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American Legion Post 346 Farmington, MI

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



Hello Legionnaires, SAL & Auxiliary,
My year as Commander seems to have just flown by and the coming months will provide all of our members a chance to voice their opinions and elect officers that will continue to move our Post forward and remain a pillar not only to the community but our members and veterans. Please know that we have some positions where the current officers have requested to step down for personal reasons. Please don't be shy! If you are interested and meet the officer requirement of time at the post, please let me know.

Membership is still a top issue of mine and I've brought back something that we used to do in the past. Yes, we are bringing back the **Early Bird incentive**. Currently the pot is at \$300 but might grow. The plan is that once we receive our 2018 membership renewal notices, which is roughly around June coinciding with the 2017 Department of Michigan convention, we'll be holding quarterly drawings to choose a member that will receive a monetary reward for paying their dues early. The key will be that you'll only be eligible for the Early Bird drawings if you have paid your 2018 dues, so please get your dues paid as soon as you can. The goal is to get all Post member's 2018 dues paid and collected by the end of October 2017 if possible.

As a Post, we are dealing with some building repair issues and proceeds from the upcoming Cinco de Mayo Taco dinner and Raffle will go towards this cause, so I'm asking that when you receive a raffle ticket in the mail you consider the Post and what we do in the community and for our veterans. **The Cinco de Mayo Dinner and Raffle drawing will be held on Friday May 5th** and the committee has been working really hard to make the event a success. There are many events coming up in the coming months and I encourage all members to get involved and volunteer if you have the time, even if it is for only a couple hours during an event. I can't wait to attend the SAL pre-St. Patrick's Day Dinner. If you've never had Denny's corned-beef and cabbage, you don't know what you're missing!

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

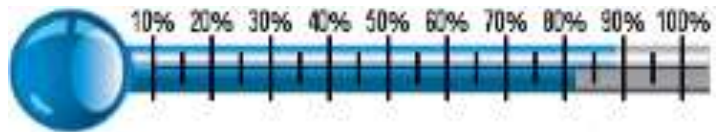
Service Not Self...
Unit 346 President
Leah Brancheau



We wish our President Leah a wonderful vacation. She and Jim are currently soaking up the warmth of the Florida sun.

2017 Membership

Legion 248 - goal 283 = 88%



Auxiliary 123 - goal 148 = 83%

Join "Team Cancer Knockouts" at our annual Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser for the American Cancer Society's Relay For Life

Everyone Welcome!
Saturday March 4th
5:00 to 7:00 pm
Adults \$10
Children \$5 (under 13)
With Garlic Bread, Salad & Dessert
Cash bar, Basket raffle



SAL St. Patricks Day Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner

Everyone Welcome!
Saturday March 11th
5:00 to 7:00 pm
With music until 11pm
Adults \$15 per plate
Children \$9 per plate (under 13)
With potatoes, carrots
Roll & butter and Dessert



Please let us know you're coming by using the sign-up sheet in the clubroom, emailing to: GrovesWalkerPost346@gmail.com or by calling the Post at: 248-478-9174.



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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 May/Jun 2017 edition of the Bulletin is Monday April 17th.*

Thank you, Carol Hopson, Editor

Why is the Post Consolidated Report (CPR) so important?

- 1 - The information is used in the National report and by law presented to the US Congress to show them how we are maintaining and using our Congressional Charter.
- 2 - The National Commander uses the information during their testimony to Congress each year.
- 3 - It gives your Post a history of activities, if your Post asks a group or company for a donation or you apply for a grant, the CPR includes historical data on the activities of the Post.
- 4 - It gives recognition to the members working the programs and activities in your Post and community.
- 5 - It helps recruiting members by answering the question "What does your Post do?"

Please take a few moments to report any community activities, donations, volunteering, help you have provided to a veteran, etc., to the Legion Adjutant or Auxiliary Secretary. No matter how small your donation to the Post's CPR (activities, volunteering, donations), together we can make a big difference for our nation's veterans.

Don't forget about Applebee's Military Mondays where Veterans get 30% off meals!



Be an Early-Bird!
Pay your 2018 dues early (beginning approx. July 1) be eligible for CASH Prizes!

See the Commander's article on page 1.



Don't forget, nominations for our 2017-18

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!



Family, friends and Post members were invited to celebrate **Joseph B. Nafe's 100th Birthday** on Feb. 12. A fine party was thrown by his son G. Skip Nafe. They are shown here with Skip's daughter Tammy. Photo: Carol Hopson

Jr. Vice Commander Andy Machcinski

Spring is almost here and the Post will again be busy with activities for everyone to partake in. The famous SAL St. Patrick's Day Corned Beef and Cabbage dinner, nominations for new officers in April, elections in May, Memorial Day Parade, Cinco de Mayo Taco dinner with the annual raffle drawing, Flag Retirement ceremony and many more activities, all coming up faster than you think. Make sure you always check the newsletter to make sure you do not miss a chance to be a part of a fun activity or occasion and take advantage of all the things going on.

Bring a friend, introduce a veteran who has not come to our Post to come down and join us. And most of all we need all of our members to come to our meetings. Get active and have fun, remember this is YOUR Post, so "Come on Down!" See you at the next meeting and at all the upcoming activities.

Regards, Andy Machcinski, Jr. Vice Commander



the new Post 346 Facebook page

FaceBook.com/www.AmericanLegionPost346.org

Spring Cleaning? Next time you clean out your basement, attic, garage, etc. consider making a donation to the MI Veterans Foundation Thrift Store.

All proceeds go to helping the veterans who seek help from the MVF. This help comes in many forms such as, transitional housing, food pantry, employment training, health care services, counseling, meals and clothing, support groups, substance abuse intervention, legal assistance, and benefits assistance. The store is located at 27294 West Warren (at Inkster Rd) in Dearborn Hts. 313-832-5500 <http://michiganveteransfoundation.org>



Easter Extravaganza Craft Show

Saturday March 25, 10am - 5pm
Free admission, lots of local crafters and vendors, sponsored by Jenni's Illuminations
The Easter Bunny will even be there for pictures!



Annual Post 346 Raffle

Drawing on **Friday 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

All-you-can-eat Taco Buffet Dinner will be served from 5:00 - 7:00pm
Includes rice, refried beans and desert
\$10 per person, show your raffle ticket stub and your dinner costs only \$8 (1 meal per ticket)
Cash bar, Door prizes, 50/50 drawing

Please help support your Post by purchasing the raffle ticket you will receive in the mail. Donations are also very welcome. If you do not wish to purchase that ticket, please return it in the self-addressed stamped envelope. Thank You

Tickets can also be purchased from the Clubroom, Marya Davis and Carol Hopson
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Are you a business owner? Have you ever 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 Groves-Walker Bulletin can be a very cost-effective local advertising choice. Interested? Contact Carol at: 248-910-2586 or email to: GrovesWalkerPost346@gmail.com

James Patterson

April 29, 1932 - April 1, 2015

Age 83 of West Bloomfield. Jim is survived by his one true love of 57 years, Audrey. Loving father to Michael (Rosemary), Kimberly (Michael), and Lori (Jack); wonderful grandfather to Erica, Evan, Nicole, and Sarah. He was born to James and Loretta in Iron Mountain, Michigan. He was a Graphic Artist at General Motors and Korean War Veteran. James was a 26 year member of American Legion Post 346 Farmington. He retired from GM after 36 years; then started JP Graphics. Jim has requested that you celebrate his life through words and prayers in an individual manner. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Hospice of Henry Ford, One Ford Place-5A, Detroit, MI 48202 or online at www.HenryFord.com/Hospice.



William L. Warren

March 2, 1940 - October 24, 2016

Age 76, of Farmington Hills, made his peaceful transition after a brief illness. Beloved husband of Theresa for 58 years. Loving father to Lenda (Reginald) and Pamela. Cherished grandfather to David, Alexis and Amber. Dear brother to Joyce (Joseph Sr.) and Lawrence (Susan). He is also survived by a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. A Navy veteran, Bill served his country with distinction, receiving an honorable discharge in 1962. Bill was a 4 year member of American Legion Post 346 Farmington.



Please

If you have email access, allow me to send your bi-monthly Bulletin to you via email. Please help save the Post the costs of printing and postage for the Bulletin. If you do not care to have the Bulletin mailed (or emailed) to you, perhaps you live out of state, please contact me to discontinue receiving the Bulletin. Please email Carol at: GrovesWalkerPost346@gmail.com

Thank You

The whole problem with the world is that fools and fanatics are always so certain of themselves, and wiser people are so full of doubts.

- Bertrand Russell



Things to remember when a veteran dies

We know how hard it is to remember everything you need to take care of when a loved one passes away, here is a list that may be of great help to you and your family when the inevitable comes.

- 1) Contact the funeral director of your choice to arrange for internment. Internment at a National Cemetery is free to the veteran and spouse.
- 2) Contact the pastor of your choice to arrange for the services you desire.
- 3) Bring the funeral director a copy of the veteran's DD-214, Discharge Separation Notice, Veterans Administration claim number (if there is one), Social Security Number and life insurance policy.
- 4) The funeral director will apply for the amount allowable from the VA toward burial expenses and also the allowance from Social Security for burial. Some counties also provide a burial expense for veterans.
- 5) Funeral directors can also apply for a flag to drape the casket.
- 6) If the veteran is a member of a veteran's organization (like the American Legion), the Commander should be contacted for a ritual service, honor guard, casket bearers, etc. if needed and/or desired.
- 7) If the veteran had G (Government) insurance, contact the County Veterans Service Officer (or veteran's organization Service Officer) for assistance in completing the forms. If the veteran had commercial insurance, contact the agent of that company.
- 8) Obtain from the funeral director several extra copies of the veteran's death certificate for transfer of titles of ownership for autos, home, bank accounts, etc.
- 9) The County Veterans Service Officer (or veteran's organization Service Officer) will assist the spouse and children in obtaining any benefits to which they may be entitled such as, survivor's death benefits from the VA and headstone if the burial is in a private cemetery. Bring to the Service Officer the following information when applying for benefits:
 - a) Copy of the deceased veteran's service record and Honorable Discharge Certificate (DD-214).
 - b) Social Security numbers of the deceased veteran, spouse, and any dependent children.
 - c) G.I. insurance policies, if any.
 - d) Information as to marriage, birth certificates of children, and if any prior marriages existed, the information regarding when, where and how the marriage was dissolved (death or divorce).
 - e) VA claim number, if there is one.
 - f) Copy of death certificate of veteran.

Veterans - The smart thing to do is to compile as much of this information as possible in advance. Put two copies in safe places and advise your family as to their locations. If you keep one copy in a safe deposit box, keep the other at home (very few people pass away during banker's hours). Please keep a copy of this list with your records.

<p>March Birthdays</p> <p>1 Robin (Bytner) Harding 1 Dennis Lis 3 Richard Dillinger 4 Ed Purdy 5 Robert Rossi 5 Virgil Thill 6 Kathryn Piotrowski 6 Rebecca Watts 8 Mary Seng 8 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 style="text-align: center;">March Anniversaries</p> <p>27 Ed & Dale Vecchio</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>	 <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 style="color: red; text-align: center;">ADVERTISE IN THE BULLETIN!</p> <p>Contact Carol Hopson at: 248-910-2586 or email to: GrovesWalkerPost346@gmail.com</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">Members and their guests enjoy free</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>in the Clubroom!</p> </div>
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March 2017

**Spring Forward on
 Sunday the 12th!**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27 Coney Night 5:00 - 7:30pm 	28 Exec. Committee Meeting 7:00pm	1 Ash Wednesday	2 Legion and Aux meetings 7:30pm	3	4 ACS Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser 5:00 - 7:00pm
5  Seabee's Birthday	6 Coney Night 5:00 - 7:30pm	7	8 SAL meeting 7:30pm	9	10	11 SAL St. Patrick's Corned Beef & Cabbage dinner 5:00 - 7:00pm
12  Daylight Savings Time begins	13 Coney Night 5:00 - 7:30pm MI K-9 Veteran's Day	14	15  American Legion Birthday (1919)	16 Liberty Day	17  Saint Patrick's Day	18
19 Operation Iraqi Freedom began 2003	20 Coney Night 5:00 - 7:30pm  Spring begins	21 Home Board meeting 7:00pm	22	23	24	25 Easter Craft Show 10am - 5pm National Medal of Honor Day
26	27 Coney Night 5:00 - 7:30pm	28	29 Vietnam Veterans Day	30	31	1  April April Fools Day

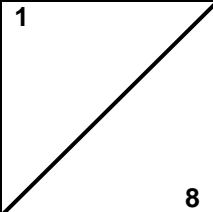




<p><u>April Birthdays</u></p> <p>1 Norman Goers 1 Robert Holton 2 John Dull 4 Raymond Barry 4 Harry Loewengruber 4 Alexander Stabrava 5 Bernice Bodell 5 Gerry Goetzke 7 Roger Goers 7 Walter Zelony 8 Jim Forbes 13 Ronald Ruedger 13 Judith Kronk 17 Adam Gentile 18 Harvey Ketchen</p>	<p>21 James Leflar 22 Edward Heidelberg 22 Thaddeus Mieczkowski 24 Dawn Grady 25 Samuel Klein 27 Alex Gentile 29 Bette Burt 29 James Patterson 30 Mary Robinson</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>April Anniversaries</u></p> <p>16 Gerald & Karen Lynch 17 Tony &Carolynn Mallia 28 Dave & June Schwartz</p>	<p><u>Coming up in May</u></p> <p>1 May Day, Law Day 4 Legion/Aux. meetings Election of new Officers 5 Cinco de Mayo 6 Nurses Day, Teachers Day 8 V-E Day 14 Mother's Day 18,19, 20 Poppy Days 20 Armed Forces Day 22 National Maritime Day 29 Memorial Day</p>	<p>MONDAY CONEY NIGHTS! Every Monday in the Clubroom 5 pm - 7:30 pm GREAT PRICES! 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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April 2017

Month of the Military Child
Remember the children left behind
when a military parent deploys.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2	3 Coney Night 5:00 - 7:30pm 	4 Exec. Committee Meeting 7:00pm	5	6 Legion and Aux meetings 7:30pm Nominations for new Officers	7	1  8
9 <small>Palm Sunday</small>	10 Coney Night 5:00 - 7:30pm	11	12 SAL meeting 7:30pm	13 <small>Thomas Jefferson Birthday</small>	14 <small>Good Friday</small>	15
16  <small>Easter</small>	17 Coney Night 5:00 - 7:30pm Submission deadline for May/Jun Bulletin <small>Tax Day</small>	18 Home Board Meeting 7:00pm	19	20	21	22  <u>Earth Day</u> Administrative Professionals Day
23	24 Coney Night 5:00 - 7:30pm	25	26	27	28  <small>Arbor Day</small>	29
30	1 Coney Night 5:00 - 7:30pm May	2 Exec. Committee Meeting 7:00pm	3	4 Legion and Aux meetings 7:30pm Election of new Officers	5	6



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- Fund Raisers
- Church Groups
- Fitness Classes
- Dances / Parties
- Special Occasions
- 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 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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