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



Hello Legionnaires, SAL & Auxiliary,

A very familiar and popular Bob Seger song comes to mind as I write this. That song is "Turn the Page." I feel that is an appropriate ending to my first year as your Commander, and now elections are done, summer is upon us, or we are just heading off to spend time on vacations with family and friends. Now is the time that we as a family "Turn the Page" to the upcoming year.

I'm so excited for the SAL as I recently attended their June meeting where Squadron 346 elected new officers. The excitement and enthusiasm was high with the SAL members present and I look forward to working with them in the coming year. I wish them all the best and will support them as I know every member of this Post will also.

We've shed tears, comforted each other and laughed with our friends during the past year and I can only hope that that will continue in the coming year. For together we are a strong family and we will always be there for each other no matter what the obstacle.

On a closing note, I want each and every member to know that I'll continue to move this Post forward to the best of my ability. With the help of my fellow elected officers and your great ideas, I have no doubt that we can move mountains, so please don't be shy and get your voices out there to be heard. In addition, a very special thanks goes out to all of you that work in the background and prefer to be the silent voices (you know who are) and my officers and committee chair-persons for without your support and guidance, we could not have accomplished as much as we have.

As always, I look forward to hearing your comments or criticisms 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

A failure is not always a mistake, it may simply be the best one can do under the circumstances. The real mistake is to stop trying. - B F Skinner



Service Not Self...
Unit 346 President
Leah Brancheau



Members and friends,

First a big thank you to our awesome hot dog team, Paula, Mark and Geri. Summer is finally here so you can take a break. Flag ceremony went off without a hitch, thanks to all who helped. The luncheon after was provided by the Knights of Columbus. Hey, you guys are great cooks! Congratulations to gramps and GMA on their first granddaughter, Gary and Cheryl Fierk.

Anyone interested in a yoga class at the Legion please stay tuned. I have a niece that is certified and would come to the Legion to hold classes. There is no cost, donations only. All donations go to the wounded warrior project. She has a young serviceman who lost both legs as a helper. She will come in for 5 or 6 people. Males welcome!

Mark down August 20 for our installation of officers. For more details see below. I am sure I forgot something... but have a great summer vacation!

Yours in Service,
Leah Brancheau, President

Attention all Post 346 members: Installation

The Groves-Walker Post 346 Installation of new officers will take place on Sunday August 20th. Legion, Auxiliary, and SAL officers are going to be installed by the 18th District Ritual Team and the 18th Dist. Aux. Past Presidents.

- 1:00 pm:** Post doors open, downstairs (cash) bar will be open.
- 2:00 pm:** Installation Ceremony will begin (upstairs bar will open at conclusion of the ceremony).
- 4:00 pm:** (approx.) Buffet dinner will be served.

Please come down to show your support for our new officers! FREE meal, open bar, dessert, friends, fun, and camaraderie!



News from the Clubroom:

I would like to welcome Jen Chinn as the new Clubroom Manager. She has a lot of experience with what we do here. She is a wonderful addition to the Legion. I've enjoyed my time as your Clubroom Manager and thank you for all your support.

Darla Anderson

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Welcome to summer! Time to kick back and relax a bit before our official Post year begins again in September. Have an enjoyable, relaxed and safe summer.

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 Sept/Oct 2017 edition of the Bulletin is Friday August 18th.*

Thank you, Carol Hopson, Editor

Be an Early Bird!

You will soon be receiving your first notice to pay your 2018 American Legion Post dues of \$50. We'd like to give you another good reason to send them in as soon as possible.

Post 346 is offering an **Early Bird incentive** for paying your 2018 dues before the end of 2017. There will be **3 drawings** (one at the **September** meeting, one at the **October** meeting, and the final drawing at the **Veterans Day** ceremony in November) of **\$100 each**. All Legion members who have paid their dues before those dates will be included in the drawings, each winner may only win once and you need not be present to win.

Although our national organization encourages online dues payments, your payment will be credited much more quickly and you receive your 2018 membership card sooner if you pay your dues via mail or in person at the Post. **Get your 2018 dues in as soon as you can and be eligible to win \$100!**



- Please -

If you have email access, allow me to send your bi-monthly Bulletin to you via email. Let's all help save the costs of printing and postage for the Bulletin. If you do not care to receive the Bulletin at all, perhaps you live out of state, please contact me to discontinue receiving the Bulletin.

Please email Carol Hopson at:
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- Thank You -



Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, will offer their affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings at Post 346 on **August 11th 2017**.



Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$139 with our member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. In order to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call: 1-888-653-6441 - text the word 'circle' to: 797979 - or visit: www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle

Auxiliary Poppy Chairman Tammy Festian



We made it through another year! I hope everybody drove by our window display at the Korner Babershop at Farmington & Grand River, our theme was POW/MIA. Dan the owner always says he gets a lot of feedback every year. Thanks to Paula Cotroneio who always helps me with the window. That day, a gentleman stopped us and said Thank You for everything. Now that is what it's all about, what a great feeling. Poppy Days are now behind us. Thank You to the ladies who returned poppy donations. Also to Leah Brancheau, Dorothea Baxter, Carol Hopson, Virginia Martin, Judy Mau, Lenore Watts, for your help. I'm very grateful to Myrtle Granger for her help every day. She is something else, we had some good talk and laughter together. We have to remember this old tradition and keep it going.

With the Memorial Day parade behind us, special thanks to Marya Davis for helping with decorating the Aux. trailer the night before. Thanks to Miss Farmington and her court for offering Poppies that morning and also serving hot dogs. We cannot forget to men who were grilling and all the helpers in the kitchen. Thank you every one. At the September meeting I will announce the total of Poppy donations for this year. Have safe summer.

Tammy Festian, Poppy Chairman

Our Annual Bus Trip to Firekeepers was very successful. Have to say thank you to so many people throughout the years going on the trip. Most of all the ones who help me on the night before the trip. Thank you to all the men loading and unloading the bus every year. Also to the ladies who help throughout the years serving drinks and goodies on the bus. But most of all my MAD SCIENTIST Paula Cotroneio making the drinks the night before and Gerry Galinet, Mary Crowly, Connie Haverkate for helping out. I cannot forget music man Jamey Viau who made variety mix CD's of 50's & 60's music. For so many years I've been enjoying doing the casino bus trips and thinking up new themes. But I have to say Thank you to all of you, for being there on each trip. So now I can sit back for a little bit, before I start planning the next trip. Have fun summer.

Tammy Festian, Firekeepers Coordinator

The Officers of Post 346 for 2017-18

PRIVACY POLICY

We respect the privacy of our member's personal information, so we discourage the sharing of that information here on the public internet. Those who wish contact information for Post Officers may phone Post 346 at: 248-478-9174 or email to: GrovesWalkerPost346@gmail.com
Thank you



THANK YOU

For over 50 years Post 346 had been the driving organizational force behind the Farmington Memorial Day Parade and ceremony. In recent years we have "semi-retired" from this position while still helping when and where we can. This includes hosting an annual open house at the Post to serve the public and all parade participants hot dogs and refreshments.

The mantle of parade organization has been taken up by a small group of incredible people that we would be honored to recognize here. Beginning with **Scott Wauldron** (Parade Staging Coordinator), **Todd Lipa** (Xemplar Club liaison, Farmington Hills Youth and Family Services Dir.), **Jim Koponen** (American Legion liaison, Post 346 Past Commander), **Marya Davis** (Legion Adjutant, soon taking over for Jim Koponen), **Richard Lerner** (Project Manager, SAL member, Goodfellows member, Farmington Hills City Council, Xemplar Club Dir. Community Relations), and last but by no means least is **Parade Chairman Kevin Hammer** (SAL member, Athletic Dir., Our Lady of Sorrows Church, Xemplar Club President). We would like to congratulate this group of individuals for consistently organizing one of Michigan's finest Memorial Day parades.



Parade Grand Marshalls this year were (L to R) James Forbes (20 year Post member, WWII vet), Virgil Thill (10 year Post member, WWII vet) and Ray Okonski (16 year Post member, WWII vet, Xemplar Club member).

Euchre Tournament Sunday August 13

Benefitting Team Cancer Knockouts

Check-in: 2:00pm Play begins at: 2:30pm

\$25 per person includes food & prizes

Cash bar and raffles

Payout based on # of players

Register at the Clubroom

Partners are NOT required

For more info contact: jan.yount@yahoo.com
or gerrygalinet@gmail.com

Memorial Day 2017



President Leah and Poppy Chairman Tammy place the memorial wreath at the Farmington War Monument.



Parade Chairman Kevin Hammer delivers the welcoming speech during the Memorial Day Ceremony.



Members of Elks and SAL cooked up hundreds of hot dogs for our open house. GREAT JOB!



The nice part about being a pessimist is that you are constantly being either proven right or pleasantly surprised. - George Will



Just a note to Post 346 to say **Thank You So Much** for hosting our 4th Annual Cancer KnockOuts Paint Party Fundraiser. We had a total of 54 painters help to make our event another HUGE success - raising over \$1400 for the American Cancer Society. A special thank you to the Ladies Auxiliary for absorbing the cost of the food and to all of the Legion women who participated in this event... YOU ARE AWESOME! Thanks again for supporting our team and the American Cancer Society.

Sincerely,
Denise Lis-Janssen
Team Cancer KnockOuts



I'd like to thank all the Post members for their help at the Farmer's market Coney dog booth (on 5/20, Poppy Days, Armed Forces Day and Farmers Market opening day). Mike for cleaning the grill, Gene for the use of your truck and for helping set up and take down; Mark, Gerry, Andy (the Voice), Carol, Marya, Dorothea, Jim Koponen, Commander Dale, and my wife Pam. I hope I haven't forgotten anyone. I salute you all, thank you for making the day a success. Art Mikkola



Beechview Elementary School in Farmington Hills hosted a patriotic week during May. One of our Legion members donated a new replacement flag for them. So our Honor Guard performed an official flag raising ceremony. Afterwards, the kids got to play soldier with some boot camp drill exercises and learned how to salute and practiced marching orders. "Teaching the young ones about respect for the flag, it was truly a good event." said Marya Davis, Post Honor Guard. Photo: Andy Machcinski



Post raffle winners drawn during the Cinco de Mayo dinner. In 3rd place, winning \$750 was Legion member Tom Kujath (brown shirt). In 2nd place, winning \$1000 was SAL member Reed Miller (white shirt). Reed generously donated \$300 back to the Post for the roof fund! And in 1st place, winning \$2500 was new SAL member Chris Zamboroski (blue polo shirt). Winners and their wives are shown here with Commander Dale Baxter. Photo: Marya Davis

Altogether the proceeds from the Cinco de Mayo dinner and the raffle totaled close to \$9000! We thank everyone who purchased a raffle ticket and/or attended the dinner. Your generous donations are helping us put a new roof on our home.



So many things are possible just as long as you don't know they're impossible. - Roald Dahl

TAPS

Kenneth L. Young
December 31, 1949 - June 2, 2017

Age 67, of White Lake Township. Beloved husband of Eve Kelley. Loving father of Anthony (Jean) and Jay. Proud grandfather of 2. Dear brother of Karen (Peter) Kurak, Kevin (Dale), Terri Ann (Ron) Garner, Dean (Jayne), David (Susan), Mark (Cheryl), Dale Jr. (Karen) and Susan (Keith) Murphy. Graduate of Farmington High School Class of 1968. Proud Air Force Vietnam Veteran. Past American Legion Post Commander Groves-Walker Post 346. Funeral: Elton Black & Son Funeral Home, Highland. Internment: Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly.



Deborah Ann (Lis) Agdorny
April 5, 1968 - June 7, 2017

Age 49, Ypsilanti Twp. Daughter of Dennis (Denny) and Diana Lis. On September 20, 1991, she married Stephen Agdorny in Farmington Hills, MI. Debbie was employed as the Deputy Treasurer for Ypsilanti Twp. for over 20 years. She will always be remembered for love and devotion to her family. Survivors include her parents, Dennis and Diana Lis; her loving husband, Stephen J. Agdorny; three children: Ashley (Cory Sanders) Agdorny, Alisha Agdorny and Kelsey Homer; her beloved grandson, Bentley Sanders; sister, Denise (Steve) Janssen; one niece and two nephews. She was preceded in death by her sister, Dawn Lis-Homer. A Celebration of her Life was held on June 14. Internment: Cremation. Contributions in Debbie's memory may be made to her family to further their daughter's education.



A HUGE Thank You to Mary and Grace Newlin for once again sprucing up the front yard for the Memorial Day parade and open house. Cleaning, new paint, flowers; as always, they do a fantastic job! Photo: Carol Hopson



Honor Guard at the Farmington Farmer's Market season opening ceremony. Photo: Carol Hopson

It does not do to dwell on dreams
and forget to live. - J.K. Rowling

Join us on Monday nights for "Dinner at the Post."
From 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Jan Yount serves up a different meal each week. Everyone really enjoys Jan's taco dinner buffets! Happening each Monday until Labor Day when the Coney Dog crew will return. Great Prices, Great Food!



It's easy to request your military service records from the National Personnel Records Center (NPRC) online, by mail, or by fax. Includes DD 214 separation documents, personnel records, replacement medals, and/or medical records. On the internet go to:

<https://www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records> and follow the instructions. Same day service may be available for emergency requests (for example, medical procedures or funerals).

While the NPRC works actively to respond to each request in a timely fashion, the Center receives approximately 4,000 - 5,000 requests per day. They are responding to requests for separation documents within 10 days about 92% of the time. However, requests that involve reconstruction efforts due to the 1973 fire, or older records which require extensive search efforts, may take 6 months or more to complete.



<p><u>July Birthdays</u></p> <p>02 Gail Williams 08 Dylon Williams 09 Catherine Arthur 10 Jen Chinn 11 Mike D'Arcangelo 12 Darla Anderson 13 Paul Fitzpatrick Jr. 16 Jim Hopson 17 Beth Gentile 18 Arlene Popp 20 Van Bytner 21 Stan Packard 23 Alfred Freude 25 Mitchell Swoboda</p>	<p>28 Jim Pearse 28 Doug Christensen</p> <p><u>July Anniversaries</u></p> <p>10 Greg & Arlene Popp 16 Tim & Jan Yount 18 Rob & Pattie Holton 19 Steven & Sandra Koponen 22 Ed & Jean Purdy 25 Vasillie & Joanne Croitori</p> 	 <p>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.</p>	<p>ADVERTISE IN THE BULLETIN!</p> <p>Contact Carol Hopson at: 248-910-2586 or email to: GrovesWalkerPost346@gmail.com</p> <hr/> <p>Members and their guests enjoy free</p>  <p>in the Clubroom!</p>
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July 2017

Happy 95th Birthday
to Post 346!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2	3	4 NO Exec. Committee meeting  Independence Day	5	6 NO Legion or Aux meetings	7 Clubroom open until midnight	1 Coney Dog Booth at Farmer's Market 8
9	10 Dinner at the Post 6 - 8 pm Post 346 Birthday 1922 - 95 years	11	12 SAL meeting 7:30pm 	13	14	15 Clubroom open 6pm - Midnight
16 Ramadan	17 Dinner at the Post Something different each week! 6 - 8 pm	18 Home Board meeting 7:00pm 	19	20	21	22
23  Parent's Day	24 Dinner at the Post Something different each week! 6 - 8pm	25	26	27  Korean War Armistice 1953	28	29 Clubroom open Noon - 8pm
30	31 Dinner at the Post Something different each week! 6 - 8pm	1 Exec. Committee meeting 7:00pm August	2	3 NO Legion or Aux. meetings	4	5



<p><u>August Birthdays</u></p> <p>02 Brett Hall 03 James Templin 08 Anita J. Martell 10 Peter Larion 11 Martin Kozicki 13 Joanne Dopkowski 13 Tom Grossman 14 Norma Goers 15 Wally Christensen 16 Joyce Strong 16 Robert Walters 18 Ashley, Janice & Katherine Faucher 19 Gil Naylor 20 Virginia Martin</p>	<p>20 Jan Yount 22 Fran Goers 24 George Berling 27 Gloria Brooks 27 Thomas James 27 Robbie Smart 28 Cindy Walton 29 Janice Heldenbrand 30 Tony Mallia</p>  <p><u>August Anniversaries</u></p> <p>26 Norm & Fran Goers</p>	<p><u>Coming up in September</u></p> <p>01 Operation New Dawn began 2010 02 V-J Day 04 Labor Day 07 Legion & Aux. meetings 10 Grandparent's Day 11 Patriot Day 11 Coney Nights Return! 15 POW/MIA Recognition Day 17 Constitution Day 17 Citizenship Day 18 Air Force Birthday 20 Rosh Hashanah begins 21 Intl Day of Peace 22 Autumn begins 24 Gold Star Mother's Day 29 Yom Kippur begins</p>	<p>MONDAY CONEY On Vacation Every Monday in the Club See You in September 5 pm - 7:30 pm 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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August 2017

Don't forget Installation!
Sunday 8/20

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31 Dinner at the Post Something different each week! 6 - 8pm	1 Exec. Committee meeting 7:00pm	2  Operation Desert Shield began 1990	3 NO Legion or Aux. meetings	4  Coast Guard Day	5
6	7 Dinner at the Post Something different each week! 6 - 8pm	8	9 SAL meeting 7:30pm 	10	11 Life Line Screening event 	12
13 Euchre Tournament 2:00pm	14 Dinner at the Post Something different each week! 6 - 8pm	15 Home Board meeting 7:00pm 	16	17	18 Submission deadline for Sep/Oct Bulletin	19 99th Annual National Legion Convention Reno, NV 8/18 - 8/24 Aviation Day
20 Post Installation of new officers 1:00 pm 	21 Dinner at the Post Something different each week! 6 - 8pm	22	23	24	25	26  Woman's Equality Day
27	28 Dinner at the Post Something different each week! 6 - 8pm	29	30	31	1  Operation New Dawn began 2010 September	2  V-J Day



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- Classes / Seminars
- 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 each month at 7:00pm

Clubroom Hours

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

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