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American Legion Post 346 Farmington, MI

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From the (tired) Mind of Jim... Post 346 Commander James Weston

First and foremost, congratulations to the Auxiliary for a great turnout and success on their first Spaghetti Dinner of the season! I only hope our upcoming Steak Fry has the same results.

Now for some very sad news. Ralph Philp has resigned from all Legion activities. He was Post Historian, Home Board Finance Officer, Boy's State Chairman and a member of the Post Honor Guard. He will be sadly missed. Good luck Ralph and God bless you. Jerry Lynch will be taking the post of Historian and John Grossman will be doing the Homeboard books in addition to his other duties. Gary Fierk will be our new Clubroom manager in place of Denny Lis who is retiring.

Let's keep the attendance up at our regular meetings. Thank you and God bless all of us and Post 346. Many blessings to our troops abroad in foreign lands.

Jim Weston, Commander



Blue Eyes Blog... Unit 346 President Tamela Festian

The Pumpkin season is here! Watch the leaves fall, let the wind blow, embrace Football season, and going to the cider mill to enjoy donuts, caramel apples, plus warm apple pie. With the change in the weather, I am not pleased with now having to wear jeans. Okay, so I have an obsession with wearing shorts, but that's just the way it is.

WOW, what a great turn out we had for our 1st Spaghetti Dinner of the year. It was a great pleasure to see and hear conversations and laughter, the Clubroom and hall were both filled to capacity. Excellent help was received from my ladies, Thank You to Jan Smart for making the sauce. And Thanks to kitchen help Leah Brancheau, Jan Yount, Fran Seager, Cheryl Fierk, Sandy McArthur, Mary Jenkins, and myself. Oh, also Annie the bartender for great service, to make it a great evening.

Don't forget we have a Unit Member Workshop coming up on Nov. 1st. Please let me know if you can attend, as we need a head count. Also, a reminder that on Nov 5th we will have lunch for the homeless vets from Michigan Veterans Foundation at 11:00 am. So stop by to say HELLO. Plus Veterans Day Nov 11th, program starts at 6:00 pm downstairs.

I don't want to forget to Thank Carol Philp for going to convention last month and bringing me all that paperwork. Thank You to all my ladies who help out every day.
GOBBLE TILL YOU WOBBLE, HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

Tammy Festian, Auxiliary President



The 18th Dist. Commander's Tour will be taking place on Sunday Nov. 2 and will stop at our Post 346 at 12 noon to 12:40. Please come down to meet and greet all your new Dist. and Dept. of MI Officers for 2014-15. Let's all make them feel welcome at our Post.



FOR VETERANS DAY -

Today and every day we are grateful for our military service members past and present and the families who support them. God bless you all. Tammy Festian

Any veteran who would like to participate in the **Detroit Veterans Day Parade** beginning at 11am Saturday Nov. 8th on Woodward downtown and is not able to walk the parade route can be provided with a vehicle to ride in. Go to www.detroitveteransdayparade.org and click on the registration tab.



Please join us on Tuesday Nov. 11 at 6:00pm (downstairs) for our **Veterans Day Program**. Guest speakers, champagne toast and finger foods provided.



The Post would like to give a heart-felt Thank You to the following people who have made donations toward the upcoming re-painting project upstairs at the Post: Dave Miller, Orville Roberts, Mike Williams, Jim Forbes, Cliff Lauzon, Gene Hatford, Steve Watt, and Andy Machcinski.

For he today who sheds his blood with me shall be my brother.
- Shakespeare from Henry V



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A Letter From Your Editor

Carol Philp

I am now beginning my fifth year as editor of the Groves-Walker Bulletin. This has been a wonderful experience, a learning experience and always a labor of love. I now feel the need to concentrate on other areas of my life more fully and would like to pass along the editorship to the next volunteer. If needed I will teach you all about putting together the Bulletin and will provide all the materials needed. I would like to leave the Bulletin at the end of this Legion year (after the July-August Bulletin). **Anyone interested in taking over the Post newsletter, please call me at 248-910-2586 or email to info@americanlegionpost346.org**

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

Thank you, Carol Philp



Commander Jim is shown on 9/11 at the Sundquist Pavilion with new member Wayne Wiczorkowski who transferred to Post 346 late last year. Welcome Wayne!

You gotta do... what you gotta do...
when you gotta do it.

- Josie A. Boore



Post Sr. Vice Commander Post Service Officer Anthony Mallia



Membership report as of October 14: Goal: 279, PUFL: 27, Renewals: 179, Total: 206. That puts us at 73%.

I am **still** waiting to get more DD-214s, I have only received DD-214s from 50% of our membership. **Please submit your DD-214 ASAP.** If you are unable to find your DD-214 please let me know and I will submit the paperwork to get a new copy for you.

Tony Mallia, Sr. Vice Commander

Sons of the American Legion Commander Robert Smart



Hope everyone is getting ready for the Holidays that are fast approaching. Just to let you "no-shows" know, the Club has been THE place to be on Lions Football Sundays. With loads of good food and drink specials, great crowds and most important of all the Lions keep winning!

It is with sadness that we say good bye to our Clubroom manger Denny Lis. Denny has decided that 15 years was enough. We would like to say Thanks to Denny for all his hard work to keep our Post alive. If you have not heard all that is changing at our post stop by and find out about a lot of big changes taking place.

The SAL would like to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and let's say a prayer for all our service people who make sure we are able to celebrate the holidays with our families.

Rob Smart, SAL Commander

And so, my fellow members,
ask not what your Post can do for you;
ask what you can do for your Post.
- with apologies to John F. Kennedy

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

11/9 vs Miami at 1:00pm
11/16 vs Arizona at 4:00pm
11/23 vs New England at 1:00pm



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

This letter is being handed out by a young man to all the veterans and service members that he encounters, as his way of saying "Thank you for your service". I think it appropriate that it be reprinted here also, especially now, for Veterans Day.
- Your editor, Carol



Dear Soldier,
I don't know your name, your gender, your race, or much of anything about you, but that doesn't mean I can't be grateful for what you are doing. I am a 17 year old boy (or man, I honestly can't say which word describes me better!) living in Metro-Detroit, Michigan. I am a senior in high school, and am looking forward to being a freshman in college. I have had quite the journey growing up. I don't think there is anywhere else in the world that I would have been provided with the support I needed to overcome my struggles. People say we are lucky to live in the USA. I disagree. It isn't luck that we have, it is heroes like you. I don't know if you see yourself as a hero or not, but know that I do.

I am not going to pretend that I understand all that you do, all that you suffer through. I recognize my own ignorance. I know that, even if I tried to put myself in your shoes (or boots), I would still stray from a harsher reality. I am left to guessing what it must be like. I can guess how lonely it is. How exposed you must feel at times. I can guess how you struggle with what you do, with what is right and what is wrong. I can guess how scared you are. Scared for your life, the lives of your friends, and the lives of those you would leave behind. I have never had to feel that fear because people like you, keep the fear away. You fight the fear for everyone. Without the fear, we can live wonderful lives and accomplish amazing things. None of that is possible without your daily sacrifice or service. So, please believe me when I say thank you for your service.

With the utmost respect and gratitude,
Jacob Yesh-Brochstein

P.S. This letter is for any and every member of the US military, so feel free to pass it around.

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



While we are free to choose our actions, we are not free to choose the consequences of our actions.
- Stephen R. Covey

Post Adjutant Dale Baxter



Hello Comrades!
At this writing, I've finally been able to get my feet wet as to the inner workings of Post 346 as the recently appointed Adjutant. I've been able to get out and meet some of the membership. I would like everyone to know that my commitment to this Post and the American Legion will be firm and dedicated. I'm always available to listen and to assist, so please feel free to contact me if there is something that I can help with.

As everyone is probably aware, your Post is going through difficulties and has implemented some changes. I can safely say that I'm very confident that this Post is in good hands and this ship/Post can be righted under the confident hands of our Post Commander Jim Weston. But it will take an "All hands on deck" effort in order to do this. I challenge all members to apply the "Pay-it-back" concept in the coming months until we can right this ship/Post for the betterment of all members, veterans, and the community. We should be a beacon in the community that stands-out for "Americanism" because if we don't, then who will?

I would like to give special thanks to Skip Nafe for running a great Bingo program. Thank you for your dedication to the Post. Carol Philp - Thanks for continuing to get the bulletin voice out to our members. Newly elected Post officers - Thank you for your service to this Post and I look forward to working with all of you for the betterment of this post and the Legion. To those that I haven't met yet - all I can say is, don't be a stranger as I'm always available to listen and will help out as needed. If I don't have the answer, I promise that I'll find someone in the Post that has the right answer or can point you in the right direction.

On a final note comrades, don't be afraid of change!!! With some hard work and effort, we can all definitely strengthen this Post as well as be self-supportive and be that beacon of strength in the Farmington community.

Dale Baxter, Post Adjutant

IMPORTANT: All Legion Members!

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

In order for us to be in compliance with IRS regulations (should an audit of our records be conducted) we need each member to provide a **redacted** copy of your DD-214 as soon as possible. We realize that your DD-214 contains personal information, which is why we emphasize that you provide a **redacted copy (sensitive information blacked out)**. 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**. DD-214 copies can be mailed to the Post in care of Tony Mallia or given to him at upcoming meeting. These documents will be kept under lock and key at the Post. If you cannot locate a copy of your DD-214, please contact Tony Mallia via the Post, phone: 248-310-4190 or email to: AMNOVI1@att.net

Thank you, Jim Weston, Commander



Robert F. Yurk
 February 1922 – October 2014

Age 92, of Farmington, died October 12. Bob was born February 1, 1922, in Detroit. He married Mary E. (Wise) on April 15, 1950 in Detroit. In addition to his beloved wife of 64 years, Mary, Bob was the devoted father of 3, grandfather of 3, and great grandfather of 2. Funeral arrangements by Heeneey-Sundquist funeral home. American Legion memorial ceremony October 15th. Funeral Mass October 16th at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church, Farmington. Interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield. Memorial tributes are suggested to the National Alliance on Mental Illness, nami.org



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



Any fool can criticize, condemn and complain...
 and most fools do. - Benjamin Franklin

Keeping our member's records current is very important to the American Legion. We encourage all Legion and SAL members to update their member information today by filling out the form below. Please be sure to fill in all the information listed and mail it back to Post 346 in care of Tony Mallia. Thank You



THE AMERICAN LEGION

Member Profile Update Card

Please fill out only those fields that apply. Information provided is kept confidential. Please print legibly.

Member ID	THE AMERICAN LEGION							SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION							
Name	FIRST							MI	LAST						
Address	STREET														
	CITY				STATE		ZIP								
Email Address															
Phone #								Date of Birth							
								MONTH		DAY		YEAR			
Service Era	<input type="checkbox"/> Aug. 2, 1990 to today (Gulf War / War On Terrorism)							<input type="checkbox"/> Feb. 28, 1961 to May 7, 1975 (Vietnam War)							
	<input type="checkbox"/> Dec. 20, 1989 to Jan. 31, 1990 (Panama)							<input type="checkbox"/> June 25, 1950 to Jan. 31, 1955 (Korean War)							
	<input type="checkbox"/> Aug. 24, 1982 to July 31, 1984 (Lebanon / Grenada)							<input type="checkbox"/> Dec. 7, 1941 to Dec. 31, 1946 (World War II)							
Branch	<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Army	<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Navy	<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Air Force												
	<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Marines	<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Coast Guard	<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Merchant Marine (WWII only)												
Gender	<input type="checkbox"/> MALE		<input type="checkbox"/> FEMALE												
	<input type="checkbox"/> I certify that the information I have provided is correct.														



When complete, please mail this form to:
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 Attn: Tony Mallia
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November Birthdays

- 2 Roslyn Parpart
- 3 Paul Dabish
- 3 Dale Mauck
- 5 Ann Mellert
- 6 Ralph Philp
- 7 Robert Watts
- 9 William Robertson
- 9 Sue Farrell
- 9 Frank Tomjack
- 10 Judith Mau
- 11 Catherine Lysak
- 12 Orville Roberts
- 13 Theresa Rainey
- 13 John Butler
- 13 William Moore
- 13 Carl Steen

- 13 John Butler
- 14 Jan Smart
- 15 Dale Sievert
- 15 Charles White
- 15 Leonard Hitz
- 16 Mary DePotter
- 16 Dale Farrell
- 16 Bridget Lynch
- 18 Timothy Kohut
- 18 Melinda Green
- 19 John Berling
- 19 Lily Waara
- 21 Dawn Dupon
- 22 Ann Roberts
- 22 Dan Pearson Jr.
- 22 Timothy Baldwin
- 23 Michelle Pitt
- 24 Claudette Calka
- 25 Stephanie Kettwig
- 25 Kevin Clarke
- 27 Jean Herren
- 28 Harvey Lenz
- 30 Raymond Kiefner
- 30 Gerald Hoskins



November Anniversaries

- 4 Frank & Dorothy Montour
- 5 Peter & Carol Larion
- 7 Dan & Tammy Festian
- 11 Mr & Mrs Donald Crisman
- 12 Donald & Judy Sofferin
- 15 Rich & Patty Haley
- 18 Ted & Kitty Podiadly

**Don't see your name?
Please contact Carol at**
info@americanlegionpost346.org

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

Coming up in December

- 4 Legion & Aux. meetings
- 7 Pearl Harbor Day
- 15 Bill of Rights Day
- 17 Hanukkah begins
- 21 Winter Solstice
- 25 Christmas Day
- 26 - 01/01 Kwanzaa
- 31 New Year's Eve

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November 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27 Coney Night 5:00-7:30pm	28	29	30 Firekeepers Casino Bus Trip 8:00am - 5:00pm	31 Halloween	1 Dist. Unit Membership Workshop <u>8:30am</u> <u>- 2pm</u> All Saints Day
2 Commanders Tour 12 noon Daylight Savings time ends, Fall back All Souls Day	3 Exec. Board meeting 7:30pm Coney Night 5:00-7:30pm	4 Election Day	5	6 Legion & Aux. meetings 7:30pm	7	8 Downtown Det. Veterans Day <u>Parade</u> Farmington Farmers Market 9am-2pm
9 SAL Lions Game Party 1:00pm	10 Coney Night 5:00-7:30pm Marine's Birthday	11 Veterans Day Program 6pm Veterans Day	12 SAL meeting <u>7:30pm</u> MVF Luncheon 12 noon	13	14	15 Farmington Farmers Market 9am-2pm
16 SAL Lions Game Party 4:00pm Sadie Hawkins Day	17 Submission deadline for <u>Dec. Bulletin</u> Coney Night 5:00-7:30pm	18 Home Board meeting 7:30pm	19	20	21	22 Farmington Farmers Market 9am-2pm
23 SAL Lions Game <u>Party 1:00pm</u> 30	24 Coney Night 5:00-7:30pm	25	26	27 Thanksgiving	28 Black Friday	29 Farmington Farmers Market 9am-2pm



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Thank you, Myrtle Granger

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Thank You, Jim Koponen

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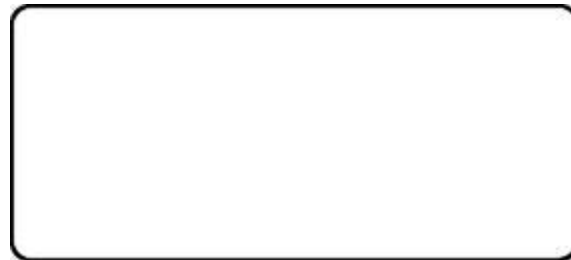


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Meeting Nights

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

Clubroom Hours - NEW

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

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please call Post 346 at **(248) 478-9174**

Visit our website at www.AMERICANLEGIONPOST346.org

Email the Post, Officers or Bulletin editor at INFO@AMERICANLEGIONPOST346.org

Preamble to the Constitution of The American Legion

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

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

