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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,

Wow, what a year for Groves-Walker Post 346. Together, we have accomplished a great deal and I feel that we should be very proud of our Post accomplishments. By "Together", I mean ALL Post members, Legion, Auxiliary, and SAL. We have a lot that still needs to be accomplished but I feel that we as a team are moving in the right direction.

There has been a bunch of discussions as to how we can secure our building and handle much needed repairs moving forward. This is a work in progress, but rest assured it is at the forefront for your Home Board and we are definitely making progress.

We have numerous events planned in the coming months, such as Installation in August, and a July Farmer's Market booth, just to name two. Keep your eyes out for various activities that are posted on the Clubroom bulletin board, Bulletin calendar and email blasts from Carol, and try to be involved if you are available.

I'm very pleased that we sent six young men to Boy's State this year. Way to go Mark for your work on this program! Also this past month we were able to present our first Post scholarships on behalf of Ray Okonski to some very bright stars in our community (see page 5).

You will be seeing a 2019 membership renewal notice in your mailbox soon and the Department of Michigan has offered incentives for those Posts that meet membership goals. Please send all 2019 dues directly to the Post in order to avoid delays and get your membership card sooner.

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), my officers and committee chairpersons, for without your support and guidance we would not have accomplished what we have. My request for each and every member of this Post, whether you are a Legion, Auxiliary, or SAL member, is stay involved, make this a great Post and showcase to the 18th District, Department of MI 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

Auxiliary Unit 346 has no meetings for June, July or August. Enjoy a safe summer. Your new President, Carol Hopson is looking forward to seeing all of you in September.

Please remember, beginning September 1, 2018 (for the 2019 membership year) Aux. 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.



Attention all Post 346 members

The Groves-Walker Post 346 Installation of officers will take place on Sunday August 19th.

Legion, Auxiliary, and SAL officers will be installed by the 18th District Ritual Team and the 18th Dist. Aux. Past Presidents.

1:00 pm: Post doors open, downstairs (cash) bar will be open.

2:00 pm: Installation Ceremony will begin (upstairs bar will open at conclusion of the ceremony).

4:00 pm: (approx.) Buffet dinner will be served.

Please come down to show your support for our new officers! FREE meal, open bar, dessert, friends, fun, and camaraderie!



Now's the time to start thinking about nominations for **Legionnaire of the year 2018**. Any member can nominate a candidate to the Executive Committee. Award will be presented at the 9/11 Patriot's Day Ceremony.

Happy 95th Birthday!
To Groves-Walker
American Legion Post 346
July 10th, 1923



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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 may need to edit articles for length.* **The submission deadline for the Sep/Oct 2018 edition of the Bulletin is Saturday August 18th.**

Thank you, Carol Hopson, Editor

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

Post 346 is STILL requesting that each Legion member provide a copy of their DD form 214 (discharge papers) for the Post records (per IRS rules). Copies provided must have your name, department, component and branch of service, and record of service dates, all other personal information may be blacked out. If you cannot locate a copy of your DD-214, please contact the Legion Adjutant.

SAL STEAK FRY

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Legion Jr. Vice, Andy Machcinski

My Fellow Legionnaires,

Well summer is here and as the saying goes "the lazy, hazy days of summer are upon us". The Post will still be open and makes a great place to cool down and have your favorite cold drink to quell the summer heat. There are a few activities coming up and thanks to Carol and the newsletter we will all be up to date, and as a team make things happen.

Wishing everyone a safe, happy summer. Enjoy the weather, and if it gets too hot for you, just think about the winter we just went through and I am sure you'll not mind the heat quite so much. See you at Installation in August.

Regards, Andy

SAL Commander, Mark Moulds

Hello Everyone,

Ah summer... fishing, camping, golfing, BarBQing. I hope everyone has a great summer. Speaking of BBQ, we hope to see everyone at the next Steak Fry on Saturday, July 21 at 5pm, cost \$15 pp. August 19 is our Installation of Officers, come on down and show support for our Post leaders for all the hard work they do. If you've never been to one of our comedy club shows keep an eye out for another great show coming up in late September (date TBD). We're having another delicious Steak Fry with the comedy club show afterwards. Good food, good friends and lots of laughter.

So long for now, have a safe summer, Mark

To: American Legion Post 346:

Just a quick note to say.... THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU - for again hosting our Annual Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser for the American Cancer Society. This was our 7th year and we had an awesome turn out. Together - we raised almost \$3,000 for the Relay for Life. On behalf of Team Cancer KnockOuts...Thank you so much for your continued support.

Sincerely,
Denise Lis-Janssen
Team Captain, Cancer KnockOuts



Saturday August 4th is the Farmington Farmer's Market **Polish Festival**. Watch for the Post 346 Kielbasa booth! As always we are **Looking For Volunteers** to help sell food & spread the good word about the Legion! Contact:
Art Mikkola at: artymikkola@yahoo.com
or Marya Davis at: kayakmarya@gmail.com
for more information.



**THE OFFICERS OF POST 346
FOR 2018 - 2019**

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





The Post recently donated funds to purchase coffee and a supply of useful ear-plugs to the Freedom Center lounge at Detroit Metro Airport.



Shown above (L) is Legion member and Freedom Center volunteer Jim O'Keefe. The Freedom Center lounge is a place where military personnel and their families can connect and relax away from the crowds at the airport. Recliners, beds, Wi-Fi, information, snacks, beverages, and more are made available to our military personnel.



Member Wells Werden (2nd from L) and his band entertaining the crowd at the Cinco de Mayo dinner.



Being congratulated by Commander Dale is member Mike Hughes who won FIRST PLACE in the annual Post Raffle Drawing. SECOND PLACE winner Tom Carlson was unable to attend that evening. Photos: Carol Hopson



Opening Day of the Farmington Farmer's Market found our dedicated "Doggers team" manning the Post 346 hot dog booth once again. L to R: Marty Chinn, Art Mikkola, Mark Moulds, Mike LaFave, Marya Davis, Andy Machcinski, Gene Hatfield, Jen Chinn and Dale Baxter.

*When you're in a dark place
you sometimes tend to think you've been buried.*

Perhaps you've been planted.

Bloom! - anonymous



Raffle winner Pam Mikkola (Art's lovely wife) receives her THIRD PLACE check from Commander Dale.



We recently awarded our first Post 346 Scholarship winners. Shown above are (L to R) Carol Hopson Scholarship Committee, Ray Okonski Scholarship benefactor, Veena Thamilselvan \$1000 Scholarship recipient, Evan Jeffries \$5000 Scholarship recipient, Kennedy Rogers \$5000 Scholarship recipient, Mark Moulds Scholarship Chairman, Dale Baxter Scholarship Committee. It's never too early let students know about next year's scholarships! See our website for details.

Grand Marshals for this year's Farmington Memorial Day parade were Legion members Ed Good (below) and Orville Roberts (right).

Thank you to all the Legion, Auxiliary and SAL members who came out to march or ride in the parade, or help with the Post open house. We had a great time! Come join us next year!



TIME magazine has named Farmington Hills the best place to live in Michigan for 2018!

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Our Post Honor Guard (L to R) Ray Barry, Jim Koponen, Dale Baxter and Mike LaFave, standing tall at the Memorial Day Parade giving a rifle salute as part of the ceremonies at the Farmington War Monument.

Your best bet when seeking veteran discounts at your favorite stores, restaurants or services is:

- 1) Always ask if you can get a veteran discount no matter where you shop or what services you seek.
 - 2) Remember that not all stores in a national chain will give the same discounts because they may be individually owned and operated.
 - 3) Remember each business you deal with is likely to ask for a different form of proof of service: a VA card (and sometimes only a "combat related" disability designation), a DD-214, a veteran organization membership card, the new county veteran discount cards, or sometimes just wearing a veteran baseball cap will do!
- You'll never know until you ask.



TAPS

Walter Christensen

April 24, 2018

"Wally", age 83, of Farmington. He had been in failing health for some time. Born in Reserve, Montana, he was the son of Axel and Irene Christensen. He married Lorraine in 1956, at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church in Farmington. Wally is the beloved husband of 61 years to Lorraine; devoted father of Walt Jr. (Mary), Douglas, Gerald (Michele), Catherine (Bill Collins) Lysak, Elizabeth "Libby" (Mike) Szymanski and Mike (Jodi); loving brother of Diana (Ernest) Sweeten, Dennis (Pat), Sandra (the late Dale) Pound, Larry (the late Doreen) Krueger, Michael (Susie), Kathy (Pat) Bolen, the late Chris (the late Phyllis), the late Richard (Pat) and the late Katherine; cherished grandfather of 11; and great grandfather of 3.

Wally was known by many names in Farmington, Mr. Legion, Mr. Memorial Day Parade, Mr. Baseball! Wally was a life member of the American Legion, he served in the Korean War and joined Groves-Walker Post 346 in Farmington in 1961. Wally held many positions over the years including Boys State Chairman, Baseball Chairman, and Post Commander in 1984.

Arrangements: Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home Farmington. Funeral: Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church. Interment: North Farmington Cemetery, Farmington Hills. Contributions are suggested to American Legion's Baseball Scholarship or Boys State program.



Luvinia W. Cox

May 16, 2018

Age 87, of Farmington. Luvinia was born in Petros, Tennessee, the daughter of James and Bertha. Surviving Luvinia are **her beloved daughter, Geraldine Galinet**; sister Loretta Worsham, 4 grand-children, and son-in-law Larry Wellman. Sadly, Luvinia was preceded in death by children, Odevah Cox, Jr., and Tammy Wellman; son-in-law, Greg Galinet; and her sister, Louise (Eddie) Hayes.



Arrangements: Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home Farmington. Interment: Parkview Memorial Cemetery in Livonia. Memorial donations are suggested to the Grand Rapids Home for Veterans.

Monday Dinner at the Post

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In Honor of Wally Christensen

- An Empty Chair -

We have an empty chair today, down at our Legion Post. It was always filled by Wally, the guy we liked the most. He served us long and faithful, he played it straight and true. He played it by the book, and he played it honest too! We salute you Walter Christensen, and know how much you'd care, to be right here beside us, and fill that empty chair.

by Glen Griffin (Post 346 Life Member)

Nothing is foolproof to a sufficiently talented fool.

- anonymous



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 09 Catherine Arthur
 10 Jen Chinn
 11 Mike D'Arcangelo
 12 Darla Anderson
 13 Paul Fitzpatrick Jr.
 16 Jim Hopson
 17 Beth Gentile
 18 Arlene Popp
 20 Van Bytner
 21 Stan Packard
 25 Mitchell Swoboda
 28 Jim Pearse
 28 Doug Christensen

July Anniversaries

10 Greg & Arlene Popp
 16 Tim & Jan Yount
 18 Rob & Pattie Holton
 19 Steven & Sandra
 Koponen
 22 Ed & Jean Purdy
 25 Vasillie & Joanne
 Croitori



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.

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July 2018

Happy 95th Birthday Post 346!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Dinner at the Post 6:00pm - 7:30pm	3	4  Independence Day	5 NO Legion or Aux. meetings	6	7
8	9 Dinner at the Post 6:00pm - 7:30pm	10  Post 346 Birthday 1923	11	12 SAL meeting 6:30pm 	13	14
15	16 Dinner at the Post 6:00pm - 7:30pm Ramadan	17	18	19 Home Board meeting 7:00pm	20	21 SAL Steak Fry 5:00 - 7:30pm
22  Parent's Day	23 Dinner at the Post 6:00pm - 7:30pm	24	25	26 Exec. Committee meeting 7:00pm 	27  Korean War Armistice 1953	28
29	30 Dinner at the Post 6:00pm - 7:30pm	31	1 August	2 NO Legion or Aux. meetings Operation Desert Shield began 1990	3	4 Farmington Farmer's Market Polish Festival 9am - 2pm Coast Guard Day



<p><u>August Birthdays</u></p> <p>02 Brett Hall 03 James Templin 05 Alan Huet 08 Anita J. Martell 10 Peter Larion 11 Martin Kozicki 13 Joanne Dopkowski 14 Norma Goers 16 Joyce Strong 16 Robert Walters 18 Ashley, Janice & Katherine Faucher 19 Gil Naylor 20 Virginia Martin</p>	<p>20 Jan Yount 22 Fran Goers 24 George Berling 27 Gloria Brooks 27 Thomas James 27 Robbie Smart 28 Cindy Walton 29 Janice Heldenbrand</p> <p><u>August Anniversaries</u></p> <p>12 David & Susan Duquette 26 Norm & Fran Goers</p>	<p><u>Coming up in September</u></p> <p>01 Operation New Dawn began 2010 02 V-J Day 03 Labor Day 09 Grandparent's Day 11 Patriot Day 17 Constitution Day Citizenship Day 18 Air Force Birthday 21 International Day of Peace 21 POW/MIA Recognition Day 22 Autumn begins 30 Gold Star Mother's Day</p>	<p>MONDAY CONEY On Vacation Every Monday evening See You in September 5:00 pm - 7:30 pm NO Reservations Needed!</p> <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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August 2018

Come to Installation!

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5	6 Dinner at the Post 6:00pm - 7:30pm	7  Purple Heart Day	8	9 SAL meeting 6:30pm 	10	11
12	13 Dinner at the Post 6:00pm - 7:30pm	14	15	16 Home Board meeting 7:00pm 	17	18 Submission deadline for Sep/Oct Bulletin
19 Installation of Officers Ceremony 1:00 pm Aviation Day	20 Dinner at the Post 6:00pm - 7:30pm	21  Senior Citizen's Day	22	23 Exec. Committee meeting 7:00pm 	24	25 National AL Convention Aug 25-30 Minneapolis MN 
26  Woman's Equality Day	27 Dinner at the Post 6:00pm - 7:30pm	28	29	30	31	1 September



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- Classes / Seminars
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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 7pm: Home Board
4th Thur. of each month at 7pm: Exec. Committee

Clubroom Hours

Monday, Wednesday & Friday: 2pm - 9pm
Tuesday & Thursday: 4pm - 9pm
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