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



Hello Legionnaires, SAL & Auxiliary,
My second year as Groves-Walker Post 346 Commander has just flown by and soon you'll be electing a new Commander. Together, we have accomplished a great deal and I feel that we should be very proud of our accomplishments. By "Together", I mean all Post members - Legion, Auxiliary, and SAL. I owe what this Post has been able to accomplish in the past year to those officers and members that have supported this Post and stepped in when necessary as well as those, who choose to help but remain anonymous. My hat is off to all of you, because together, we have managed to make the mountain shake a tad bit and have gotten a "Hat Trick".

We have numerous events planned in the coming months, so keep your eyes out for the various activities that are posted on the calendar, bulletin board and email blasts from Carol, and try to get involved if you are available.

With the help of our current members, we are bringing new members into our fold and I hope that everyone will make them feel welcome and assist them where you can. I think we did fairly well in regards to membership for 2017 but now the 2018 membership year is well under way. If you haven't renewed, please get your dues in to the Post. Please send them directly to the Post in order to avoid delays in processing and the receipt of your new membership card.

As always, 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 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 a Legion, Auxiliary, or SAL member - stay involved and make 2018 a great year, and showcase to the 18th District, Department and National who we are with pride.

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

Service Not Self...
Unit 346 President
Leah Brancheau



Dear Members and Friends,

Sorry to say with the bad weather last month we had very few ladies at our January meeting. Even our district President was unable to attend. Hopefully we are now seeing the beginnings of spring and we will see it even more by our next meeting.

The Post 346 Poker Run was lots of fun, and the top prize won by one of our Aux. members! It was good to see the other Posts and how they operate. We made new friends and hope they will visit our Post soon. Looking forward to the Corned Beef dinner and Comedy Club show in March. Our Corned Beef dinners are delicious and always a huge success, as was the last Comedy Club show. Hopefully we can plan a Spaghetti Dinner soon. It would be nice to invite the Homeless vets from the MVF to a luncheon, they love our spaghetti! Also coming up is the annual Post raffle drawing on Cinco de Mayo. Tickets will be arriving in the mail soon! And last but not never least, please try to attend the "Team Cancer Knockouts" annual All-You-Can-Eat Spaghetti dinner fundraiser on Saturday April 14th.

Don't have too much to say this month except for - HURRY UP SPRING! Feel free to call if you have a need or a suggestion at 248-474-****. Hope you are all well and staying warm, see you soon,

Leah Brancheau, President

Auxiliary Unit 346 is sorry to report that following in the footsteps of the Legion, the Auxiliary will be raising the National and Department of Michigan portion of your membership dues as of 2019. Unit 346 has no choice but to raise our dues accordingly. Beginning July 1, 2018 (for the 2019 membership year) Auxiliary 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 and Unit 346.

We all know what the American Legion stands for and what it does not only for our community but all across the nation. We sincerely thank you for your membership and would very much appreciate your continued membership with the American Legion Auxiliary. Together, we can make a difference.

Thank you,
Leah Brancheau, President Unit 346



Don't worry when you are not recognized,
but strive to be worthy of recognition.
- Abraham Lincoln

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With spring comes the good and the bad. Good: warmer weather, spring flowers, Easter. Bad: melting ice, mud, rain, and losing an hour sleep for daylight savings time.

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 May/June 2018 edition of the Bulletin is Tuesday April 17th.

Thank you, Carol Hopson, Editor

Please notify Carol Hopson (and the Post) if there are any changes or corrections to your name, email or mailing address. If you receive your Bulletin via email, please make sure that this address: GrovesWalkerPost346@gmail.com is in your address book so that your email program will not filter us out as junk mail. If you have any problems receiving your Bulletin, please contact Carol Hopson.

Souper Sunday - Bread bowl soup dinner 01/14



16 different varieties of delicious home-made soup were on the buffet to warm up a cold January day! Served in a tasty bread-bowl with salad and dessert, yum! Thank you to all who attended from your Auxiliary.



Post Poker Run 02/18

The big winner for the day was Dorothea Baxter who ended the Run with 2 pair (kings and 6's) for a prize of \$250! She then graciously donated her winnings back to the Post, Thank You Dorothea!



Happy faces on the Poker Run bus! Jen Chin, Tammy Festian, Katie O'Leary and Laurie Kuznia.



I guess Dale has found alternate transportation back home! He said that it had been a childhood dream to drive one of these babies. Dale is shown at the Milford Post Poker Run stop with Marty Chinn and his son Christian Baxter.

Are you a business owner?

Have you considered advertising to your friends and neighbors in a local publication? The Bulletin is seen by hundreds of local Legion, SAL and Auxiliary members, their families and friends bimonthly. Advertising in the Bulletin can be a very cost-effective local advertising choice.

Contact Carol Hopson at:
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SAL St. Paddy's Party

Saturday March 10

Dinner served from
5:30 to 7:30 pm
Comedy Club show starts
at 8:30 pm

Comedy Club Headliner -
Bill Hildebrandt

3-Time Winner: Voted #1 Detroit Comic
Also Featuring - Kevin Kramis
Proceeds will benefit Camp Casey
www.camp-casey.org

Dinner + Comedy Club Show Special
= \$30 before March 5th

"Famous Post 346 Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner"
always \$15 + Comedy Club Show \$20
= \$35 at the door

For advance ticket sales, contact:
Mark Moulds - Phone: 248-914-8189
Email: SALCommander346@gmail.com

or Eric Welter at Grand Tuxedo
31826 Grand River, across the street from Post 346
M-F 11-6 pm Phone: 313-562-1010



Detroit Military Job Fair, March 10 8:30am - 1:30pm at Detroit VA medical Center

At the Detroit Military Hiring Fair, you're invited to connect directly with recruiters and hiring managers from local and national companies of all sizes. This event is free and open to active duty service members, Guard and Reserve, veterans, and military spouses. 'Hiring Our Heroes' is a program of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation that aims to help U.S. military veterans and spouses find meaningful employment. This event is proudly sponsored by General Motors. More details at:
www.facebook.com/events/1985464251720584/

Hopefully you joined the American Legion because the organization means something to you, because you care about helping our active service-members, veterans and their families.

Because our Post means something to you, a place to meet, share, donate, have fun with family & friends, somewhere to see the big game, or enjoy delicious dinners.

Please show you care about our Post and the American Legion by coming to monthly meetings and contributing your voice to ours, your hands to ours, a bit of your time to ours.

**Become an ACTIVE member
of Groves-Walker Post 346!**



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 will receive soon in the mail.
Donations are also very welcome.

Tickets can also be purchased from the Clubroom.
You need not be present to win. Proceeds will go toward
ongoing building repairs and Legion charities.
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Join "Team Cancer Knockouts" at our annual All-You-Can-Eat Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser for the American Cancer Society's Relay For Life

Everyone Welcome!

Saturday April 14th

5:00 to 7:00 pm

Adults \$10

Children \$5
(under 12)

Includes salad,
rolls & dessert

Cash bar, Basket raffles



New Thursday meeting nights for 2018!

1st Thurs. 7:30 pm: Legion/Auxiliary (no change)

2nd Thurs. 6:30 pm: SAL

3rd Thurs. 7:00 pm: Home Board

4th Thurs. 7:00 pm: Post Executive Committee



Don't forget, nominations for new 2018-19 Post, Auxiliary & SAL Officers

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

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**Rear Admiral, Lee Everett Landes, USN (retired)**  
March 17, 1924 - January 23, 2018

Age 93 of Farmington Hills. He was predeceased by his first wife Sue; his sons, Stephen and George and son-in-law, Theodore (Ted) Sinkewiz. He is survived by his wife, Teddi; foster daughter, Marion Sinkewiz; stepchildren Marlyss Scholl (Tom) and Mark Cutshall (Debi); eleven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.



Born in New York City, Lee enlisted as an Apprentice Seaman in the U.S. Navy 1942. He was commissioned an Ensign in August 1944. After 4 1/2 years of active service, he entered the Harvard Graduate School of Business Administration and received an MBA. He was recalled to active duty during the Korean War. While a Ford Motor employee (he retired in 1980), he received their highest award, the Bronze Bell. An active Naval Reservist, he was promoted to Rear Admiral in 1973 and retired in 1979. Lee was also a member of the Naval Reserve Assn, the American Legion (36 year member of Post 346), and the VFW. He received commendations from the Sec. of the Navy, from the Commandant of the Ninth Naval District, the Dir. of the Defense Logistics Agency and the Legion of Merit medal from the President of the United States.

Lee was always active in community affairs and gave generously of his time and encouragement to many organizations. After their son, George was killed by a drunk driver, Lee and his first wife, Sue, organized chapters of MADD across Michigan. He helped form the Prevention Network, for substance abuse prevention and served on its Board. He also helped establish the Prevention Council (PREVCO) and the Michigan Victim Alliance. Funeral: RG & GR Harris Funeral Home, Livonia. [www.rgrharris.com](http://www.rgrharris.com)

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Dennis T. MacDonald

May 5, 1952 - February 2, 2018

Age 65 of Farmington Hills, Michigan.

Dennis was born in Pontiac, Michigan, the son of William and Flossie MacDonald. He grew up in Farmington and loved his home town. Dennis graduated from Eastern MI University with his Bachelors degree, served in the United State Army and retired at age 61 from a career in Health Care Finance. Dennis was an avid golfer and loved to camp and spend time outdoors. He is survived by his cherished wife of 26 years, Kathy; beloved daughter, Kelsey MacDonald; and brother, David (Connie) MacDonald. Sadly, Dennis is preceded in death by his parents; and siblings, Douglas and Diane.



Funeral arrangements: Heeney-Sundquist funeral home Farmington. Memorial tributes are suggested to Groves-Walker American Legion Post 346 or the Michigan Humane Society.

Alfred W. Freude

July 23, 1925 - January 25, 2018

Age 92, of Brighton, formerly of Farmington, WWII veteran-82nd Airborne Division and a 24 year member of American Legion Post 346. A devoted husband, father and granddad, Al was a retired mortgage banker who was very dedicated to charitable causes. In addition to his time on the Farmington Planning Commission, he was very active with the Farmington Area Goodfellows, Farmington Elks Club, American Legion Post 346, and Nardin Park United Methodist Church, where he served as an usher for many years. Preceding Al in death were his beloved wife of 65 years, Janet, and his sister, Norma Horn. Surviving him are children, Michael (Joy), Suzanne (Charles) Krisher, Mark (Cynthia) and Scott (Ann); 7 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren.



Contributions suggested to the Farmington Area Goodfellows, or Farmington American Legion Post 346 Building Fund. Funeral: Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home, Farmington. Interment, with military honors, Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly. www.heeney-sundquist.com

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**Andrew Lingner**

December 28, 1922 - January 27, 2018

Age 95, he was preceded in death by wife, Noreen. He is survived by his loving daughters; Andrea (Bill) Stickney of Stockbridge, MI and Nancy (Nancy) Lingner of Auburn Hills. Five step-grandchildren, twelve step-great-grandchildren and long-time good friend, Jim Forbes. Andrew was born in Hoboken, NJ and served our country during World War II with the US Army. He loved traveling, camping, playing cards, dancing and always enjoyed socializing with family & friends. He was a 43 year member of the American Legion Post 346 and the First Presbyterian Church of Farmington Hills.

Donations in memory of Mr. Lingner may be made to; Angela Hospice ([www.angelahospice.org](http://www.angelahospice.org)) or American Legion Post 346 ([www.americanlegionpost346.org](http://www.americanlegionpost346.org)). Funeral: McCabe Funeral Home. Private Internment Services, with Military Honors, Glen Eden Cemetery, Livonia. [www.mccabefuneralhome.com](http://www.mccabefuneralhome.com)

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Bernetta (Bernie) I. Ray

November 10, 1927 - December 17, 2017

Age 90. Beloved wife of the late Willis for 44 years. Loving mother of Kay (Dan) Luark, **Janis (Tim) Yount**, Robin Ray (Gary), Alan (Michele) Ray and the late Gregory Ray. Survived and cherished by 11 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren, 4 great-great-granddaughters, and 1 great-great-great-grandson. Dear sister of Connie Smith of Chandler, Arizona.



Memorials are suggested to the American Cancer Society, 20450 Civic Center Dr. Southfield, MI 48076. Funeral: Thayer-Rock Funeral Home.



<p><u>March Birthdays</u></p> <p>01 Robin (Bytner) Harding 01 Dennis Lis 03 Richard Dillinger 04 Ed Purdy 05 Robert Rossi 05 Virgil Thill 06 Kathryn Piotrowski 06 Rebecca Watts 08 Mary Seng 08 Norma Rundquist 10 Dorothea Baxter 13 Cheryl Fierk 13 Eldon Funk 19 Virginia McBride 22 Leslie Gogowski</p>	<p>23 Donald Crisman 25 Reva Money 26 Frank Marino 28 Gerald Lynch 28 Raymond E. Dutton</p> <p><u>March Anniversaries</u></p> <p>27 Ed & Dale Vecchio</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>For more info contact Carol Hopson at: GrovesWalkerPost346@gmail.com</p> <hr/> <p>Members and their guests always enjoy free</p>  <p>in the Clubroom</p>
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March 2018

**Come to the SAL's
Comedy & Corned Beef!**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25	26 Coney Night 5:00pm - 7:30pm 	27	28	1 Legion & Auxiliary meetings 7:30pm 	2	3
4	5 Coney Night 5:00pm - 7:30pm Seabee's Birthday	6	7	8 SAL meeting 6:30pm  Intl Women's Day	9	10 SAL Comedy & Corned Beef starts at 5:30
11  Daylight Savings Time begins	12 Coney Night 5:00pm - 7:30pm	13  MI K9 Veterans Day	14	15 Home Board meeting 7:00pm American Legion Birthday	16 Liberty Day	17  St Patrick's Day
18	19 Coney Night 5:00pm - 7:30pm Operation Iraqi Freedom began 2003	20  First day of Spring	21	22 Exec. Committee meeting 7:00pm 	23	24
25 Palm Sunday National Medal of Honor Day	26 Coney Night 5:00pm - 7:30pm	27	28	29  Vietnam Veterans Day	30 Good Friday	31



<p><u>April Birthdays</u></p> <p>01 Norman Goers 01 Robert Holton 02 John Dull 04 Raymond Barry 04 Harry Loewengruber 04 Alexander Stabrava 05 Bernice Bodell 05 Gerry Goetzke 07 Roger Goers 07 Walter Zelony 08 Jim Forbes 10 Marsha Boschma 17 Adam Gentile 18 Harvey Ketchen 21 James Leflar</p>	<p>22 Edward Heidelberg 22 Thaddeus Mieczkowski 24 Dawn Grady 25 Samuel Klein 27 Alex Gentile 29 Bette Burt 30 Mary Robinson</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>April Anniversaries</u></p> <p>16 Gerald & Karen Lynch 17 Tony & Carolyn Mallia 28 Dave & June Schwartz</p> 	<p><u>Coming up in May</u></p> <p>01 May Day, Law Day 03 Legion/Aux. meetings Election of new officers 05 Cinco de Mayo National EOD Day 06 Nurses Day Teachers Day 08 V-E Day 13 Mother's Day 17/18/19 Poppy Days 20 Armed Forces Day 22 National Maritime Day 25 Post 346 Birthday 26 National Poppy Day 28 Memorial Day</p>	<p>MONDAY CONEY NIGHTS!</p> <p>Every Monday evening in the Clubroom 5:00 pm - 7:30 pm GREAT PRICES! NO Reservations Needed!</p> <hr/> <p>TABS FOR TOTS</p> <p>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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April 2018



April Fools!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1  Easter April Fools Day	2 Coney Night 5:00pm - 7:30pm	3	4	5 Legion & Auxiliary meetings 7:30pm - Nomination of New Officers	6	7
8	9 Coney Night 5:00pm - 7:30pm	10	11	12 SAL meeting 6:30pm 	13  Thomas Jefferson's Birthday	14 Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser for the American Cancer Society
15	16 Coney Night 5:00pm - 7:30pm	17 Submission deadline for May/June Bulletin Tax Day	18	19 Home Board meeting 7:00pm 	20	21
22	23 Coney Night 5:00pm - 7:30pm	24	25 Administrative Professionals Day	26 Exec. Committee meeting 7:00pm 	27  Arbor Day	28
29	30 Coney Night 5:00pm - 7:30pm 	1 May May Day/Law Day	2	3 Legion & Auxiliary meetings 7:30pm - Election of New Officers	4	5 Cinco de Mayo Taco Dinner & Raffle drawing  Natl EOD Day



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- Meetings
- Businesses
- Game Nights
- Fund Raisers
- Church Groups
- Fitness Classes
- Dances / Parties
- 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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