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From the Flight Deck...
Post 346 Commander
Dale Baxter



Hello Legionnaires, SAL & Auxiliary,
Wow! What a whirlwind it has been these past two months, it seems like the time has just flown by. Before you know it, the holidays will be upon us as is evidenced by all of the decorations that have recently popped up in the stores. We have had a good September, which saw the Patriots Day event and October with the Farmer's Market Polish heritage activities. I can't begin to tell you how much of a success these two events were and I would be doing an injustice by trying to thank everyone that rolled up your sleeves to help out or participate with these events. You know who you are, so I'm going to leave it at that but, know that you have my heartfelt thanks for stepping up to the plate when we needed it.

While our organization is made up of members from various military services, this is **not** the military anymore, where you **never, ever** raised your hand to volunteer for any assignment. I would request that if asked, that you volunteer to participate or help out where needed. I'm not asking for your time for a whole event but maybe just a few hours. A few hours goes a long way and together we can make any event that the Post, SAL or Auxiliary sponsors, spectacular. I promise that we won't give any volunteer the crappiest of duties. I'm currently working on obtaining a license for a raffle/Vegas Night to be held towards the end of January but the particulars are yet to be formulated, so stay tuned for further details. As always, I look forward to hearing your comments or criticisms in how we can make Groves-Walker Post 346 the best Post in the 18th District. May God bless America, our troops serving abroad, our veterans and this Post.

Dale Baxter, Commander

*Post 346 wishes all of its members
a Bountiful Thanksgiving,
a Joyous Christmas, and
a Safe and Very Happy
New Year!*



Including all other holiday observances your family enjoys!

Service Not Self...
Unit 346 President
Leah Brancheau



Welcome back Auxiliary members! It is good to see your smiling faces again. In October we hosted a Spaghetti lunch for the homeless vets from the Michigan Veterans Foundation. Again our personal chef, Jan Smart made the sauce, which they LOVE! We try to do this 3 or 4 times per year. They are served an awesome spaghetti lunch complete with desert and leftovers to take home with them. We also collect clothing, bedding, toiletries, and anything that is needed at their facility to donate. The men and women at the MVF all look forward to this event, members of our Post also come to socialize with them. If you're interested in helping, please contact the Post to inquire about future dates. Thank you to Deanna Wagstaff for purchasing a large amount of flannel shirts for donation to the homeless vets. These will be wrapped and given to them for Christmas.

At the October 15th memorial gathering there was a draping of our Charter for the passing of Doreen Panaretos and Millie Engle. Both were very active members in our Auxiliary and they will both be missed.

Now for upcoming dates - November 11 we will have our Veterans Day ceremony at 7:30pm downstairs at the Post. We will be honoring our veterans past and present. There will be a champagne toast and refreshments. December 3rd will be our Annual Holiday Wreath Laying at the War Monument in downtown Farmington, 12 noon, all are welcome. And don't forget our Post 346 Christmas Pot-luck coming up on Dec. 16 at 6:00 pm downstairs. Everyone welcome!

If you are interest in sending cards to a recovering soldier, please mail to the following address:

A Recovering American Soldier
C/O Walter Reed Medical Center
6900 Georgia Ave
NW Washington DC 20307-5001

Thanksgiving, Christmas, Thinking of You, and Thank You cards will be happily received and distributed at the hospital for those patients. If you know of a scouting troop, school, church or any other organization who would also be interested, please pass on this information.

If I or the Auxiliary can be of service to you in any way, please call me at 248-474-5054 or the Post at 248-478-9174.

Yours in Service,
Leah Brancheau, President



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Dad and I wish all our friends at Post 346 a peaceful and colorful fall season, a delicious Thanksgiving, a joyous Christmas, and a safe and bountiful New Year!

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 Jan/Feb 2017 edition of the Bulletin is Friday December 16th.*

Thank you,
Carol Hopson, Editor

Clubroom News

Due to lack of interest, the Clubroom will **not** be open for ALL college football games on Saturdays. We will be open for some of the bigger games such as Michigan vs Michigan State, etc. Please call the Clubroom for future college games scheduled.

Lions Game Pot-luck parties for Nov/Dec/Jan:

- 11/06 vs Minnesota at 1:00 pm
- 11/20 vs Jacksonville at 1:00 pm
- 12/04 vs New Orleans at 1:00 pm
- 12/11 vs Chicago at 1:00 pm
- 12/18 vs New York at 1:00 pm
- 01/01 vs Green Bay at 1:00 pm

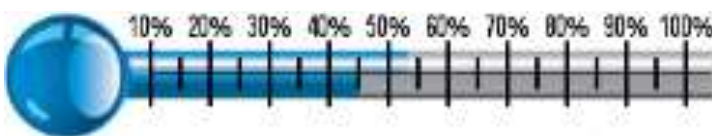


The Post is looking for a new(er) computer for the office. If you are upgrading your home computer, please consider donating your old one (in good working condition please!) to the Post. Call Darla if you have a computer to donate - PLEASE DO NOT just drop off old computers to the Clubroom, Thank You. See you at the Legion,

Darla Anderson, Clubroom Manager

2016-17 PAID MEMBERSHIPS

Legion - 150 of 283 goal



Auxiliary - 66 of 148 goal

Please make sure your 2016-17 dues are paid!

Legion Junior Vice Commander Andy Machcinski

Hi there again,
Just want to say thank you to all the people who helped to make the 9/11 Patriot Day ceremony a success (photos on page 4). Many members of the Post helped out and when you are setting up something big like this there is nothing that can be missed, so it is an "all hands on deck" operation. The Honor Guard was sharp and represented our Post very well. If anyone out there would be interested in joining our Post Honor Guard there are a couple of openings. So if you wish to look sharp, feel sharp and be sharp, contact Honor Guard Captain Ray Barry and sign up. Our Commander Dale Baxter had the honor of publically presenting, at the 9/11 ceremony, the Legionnaire of the Year Award to Home Board Chairman, Jim Koponen. His hard work and dedication to the Post over many years earned him this small recognition from us all. We all thank you Jim, you are our Hero for keeping the Post in great shape and always working to make it better.

Another GREAT BIG Thank You goes to Grace and Mary Newlin for taking care of our front signage. Both Ladies work extremely hard to plant flowers, refresh the American Legion Emblem, redo all the lettering and more. Your hard work is highly appreciated and valued by all our Legionnaires, SAL and Auxiliary.

For all members, please keep November 11, 7:30 pm open for our Veterans Day Ceremony, December 03, 12 noon for the Wreath Laying Ceremony at the Veterans Memorial in Downtown Farmington, and Dec. 16, 6 pm for the Post 346 Christmas Pot-luck.

Football season is again upon us and the Clubroom is open for Lions Sunday games for all of us at the Post to come and cheer for our favorite team or boo the team we want to lose. Bring your favorite snacks, enjoy the game and support your team and the Post. Don't forget to come on Mondays and load up on Michigan's favorite snack food, Coney Island hot dogs, they are the best because they are at our Club, sit down with your friends and family and enjoy some of these tasty treats. One of the things I would like to stress is that this Post and Clubroom are all for you! It is centrally located, with plentiful and well-lit parking, so please come to meetings on the first Thursday of each month, come to the football games and come have a Coney dog, it just does not get any better. Looking forward to seeing "you all" at the Post and in the Clubroom.

Regards,
Andy Machcinski, Jr. Vice Commander



FINALLY! The moment we've all been waiting for!

The long awaited Auxiliary raffle drawing for the lovely **hand-made quilt** will be held at the November Auxiliary meeting! Tickets are STILL available in the Clubroom!



Veterans Day Ceremony Nov. 11, 7:30 pm

Champagne toast and refreshments to be served

Two (of many) great places to get a **free Veterans Day meal** are Applebee's (pick one of seven free entrees) or try Denny's (build a Grand Slam meal for free).

Mom to Mom Craft Show

8:00 am - 4:00 pm on the following dates:
Nov. 19, Dec. 10, Jan. 14, Feb. 25

Don't forget to bring your donations of hats, gloves, scarves, etc. to the **December meeting (12/02)**, for the **Auxiliary's Christmas "Mitten Tree"**.

All donations go to our Farmington Goodfellows for distribution to local families in need this winter.

Holiday Wreath Laying Ceremony

Saturday Dec. 3, 12 noon
at the War Monument downtown Farmington

Post 346 Christmas Pot-Luck

Dec. 16, 6:00 pm downstairs at the Post

Blue Star Banners are still available! This traditional hanging window display that symbolizes you have a loved one proudly serving in the US Armed Forces during war or hostilities, are only \$6.00 each (made of printed fabric and wood). Please contact Lorraine Christensen at 248-474-8554



Coming up in March 2017
Another **Life Line Health Screening** event!



Three of the young men we sponsored spoke to our members at the September meeting about their experiences at Boy's State 2016 - Benjamin Fernquist (Harrison HS, 3.97 GPA), Jeffry Ball (Harrison HS, 4.0 GPA), and Jack Schultz (North Farmington HS, 3.52 GPA)

A Very Happy Birthday to WWII vet (Army Air Corp.) and Post member Tom Ruge who celebrated his 100th Birthday in October!



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

(4800 Woodward Avenue Detroit, Michigan 48201 www.detroitcathedral.org 313.831.5000) on **Sunday, November 6 at 4:00 pm**. This will be the 53rd time we have honored and expressed our thanksgiving for those many men and women who have so tirelessly and bravely served our country. 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.

To this end we include all who have served in the armed forces of the United States, Canada and our Allied Nations. We also honor those who serve in state and local police and fire departments. If you have never attended one of these services, we urge you to do so. 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 who have served our country. A reception with light refreshments follows 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



The Legion and Auxiliary have openings for various program chairmen:

Legion: Americanism, Community Service, and Scouting.

Auxiliary: Historian, Children & Youth, and Field Service/VA&R.

Please consider contributing to the Post by taking on one of these positions. This is YOUR Post, lets all get involved in our programs!

TAPS

Mildred M. Engle

March 31, 1929 - September 9, 2016
Age 87, of Farmington Hills. Mildred was born in Detroit, the daughter of Oscar and Lillian (Barnhart) Dull. Surviving are her granddaughter, Amy (James) Ross; grandson, Josh Green; great grandchildren, James, III, Ryder and Anabelle; sisters, Twila (Charles) Suder and Stella May Smith; brother-in-law, Terry Engle; and numerous nieces and nephews. Sadly, Millie was preceded in death by her husband, Russell, and sons, Wayne (Kim) and Rusty Engle. Millie was also a 21 year member of Groves-Walker American Legion Auxiliary Unit 346. Funeral service: September 13, Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home, Farmington. Internment: Forest Lawn Cemetery, Detroit.



The **2016 Detroit Veterans Day Parade** is a nationally recognized tradition. The parade route is from Chene to Hart Plaza on Jefferson Ave. and takes place on **Sunday Nov. 6 beginning at 12 noon**. All American Legionnaires are welcome to march, so if you're interested in participating all you need to do is show up at 11:00am, fall in with other Legionnaires and make us proud! Other events happening at Hart Plaza that day are the 5/3rd Bank Vets Fest 11am - 3pm, Armed Services Salute presented by Wins for Warriors, and the 5/3rd Bank 4Star 4Mile Race beginning at 12 noon. Come down for the food & refreshments, live music, veteran's services expo, the parade and all the fun! More information at <http://www.detroitveteransdayparade.org> and <http://armedservicessalute.com>

SAL STEAK FRY

Everyone Welcome!
Saturday Nov. 19th
5:00 to 8:00 pm
Adults \$12 per plate
Children \$8 per plate
(under 13)
With Baked Potato,
Roll & butter,
Salad & Dessert



Please let us know you're coming by using the sign-up sheet in the clubroom, emailing to: GrovesWalkerPost346@gmail.com or by calling the Post at: 248-478-9174.

Life is like a great big canvas, and you should throw all the paint on it you can. - Danny Kaye

Farmington/Hills - 9/11 Patriot Day Ceremony



We were happy to see a great community turnout for the 9/11 Patriot Day ceremony this year. Commander Dale Baxter not only presented the Officer of the year awards to Farmington and Farmington Hills finest first responders, but he also publically presented our Legionnaire of the Year award to Jim Koponen. Jim was honored because of his dedication and tireless efforts on behalf of Post 346. Photos: Carol Hopson

November Birthdays

3 Dale Mauck
 5 Ann Mellert
 6 Ralph Philp
 7 Robert Watts
 9 William Robertson
 10 Judith Mau
 11 Cathy Lysak
 12 Orville Roberts
 13 Carl Steen
 14 Jan Smart
 15 Charles White
 16 Dale Farrell
 16 Bridget Lynch
 19 John Berling
 21 Dawn Dupon
 22 Ann Roberts

22 Gary Fierk
 23 Michelle Pitt
 24 Claudette Calka
 25 Philip Carlisle
 25 Stephanie Kettwig
 25 Kevin Clarke
 27 Jean Herren
 28 Dave Harmon
 28 Harvey Lenz
 30 Gerald Hoskins

November Anniversaries

5 Peter & Carol Larion
 7 Dan & Tammy Festian
 11 Mr & Mrs Donald Crisman
 12 Donald & Judy Sofferin
 18 Ted & Kitty Podsiady



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.

ADVERTISE IN THE BULLETIN!

Contact Carol Hopson at: 248-910-2586 or email to: GrovesWalkerPost346@gmail.com

Members and their guests enjoy free



in the Clubroom!

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November 2016

Don't forget to turn your clocks back at 2:00 am Sunday morning November 6th

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31 Coney Night 5:00 - 7:30pm	1 Exec. Committee Meeting 7:00pm All Saints Day	2	3 Legion and Aux. meetings 7:30pm - Aux. Quilt Raffle Drawing!	4	5
6 Lions Football Pot-luck 1:00pm vs Minnesota Detroit Veterans Day Parade downtown Detroit Daylight Savings Time ends	7 Coney Night 5:00 - 7:30pm	8 Election Day	9 SAL meeting 7:30pm	10 Auxiliary Birthday Marines Birthday	11 Veterans Day Ceremony 7:30pm Veterans Day	12
13 Sadie Hawkins Day	14 Coney Night 5:00 - 7:30pm	15 Home Board meeting 7:00pm	16	17	18	19 Mom to Mom Craft Show 8:00am - 4:00pm SAL Steak Fry 5:00 - 8:00 pm
20 Lions Football Pot-luck 1:00pm vs Jacksonville	21 Coney Night 5:00 - 7:30pm	22	23	24 Thanksgiving	25 Black Friday	26
27	28 Coney Night 5:00 - 7:30pm	29 Exec. Committee Meeting 7:00pm	30	1 Legion and Aux. meetings 7:30pm - Aux. Mitten Tree donations! December	2	3 Holiday Wreath Laying Ceremony 12 noon



<p><u>December Birthdays</u></p> <p>1 Jimmy Brancheau 2 Diana Sweeten 3 Dale Baxter 3 Walter Dogonski 6 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>26 Joel Storchan 28 Andy Lingner 31 Fred Troke 31 Kenneth Young 31 Wendy Keene</p> <p><u>December Anniversaries</u></p> <p>1 Wally & Lorraine Christensen 1 Terry & Ann Roberts 9 Charles & Helen Scott 23 John & Colleen Pirkó 26 Dave & Cathy Franzen</p>	<p><u>Coming up in January</u></p> <p>1 Lions vs Green Bay New Year's Day 5 Legion & Aux. meetings 16 Martin Luther King Day 20 Inauguration Day 28 Coast Guard Birthday</p> 	<p>MONDAY CONEY NIGHTS! Every Monday in the Clubroom 5 pm - 7:30 pm GREAT PRICES! NO Reservations Needed!</p> <hr/> <p>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. Children & Youth fund</p>
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December 2016

"Made in America" Month

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4 Lions Football Pot-luck 1:00pm vs New Orleans	5 Coney Night 5:00 - 7:30pm	6	7 Pearl Harbor Day	8	9	10 Mom to Mom Craft Show 8:00am - 4:00pm
11 Lions Football Pot-luck 1:00pm vs Chicago	12 Coney Night 5:00 - 7:30pm	13	14 SAL meeting 7:30pm	15 Bill of Rights Day	16 Post Christmas Pot-luck 6:00pm Submission deadline for Jan/Feb Bulletin	17
18 Lions Football Pot-luck 1:00pm vs New York	19 Coney Night 5:00 - 7:30pm	20 Home Board Meeting 7:00pm	21 Winter Solstice	22	23	24
25 Christmas Day Hanukkah begins	26 Kwanzaa begins	27	28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve



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Rhine River, Remagen Germany



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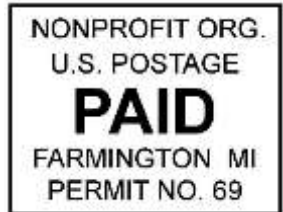
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- Community Groups

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Meeting Nights

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

Clubroom Hours

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

Contact information for Post officers and hall rental information available by calling: **248-478-9174**
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