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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 Jim 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

Email to: Eric_F_Bauchet@whirlpool.com
or info@americanlegionpost346.org
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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
Bus leaves the Post
at 8:00am SHARP
Returns approx. 5:00pm



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



TAPS

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), Penny McCusker, Julie (Kim) Pantalone, and Mikki (DC) Craft; proud grandfather of 17, and great-grandfather of 15. Sadly he was preceded in death by his daughters, Roma Dean and Debbie Kent.

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 multi-generational, 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!

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OQC provides small quilts (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 Heidelberg
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 & Carolyn 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 Coney Night 5:00 - 7:30pm	1 April Fool's Day	2	3 Legion & Auxiliary meetings 7:30pm	4 BINGO 6:15pm	5
6 Contra Dance 1:00 - 4:00pm	7 Coney Night 5:00 - 7:30pm	8	9 SAL meeting 7:30pm	10	11 BINGO 6:15pm	12 SAL Steak Fry 5:00 - 8:00pm
13 Palm Sunday Thomas Jefferson's Birthday	14 Passover Coney Night 5:00 - 7:30pm	15 Home Board meeting 7:30pm Tax Day	16 Submission deadline for May Bulletin	17	18 Good Friday BINGO 6:15pm	19
20 Easter	21 Coney Night 5:00 - 7:30pm	22 Earth Day	23 Administrative Professionals Day	24	25 Arbor Day BINGO 6:15pm	26
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Thank You, Jim Koponen



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Meeting Nights

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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
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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.

