



The Groves-Walker Bulletin

American Legion Post 346 Farmington, Michigan

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Meeting Nights

1st Tue. of the month at 7:00pm: SAL
1st Thu. of the month at 7:30pm: Legion - Auxiliary
3rd Thu. of the month at 6:30pm: Home Board
and at 7pm: Executive Committee

Clubroom Hours

Monday - Friday: 4pm - 9pm
Watch your email for weekend event hours

Contact Info

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Your Post in need

Because of our meager funds we have been relying on members to help provide our everyday operating necessities. If you can help with any of the items listed below, Thank You! Please drop off at the clubroom.

Paper towel, TP, LG & XL latex gloves, cleaning product concentrates, bleach, kitchen size garbage bags, 55 gal. or larger garbage bags, beverage napkins, asst. snack size bags of chips, sweet & sour mix, whole lemons & limes, orange juice. For the office: Magic markers, Sharpies, envelopes (#6, #10, 6"x9"), postage stamps, paper clips, & Scotch tape.

For our upcoming move we will need donations of: boxes, old blankets, box or Duck tape. Please hold these donations until notified of a moving date via email. Monetary donations so supplies can be purchased also gratefully accepted!

Come on out to march or ride with your fellow veterans and Post members in the **Farmington Memorial Day Parade on Mon. May 30th at 10 am** (line-up at the Post by 9 am). Please dress in your military uniform, or dark slacks and white shirt or Legion branded clothing, with your Legion or SAL cap/Auxiliary pins. Let's look good out there representing the American Legion and our Post 346! Open-house follows the parade with free hot dogs and beverages.



The Queen is coming!

New drawings June 13th
NEW consolation prizes!
\$50 each week if
you reveal a **Joker** or
a **3, 4 or 6** of any suit.



As of January 1, 2022 SAL dues have been raised to \$30

(\$15 per Junior member under 18)

As of June 30, 2022 Auxiliary dues will be raised to \$40

(\$12 per Junior member under 18)



Raising money while cleaning house! It's a moving sale, members get first dibs!

Preceding the sale of our building, we will be selling off some of the furniture and appliances at the Post. Please contact us if you might be interested in purchasing kitchen appliances and goods, tables, chairs, etc. Photos and descriptions available. **We will also take requests for things such as lighting fixtures, countertops, sinks, etc (BYOT Bring Your Own Tools for removal). Put in your pre-sale request today (quantities not guaranteed).**

Get in on the deals, contact Eric, Marya or Carol today! At: GrovesWalkerPost346@gmail.com



Please remember that all of the cooks & bartenders at our Post have been working on a volunteer basis since the beginning of COVID. Please tip them generously at the end of your evening.

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Groves-Walker Bulletin Editor - Carol Hopson

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Anyone can submit an article for the next Bulletin, including photos (articles may be edited for length and/or content). Articles can be submitted at any time,

please don't wait for the deadline of Monday June 20th for the July/August 2022 issue of the Bulletin.



FOR SALE (or donation to a worthy cause)

Invacare G5510 Full Electric Bed, 2 - Invacare G30 Half-length Bed Rails, PLUS - Bed Spread with Matching Headboard, Footboard/side rail Covers, and full instructions. Mattress included. Clean, good working order.

For more information (& pictures) contact Carol at: GrovesWalkerPost346@gmail.com



Saluting Post 346

Proudly serving veterans, active duty military, their families and our community. Pictured above is SAL member Rich Higginbottom.



Meet your new bartender! (Mustache Mike) D'Arcangelo is the newest bartender working in the Post 346 clubroom.



Coming up on **Tuesday June 14th at 6:00pm is our annual Flag Day Flag Retirement Ceremony**, Taking place in the parking lot. Please join us for this meaningful ceremony which honors the retirement of our nation's flags with patriotism, dignity and honor when they reach the end of their serviceable career. Joining us again this year will be the Farmington Knights of Columbus, Civil Air Patrol and our local boy and girl scouts.



Have you heard?

You can once again shop at [military Exchange stores](#).

Name brand products, exclusive military prices, free shipping options.

Verify your eligibility at: www.VetVerify.org

Approx. 24 hours after the verification process you will be able to shop online at any of the military Exchange stores.



Join our partner **CARES** of Farmington Hills for the Grand Opening of their newly renovated facility. Sunday May 1st, 1:30 - 4:00pm. Presentation at 2:30pm, light refreshments served. [Please RSVP online by clicking here](#) by April 27th.

Volunteer opportunities

Putting together a work-party to clean up our property prior to the Memorial Day Parade and Open-house. Clean up happening on Saturday May 21st at 9:00am. Please contact Eric or Kevin G. to volunteer.

Looking for pop-up canopies to be used in the parking lot for our outdoor Open-house after the Memorial Day Parade. Please contact Eric or Kevin G. to volunteer.

Listen & Silent have the same letters, coincidence?

Commander's Corner...
Post 346 Commander
Marya Davis



Our ship is still afloat and your Captain (AKA Commander) is at the helm! We are going to close down the upper level of our building to save on utilities and even shut down the swamp cooler that stores our beverages (very wasteful on water). Now - let's see what we can do about renting out the Lower Hall to Legion members and friends. You could even potentially vouch for a non-member. But we're not going to invest in improvements such as ceiling tiles etc. Rentals would be on an as is basis only.

As you have heard, no sale on the building for the first round, so now we start Plan B. We have ONLY been able to survive month to month We have only been able to survive month to month because of the volunteer bartenders and folks coming to support the club room. We plan on significant fundraising efforts throughout the summer. And please watch you mail for a donation request. I feel as though by fall, we could potentially mothball the building. We will have increased our monthly revenue to move into a new place by then.

I have submitted the application to start another round of Find the Queen of Hearts. And we have sweetened the pot! Consolation prizes are \$50 each week for revealing a Joker or a three, four, or six of any suit.

SAL is leading a major cleanup Saturday May 21st in preparation for the Memorial Day Parade and Open House. We need everyone out to support the effort. Especially members that we have not seen in a while. So, if you are a regular, reach out to another veteran and bring them to the cleanup. It is not all heavy lifting. Show your support and be there. And we look forward to lots of summer events, fundraising events, and fun.

Remember what our Auxiliary President said so eloquently at our September Post meeting. "We cannot get back to our core mission of helping veterans until we make ourselves self-sustaining." And that takes everyone – it's our Post – let's do this together!

In service,
Marya Davis, Commander



Don't forget, voting for 2022-23 Legion, Auxiliary & SAL Officers Will happen during May meetings LGN & AUX May 5th, SAL May 3rd Please try to attend these meetings or vote via email or drop-box on the back patio.

My 2 Cents...
Unit 346 President
Carol Hopson



A slightly shorter column this time. First things first. Yes, the rumors are true, the buyer we had lined up backed out from the sale of our building. I am personally very disappointed but, certainly not defeated. I know we will continue to search for a new buyer for the building and a new home for our Legion family. We've all been tightening our belts and pulling together for the last few years, struggling to keep our chins above water, and I know we can continue for a little longer. Please consider making a donation toward our future Post home.

I would like to give a great big thank you to all my friends who helped make the Auxiliary spaghetti dinner a success. Forgive me for not listing the names of all the individuals, you know who you are and you have my sincere thanks.

Here's hoping we've seen the last of the snow for this season! We'll be relaxing in warm summer breezes on the back patio soon. Please consider getting actively involved with YOUR Auxiliary Unit. See you at the next meeting?

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



All AUX members in good standing (paid) are also eligible to purchase a **PUFL (Paid Up For Life) membership**. Never again ask yourself "Did I pay my dues?" The cost of a PUFL membership is based on two factors – the member's age at the time of application and the dues amount of the Unit. The cost for a 60 - 69 year old AUX member (Unit yearly dues \$40) would be \$822.

If you apply before June 30, 2022 that same PUFL fee would be only \$624! Get your PUFL application in before our 2023 dues increase goes into effect. Please ask Carol for your personal rate and a PUFL application today! Please note, PUFL fees are non-refundable.

God, give me coffee
to change the things



I can & wine
to accept the



things I can't.

Ways to Help Protect Yourself from Scammers

1. Never click on links in emails no matter how authentic they seem.
2. No government agency will contact you via email, text or phone. Official government contact is made only through the US postal service.
3. Gift cards are for gift giving. If someone asks for payment with a gift card, it's a scam! No reputable company or government agency will ask for payment with gift cards, wire transfers or cryptocurrency.
4. Don't help crooks by posting a lot of personal information on social media sites.
5. Set up all your digital accounts to require multifactor authentication.
6. Freeze your credit with the 3 major credit bureaus. If you plan on making a major purchase they can be unfrozen at any time.
7. Do not save credit card numbers online with merchants or service providers.
8. Always use antivirus software and perform recommended updates on all your devices.
9. Because your phone number is increasingly being used for identification, remove it from as many accounts as possible. You may need to use it to open accounts but, go back and remove it later.
10. Scammers lure you by putting you in a heightened emotional state. The fear of losing out on a great deal; fear of being audited by the IRS; terror of losing a loved one to kidnapping, medical emergency, or incarceration; joy of finding a new love interest; YOU MUST ACT NOW! Stop, take a breath, think, and verify before acting. Better yet, just hang up!
11. Ignore phone calls from numbers you don't know. Let the caller leave a message, you can check later to see if the call was from a person or business you know and trust.
12. Use credit cards for all online transactions. They come with protections to recover your funds if you are defrauded. Never send cash.
13. Add phone login protections. A survey showed that more than 25% of smartphone users did not have a barrier to keep others from using their devices. Make sure you have a passcode, facial ID or finger scan enabled on your phone.
14. Review your credit report. You can get a free credit report from the three agencies, Transunion, Experian and Equifax, each year. Check your report, line by line, to ensure no one has opened credit in your name and that there are no errors. Visit: AnnualCreditReport.com or call toll free: 877-322-8228.

50/50 drawings!!

**Tickets for sale
now in the clubroom.
Proceeds go to
customizing our new
home to include two Kegerators.**



At every official meeting of the American Legion, we honor and recognize the importance of the repatriation of the remains of POW/MIAs: Resolution 288 encourages a POW/MIA Empty Chair placed at all official meetings of The American Legion, as a physical symbol of the thousands of American POW/MIAs still unaccounted for from all wars and conflicts involving the United States. This is a reminder for us all to spare no effort to secure the release of any American prisoners from captivity, the repatriation of the remains of those who died bravely in defense of liberty, and a full accounting of those missing. Let us rededicate ourselves for this vital endeavor!



As it stands today, there are more than 72,000 missing from World War II, more than 7,500 from the Korean War, 126 missing from the Cold War and more than 1,500 missing from the Vietnam War. We estimate almost 39,000 are recoverable, with the others being mostly deep at sea losses. Over 2,500 soldiers from Michigan from WWII alone.

WXYZ Channel 7 News reported on April 19th that the body of a World War II soldier is coming home to a Farmington Hills family. The daughter of US Pvt. Alfred R. Ricke received a call she never thought she would get in this lifetime. Maryalyce Luper, 83 years old, was visited by a Service Officer who presented her with her father's medals, which included the Purple Heart. Her father, who went to France during World War II in 1944, is finally coming home. Read the full article here: www.wxyz.com/news/hero-homecoming-remains-of-wwii-soldier-returning-to-farmington-hills-family

If you have a loved one still missing in action, the Department of Defense has a special Agency dedicated to Fulfilling Our Nation's Promise. Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency <http://www.dpaa.mil> See also the [DPAA FamWeb](#) an online space for sharing information with families of missing personnel. Click here for a .PDF of the DPAA [Family Member Guide](#).

From One Veteran to Another on Memorial Day

**You may have served in combat
or while preserving peace.**

You may have retired out or

you may have served for only a short time.

You may have been a draftee or a volunteer.

**You may have served in the Corps, Army, Navy,
Air Force, Coast Guard or the Merchant Marines,**

BUT YOU SERVED.

**YOU DID YOUR JOB HONORABLY
and for that I am PROUD to call you "Brother."**

**You may have served during WWII, Korea, Vietnam,
Persian Gulf, Iraq or Afghanistan, or at home.**

But you served, you did not run.

**You have earned your DD 214 with those words
"HONORABLY DISCHARGED"**

two of the most noble words in the world.

I am proud to know each and every one of you.





Carolynn Mallia

October 14, 1954 - March 17, 2022

Carolynn of Gibraltar, formerly of Novi, devoted and loving wife and mother, passed into eternal life at the age of 67. Carolynn was born in Detroit, to the late Arey and Carmel Potter. She married Anthony Mallia on April 17, 1982, at Coronado Baptist Church in Detroit. Carolynn lovingly supported her beloved Tony and their son, Christopher, as wife and mother for over 40 years. Surviving are her beloved husband of nearly 40 years, Anthony "Tony"; her cherished son, Christopher; as well as many cousins and a multitude of friends.



Interment at Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly. In lieu of flowers, memorial tributes are suggested to the Diamond Dachshund Rescue of Texas or Rock of Gibraltar VFW Post #4230 Relief Fund.

<https://www.heeney-sundquist.com/obituary/carolyn-mallia>



The next time you shop at GFS, please tell your cashier to credit your purchase to American Legion Post 346!

Veterans and active military get 10% off online or in-store purchases at Home Depot. Who is eligible?

Active duty military members and veterans of the following branches of the United States military:

Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, National Guard, **Space Force, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), US Public Health Service Commissioned Corps (USPHS)**

The Military Discount is also available to the current spouse of an eligible service member who is currently enrolled for The Home Depot Military Discount.

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Is it time to replace your old American flag? Don't forget about the Post's flag disposal drop box located at the front of our parking lot. Ensure our American flags are properly disposed of with dignity, patriotism and honor when they reach the end of their serviceable career.



The worst thing you can do is fall off a low rung. If you're going to make a mistake, make it a huge one. - Steven Sondheim

Post 346 Chaplain

Andy Machcinski

My Fellow Legionnaires,
After a long and dreary winter, all indications are that spring will be coming soon. Spring is a time for rebirth, coming out into the outdoors and again enjoying the wonders of this earth we live on. This spring will also be a time where the pandemic that once had held us captive is beginning to let us live a normal life again.



But there is so much more to this upcoming season, it is a time for us to go outside look up at the heavens and thank God for giving us all his wonders and beauty. A prayer of thanks does not need to be long, elaborate or deep, a simple prayer will do - "Thank you God for giving us this day." God will hear you and thank you by making your day better and give you more days to enjoy! As I always end this article with a prayer, there you have it, go outside (not on a rainy day) look up and with an open heart and clear mind say a simple prayer loud, clear and often.

*"Thank you God for giving us this day".
Amen.*

Regards, your Chaplain.
Andy

This space RESERVED for You!

Have you ever considered advertising your business to your friends and neighbors in a local publication? The Bulletin can be seen by thousands of Legion, SAL and Auxiliary members, their families and friends bimonthly. Interested? Contact Carol Hopson at: GrovesWalkerPost346@gmail.com

Don't own a business? Post a personal message or greeting here in the Bulletin (for a small donation to the Post).



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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. Must present a DD-214 (DD-217, DD-256, or DD-257).

Auxiliary membership eligibility. 1) Relationship to veteran: Grandmother, mother, sister, daughter, granddaughter, male or female spouse, or 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.

Membership applications are available NOW in the clubroom!

Many Thanks to John's Sanitation for providing a huge discount special for us on an ADA porta-john for our outdoor Open House after the Memorial Day parade.

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Show your support of our military & our veterans

Only \$5 each, available in the clubroom.

NEW design featuring poppies now available.

Post 346 merchandise makes great gifts!



Official Post 346 Bottle Koozie

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Blue Star & Gold Star Banners

Show pride in your family members who are serving or were KIA.

\$5 each, in the clubroom.

Banners are available with 1 to 5 Blue Stars (one per family member) 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

Please...

Report your changes of name, address, phone or email; also member death notices to your Legion, Auxiliary or SAL membership chairman.



Thank You



us on Facebook and keep up with all

our events at: [facebook.com/](https://www.facebook.com/)

www.AmericanLegionPost346.org

May Birthdays

03 Joseph (Cliff) Lauzon
 10 Gary Grant
 13 Donal Guetchow
 14 Pete Kashubara
 14 Robert DeWitt
 19 Laurie Holm
 21 Danielle Jankowski
 23 Cortney Brancheau
 23 Sandi Koponen
 23 Mary Naylor
 24 Don Gould
 27 Walter Andersook
 29 William Topper
 29 Al Schneider

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



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 at:
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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 at:
 GrovesWalkerPost346@gmail.com

May 2022

05/27 National Poppy Day

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1  May Day/ Law Day	2 Dinner at the Post fundraiser 5:30 -7pm	3 SAL meeting 7:00pm 	4	5 Legion & Auxiliary meetings 7:30pm  Cinco de Mayo National EOD Day	6 Joker Poker in the clubroom Nurses Day Teachers Day	7  Farmington Farmers Market opening day
8  Mothers Day V-E Day 1945	9 Dinner at the Post fundraiser 5 :30-7pm	10	11	12	13 Joker Poker in the clubroom 	14
15  Peace Officers Memorial Day	16 Dinner at the Post fundraiser 5:30 -7pm 	17	18	19 Home Board meeting 6:30pm Exec. Committee meeting 7:00pm	20 Joker Poker in the clubroom Endangered Species Day	21  Armed Forces Day
22  Ntnl Maritime Day	23 Dinner at the Post fundraiser 5:30 -7pm	24	25	26	27 Joker Poker in the clubroom  National Poppy Day	28 
29 	30 Memorial Day Parade/Open House Memorial Day	31	1 June	2 Legion meeting 7:30pm NO AUX meeting 	3 Joker Poker in the clubroom	4



June Birthdays

01 George (Skip) Nafe
 05 John Berling
 06 Harold Henderlong
 09 Jim Salling Sr.
 09 Steven Watts
 11 Jackie Dix
 11 Ray Okonski
 15 John Mirling
 16 Lorraine Christensen
 19 June Schwartz
 20 Carol Hopson
 20 Ann Saviniemi
 20 Jim Koponen
 24 Larry Gooden
 25 Colin Williams
 28 Art Mikkola

June Anniversaries

08 John & Tammy Berling
 18 Robert & Tina Rossi
 26 Rob & Jan Smart
 29 Marty & Jen Chinn



Coming up in July

04 Independence Day
 05 SAL meeting
 07 LGN meeting
 NO AUX meeting
 10 Post 346 Birthday
 20 Man sets foot on the moon for the first time 1969
 24 Parents Day
 27 Korean War Armistice 1953



Dinner at the Post FUNDRAISER!
Monday evenings in the Clubroom
5:30 pm - 7:00 pm
GOOD FOOD, GREAT PRICES!

Members and their guests always enjoy free WiFi in the clubroom

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

June 2022

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5	6  D-Day 1944	7 SAL meeting 7:00pm 	8  World Ocean Day	9	10 Joker Poker in the clubroom	11
12	13	14 Flag Retirement Ceremony 6pm Flag Day Army Birthday (1775) 	15	16 Home Board meeting 6:30pm Exec. Committee meeting 7:00pm	17 Joker Poker in the clubroom	18
19  Fathers Day	20 Submission Deadline for July/Aug Bulletin	21  Summer Solstice	22	23	24 Joker Poker in the clubroom	25  Korean War began 1950
26	27	28	29	30	1 Joker Poker in the clubroom  July	2



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