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

Hello Legionnaires, SAL & Auxiliary,

Wow, what a year for Post 346. Soon you'll be electing a new Commander and I'm excited about what the future holds for this Post given the nominations. Together, we have accomplished a great deal this past year and I feel that we should be very proud of our Post accomplishments. By "Together", I mean all this Post's Legion, Auxiliary, and SAL members. I owe what this Post has been able to accomplish in the past years that I have been Commander to those officers that have supported this post and stepped in when necessary as well as those, who choose to help out but remain anonymous. My hat goes off to all of you.

We have numerous events planned in the coming months, such as the Cinco de Mayo taco buffet dinner/annual Post raffle drawing, Memorial Day parade, summer Farmer's Market booths, and Flag Day ceremony just to name a few, so keep your eyes out for the various activities that are posted on the Bulletin calendar, Post bulletin boards and email blasts and try to be involved if you are available.

I think we did fairly well in regards to membership numbers for 2018, but we will be seeing 2019 membership notices in the mail soon. Please send all 2019 dues payments directly to the Post in order to avoid delays in processing your membership and receiving your new card.

As always, a very special thanks goes out to all of you that work in the background and prefer to be silent voices (you know who are) and to my officers and committee chairpersons, for without your support and guidance we could not have accomplished as much as we have. My request for each and every member of this Post, whether you are Legion, Auxiliary, or SAL, is to GET and STAY involved! Groves-Walker 346 is YOUR Post! Let's make 2018-19 a great year and showcase to the 18th District, Department of Michigan and the National American Legion organization who we are with pride! Please support your newly elected officers as you have done for me.

As always, I look forward to hearing your comments or criticisms, before my 2017-18 term as Commander is up, in how we can 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

Service Not Self... Unit 346 President Leah Brancheau

Dear Members and Friends,

Finally, I think I can say Happy Spring! I really can't take the cold, I hope warmer weather is here to stay. The Auxiliary's nominations and voting is done for our 2018-19 officers and after 15 years I am stepping down as your President. This will be my last article for the Bulletin and I just want to say Thank You for working with me to help the Auxiliary and our veterans. Whenever I needed help, you always stepped up. When I was ill the Auxiliary still ran like a well-oiled ship! Jim & I will now be able to get away and travel more often. Please say Thank You to Carol Hopson, your new President! Carol has a lot on her plate with taking care of her dad, so if she asks for your help please, give her a hand. I am thanking you personally Carol. I am sure you will do a great job! Please come to the Installation ceremony in August, it's a great chance to get to know all the officers, have fun with family and friends, and enjoy a good meal and an open bar.

We had a great turnout for the recent Spaghetti dinner -Fundraiser for the American Cancer Society. This event is organized annually by "Team Cancer Knockouts", Denise Janssen and the whole Lis family, and what a fantastic job they do! They always have terrific items in their basket raffles!

Lots coming up... The Cinco de Mayo taco dinner and raffle drawing on May 5th. Poppy Days May 17, 18, and 19. Please try to help by offering poppies or making a donation. The Memorial Day Parade on May 28th. June 14th will be the Flag Day/Flag retirement ceremony, please join us. And Girl's State is June 17th to the 23rd, if you know of an interested girl, please contact Judy Mau, our Girl's State Chairman.

As I step down as your President I want to say Thank You Ladies, I love you all, have a great summer.

Leah Brancheau, President

Auxiliary Unit 346 is sorry to report that, like the Legion, the Auxiliary is raising the National and Dept. of Michigan portion of your dues as of 2019. Unit 346 has no choice but to raise our dues accordingly. Beginning July 1, 2018 (for the 2019 membership year) Aux. dues will be \$30 per adult member and \$10 per junior. We sincerely hope that this will not deter you from renewing your membership with the American Legion Auxiliary.

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Happy Spring! I would like to thank all the Aux. members who voted me Unit 346 President for 2018-19. I'll do my very best for you, our Post and our veterans.

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 may need to edit articles for length.

The submission deadline for the July/Aug 2018 edition of the Bulletin is Sunday June 17th.

Thank you, Carol Hopson, Editor

Clubroom: A big Thank You to Randy and Rhonda Gould of GG's Craft Corner for making a new entrance sign for the Clubroom! GG's Craft Corner is located at 16725 Middlebelt (between 5 & 6 Mile Roads) in Livonia. Jen Chinn, Clubroom Manager

Please notify the Bulletin (and your membership chairman) if there are any changes or corrections to your name, email, mailing address, etc. If you receive your Bulletin via email, please make sure that this email address:

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is in your address book so that your email program does not filter us out as junk mail. If you have any problems receiving your Bulletin, please contact Carol Hopson.

Post 346 is STILL requesting that each Legion member provide a copy of their DD form 214 (discharge papers) for the Post records. 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 the Legion Adjutant.

Saturday May 19th is the Farmington Farmer's Market opening day. Watch for the **Post 346 Hot dog booth**. As always we are **Looking For Volunteers** to sell hot dogs & spreading the good word about the Legion! Contact: Art Mikkola or Marya Davis for more information.

Legion Jr. Vice, Andy Machcinski

My Fellow Legionnaires:

Well another summer of activities is upon us again. They say in US Army ads it is the "Army of One", but it really is a team effort, and so is Our Legion! To make a team it takes commitment by everyone in the Post to give a little of their time. As we all know time is a very precious commodity, everyone wants a bit of yours, and I do understand as I am fighting the same thing.

Please check your calendars and try to squeeze in some or all these following activities: Legion election of new officers at the Post on May 03 at 1930, 7:30PM if you forgot. Please attend and cast your vote. Annual Post Raffle drawing at the Cinco de Mayo (May 5th) taco buffet dinner, begins at 1700. Memorial Day Parade; on May 28, starts at 1000, be at the Post by 0930, have a coffee, meet your friends, march in the Parade and let your family, kids or grand kids see your Legion Pride. If you fit in your uniform or are still in the service wear it proudly or just bring yourself and your Legion cover. The one that definitely should make your list is the Flag Retirement Ceremony on June 06, at 1900 (weather permitting). It is a short but very solemn ceremony where American flags are retired from service with the dignity and honor they deserve. Please bring your friends, family, grand kids, relatives and neighbors.

Know I am asking a lot but... LETS MAKE IT HAPPEN! Regards, Andy

Thank you! To the kind and generous veteran who made an anonymous donation to the Post so that we could purchase a new flag pole for meetings and parades.





MI American Legion Auxiliary Girls State will be held at Shaw Hall on the MSU campus in East Lansing on June 17 thru 23, 2018. The cost per girl is \$350.

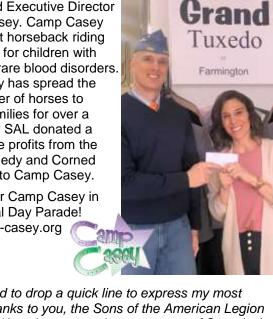
MI American Legion Boys State will be held at Grand Valley State University in Allendale MI on June 17 thru 23, 2018. The cost per boy is \$375.

Students must have just completed their junior year of high school to be eligible. Program objectives: To develop leadership and pride in American citizenship. To educate students about our system of government. To instill a greater understanding of American traditions. To stimulate a desire to maintain our democratic government processes.

If you or someone you know is interested in attending or learning more about Girls or Boys State, please contact: Judy Mau, Girls State Chairman or Mark Moulds, Boys State Chairman

SAL Sr. Vice Eric Welter is shown with Molly Reeser, Founder and Executive Director of Camp Casey. Camp Casey is a nonprofit horseback riding organization for children with cancer and rare blood disorders. Camp Casey has spread the healing power of horses to Michigan families for over a decade. Our SAL donated a portion of the profits from the recent "Comedy and Corned Beef" event to Camp Casey.

P.S. Look for Camp Casey in the Memorial Day Parade! https://camp-casey.org



"I just wanted to drop a quick line to express my most profound thanks to you, the Sons of the American Legion Squadron 346 and everyone that was a part of Saturday's incredible evening. You guys knocked it out of the park! It was not only a well-organized event but it did so much for us! The funds it raised, the awareness it brought and the laughs that we all got to share will do SO MUCH GOOD for our cause. Thank you, from the very bottom of my heart, for putting your efforts into making it a tremendous success. I am just in awe of how many wonderful people this job allows me to meet and you are one of them! Thank you for all you do to help others. I really am so grateful! In health and horses, Molly"

> Poppy Days will be here soon! May 17th, 18th and 19th

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 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 periodically.

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 Tammy Festian, Auxiliary Poppy Chairman

Annual Post 346 Raffle

Drawing on Saturday May 5 during Cinco de Mayo All-you-can-eat Taco Buffet Dinner

1st prize \$2500, 2nd prize \$1000, 3rd prize \$750

Tickets \$20 each, Only 500 tickets will be sold

Dinner will be served from 5:00 - 7:00pm Includes rice, refried beans and dessert \$10 per person, show your raffle ticket and your dinner costs only \$8 (1 meal per ticket) Cash bar, Basket raffles, 50/50 drawing

Please help support your Post and Legion charities by purchasing the raffle ticket you received in the mail. Donations are also very welcome.

Tickets can also be purchased from the Clubroom and many Legion, Aux. and SAL officers. You need not be present to win. Proceeds will go toward ongoing building repairs and Legion charities. MI license #R46101

Please consider marching with your fellow veterans and Post members at the

Farmington Memorial Day Parade on Mon.

May 28 beginning at 10 am (line-up by 9 am). If you cannot walk the entire 1 mile parade route, transportation can be provided. Wearing your military uniform or dark slacks, white shirt and your Legion cap is appreciated. Auxiliary



and SAL are encouraged to join in (same dress code as above, Aux. please wear your Aux. pin(s). Let's look good out there representing the American Legion and Post 346!

Don't let someone take up emotional Real estate if they aren't paying rent. - Sarah Kay

Tuesday June 26 will be Veteran's Day at Comerica Park, see the Tigers vs Oakland A's. Group sign-up sheet available in the Clubroom. Contact Art Mikkola for more information.

SO TAPS OR

Harold H. Rundquist

March 12, 2018

Age 95, formerly of Farmington. Harold was born in Ironwood, MI, the son of John and Edith Rundquist. He was preceded in death by wives, Rosemarie and Norma, and his brother, James. He is lovingly survived by his daughter, Sharon (David) Lillystone, and granddaughters, Renee



and Danielle. Harold was a 31 year member of Groves-Walker American Legion Post 346. Internment: Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the charity of one's choice.

James Hamlin March 30, 2018

Age of 57, of Fowlerville. He was born to DeLos (Fred) and Patricia Hamlin in Livonia, MI. He graduated from Farmington High School in 1979. Jim was the owner/proprietor of Country Lanes in

Farmington for over 30 years. He enjoyed



hosting fundraisers and was passionate about raising money for charity. Jim loved hunting, fishing, bowling, sailing and spending time with family and friends. He was a third-generation American Legion member of Groves-Walker Post 346.

Jim is survived by his son, Michael (Jessica) Hamlin; two daughters, Kristen Walter and Amber Hamlin; three grandchildren; two brothers, Robert Hamlin and Steven Hamlin; two sisters, Barbara (John) Manak and Linda Harris and other cousins, nieces and nephews. Burial in Clare, Michigan at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Farmington High School Bowling Team.

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Our deepest sympathies to the family and friends of Frederick A. Laycock of Farmington. Fred passed away in February and was a 32 year member of Post 346.

Our deepest sympathies to Waine (Doug) Kanack on the passing of his wife of 72 years, Geraldine (Gerre) Kanack on March 14, 2018.



Flag Day is coming up on June 14th

Our annual Flag Day/Flag Retirement Ceremony will be on Thursday 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. Joining us will be the Farmington Knights of Columbus, Civil Air Patrol Cadet Honor Guard, Miss Farmington and our local boy and girl scouts. Light refreshments are typically served afterword.



Don't forget, elections for new 2018-19 Legion & SAL Officers

will be held during **May** meetings
Please try to attend these meetings
Make your voice heard and your vote count!



May Birthdays

- 01 Gloria Bytner
- 01 Ida Wadenstorer
- 01 Brandy Chritz
- 03 Joseph (Cliff) Lauzon
- 10 Gary Grant
- 14 Pete Kashubara
- 14 Robert DeWitt
- 19 Laurie Holm
- 20 David Duquette
- 21 Richard Heinrichs
- 21 Jack Worrall
- 21 Danielle Jankowski
- 23 Cortney Brancheau
- 23 Sandi Koponen
- 23 Mary Naylor

- 24 Don Gould
- 27 Walter Andersook
- 27 Stanley Beattie
- 28 Vernon McBride
- 29 William Topper
- 29 Al Schneider
- 31 Mary White

May Anniversaries

- 27 Martin & Judy Kozicki
- 08 Mike & Gail Williams
- 09 Don & Ann Gould
- 13 Carl & Verna Steen
- 18 Jim & Joyce Pearse 24 Brian & Danielle
- Jankowski
- 25 Mark & Beth Gentile







available in the Clubroom.

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in the Clubroom

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May 2018

Post Raffle drawing on May 5th!

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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
| 29 | 30 Coney Night 5:00pm - 7:30pm | 1 May Day Law Day | 2 | 3 Legion & Auxiliary meetings 7:30pm - Election of 2018-19 Officers | 4 | Cinco de Mayo Taco Dinner & Raffle drawing Natl EOD Day |
| Teacher's Day Nurse's Day | 7 Coney Night 5:00pm - 7:30pm | 8 | 9 | SAL meeting 6:30pm | Military Spouse Appreciation Day | 12 |
| 13 Mother's Day | 14 Coney Night 5:00pm - 7:30pm | 15 | 16 | 17 Home Board meeting 7:00pm | POPPY DAYS | 19 Farmington Farmer's Market Opening Day - Post 346 Hot Dog Booth Armed Forces Day POPPY DAYS |
| 20 | 21 Coney Night 5:00pm - 7:30pm | A APERICAN VER TRAIT MARIE! | 23 | 24 Exec. Committee meeting 7:00pm | 25 | 26 National Poppy Day |
| 27 | 28 Farmington Memorial day Parade 10 am Memorial Day | 29 | 30 | 31 | 1 June | 2 |



June Birthdays

- 01 George (Skip) Nafe
- 02 Charles Scott Jr.
- 02 Norman Wilcox
- 03 David Slanaker
- 05 Roxann Watts
- 06 Harold Henderlong
- 07 Frank Mellert
- 08 Deborah Popp
- 09 Jim Salling Sr.
- 09 Steven Watts
- 11 Jackie Dix
- 11 Ray Okonski
- 15 John Grossman
- 15 John Mirling
- 16 Lorraine Christensen
- 16 John Ricco
- 19 June Schwartz

20 Carol Hopson

- 20 Jim Koponen
- 23 William Ellis
- 23 Jimmy Davis
- 24 Larry Gooden
- 25 Jurnee Brent 25 Colin Williams
- 28 Art Mikkola
- 28 Richard Soma

June Anniversaries

- 02 Vernon & Virginia
- McBride
- 09 Virgil & Lois Thill
- 15 Bob & Marilyn Smart
- 18 Robert & Tina Rossi
- 26 Rob & Jan Smart
- 29 Marty & Jen Chinn

Coming up in July

- 04 Independence Day
- 05 Legion meeting NO Auxiliary meeting
- 10 Post 346 Birthday
- 16 Ramadan
- 22 Parent's Day
- 27 Korean War Armistice



MONDAY CONEY September

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: GrovesWalkerPost346@gmail.com

June 2018

Happy Summer!

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--|---|--|------------|---|---|--|
| 27 | 28 Memorial Day | 29 | 30 | 31 | 1 | 2 |
| 3 | 4 | 5 | G D-Day | 7 Legion meeting 7:30pm NO Aux. meeting | 8 World Ocean Day | 9 |
| 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 SAL meeting 6:30pm Flag Retirement Ceremony 7pm Flag Day Army Birthday | 15 | 16 |
| 17 Submission deadline for Jul/Aug Bulletin | 18 Boys & Girls State June 17 to 23 | 19 Juneteenth | 20 | 21 Home Board meeting 7:00pm | State Convention June 21-24 Kalamazoo, MI | 23 |
| 24 | Korean War began 1950 | 26 Veteran's day at Comerica Park Tigers vs A's | 27 | 28 Exec. Committee meeting 7:00pm | 29 | 30 Farmington Farmer's Market - Post 346 Hot Dog Booth |



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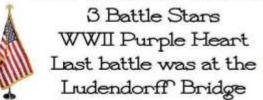
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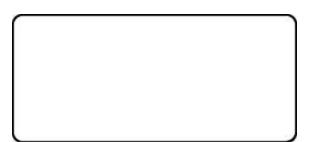
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Special Occasions
Classes / Seminars
Community Groups



Please contact Post 346 for more information.

Meeting Nights

1st Thur. of each month at 7:30pm: Legion & Auxiliary
2nd Thur. of each month at 6:30pm: SAL
3rd Thur. of each month at 7:00pm: Home Board
4th Thur. of each month at 7:00pm: Exec. Committee

Clubroom Hours

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

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