

The Groves-Walker Bulletin

American Legion Post 346 Farmington, MI

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Meeting Nights TBA: SAL

1st Thur. of the month at 7:30pm: Legion - Auxiliary 3rd Thur. of the month at 6:30pm: Home Board and at 7pm: Executive Committee

Clubroom Hours

Monday - Friday: 4pm - 8pm Closed weekends

Contact Info

Clubroom: 248-478-9174 Information: 248-939-4910 Hall rentals: 248-285-9813 LegionRental346@gmail.com <u>GrovesWalkerPost346@gmail.com</u> <u>www.AmericanLegionPost346.org</u> <u>LIKE us on Facebook!</u>

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Volunteer opportunities

Volunteers needed for: Help with researching possible grant opportunities ~ Finding buyers for 6 gravesites at Oakview cemetery in Royal Oak ~ Contact Marya if you can help.

Can you or someone you know create and manage a Twitter and/or Instagram account for the Post? We need to get our message with hashtags out to a wider public audience. Please ask around if a friend or family member is willing to help. Please contact Marya if you can help.

Keep an eye on your email for volunteer requests from the Legion, Auxiliary and SAL. Thank you!

Your Post in need

Because of our meager funds we have been relying on members to help provide our everyday operating necessities. If you can help with any of the items listed below, Thank You! Please drop off at clubroom.

Paper towel, TP, latex gloves, cleaning product concentrates, kitchen size garbage bags, 50 gal. or larger garbage bags, beverage napkins (GFS is great), sweet & sour mix, whole lemons & limes, & orange juice. And for the office: Magic markers, Sharpies, envelopes (#6, #10), postage stamps, paper clips, & Scotch tape.

Please remember that all of the cooks & bartenders at the Post are now working on a volunteer basis. At the end of your evening, please tip them generously.

Thank you

Coronavirus financial aid and resources

- Veterans COVID-19 Emergency Financial Relief
 The <u>CARES Act (Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and</u> <u>Economic Security)</u>
 A comprehensive list of State and U.S. Government coronavirus assistance resources -<u>www.stabenow.senate.gov/coronavirus</u>
 Michigan coronavirus information -<u>www.michigan.gov/coronavirus</u>
 Michigan coronavirus hotline - 888-535-6136
 Michigan aging & adult services -<u>www.michigan.gov/osa</u> or call 248-357-2255
 U.S. Government benefits finder - www.benefits.gov
- U.S. Government Centers for Disease Control and Prevention - <u>www.cdc.gov</u>
- Please don't forget about our Post's Poppy funds! Anonymous one-time grants, not loans, specifically earmarked for the financial needs of veterans and their families. If you could use a little help, feel free to contact Mike LaFave or Carol Hopson at: GrovesWalkerPost346@gmail.com

GUESS WHAT?!

I couldn't think of anything to say in this space, can you? The articles and/or ideas that you send in to me can be about anything. Have a favorite joke, saying, recipe, photo, or meme? Want to plug a favorite local business, praise a first responder, teacher, or volunteer? Put a personal message out there, like Happy Birthday, Anniversary, or Congratulations? I can't guarantee I'll print everything but send them in to Bulletin editor Carol at: GrovesWalkerPost346@gmail.com



Wishing You a Safe and Happy Independence Day and a Beautiful and Relaxing Summer July/August 2021 vol. XI issue 6. The Groves-Walker Bulletin is published 6 times per year. Post 346 membership for the year 2020: LGN 191, AUX 126, SAL 95 = 412

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Any member can submit an article for the next Bulletin, including photos (articles may be edited for length and/or content). Articles can be submitted at any time, <u>please don't wait for the deadline of</u> <u>Sunday August 22nd for the Sept/Oct 2021</u> <u>issue of the Bulletin.</u>

2022 Membership Dues

Legion dues renewal notices are typically mailed in July of each year from the Department of MI HQ (AUX in September, SAL in August), then approx. every two months thereafter until paid. Once you have paid, please ignore duplicate renewal notices that may be mailed to you, **please DO NOT send duplicate payments.** These notices are automatically generated by the Dept. HQ and may not reflect recent payments. Once you receive your new 2022 membership card, you are all set!

If you have a question about your membership, please contact your membership chairman:

Legion: Dave Harmon email: dharmon007@hotmail.com or call: 313-378-9197 Auxiliary: Carol Hopson email: GrovesWalkerPost346@gmail.com or call: 248-910-2586 SAL: Eric Welter email: SALsquadron346@gmail.com or call: 248-895-6674

Remember, the membership year ends on December 31, 2021, if you have not paid your dues by then your membership will be delinquent and you may lose any continuous years of membership that you have accumulated. Please try to pay your dues early. Post 346 appreciates each and every one of you and values your membership with the American Legion.

Thank you,

Marya Davis, Legion Commander Post 346 Carol Hopson, Auxiliary President Unit 346 Eric Welter, SAL Commander Squadron 346



You drop something when you were younger, you just pick it up. When you're older and your drop something, you stare at it for a bit contemplating if you actually need it anymore.

Queen of Hearts Progressive Raffle

Round 3 Coming soon!

We went through 47 cards to find her, she was hiding in envelope #24, Robert Ross found the Queen of Hearts at our Memorial Day get-together, and won the jackpot of \$4,600!! And, of course \$4,600 gets to stay with the Post! (picture on page 4)



Drawing 1: 01/18 - 44 - A diamonds - Art Mikkola Drawing 2: 01/25 - 19 - J diamonds - Gene Hatfield Drawing 3: 02/01 - 08 - Q diamonds - Bert David Drawing 4: 02/08 - 09 - 6 spades - Dorothea Baxter Drawing 5: 02/15 - 35 - Q clubs - Al Huet Drawing 6: 02/22 - 34 - 10 clubs - Robin Bytner Drawing 7: 03/01 - 33 - J spades - Bert David Drawing 8: 03/08 - 16 - 7 spades - Katie O'Leary Drawing 9: 03/15 - 11 - Q spades - Leah Brancheau Drawing 10: 03/22 - 27 - 6 hearts - Mike D'Arcangelo Drawing 11: 03/29 - 31 - 9 spades - Orie Milazzo Drawing 12: 04/05 - 25 - A spades - Art Mikkola Drawing 13: 04/12 - 28 - J hearts - John Wells Drawing 14: 04/19 - 30 - 3 diamonds - Ted Kulisz Drawing 15: 04/26 - 20 - 8 diamonds - Gene Hatfield Drawing 16: 05/03 - 49 - 8 hearts - Andrea Topper Drawing 17: 05/10 - 13 - 2 spades - Chip Drawing 18 - 05/17 - 01 - 8 spades - John Wells Drawing 19 - 05/24 - 50 - 3 clubs - Tall Ron Drawing 20 - 05/29 - 24 - after 28 draws!!

Please join Team Cancer Knockouts at our "almost" (thanks a lot COVID!) Annual Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser for the American Cancer Society

Saturday, August 28 Serving dinner 5 - 7pm Adults: \$10 Children under 12: \$5



All you can eat dinner includes: Spaghetti, salad, garlic bread & dessert. Cash bar, Basket raffle

In Recognition of Our Volunteers

Many members of Post 346 know little or nothing about all the members who volunteer their time and efforts to promote the programs of the American Legion, Auxiliary and SAL at Post 346 and in the community. These members do not give their time for kudos or recognition, they do it to further the purposes of the American Legion, strengthen our American values, and to promote the good in the world. Please give your thanks to all the officers of our Post, who have given much of their time and efforts to help us all through, not only the pandemic but, its fallout in the form of the sale of our building. Your officers have done and will continue to do the hard work of moving Post 346 into the future on a more secure financial footing.

Commander's Corner... Post 346 Commander Marya Davis



We are back to gathering and celebrating together! It was an amazing turnout for our Memorial Day get together. Farmington Boy

Scout Troop 45 donated use of the big party tent, including set up and tear down. They even cleaned up the parking lot before the event. And so many new volunteers! It was noticed and very much appreciated. And of course, everyone always pitches in at the end to make sure everything gets put away. Between Marty's dogs and the music of Neil Diamond we all had a blast. Even grumpy neighbors could not stop the fun!

Flag Day was a solemn event and well attended. The additional assistance from the SAL was very much appreciated. It really was an inclusive event with the Knights of Columbus as well as an opportunity to include the younger generation. The Civil Air Patrol and our favorite Star Rank Scout Bugler Vitaliy Koponen of BSA troop 179 did a great job! Pillar Four of the American Legion is Children and Youth and it is great to see them as part of our ceremonies.

Other events: May 7th, several of us represented the Legion and attended the <u>unveiling of 4 new Veteran</u> <u>Banners in downtown Farmington</u> with the Mayor and the families of those veterans; May 8th, our Honor Guard was part of opening ceremonies for <u>Opening day at the</u> <u>Farmer's Market</u>; and June 26th many of our Post family, together with Oakland County, handed out food boxes to Veterans, Active Duty, National Guard, Reserves and their families. Great community effort.

A new year began with the Installation of Legion officers, presided by Past Commander and current Post 346 Judge Advocate Ray Barry. And we welcome new At-Large member Ed Hirsch to the Executive Committee. He brings a diverse leadership perspective from roles such as Trustee of the Michigan Veteran Trust Fund, State Commander of the Jewish War Veterans, Officer of the Elks, and more.

And not to forget, honorable thanks and appreciation to Steve Koponen who coordinated and delivered the Americanism Award certificates and medals in the late Spring. This award places emphasis on the development of qualities of courage, honor, leadership, patriotism, scholarship and service. The youths from all local schools could submit an essay. This effort recognizes our young people who are models of our community. And next year we look forward to seeing them in our parade.

Please take the time to read the Auxiliary President's column. Good information regarding the approved sale of the building. With thanks to the Executive Committee who attended the open Post meeting, we had a very informative discussion. We are now on a clear path to move forward – keeping our Legion Family together is the priority.

My 2 Cents... Unit 346 President Carol Hopson



Thank You to those AUX members who helped with our Memorial Day get-together, it felt so good to be together having a good

time again! A BIG Thank You to all those who have sent in poppy fund donations in the mail. Veterans in need appreciate our ability to help them during troubled times.

Many of our members seem to have very strong emotions when it comes to the subject of selling our building. The June Legion meeting addressed those concerns to the Post members present. Commander Marya, in the interest of transparency and fairness, issued an open invitation to AUX and SAL members to attend also and express their opinions. All Post members could voice their concerns. express their opinions, and ask questions of their officers about this issue. This was very much appreciated. In that spirit, I would like to give you my opinion on the subject. 1) Membership numbers have been steadily declining for the past 20 years or so, 2) Hall rental income has been steadily declining for the last 10 years or so. 3) Our building (built in 1947) is only getting older and more expensive to maintain. 4) Most of our recent fund raisers have been held to raise money to address problems with our building (repairs to the elevator, repairs to the roof, leaking foundation, plumbing issues), to enable us to keep our doors open. When money from fundraisers is needed for maintenance of the building, less funds can be channeled toward our core mission of helping our veterans and their families. I believe what we all need to remember is that WE ARE Post 346, not our building (this building is our 5th home since establishing our charter in 1923). This building has become the proverbial "sinking ship". We need to make a change soon, move into a smaller, newer and more energy efficient building to move confidently into the future and get back to the core mission of the American Legion.

The Legion does not require the Auxiliary nor SAL's approval to take this action. In accordance with Dept. of Michigan Constitution and Bylaws a vote was held at the June membership meeting. Of the 21 Legion members present at this meeting, 19 voted yes to approve moving forward with the sale of our building. Also voted upon was a motion giving authority to the commander and finance officer (jointly) to sign paperwork relating to the sale of the building. Thank you to all those who attended the June meeting and many others who have made their thoughts and ideas known in the months leading up to this momentous but inevitable decision.

See you in person at our next meeting in September! That's my 2 cents worth, I'm always eager to hear yours, Carol Hopson, President

Many thanks to Finance officer Dave H and volunteers Gene H, Jim K, Ed H and Alan H for completing the grueling job of the annual Legion financial audit. Commander Marya

In Service, Marya Davis, Commander





Rosemary Berger

10/18/1924 - 12/15/2020

Age 96 of Livonia. She had a loving and generous spirit, valued family above all else, and was a life-long Detroit Tigers fan. She was predeceased by her beloved husband,



Larry of 61 years, her daughter Ellie, brothers-in-law Norman and Milton, and sister-in-law Ellen. She is mourned by Laurel and Tom, Brian and Diana, and sisterin-law Rosa. She was cherished "Grammy" to five. She will also be missed by caring cousins, nieces, and nephews. She had been a Life Member of Groves-Walker American Legion Auxiliary Unit 346 having joined us in 1930. Memorial contributions may be made to Forgotten Harvest or to a charity of one's choice. <u>rggrharris.com</u>

Please join Dignity Memorial in a complimentary Dinner at Corsi's Banquet

Center (27910 Seven Mile Rd. Livonia) for a briefing on Veteran burial benefits. Helping you understand and maximize your VA burial benefits. Fliers available in the clubroom.

Wednesday July 7 at 6pm OR Thursday July 8 at 6pm OR online Wednesday July 7 at 2pm (each family attending online will receive a \$25 meal

voucher from Corsi's).

Adults 21 and older, no children please. Dinner is on us, there is absolutely no obligation.

Reserve your seats: 800-884-4528 Your personal RSVP code is 418230

Or register online at: Seminar.RSVPyes.com/418230 Presented by Harry J. Will Funeral Homes and Dignity Memorial

More information from Dignity Memorial for veterans: <u>www.dignitymemorial.com/plan-funeralcremation</u> /veterans_____and

www.dignitymemorial.com/plan-funeralcremation/ /veterans/va-death-benefits





us on Facebook and keep up with all our events at <u>facebook.com/</u> <u>www.AmericanLegionPost346.org</u>

Memorial Day Get-together 05/29/21



The Neil Lawrence Experience rocked our Memorial Day gettogether! Thank you to everyone who helped make it a success!

After 28 unlucky draws that day (a total of 47) Robert Ross found the Queen of Hearts in envelope #24 and won the jackpot of **\$4,600!!**



Flag Day Retirement Ceremony 06/14/21



Joining us were the Farmington Knights of Columbus (who graciously provided food for everyone), Civil Air Patrol Honor Guard, BSA Troop 179 Star rank Taliy Koponen who played Colors and Taps on the bugle, and AUX member Myrtle Granger who sang the National Anthem. Many thanks also go out to our SAL members for their help, including Rich Higginbottom and Phil Carlisle.

THE OFFICERS OF POST 346 FOR 2021 - 2022

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 call Post 346 at: 248-478-9174 or email to: GrovesWalkerPost346@gmail.com

Thank you



More photos from Flag Day







Plate Exchange! Ed McMahon from Abilene TX (a buddy of member Dan McGrath) was in town recently and exchanged one of their license plates (now proudly on display behind the bar) for one of ours for their clubroom.

One way to find out if you're really old is to fall down in front of a lot of people. If they laugh, you're still young. If they panic and start running toward you, you know you're old.

Know the signs of a stroke FASTER

F stands for Face, drooping or numbness on one side of the face versus the other. Ask the person to smile to make the droop more apparent.

A stands for Arms, one arm being weaker or more numb than the other. Ask the individual to raise both arms up and hold them for a count of ten.

S stands for Stability, steadiness on your feet. Sometimes individuals will fall, feel very dizzy or be unable to stand without assistance.

T stands for Talking, changes in speech including slurring, garbled, nonsensical words, or the inability to respond appropriately. Ask the person to repeat a simple sentence like "the sky is blue".

E stands for Eyes, visual changes. Visual changes occur suddenly and can include complete vision loss in one eye, double vision, and partial loss of vision in one or both eyes.

R stands for React, call 911 immediately if you recognize any of these symptoms. Call even if the symptoms go away and try to remember when they first began.

A Late Pandemic Lexicon - New Yorker Magazine

Spring Fever: A side effect of the second shot.

Auntie Vaxxers: The cascade of relatives due to visit you now that they've been vaccinated.

Covastalgia: Nostalgia for certain aspects of the pandemic - e.g., reduced traffic, more birds, no school shootings, no office birthday parties.

Lax Vaxxer: Someone who experiences vaccination the way a wild animal might experience being freed from a zoo: by running wild and invading other people's personal space. Immune to both COVID and social cues.

Sheltering In Face: The experience of being unable to remove one's mask, even after being vaccinated, even in the open air, away from others. A person in this condition would sooner expose genitalia in public than the lower half of their face (which is equally pale; see Orca Face).

Orca Face: The effect of a year of outdoor mask-wearing on face pigmentation.

B.O.S. (Better On Screen): Also known as Worse In Person. Used mainly as a way to excuse one's relatively lack luster appearance after hibernating for more than a year: "Of course you didn't recognize me. I'm totally B.O.S."

Re-homing: What is currently happening to thousands of pets adopted during the pandemic, as well as to millions of boyfriends, girlfriends and relatives.



Membership Eligibility



Legion membership eligibility. Veterans or active duty military who have served at least one day of active duty in the US Armed Forces since December 7, 1941 and have been honorably discharged or are still serving.

Auxiliary membership eligibility. 1) Relationship to veteran: Mother, daughter, sister, grandmother, granddaughter, male or female spouse, self (for female veterans).

2) Potential member must be related to a *living* veteran by one of the relationships stated AND veteran is a current member of the American Legion. **OR**, potential member is related to a *deceased* veteran who served at least one day of active service during eligible time periods (Apr. 6, 1917 to Nov. 11, 1918 and any time after Dec. 7, 1941) and was honorably discharged. Deceased veteran does not have to have been a member of the American Legion.

SAL membership eligibility. 1) All male descendants adopted sons, and stepsons. 2) Potential member must be related to a *living* veteran by one of the relationships stated AND veteran is a current member of the American Legion. OR, potential member is related to a deceased veteran who served at least one day of active service during eligible time periods (Apr. 6, 1917 to Nov. 11, 1918 and any time after Dec. 7, 1941) and was honorably discharged. Deceased veteran does not have to have been a member of the American Legion.

Membership applications are available NOW in the clubroom!

Is it time to replace your old American flag? Don't forget about the Post's flag disposal drop box located at the front of our parking lot. Ensure our American flags are properly disposed of with dignity, patriotism and honor when they reach the end of their serviceable career.



This space RESERVED for You!

Have you ever considered advertising your business to your friends and neighbors in a local publication? The Bulletin can be seen by thousands of Legion, SAL and Auxiliary members, their families and friends bimonthly. Interested? Contact Carol Hopson at: GrovesWalkerPost346@gmail.com

Don't own a business? Post a personal message or greeting here in the Bulletin (for a small donation to the Post).

Show your support of our military & our veterans Only \$5 each, available in the clubroom. NEW design featuring poppies now available. Post 346 merchandise makes great gifts!



Official Post 346 Bottle Koozie Only \$5 each, asst. colors, available in the clubroom





Post 346 License Plates Show pride in our Post! Only \$5 each, HD plastic, available in the clubroom

Blue Star Banners - Gold Star Banners Show pride in your family members who are serving or were KIA. \$6 each, in the clubroom. Banners are available with 1 to 5 Blue Stars or 1 Gold Star. Banners measure 14" x 8". Also available from Carol Hopson.



Please remember. . .

The Bulletin is no longer being mailed to members via the US Postal Service. Copies are emailed to members who have an email address on file and available for download from our website. If you have friends or relatives who are members but not tech-savvy, and they still wish to receive the Bulletin, please consider downloading and printing it for them. Thank you

Please...

Report changes of name, address, or email; also member death notices to your Legion, Auxiliary or SAL membership chairman.

Thank you

The Perfect Scam, AARP's award-winning podcast is back. Experts in the field reveal how con artists work, and share tips to better protect you and your loved ones from scams. Look for it where ever you get your podcasts.

July Birthdays

02 Gail Williams 06 Kevin & Mike Griswold 08 Dylon Williams 09 Catherine Arthur 10 Jen Chinn 11 Mike D'Arcangelo 13 Paul Fitzpatrick Jr. 17 Beth Gentile 18 Arlene Popp 28 Jim Pearse 28 Doug Christensen

July Anniversaries

- 10 Greg & Arlene Popp 18 Rob & Pattie Holton 19 Steven & Sandra Koponen
- 25 Vasillie & Joanne Croitori





We believe membership applications are something that every Post member should carry in his or her wallet at all times. You never know when you may run into someone who might like to join our Post! Applications are ALWAYS available in the clubroom.

ADVERTISE IN THE BULLETIN!

For more info contact Carol Hopson at: GrovesWalkerPost346 @gmail.com

TABS FOR TOTS

Please save the aluminum (non-magnetic!) tabs from all your beverage and pulltab containers. Drop off your tabs at the rear door. Funds benefit Ronald McDonald House Charities

Want to see your name above? Please contact Carol Hopson at: GrovesWalkerPost346@gmail.com

July 2021

All events and meetings listed are subject to current COVID-19 restrictions

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28 Dinner at the Post fundraiser 5 -7pm possible menu item	29	30	1 Legion meeting 7:30pm	2	3
4 Independence Day	5 Dinner at the Post fundraiser 5 -7pm	6	7 SAL meeting (TBA)	8 Legion Annual MI Convention 8 - 11 Sault Saint Marie	9	10 Post 346 Birthday
11	12 Dinner at the Post fundraiser 5 -7pm	13	14	15 Home Board <u>meeting 6:30pm</u> Exec. Committee meeting 7:00pm	16	17
18	19 Dinner at the Post fundraiser 5 -7pm	20 Man sets foot on the moon for the first time 1969 >>	21	22	23	24
25 The second se	26 Dinner at the Post fundraiser 5 -7pm	27 Korean War Armistice 1953	28	29	30	31





August 2021

Remember, birthdays and anniversaries will only be listed here upon request.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Friendship Day	2 Dinner at the Post fundraiser 5 -7pm	3	4 SAL meeting (TBA) Coast Guard << Birthday	5 Legion meeting 7:30pm	6	7 Purple Heart Day
8	9 Dinner at the Post fundraiser 5 -7pm possible menu item	10	11	12	13	14 V-J Day 1945
15	16 Dinner at the Post fundraiser 5 -7pm	17	18	19 Home Board <u>meeting 6:30pm</u> Exec. Committee meeting 7:00pm Aviation Day	20	21 Senior Citizen's Day
22 Submission Deadline for Sep/Oct Bulletin	23 Dinner at the Post fundraiser 5 -7pm	24	25	26 E Woman's Equality Day	27 Legion National Convention 27 - 9/2 Phoenix AZ	28
29	30 Dinner at the Post fundraiser 5 -7pm possible menu item	31	1 SAL meeting (TBA) September	2 Legion & Auxiliary meeting 7:30pm	3	4



YOU HONORED US WITH YOUR SERVICE. Now let us honor you.



Join us for a complimentary meal and pre-planning briefing to learn about VA burial benefits available. For more information, contact Anthony.Lauri@DignityMemorial.com or 248-804-8493.

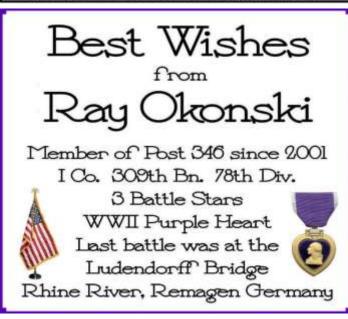
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