

The Groves-Walker Bulletin

American Legion Post 346 Farmington, MI April 2014 Edition



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Cliff Notes...
18th District Commander
Post 346 Commander
Cliff Lauzon

Hello fellow Legionnaires, SAL and Ladies Auxiliary,

Our St. Patrick's Day Dinner and Party, put on by the SAL was a great success again this year. The food was, as always, unbelievably good. There was a really good turn out, lots of friends and family to party with and great music to listen to. If you missed out this year you should really try to be here next year.

Poppy Days, are coming real-real soon. Poppy Days this year are Thursday, Friday and Saturday (May 15, 16 and 17). Poppies, canisters, jugs and vests will be distributed on May 1st right after our regular Post Meeting. Please see me at that time or any Tuesday evening after 7:30 in the Clubroom. If you plan to offer Poppies this year, please sign-up with your name, address and driver's license number. I am required to provide this information to the Cities of Farmington and Farmington Hills for all those who are offering Poppies, they also advise us that Safety Vests must be worn at all times. The money wrap-up will be Monday the 19th, I'll be in the clubroom around 5:00 pm. Those of you that come to turn in money, please come to eat also. Hot dogs, Pizza, Beer and Pop will be available and I'm picking up the bar and food tab, so come hungry.

For the past year my health has been declining and I would like to find someone to take over as Poppy Chairman for 2015. I will work with them this year and help out next year. If you would be interested please contact me at 248-851-6518.

18th District meeting: Once again our Post 346 had the most members in attendance so we brought the traveling trophy home to our Post. The next District meeting will be held on May 18 at our Post at 2:00 pm, there will be a Memorial Service for all Posts in the 18th District and Election of Officers for the District, so this would be a good time to see how the District is run, please try to attend.

For the good of the Legion, Cliff Lauzon, Commander 18th Dist. & Post 346

Don't find fault, find a remedy. - Henry Ford

Yours in Service... Auxiliary President Leah Brancheau

Dear Members and Friends,

We had two super events this past month. One, the Volunteer's Dinner was a great

success. It is well worth the time spent working a bit at your post to attend this great party. We don't ask for much, just a little help once in a while. There are lots of things that can be done without taking up a good part of your time. Just ask anyone on the Home Board and they can direct you to a job! Also the St Patrick's Day Party was a huge success! OMG! We had some busy leprechauns running around the kitchen for a couple of days. It was well worth the work as everyone enjoyed the great food.

I would like to get back working on the carpet for the "blue" room again. Kinda took a break from that during my hospital stay and recovery. I think I will keep getting estimates and we should wait until all the snow is gone so there is no chance of getting flooded. Would hate to put new carpet down and then fill the room with water. Yuck!

A lot going on with my family this month. First I am really feeling as back to normal as I will ever be! My oldest son, Jimmy went to Texas to hunt wild boars and was successful! My daughter, Beth, had the Grand Opening of her boutique, GG's in downtown Farmington (ad on page 6) and was successful! My youngest, Paul, gave us a scare when he had what is called SVT. Which is a blip in the heart, Severe Ventricular Tachycardia. It all turned out ok after they stopped his heart and started it back up to get it back in the proper rhythm. Pretty scary but all is good now.

Well, I know we are all THINKING SPRING! I know I sure am. Now everyone stay healthy and happy and the sun will come out tomorrow! Keep our service men and women in your prayers.

Yours in service, Leah Brancheau, Auxiliary President

It is what it is... But it will become what you make of it.

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A Letter From Your Editors Ralph & Carol Philp

SPRING! A time for mixed emotions.
Happy that the snow is melting and warm weather is on it's way. Sad that the potholes are the first thing to "bloom".
Happy and sad to see the construction barrels and cones "blooming" as well. And knowing that we will probably continue seeing them until the next snow falls in our lovely state of Michigan.

As always, we are looking for advertising sponsors to help us offset the costs of publishing the Bulletin. Our current donation level for a 3.5" x 3.75" advertisement is \$15 per month or \$150 per year (that's one edition free!). We can copy a business card, use information from your website or create a unique advertisement just for you! Remember, your ad in the Bulletin is seen by hundreds of Legionnaires, Auxiliary and SAL members each month.

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 May 2014 edition of the Bulletin is April 16th.

Ralph & Carol Philp

Don't forget, nominations for our 2014-15

Post and Auxiliary officers
will be held during the
April meeting. Elections
will be held during the
May meeting. Please don't

forget to attend these meetings, make your voice heard and your vote count!

Current Legion Membership – 93.75% We only need 17 members to hit 100%!

Auxiliary Membership - 92% SAL Membership - 74%



Post Jr. Vice Commander Iim Weston

A personal thanks to Jim Koponen for a great Post Volunteers Party. Good food and a good time, I'm sure, for all who attended, thank you Jim. The SAL St. Patty's Dinner had a good turn out and excellent food! Thanks to the SAL and Auxiliary for putting this on. Another



SAL Steak Fry is coming up on Saturday April 12th, \$11 per person, sign-up sheet available in the clubroom. Auxiliary Firekeepers Casino Bus Trip will be on Thursday April 24th, \$45, please sign up by April 11th!

Hope to see a good turn out for the April meeting. Nominations for officers for the coming year will be held. That's about all for this month, God Bless America and our troops in foreign lands.

Jim Weston, Jr. Vice Commander



Searching for the Names of Surviving Michigan WWII Veterans

June 6, 2014 marks the 70th anniversary of D-Day. The Lakeshore Lancers Marching Band of Stevensville, MI has been invited to join as an official representative of Michigan in Normandy, France, in June. The kids will be a part of the commemoration activities including a performance at the American Cemetery of Omaha Beach. The band will be one of only 3 American Bands going to Normandy and the only one from Michigan. During their performances the students want to wear a ribbon in honor of each of the last surviving WWII veterans of Michigan. Upon their return to the US, these epaulets will be mailed back to the veterans as a mark of gratitude and appreciation. We need your help in identifying these Michigan veterans of WWII. If you would like to be included in this list, or know a WWII vet, please send your (or his/her) name, address and phone number to the address or email address listed below so that we may honor you (or them). You need not have served in Europe to be included. More information is also available on their website - www.ddaymichigan.com

Mail to: Mrs. VonKoenig, Dir. of Bands Lakeshore Public Schools 5771 Cleveland Ave. Stevensville, MI 49127

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SAL Steak Fry

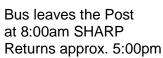
Everyone Welcome!
Saturday April 12
5:00 to 8:00 pm
With Baked Potato,
Roll & butter,
Salad & Desert
Adults \$11 per plate
Children \$8 per plate
(under 13 years)



Please don't forget to let us know you're coming by using the sign-up sheet in the clubroom, emailing to: info@americanlegionpost346.org or by calling the Post at: 248-478-9174.

Firekeepers Casino Bus Trip

EVERYONE Welcome! Thursday April 24 \$45 per person \$20 back in free play Plus \$5 toward food





Refreshments, games and fun on the bus! Please contact Tammy Festian 248-476-4611 or Paula Cotroneio 734-718-8673 by April 11 to reserve your place. Sign-up sheet in the Clubroom also.

You MUST bring photo ID with you. You will be asked for your name, address and date of birth OR you can show your Firekeepers Red Hot Rewards Club card.

We Need Your Help, Legion, Aux. or SAL! Please volunteer to work Friday Nights at BINGO. Please contact Chairman Skip Nafe at (248) 419-0000.



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Sons of the American Legion Commander Robert Smart

I hope you are like me - I cannot wait for some warm weather. I know the Tigers will be starting soon, then we can forget about the cold, I hope.

I hope everyone who made it to the St. Pat's party had a great time. The turn out was great, wish we could have that size of a turn out for all of our events.

The SAL and Auxiliary out did themselves again. The food was out of this world. The SAL will be having one more Steak Fry this April on Saturday the 12th from 5:00pm to 8:00pm or until we run out of steaks. The full steak dinner for only \$11.00 dollars, you can't beat that! Look forward to seeing you all there. Please keep all our soldiers and veterans in your thoughts and prayers.

Rob Smart, SAL Commander

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To those members who have joined the Lords Army,

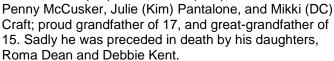
We on earth will mourn their passing.



LaVerne F. Wadenstorer Aug. 1930 - Mar. 14, 2014

83, of Farmington. Beloved husband of 64 years to Ida, proud Korean War Veteran, Past Commander of American Legion Post 346.

Dear father of Frazer (Renee), Leah Wilson, Dena (Bill) Suter, Frank (Sue),



The Wadenstorer family received guests at the Heeney-Sundquist funeral home, which held an American Legion Service on Sunday 3/16. Funeral Mass was Monday 3/17 at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church, Farmington. Internment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield. Memorial tributes suggested to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church. Thank you for keeping the Wadenstorer family in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

Life is what happens to you while you're busy making other plans.

- John Lennon



Contra Dancing Continues at the Post!

The monthly charity Contra Dances, hosted by Elise Newcomer, Miss Farmington 2011, have been a huge success! Contra is a form of folk dancing, done to live music with a caller who leads the dance. It is multigenerational, and great fun! No partner is necessary, and anyone can participate! Dances typically include dancers from ages 13 to 90, and a beginner's session is held ½ hour before the start of each dance to get new folks familiar with the style.

Dancers should bring clean, smooth soled shoes for dancing - no outside street shoes please. The dances

will be from 1 to 4 pm (12:30 for beginners) and the dates for future dances in 2014 will be:

Sunday - Apr 6, May 18, Jun 1. Admission donation requested is: \$10 per person, \$5 per student, all funds go to a different local charity each month.



Please donate your old, well-loved blue jeans!

Operation: Quiet Comfort was established in 2004 for the purpose of honoring and comforting members of the U.S. Armed Forces who are injured while serving in harm's way.



OQC provides small guilts (3' x 5' finished) to comfort our Wounded Warriors. Created from well-loved denim blue jeans, these quilts contain messages of thanks, encouragement and appreciation from a grateful nation. Financial donations are also accepted at: Operation: Quiet Comfort 307 Palmer Lane McCormick, SC 29835. Operation: Quiet Comfort is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, charitable organization. A donation basket for blue jeans is located in the Clubroom. Thank you, Myrtle Grainger

Life is like a great big canvas, and you should throw all the paint on it you can. - Danny Kaye



Post Volunteers Party 3/08/14







Dining, dancing and a wonderful evening with family and friends to express a very special Thank You to all the members of Post 346 who volunteer their time and efforts for our Post. A special Thank You to Jim Koponen who did a great job organizing the night's festivities.

Photos: Ralph Philp

April Birthdays



- 1 Jan Freude
- 1 Norman Goers
- 1 Robert Holton
- 2 John Dull
- 3 Pam Mikkola
- 4 Raymond Barry
- 4 Harry Loewengruber
- 4 Alexander Stabrava
- 5 Bernice Bodell
- 5 Gerry Goetzke
- 6 Elizabeth Kosnich
- 7 Roger Goers
- 7 Edward Murphy
- 7 Walter Zelony
- 8 Jim Forbes

- 11 Jennifer Napier
- 12 Linda Armstrong
- 12 Rebecca (Beki) Pruett
- 13 Amy Marie Engle
- 13 Ronald Ruedger
- 13 Judith Kronk
- 15 Luann Whiting
- 17 Adam Gentile
- 18 Harvey Ketchen
- 21 Diane Hoeger
- 21 James Leflar
- 21 Elaine Dull
- 22 John Cooper
- 22 Edward Heidelbach
- 22 Thaddeus Mieczkowski
- 24 Dawn Grady
- 24 Heather Napier
- 24 Alton Rohan
- 25 Robert Hammond
- 25 Samuel Klein
- 25 Arthur Neville
- 26 Billy Stimpson
- 27 Alex Gentile

- 28 Dolores Tuccini
- 29 Bette Burt
- 29 James Patterson
- 30 Mary Robinson
- 30 Christian Thompson

April Anniversaries



7 George & Elizabeth Kosnich 14 Frank & Marie Barber 16 Gerald & Karen Lynch

17 Tony & Carolynn Mallia 28 Dave & June Schwartz

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

Coming up in May

- 1 Legion & Aux. meeting May Day/ Law Day
- 5 Cinco de Mayo
- 6 Nurses Day
- Natl. Teachers Day
- 8 V-E Day
- 11 Mother's Day
- 15/16/17 Poppy Days
- 19 Armed Forces Day
- 22 Natl. Maritime Day 26 Memorial Day



April 2014

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--|--|---------------------------|---|
| 30 | 31 Exec. Board meeting 7:30pm | 1 | 2 | 3 Legion & Auxiliary meetings 7:30pm | 4 | 5 |
| | Coney Night 5:00 - 7:30pm | April Fool's Day | | | BINGO 6:15pm | |
| Contra Dance 1:00 - 4:00pm | 7 | 8 | 9 SAL meeting 7:30pm | 10 | 11 | 12 SAL Steak Fry 5:00 – 8:00pm |
| | Coney Night 5:00 - 7:30pm | | | | BINGO 6:15pm | |
| 13 | 14 | 15 Home Board meeting 7:30pm | 16 Submission deadline for May Bulletin | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| <u>Palm Sunday</u> Thomas Jefferson's | <u>Passover</u> Coney Night | | | | Good Friday | |
| Birthday | 5:00 - 7:30pm | Tax Day | | | BINGO 6:15pm | |
| 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| Easter | Coney Night 5:00 - 7:30pm | Earth Day | Administrative Professionals Day | | Arbor Day BINGO 6:15pm | |
| 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 1 MAY | 2 | 3 |
| | Exec. Board meeting 7:30pm | | | Legion & Auxiliary meetings 7:30pm | | |
| | Coney Night 5:00 - 7:30pm | | | May Day/ Law Day | BINGO 6:15pm | |



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Thank You, Jim Koponen

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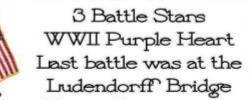
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Best Wishes Ray Okonski

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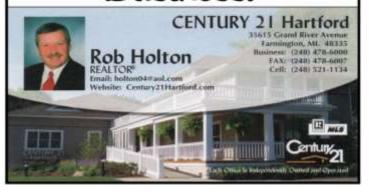
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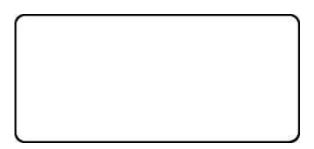
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Meeting Nights

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

Mon. - Fri. 2pm - 9pm Sat. 4pm – close (varies) Sun. closed For contact information for your officers or hall rental information, please call Post 346 at (248) 478-9174

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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.



