the hats, mittens, gloves, scarves, etc. that were collected will be going to our local Goodfellows for distribution to the less fortunate this winter season. Thank You to all who donated!



Our 18th District Aux. President Sandra Carter made her annual visit to our December Christmas meeting.



Paula Cotroneio, Tammy Festian, Leah Brancheau, and Judy Mau received certificates of appreciation from Unit 346 in recognition of all the hard work each of these ladies puts forth on behalf of our Auxiliary. Photo: Carol Hopson



### Auxiliary Unit 346 Raffle

Of a Beautiful Handstitched Quilt (size: full, color: forest green & white with a multi-color pinwheel pattern)  
 Tickets - \$5 each, available in the Clubroom  
 Drawing - March 12th, at the upcoming St. Patrick's Corned Beef & Cabbage dinner (FINAL DATE!)  
 Proceeds to benefit future Post 346 building renovation projects.



## 2 New Raffles!

1) Leather Bomber style Jacket (size XL) with embroidered "Navy" and emblem on back.

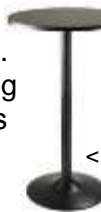
2) Navy design bar/bistro table - top (24" diameter, base NOT included), may also be displayed on a wall (Man-Cave art!).

Any Navy vet would love this for bar, man-cave or basement!

Items donated by Gary Fierk, on display in the Clubroom.

### Tickets - \$1 each

available in the Clubroom. Drawings to be held during the upcoming St. Patrick's Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner on March 12th.



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## January is National Blood Donor Month

Legionnaires everywhere are encouraged to give blood and host blood drives at Posts 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. Posts and Departments that donate the most blood are honored at the National Convention in August each year. If you decide to donate blood at a blood drive or anywhere during this coming year, please inform our Adjutant so that your donation can be included in our Consolidated Post Report and we can receive credit for our Post and Department.



Many of our members do not come to meetings or dinners at the Post simply because they lack transportation or are unable to drive on their own anymore. If you are able to give someone a ride to future dinners, meetings, etc. please call Commander Jim Weston at 248-469-7681.



**If you would like to attend functions at the Post but need a ride, please call Commander Jim, he will put you in touch with one of our members who would be happy to help by giving you a ride!**



*Cheer up...*

*The first day of spring is only 11 weeks away!*



**A Thank You** If any of our members obtain a donation for the Post from an outside source, toward one of our programs, functions, etc. we would like to sincerely thank that outside source with a Thank You card or Certificate of Appreciation from Post 346. Please contact Dale Baxter, Carol Thompson or Carol Hopson to send out a suitable thank you for a generous donation to our Post. A little appreciation can go a long way toward our public image and future donations.

## Operation Injured Soldier OIS

Job opportunities exists for OIS members looking for a career change. There are many trade contractors, manufacturing sites, and municipalities that need skilled workers. Apprentice training programs are available and include benefit and retirement packages. Job pay scales can range between 60 and 80 thousand a year after training. Training opportunities exist for pipe fitters, plumbers, HVAC, welders, etc. If you have an interest, please contact Edward Spence, OIS North East Region Representative at [Sgrice1@Rochester.rr.com](mailto:Sgrice1@Rochester.rr.com) or phone 716-560-0697.

## Women Veterans Health care

You served, you deserve the best care anywhere. Did you know that women are the fastest growing group within the veteran population? Every VA facility is committed to meeting the unique needs of women vets by delivering the highest quality health care to each woman, while offering her the privacy, dignity, and sensitivity to gender-specific needs that she deserves. Your local VA facility has a full-time Woman Veterans Program Manager ready to assist you in getting timely access to the health care you need. Each veteran is unique. Contact your local VA facility, call the Veteran Benefits Administration at 1-800-827-1000 or click on [www.vba.va.gov](http://www.vba.va.gov) for help with your individual eligibility status. VA Benefits Call Center 1-877-222-8387 Women Veterans Health Strategic Health Care Group [www.womenshealth.va.gov](http://www.womenshealth.va.gov)



## Did you know...?

You could be seeing the Bulletin in FULL COLOR if you sign up to receive the email edition? You'll also be helping to save the Post money in printing and mailing costs!

Contact Carol at: [info@americanlegionpost346.org](mailto:info@americanlegionpost346.org)



**Consistency: It's only a virtue if you're not a screw-up.**

☞ TAPS ☜

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**Donald Danforth August 13, 2015**

A resident of Farmington and a 16 year member of Post 346.  
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**John Karpach**

**March 15, 1921 - October 13, 2015**

Age 94, of Farmington Hills, retired Detroit Police Officer and WWII veteran. John was a 10 year member of American Legion Post 346. John is the beloved husband of nearly 60 years to Delores; devoted father of Mary Ann (Lee) Damman, Kathleen (Mike) Cliff, John and Michael (Synthia); loving brother of Marge Zynda; and cherished grandfather of 11. Sadly, John was preceded in death by siblings, Ann Zynda, Mary Miko, Joseph Karpach, Irene Puckett and Eleanor Ratcliff. Funeral: October 17th at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church Farmington. Interment: Holy Sepulchre, Southfield. Memorial gifts are suggested to Knights of Columbus' Boys Town, or Michigan Humane Society.  
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**Richard Lukey**

**August 2, 1928 - October 31, 2015**

Age 87, of Farmington Hills, retired owner of Contractors Valve Company. Dick was the beloved husband of 58 years to the late Marjorie J. "Peggy" (d. 2010); devoted father of Richard (Pam) and Mandy (Rick) Johnson; loving grandfather of 5 and great grandfather of 5; uncle to one niece and two nephews; and cousin to many. He was a member of Farmington Elks Lodge 1986 and the Groves-Walker American Legion Post 346, and a volunteer for the Farmington Hills Police Handicapped Parking Enforcement and the Meals on Wheels program. Funeral: November 7th, at the Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home. Interment: with Military Honors, at Glen Eden Memorial Park, Livonia. Memorial tributes are suggested to the Michigan Humane Society or Farmington Hills Meals on Wheels Program.  
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**Conrad Poreda October 2015**

Conrad was a resident of Elmhurst, Illinois. He was a Veteran US Air Force and a 28 year member of American Legion Post 346. He was married to Carol. Funeral: October 20, 2015 Mary Queen of Heaven Catholic Church Elmhurst, IL. Interment with Military Honors at Fairview Cemetery Northlake IL. In lieu of flowers please consider a memorial to Catholic Charities or the American Heart Association.  
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Plan in decades. Think in years.  
Work in months. Live in days.



**George Panaretos**  
**November 6, 2015**

Longtime member of Post 346 and friend to many, George passed away while at Botsford Commons after suffering a stroke. Doreen Panaretos is currently living at Botsford Commons afflicted with Alzhiemers.  
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**Billy Lee Stimson**

**April 26, 1932 - August 14, 2015**

Age 83, of Novi, Michigan. Bill was born in Detroit, MI the son of Thomas Eldridge Stimson and Willie M. Shelton. Bill was a Korean War Navy veteran serving on board the aircraft carrier USS Oriskany earning medals for his service to China and the United Nations. He retired from the Detroit Public Schools after 35 years as a stationary engineer and then worked another 10 years at Providence Hospital in their power house. Bill was a member of the American Legion, Fraternal Order of Eagles, AFL/CIO Local 547, the American Motorcycle Association and the Gold Wing Road Riders Association. Survivors include his wife Bonnie Cota, his daughter Kathryn Hanna (Craig); son Thomas Stimson (Terri), stepdaughters Debbie (Brad), Denise (Alex), Tina and stepson Joe (Wendy). He also leaves behind 14 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren. Memorial service: August 29th at Elton Black Funeral Home in White Lake, MI. The family requests expressions of sympathy take the form of memorial donations to either the Faith Covenant Church in Farmington Hills or Faith Church in Waterford.  
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**Lily E. Waara**

**November 19, 1916 - November 18, 15**

Age 98 of Novi, MI. Lily was born in Copper City MI, the daughter of Matthew and Josephine (Paskvan) Belobradich. She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Carl on Nov. 3, 1990. She was the devoted mother of Rick (Suzanne), Larry (Janice) and Gene (Julie); loving sister of Ray (Mary) Belobradich; cherished grandmother of 12, and great grandmother of 12. Lil was a long-time member of Unit 346 Auxiliary. Funeral: Heeney-Sundquist funeral home November 23. Internment: Adjacent to her husband, Carl, at Glen Eden Memorial Park, Livonia. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts are suggested to American Legion Unit 346 Ladies Auxiliary.  
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**Robert Wilk**

**March 20, 1930 - April 5, 2014**

Age 84 of Farmington Hills. A 14 year member of Post 346. Funeral: April 10, 2014 at The Servant Church of St. Alexander Farmington Hills. Memorial tributes suggested to the American Cancer Society.



January Birthdays

- 1 Margaret Buckner
- 1 Juanita Belanger
- 1 Dorothy Purdy
- 3 Dan Heffernan
- 4 Gary Brewer
- 8 Helen Currie
- 9 Jarrett Lott
- 9 Jim O'Keefe
- 13 Barbara Piotrowski
- 13 Judy Sackett
- 14 Julie Gogowski
- 15 Ken Balcom
- 16 Glenn Griffin
- 18 David Schwartz
- 20 Brian Jankowski

- 21 Dan Festian
- 22 Tina Gould
- 23 Libby Christensen
- 23 Andrew Lysak
- 25 Laureen Gogowski
- 29 Donald Sofferin
- 29 Elizabeth Dopkowski

January Anniversaries

- 1 Mike & Toni Hughes



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 someone who might like to join our Post! Applications are ALWAYS available in the Clubroom.

**ADVERTISE IN THE BULLETIN!**

Contact Carol Hopson at:  
248-910-2586 or email to:  
info@americanlegionpost346.org

Members enjoy free



in the Clubroom!

**Don't see your name above?**  
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or 248-910-2586

# January 2016

Happy New Year!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 SAL Lions Game Party 1:00pm	28	29	30	31  New Year's Eve	1  New Year's Day	2
3	4 Coney Night 5:00 - 7:30 pm	5 Exec. Committee Meeting 7:00pm	6	7 Legion & Aux. meetings 7:30pm	8	9
10 Playoff Pot-luck Watch Clubroom for game time	11 Coney Night 5:00 - 7:30pm	12	13 SAL meeting 7:30pm	14	15	16 Cancer Fundraiser Spaghetti Dinner 5:00 - 7:00pm
17 Playoff Pot-luck Watch Clubroom for game time	18 Coney Night 5:00 - 7:30pm  Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day	19 Home Board meeting 7:30pm	20	21	22	23
24 Playoff Pot-luck Watch Clubroom for game time	25 Coney Night 5:00 - 7:30pm	26	27	28	29	30 Post Raffle Draw - Spaghetti Dinner 5:00 - 7:00pm
31 Playoff Pot-luck Pro Bowl				Coast Guard Birthday		



February Birthdays

- 1 Chris Wasilewski
- 9 Colleen Pirko
- 9 Ted Podsiadly
- 13 Tammy Festian
- 13 Joe Nafe
- 13 Robert Gould
- 14 Carol Thompson
- 19 Norm Granger
- 20 Dave Franzen
- 23 Curtis Steelman
- 24 Christina Gould
- 25 Aiyana Allen
- 28 John E Pirko
- 29 Mike Williams

February Anniversaries

- 20 Gil & Mary Naylor
- 23 Jim & Debbie Brancheau



Groundhog Day!

Coming up in March

- 3 Legion & Aux Meetings
- 5 Seabee's Birthday
- 12 St. Pat's Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner
- 13 MI K-9 Veteran's Day, Daylight Savings time begins
- 15 American Legion Bday
- 16 Liberty Day
- 17 Saint Patrick's Day
- 20 Palm Sunday, Spring begins
- 25 Natl Medal of Honor Day Good Friday
- 27 Easter

**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.

**Don't see your name above?**  
**Please contact Carol Hopson at**  
 info@AMERICANLEGIONPOST346.org  
 or 248-910-2586

February 2016

Happy Leap Year!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>31</b> Playoff Pot-luck Pro Bowl, watch Clubroom for game time	<b>1</b> Coney Night 5:00 - 7:30pm  Freedom Day	<b>2</b> Exec. Committee Meeting 7:00pm  Groundhog Day	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Legion & Aux. meetings 7:30pm	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> Superbowl 50 Pot-luck Party starts at 5:00pm	<b>8</b> Coney Night 5:00 - 7:30pm  Chinese New Year	<b>9</b>  Mardi Gras Fat Tuesday	<b>10</b> SAL meeting 7:30pm  Ash Wednesday	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>  Lincoln's Birthday	<b>13</b> SAL Valentine's Steak Fry 5:00 - 7:00pm
<b>14</b>  Valentine's Day	<b>15</b> Coney Night 5:00 - 7:30pm  <u>Presidents Day</u> Susan B. Anthony Day	<b>16</b> Home Board Meeting 7:30pm Submission deadline for Mar/Apr Bulletin	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Coney Night 5:00 - 7:30pm  Washington's Birthday	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> Coney Night 5:00 - 7:30pm  Leap Day	<b>1</b> Exec. Committee Meeting 7:00pm  MARCH	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Legion & Aux. meetings 7:30pm	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>



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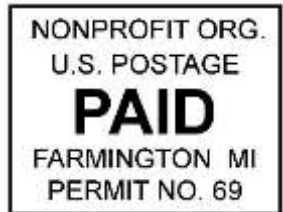
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SAL - 2nd Wed. of each month at 7:30pm  
Home Board - 3rd Tues. of each month at 7:30pm  
Executive Committee - Tues. before Legion & Auxiliary meetings at 7:00pm

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