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American Legion Post 346 Farmington, MI

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Meeting Nights

- 1st Thur. of each month at 7:30pm: Legion & Auxiliary
- 2nd Wednesday of each month at 6:30pm: SAL
- 3rd Thur. of each month at 7pm: Home Board
- 4th Thur. of each month at 7pm: Exec. Committee

NEW Clubroom Hours

Monday - Friday: 2pm - 9pm Saturday: 12noon - 6pm
Open some Sundays for viewing of sporting events

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Upcoming 18th Dist. Legion & Auxiliary meetings:

See you in September

Upcoming 18th District SAL meetings:

See you in September

COMING SOON!

You will soon be able to pay your dues, your bar tab, or hall rental fees with your debt or credit card at the Post! Complete details and restrictions will be available in the clubroom and via email soon.

Congratulations!

To **Diana Lis**, this year's recipient of the Farmington Commission on Aging - Volunteer of the Year Gold Award.

And Thank you to **Eric Welter** for taking over the position of Clubroom manager.

And to **Jim Forbes** shown below accepting his new Honorary Life Member patch.



Volunteer opportunities coming up!

May 16, 17, 18: Poppy Days, see your poppy chairman for details on how you can help (see page 2).

May 18: Farmington Farmer's Market opening day. SAL Squadron 346 will be running the Post hot dog booth and is looking for help. Post honor guard will also be there for opening ceremonies.

Please consider volunteering a little of your time to the Post to become a member of the honor guard.

May 27: Memorial Day Parade and Post open-house. Please come and march or ride with us in the parade, show your pride and your support of our Post and the American Legion. Parade dress code (same for all members): see below. Help is also needed at the Post open-house after the parade.

June 14: Flag Day/Flag Retirement ceremony. Help is always appreciated in helping to set up this annual ceremony.

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

Come on out to march or ride with your fellow veterans and Post members in the **Farmington**

Memorial Day Parade

on Mon. May 27 beginning at 10 am (line-up at the Post by 9 am). Wearing your military uniform, or dark slacks and white shirt, or Legion branded clothing, and your Legion or SAL cap, or Auxiliary pins is always appreciated. Let's look good out there representing the American Legion and our Post 346!



And don't forget about our Post Open House that follows the parade. Free hot dogs, pop & beer, basket raffles! Come for the parade, stick around for a good time at the Post! Raffle baskets will be displayed in the clubroom prior to Memorial Day for advance ticket sales.

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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 room to print all articles and I may need to edit for length.* Articles can be submitted at any time, **please don't wait for the deadline of Monday June 17th for the July/August 2019 issue of the Bulletin.**

Legion Jr. Vice Commander Andy Machcinski

My Fellow Legionnaires,
Well, spring is finally here! It has been a cold winter, but as always, it was warm and cozy at the Post. With football games and basketball March madness viewing, the Club was a great place to spend some time.

Now that warm weather is here, outside activities are taking over and to start it off with a BANG, we have the Farmington Farmers Market opening day on May 18 and Poppy Days May 16, 17 and 18. Make it a point to come to the market that day, wear your cover and help with offering Poppies, even if for an hour, our veterans who need help will appreciate it.

Officer elections are scheduled for the first meetings in May, and a new Commander will take over with his/her staff, but your help is always welcome and need, so do not be shy, step up and help make a difference. Watch your e-mail as Carol issues a fantastic calendar every month so everyone is "up-to-date" on Post, clubroom and Legion activities.

Regards, Andy

Shown here is SAL Comedy show headliner comedian and magician Ken Dumm with an eager volunteer from the audience.



The SAL donated \$900 from Comedy & Cabbage night toward new coolers for the clubroom! Thank you! As always, great job guys!



Below are the names of the Legion, Auxiliary and SAL nominated officers for the coming year. Absentee ballots will not be used (as previously advertised) as there is presently no competition for these officer positions. Nominations are still open and will be welcomed at the May meeting for voting at that time. Please remember any members being nominated from the floor need to be present to accept the nomination or provide written acceptance prior to the May meeting. Please try to attend your next meeting to cast your vote in support of these fine members offering their services for the coming year.

Legion:

Commander - Marya Davis
Sr. Vice - Michael LaFave
Jr. Vice - **OPEN**
Chaplain - Andy Machcinski
Historian - Claudette Calka
Sgt-at-Arms - Jim Forbes
(appointed) Adjutant - Dale Baxter
(appointed) Finance - Dave Harmon

Delegates (to conventions, 18th Dist. meetings) (6) -
Dale Baxter
Marya Davis
Dave Harmon
Andy Machcinski

Exec. Committee at-large members (3) -
Roger Hane
Gene Hatfield
Jim Koponen

Auxiliary:

President - Carol Hopson
1st. Vice - Lorraine Christensen
2nd Vice - Leah Brancheau
Chaplain - Melinda Partridge
Historian - **OPEN**
Sgt-at-Arms - Fran Skaisgir
Secretary - Judy Mau
Treasurer - Dorothea Baxter

SAL:

Commander - Eric Welter
Sr. Vice - Kevin Griswold
Jr. Vice - Paul Brancheau
Chaplain - Phil Carlisle
Historian - Rich Higginbottom
Sgt-at-Arms - Mike Griswold
(appointed) Adjutant - **OPEN**
(appointed) Finance - Denny Lis

The nation which forgets its defenders,
may one day itself be forgotten.
- Calvin Coolidge



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



Soon Post officer elections will have come full circle and my hope is that all members, whether you are a Legion, Auxiliary, or SAL member have taken the responsibility of voting seriously, these are the leaders that you have chosen who'll be representing our Post for the coming year. There is nothing worse than a silent voice that just chooses to grumble about Post processes rather than getting involved. My congratulations to all newly elected officers, please know that you have my full support. I respectfully ask that all members also give them your full support and assist them as necessary.

We are continually working with the spouses of the 601st Engineering unit that deployed to Afghanistan and work is in progress to send care packages for a second time around mid-June. So stay tuned for details on how to help with assembling items for these care packages and please continue to contribute to this effort in order to make our deployed service members feel a bit more comfortable while deployed. I would greatly appreciate your help and I look forward to working with this unit again upon their redeployment.

The 2019 membership year is still in full swing so please continue to renew via one of the Department of Michigan venues or hey, just stop by the clubroom to renew and share a cold beverage with your fellow Legionnaires. Know that if you have not yet received your 2019 membership card but have paid your dues, you are not being ignored. It just takes some time for all the required "I's and T's" to be dotted or crossed at the Department level.

In closing, as your commander, I would like to thank everyone that has been by my side and guided me and/or provided input or constructive criticisms in the past three years, I could not have done this without all of your support. Looking forward to the 2019-20 year, let us all continue to make Groves-Walker Post 346 the best in the 18th District. May God bless America, our troops serving abroad, our veterans, and Post 346.

Dale Baxter, Commander

As always, I'm looking for advertising sponsors to help the Post offset the costs of publishing the Bulletin. The current donation level for a 1/6 page ad is \$20 per month or \$120 per year. Other sizes also available. I can copy a business card, use information from your website or create a unique advertisement just for you! Remember, your ad here is seen each month by hundreds of Legionnaires, Auxiliary, SAL members, and their friends and families. - Carol

It isn't the mountain ahead that wears you out;
it's the grain of sand in your shoe.

- Robert W. Service



My 2 Cents...
Unit 346 President
Carol Hopson



So much to do in the coming months! In May we have elections for all our new Legion, Aux. and SAL officers. Please come to the May meetings, if not to determine who takes office (all are running unopposed at this point), but to confirm their nominations and to give them your vote of support and confidence. These are good, dedicated people who care about the Legion, its goals and making sure our Post can continue into the future.

Poppy Days are coming up on May 16, 17 and 18, if you can help distribute poppies or just make a donation yourself, thank you, every little bit helps our mission. May 18th is also opening day for the Farmer's Market downtown. Come on out between 9am and 2pm to see and savor all the fantastic goods available. Then stop by to visit our hard-working SAL members who will be running the Post 346 hot dog booth. Of course May brings the annual Memorial Day Parade and Post open-house. Please consider walking or riding with your fellow members in the parade, (it's always a fun time!) and/or helping during the open-house afterward. It seems like most of Farmington comes through our doors that day so it's a great opportunity to get to know our neighbors and for them to learn who we are and what we do.

In June we have the Flag Day-Flag Retirement ceremony. A traditional and fitting way for us to demonstrate to the community, especially our youngsters, the meaning of our flag and its proper disposal at the end of its useful career. June is also time for the Legion State convention (27 thru 30) this summer at the Kalamazoo Radisson Hotel. If you really want to learn about the Legion and/or Auxiliary and how they work, this is for you.

Our Auxiliary Unit 346 will end the year with a total of 121 members. Please continue to look to our future and consider asking your family, friends or acquaintances if they would like to join our "Legion Family." Remember, we have no Auxiliary meetings in June, July and August. Hope to see you in August for the Installation of new officers for 2019-20. A meaningful ceremony, dinner buffet, open bar, and the companionship of our Post family (date to be determined). Then I'll see you in September to get back to work! As always, keep your eye on your email for announcements of upcoming dinners, clubroom get-togethers and good times here at Post 346. That's my 2 cents worth, I'm always eager to hear yours,

Carol Hopson, President

Flag Day is coming up on June 14th

Our annual Flag Day/Flag Retirement Ceremony will be on Friday June 14th at 7:00pm. This is a time-honored, meaningful ceremony to dispose of our nation's flags with patriotism, dignity and honor when they reach the end of their serviceable career. Light refreshments are typically served afterward.



TAPS

Lenore Irene Watts
September 3, 1929 - March 5, 2019

Lenore age 89, was born in Detroit, the daughter of Erma and Lincoln Parkinson. She is preceded in death by her beloved husband, Jimmie and her son, Robert.



Lenore is the loving mother of Steven Watts and Barbara Piotrowski (Terry) and mother-in-law to Roxann Watts; cherished grandmother of seven; dearest great grandmother of two.

Lenore has been a loyal American Legion Auxiliary Unit member since 1963. Funeral arraignments: Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home. Internment: Grand Lawn Cemetery. In lieu of flowers please make all donations to Paws with a Cause.

William Pinkerton
November 21, 1922 - March 17, 2019

William leaves behind his wife Carol, family and friends. William was a WWII Air Force veteran and has been an American Legion member since 1959. Arrangements: Swanson Funeral Home Detroit. Service: Brightmoor Christian Church Novi. Internment: Southern Michigan Crematory Ann Arbor.

Thank You!

I just wanted to take a moment to say thank you so much for hosting our 8th Annual Cancer KnockOuts Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser. The event was a MAJOR success - exceeding our goal and raising over \$3,000 for the American Cancer Society Relay for Life. Once matched by our sponsor, we will be donating over \$6,000 to the fight against cancer. Thanks again to everyone who participated and for continuing to support our team and the American Cancer Society.

Warm Regards,
Denise Lis-Janssen
Team Cancer KnockOuts



BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND! Monday Dinner at the Post

5:00pm - 7:30pm
in the clubroom
Memorial Day to Labor Day,
while Coney Mondays are
taking a summer vacation.
Different selection each week,
including everyone's favorite,
Jan's Taco buffet!



Poppy Days - May 16, 17 & 18



Poppies will be available at the Post at the May Legion and Auxiliary meetings. Farmington Hills asks those who will be offering poppies on the street to provide us with a copy of their driver's license by May 3rd. We need as many members as we can offering poppies on the streets and in front of stores (with permission). Can't offer poppies on the street anymore, but still want to help? Ask the manager of your favorite local store or restaurant if you can put a donation canister near their register(s). Please inform them that they are not responsible for it, then check up on it from time to time.

You will be receiving a poppy letter in the mail soon, please donate generously so that Post 346 may continue to help our veterans, their families and our active duty military personnel. Learn more about the Poppy program at: www.alaforveterans.org/Poppy

Thank you for your help,
Mike LaFave, Legion Poppy Chairman



Family members of the 601st Engineering Utilities Detachment gathered at the Post to pack all our CARE package donations for their loved ones deployed in the middle east. It was a wonderful sight to see them work together, play together and bond over this effort. Thank you all for your donations! **We will be sending more packages overseas sometime in June, please continue your generous donations to make our "adopted" service members feel more comfortable far from home.**

Thank You!

A BIG Thanks to **Marty Chinn** for installing our new toilets! They not only work better but are infinitely more energy efficient to save the Post money! We will always think of you while we....

And new Home-board Member-at-large **Alan Huet** is doing an amazing job updating and fixing all around the Post!

May Birthdays

01 Brandy Chritz
 03 Joseph (Cliff) Lauzon
 10 Gary Grant
 14 Pete Kashubara
 14 Robert DeWitt
 19 Laurie Holm
 21 Richard Heinrichs
 21 Jack Worrall
 21 Danielle Jankowski
 23 Cortney Brancheau
 23 Sandi Koponen
 23 Mary Naylor
 24 Don Gould
 27 Walter Andersook
 28 Vernon McBride

29 William Topper
 29 Al Schneider
 31 Mary White

May Anniversaries

07 Martin & Judy Kozicki
 08 Mike & Gail Williams
 09 Don & Ann Gould
 18 Jim & Joyce Pearse
 22 Denny & Diana Lis
 24 Brian & Danielle Jankowski
 25 Mark & Beth Gentile



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.

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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 Post's rear door. Children & Youth fund

Want to see your name above?
 Please contact Carol Hopson at:
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May 2019

Remember, birthdays and anniversaries will only be listed here upon request.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29 Coney Night 5:00 - 7:30pm 	30 Vietnam War ends 1975	1 May Day/Law day	2 Legion & Auxiliary meetings 7:30pm Elections for new officers	3	4
5  National EOD Day Cinco de Mayo	6 Coney Night 5:00 - 7:30pm Bob Hope's first USO Show 1941 Nurses day	7	8 SAL meeting 6:30pm Elections for new officers  V-E Day	9	10	11 Military Spouse Appreciation Day
12  Mother's Day	13 Coney Night 5:00 - 7:30pm	14	15	16 Home Board meeting 7:00pm POPPY DAYS 	17 POPPY DAYS	18 Opening Day of Farmington Farmer's Market POPPY DAYS Armed Forces Day
19	20 Coney Night 5:00 - 7:30pm	21	22  Natl Maritime Day	23 Exec. Committee meeting 7:00pm 	24	25
26  National Poppy Day	27 Memorial Day Parade/Post Open House Memorial Day	28	29	30	31	1 June



June Birthdays

- | | |
|-------------------------|-------------------|
| 01 George (Skip) Nafe | 20 Carol Hopson |
| 02 Charles Scott Jr. | 20 Jim Koponen |
| 02 Norman Wilcox | 23 Jimmy Davis |
| 03 David Slanaker | 24 Larry Gooden |
| 05 Roxann Watts | 25 Colin Williams |
| 06 Harold Henderlong | 28 Art Mikkola |
| 07 Frank Mellert | 28 Richard Soma |
| 09 Jim Salling Sr. | |
| 09 Steven Watts | |
| 11 Jackie Dix | |
| 11 Ray Okonski | |
| 15 John Mirling | |
| 16 Lorraine Christensen | |
| 16 John Ricco | |
| 19 June Schwartz | |

June Anniversaries

- | |
|------------------------|
| 09 Virgil & Lois Thill |
| 18 Robert & Tina Rossi |
| 26 Rob & Jan Smart |
| 29 Marty & Jen Chinn |

Coming up in July

- 04 Independence Day
- 10 Post 346 Birthday
- 16 Ramadan
- 20 Man sets foot on the moon for the first time 1969
- 27 Korean War Armistice 1953
- 28 Parent's Day



MONDAY CONEY NIGHTS!
On Vacation
 in the Clubroom
See You in
September

Members and their guests always enjoy free WiFi in the clubroom

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June 2019

Watch your email for details on upcoming events!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2	3 Monday Dinner at the Post 5:00 - 7:30pm	4	5	6 Legion meeting 7:30pm NO Auxiliary meeting D-Day 1944	7	1  8 World Ocean Day
9	10 Monday Dinner at the Post 5:00 - 7:30pm	11	12 SAL meeting 6:30pm 	13	14 Flag Retirement Ceremony  Flag day Army Birthday	15
16  Father's Day	17 Monday Dinner at the Post 5:00 - 7:30pm Submission deadline for July/Aug Bulletin	18	19 Juneteenth	20 Home Board meeting 7:00pm 	21  Summer solstice	22
23	24 Monday Dinner at the Post 5:00 - 7:30pm	25  Korean War began	26	27 Exec. Committee meeting 7:00pm 	28 27 - 30 Legion State Convention in Kalamazoo	29
30	1 Monday Dinner at the Post 5:00 - 7:30pm July	2	3	4 NO Legion or Aux. meetings  Independence Day	5	6



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Best Wishes from Ray Okonski

Member of Post 346 since 2001
I Co. 309th Bn. 78th Div.
3 Battle Stars



WWII Purple Heart
Last battle was at the
Ludendorff Bridge



Rhine River, Remagen Germany

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