

# The Groves-Walker Bulletin

American Legion Post 346 Farmington, MI September/October 2021 - Vol. XII Issue 1



 $\star \star \star \star$  Chartered July 10, 1923 - For God and Country  $\star \star \star \star \star$ 

#### **Meeting Nights**

1st Wed. of the month at 6:30pm: 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 - 9pm 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> www.AmericanLegionPost346.org <u>LIKE us on Facebook!</u>

Groves-Walker American Legion Post 346 31775 Grand River Ave. Farmington, MI 48336-4238

#### **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 the clubroom.

Paper towel, TP, LG & XL latex gloves, cleaning product concentrates, bleach, kitchen size garbage bags, 50 gal. or larger garbage bags, beverage napkins (GFS is great), asst. snack size bags of chips, 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 our cooks & bartenders at the Post have been working on a volunteer basis since the beginning of COVID. At the end of your evening, please tip them generously. 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 (medical bills, utilities, emergencies, etc.) feel free to contact Mike LaFave or Carol Hopson at: GrovesWalkerPost346@gmail.com

# Queen of Hearts Progressive Raffle

Round 3 coming as soon as we settle into a new location!



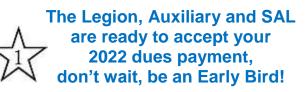
NEW 50/50 drawings after "Dinner at the Post" on Mondays



**The 2021 Patriots Day ceremony** is such an important event, it allows us to reflect and remember the events of 9/11. It is also an opportunity for us to recognize our police, firefighters and public safety officers of the year to the community. Additionally, I find it a crucial learning event to teach our young people so they remember 9/11, and it is an opportunity to instill the morals and values of the veterans and the first responders of our communities.

Join us on Saturday September 11th at 6:00 p.m. at the Sundquist Pavilion, downtown Farmington Center. Limited seating, bring your lawn chairs. Rain-out updates provided at: 248-939-4910

Marya Davis, Commander



September/October 2021 vol. XII issue 1. The Groves-Walker Bulletin is published 6 times per year. Post 346 membership for the year 2021: LGN 176, AUX 112, SAL 86 = 374

The opinions expressed herein are those of the editor and/or contributors and are not necessarily those of the American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary, Sons of the American Legion or Post 346. Publication of advertisements does not imply endorsement by the American Legion, Auxiliary, SAL or Post 346 of the products and/or services featured.

> Groves-Walker Bulletin Editor - Carol Hopson Groves-Walker American Legion Post 346 31775 Grand River Ave. Farmington, MI 48336-4238 GrovesWalkerPost346@Gmail.com 248-478-9174

> > ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~

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>Friday October 22nd for the Nov/Dec 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 (\$50): Dave Harmon email: dharmon007@hotmail.com or call: 313-378-9197 Auxiliary (\$30, Jr \$10): Carol Hopson email: GrovesWalkerPost346@gmail.com or call: 248-910-2586 SAL (\$25, Jr \$11): 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

# As of January 1, 2022 SAL dues will be raised to \$30



**Our Veteran's Food Giveaway on 06/26 was a great success!** Among our partners for this event: Oakland County, MI Veteran Affairs Agency, Oakland Community Health Network, CaptionCall.com, and Dept. of Veterans Affairs Vet Center. The pre-packaged boxes of nonperishable food were provided by Lighthouse of Oakland County. We had a wonderful group of member volunteers step up to help in distributing this food to those in need. Pictured above L to R: Kevin Griswold, Don Fuller, Alan Huet, Rich Higginbottom and Eric Welter.

Our next Veterans Food Giveaway (food provided by Gleaners Food Bank) is coming up on Saturday Sept. 25th (10am - 1pm) <u>Registration is requested, click here</u>, use the sign-up sheet in the clubroom or leave your name and number at: 248-939-4910



Above: Andy Machcinski, Phil Carlisle and Jim Koponen. Below: Claudette Calka, Ann Mellert, Sue Duquette and Marya Davis. Photos: Carol Hopson

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

What was said at that big meeting in June is finally coming true! We have become an active and giving organization once again!



The poppy fund has been active and we are hosting another free Food Box Giveaway to veterans and their families on Sept 25th. This is what we are here for! Also, we have recently partnered with the Salem Warthogs MC. They are now having their monthly meetings at our Post. And we are on our way of meeting our target goal of giving them \$1,500 toward their fund in support of police and firefighters in need, like our Poppy fund, and their additional mission of sponsoring young people into the police and fire academies. Not only do they sponsor them, but the Warthogs mentor them throughout the process. What a wonderful mission! We have done this primarily through the proceeds from 50/50 drawings. We are doing **50/50 drawings every Monday** as we cannot start the Queen of Hearts again until we are in our new place.

The Post has been hopping. The Clubroom and the patio are open from 4 - 9pm Monday - Friday. In addition to the Monday Meal and 50/50 evening, the Cornhole crew is around raising the roof and having a blast. Friday night Joker Poker has been fantastic. The Legion spirit has definitely been revived, come on down and enjoy the fun and camaraderie. Update on the sale of the building: We are in the final stages of negotiating a contract with our potential buyer. Once the dotted line is signed, we will jump into full hunting mode for our new location. The buyer has up to 6 months to close the deal, which is common for commercial real estate sales, and that will give us plenty of time to find our new home. There are many possibilities in and around greater Farmington.



And finally, Labor Day, Monday September 6th. Let's pay tribute to the contributions and achievements of American workers who are on the job. Michigan is a manufacturing state! Considering the current negative impact to that industry, let's take time to thank and appreciate those hard-working

men and women who are dedicated to their jobs and doing the best they can in spite of the current situation and lack of support. Labor Day is traditionally observed on the first Monday in September. It was created by the labor movement in the late 19th century and became a federal holiday in 1894.

In Service, Marya Davis, Commander

Share dreams, inspire love, heal hearts, embrace spirits & nurture souls.

#### My 2 Cents... Unit 346 President Carol Hopson



The end of summer marks the start of a new year for us, and we're jumping back in with both feet! So much coming up! This coming

Saturday, August 28th is **"Team Cancer Knockouts" Annual Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser** for the American Cancer Society. Dinner will be served from 5 - 7pm, then at 8pm join us upstairs for another great "Laff at the Legion" comedy show starring Kevin Downey Jr with Jessica Collazo and our own Alan Huet (Bobby Dazzler).

Our 20th Annual **Patriot Day ceremony** (Saturday 09/11) will be at the Sundquist Pavilion, downtown Farmington Center at 6pm. We encourage the community to join us and show their support for our local public safety officers. Seating limited, please bring your lawn chairs.

The response was so positive that we will be hosting another **Veteran's Food Giveaway** on Saturday Sept. 25th from 10am - 1pm. Food boxes supplied by Gleaners Food Bank. Registration for this event is requested at: <u>https://www.eventbrite.com/e/veteran-food-give-awaytickets-165764127969</u>

For Halloween, the SAL will host their 2nd Annual **Trunk R Treat** event. Open to all children in our community, Oct. 16th from 2 - 5pm. Please open your heart (and your trunk) and sign up to pass out candy. Contact Eric Welter or Kevin Griswold. Sign-up sheet also in the clubroom.

Between donations from the Legion, Auxiliary, SAL, Monday dinners, and 50/50 drawings we have almost reached our goal of a \$1500 donation to the **Warthogs MC Salem Chapter 31**. These great people are a group of active and retired police, fire, EMTs and court officers who share a passion for motorcycles. They are a 501(c)3 charitable organization who provide support for public safety officers and their families during times of greatest need. We are getting back to our core mission of support for those in need!

On a more personal note, my garage sale this year sold off some things from the bar, kitchen and the books from our little library shelf. The Auxiliary made \$300! You're welcome. I would like to sincerely thank Melinda Partridge for not only for her 3 years of membership with Unit 346 but her taking on Chaplain duties and volunteering to help at so many events. We wish Melinda and Gary all the best as they move back to their home state of Massachusetts. Thank you, goodbye and farewell.

Please join me at our first meeting of the new year on September 2nd at 7:30pm. That's my 2 cents worth, I'm always willing to hear yours, Carol Hopson, President



There is always light behind the clouds. - Louisa May Alcott



#### Lorraine E. Christensen

June 16, 1936 - July 5, 2021 She was 85, and in declining health for several days. Lorraine was born to the late John and Genevieve. She married Walter "Wally" Christensen on Dec. 1, 1956 at Our



Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church in Farmington. Sadly, Wally passed away on April 24, 2018, following 61 years of marriage.

Surviving are six devoted children, Walt Jr. (Mary), Douglas, Gerald (Michele), Catherine (Bill Collins) Lysak, Elizabeth "Libby" (Mike) Szymanski and Mike (Jodi); dear brother, James (the late Alice) Stock; ten cherished grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. In addition to her husband, Lorraine was preceded in death by siblings, Mary, Lawrence and Vincent. Funeral service: Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home. Interment at North Farmington Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, contributions are suggested to the <u>Alzheimer's Association</u>.

#### Andy Machcinski, Post 346 Chaplain

My Fellow Legionnaires,

Is the world getting to you, is social media just too much, is the world news upsetting and is life not what and how it used to be? Chances are you answered yes to one or more of those questions. My answer to you is go to Church! Why? In Church you will find inter peace, the solitude you need and a moment of calm for your mind and soul. In Church you find someone who will

listen without question, without judgement. You can share with God all your concerns, your worries and your feelings. He understands, accepts and most of all, listens. How will he answer me you ask? Not in an e-mail, letter or message, but in a way that you may think is luck or circumstance, but he will answer, help and respond to all your concerns! So my message to you is find the time to go to a place of worship and heal, for yourself and others. Here is a short prayer, say it out loud, say it clear, feel it in your heart.

#### Dear God:

Your life in me brings stillness to my turmoil. Your life in me brings clarity to my confusion. Your life in me brings wisdom to my worry. Your life in me brings contentment to my striving. Your life in me brings gentleness to my anger. Your life in me brings patience to my panic. Your life in me brings hope to my suffering. Your life in me brings faith to my frustration. Your life in me brings such heavenly treasure into my heart. And enables me to navigate a peaceful path. In you I find strength for my journey. Amen.



Your Chaplain, Regards, Andy

#### Donations from Legion,

Auxiliary, SAL, the Monday dinner crew and 50/50 drawings are going to the Warthogs MC (who are Police, Firefighters, & EMS workers who share a passion for motorcycles). They provide funds to Police, Firefighters, etc. and their families in need; they also provide scholarships to aspiring first responders. We have raised approx. \$1500 for this worthy 501(c)3 charitable organi-



-zation. We're getting back to our core mission of raising funds for worthwhile causes.

The Salem warthogs are in need of your help with our upcoming fundraiser to raise money for public safety officers and their families when they are killed in action, severely injured, or are otherwise in need of help. Public safety officers are the heroes of our communities and this is a great opportunity for us to give back. "Our love for our country, the bond of public safety, and our passion for motorcycles are combined to provide support to public safety officers and their families during their time of greatest need."

Shown above with Eric Welter is Mark Keeley, SAL member and representative from the Warthogs MC.

## 2nd Annual SAL Trunk R Treat Sat. Oct. 16th 2:00pm - 5:00pm



Open your heart and your car trunk to the kids of our

community. Sign up now to pass out candy! Contact SAL Commander Eric Welter: SALsquadron346@gmail.com or call: 248-478-9174 Sign-up sheet also available in the clubroom.

Just found the worst page in the entire dictionary! What I saw was disgraceful, disgusting, dishonest and disingenuous.

Does anyone know someone in the field of masonry who could help us deconstruct the memorial brick wall of the Post when we are ready to move? Contact Commander Marya



FOR SALE (or donation to a worthy cause) Invacare G5510 Full Electric Bed, Invacare G30 2 - Half-length Bed Rails, PLUS - Bed Spread with Matching Head, Foot and Rail Covers, and full instructions. Mattress included. Clean, good working order. For more info (& pics) contact Carol Hopson at: GrovesWalkerPost346@gmail.com



Honor Alert is proud to offer independence and early intervention for veterans. Liberty is a medical alert service available exclusively for veterans **at no cost to them**. No monthly fee, 30 day battery life, use it anywhere. For more information click here. <u>https://www.honoralert.com</u> Or call: (888) 581-4440



Founders Festival Parade 07/17/21



A small group of Legion, Auxiliary and SAL members participated in the Farmington Founder's Day Parade this year. This is the first year we have participated and we had a great time! Having missed the Memorial Day parade, we were grateful to take part in another annual Farmington tradition! Not pictured is our driver, Gene Hatfield.



#### Raising money while cleaning house It's a moving sale! Members get first dibs!

Preceding the sale of our building, we will be selling off some of the furniture and appliances at the Post. Please contact us if you might be interested in purchasing kitchen appliances and goods, tables, chairs, Christmas nativity figures, etc. No reasonable offers will be refused. Photos and descriptions available. **Put in your pre-sale request today** (quantities not guaranteed).

Get in on the deals before these items are offered to the general public! Contact Carol, Eric or Marya today! at: <u>GrovesWalkerPost346@gmail.com</u>

\* Pick up artists and garbage men should switch names.

\* What idiot called it a fly swatter and not a splatula?

\* Who called it your foot falling asleep and not comma toes?

\* I'm not sure what's more confusing, that we would celebrate killing two birds or that we would need to conserve stones.

\* If I was stuck on a desert island with only one record, I would want it to be the record for being able to swim the farthest.

\* One hard thing to explain to people under 20 is how legitimately exciting it used to be when someone would wheel in a movie projector to our classroom.

### Glossary of engineering terms (the service guy said what?)

Percussive maintenance (whack it with a hammer) High impedance air gap (it's not plugged in) Cycle power to the chip (turn it off, then on again) Thermally reconfigured (it melted) Kinetic disassembly (it blew up)

#### 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. Must present a DD-214 (DD-217, DD-256, or DD-257).

Auxiliary membership eligibility. 1) Relationship to veteran: Grandmother, mother, sister, daughter, granddaughter, male or female spouse, or 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, phone or email; also member death notices to your Legion, Auxiliary or SAL membership chairman.

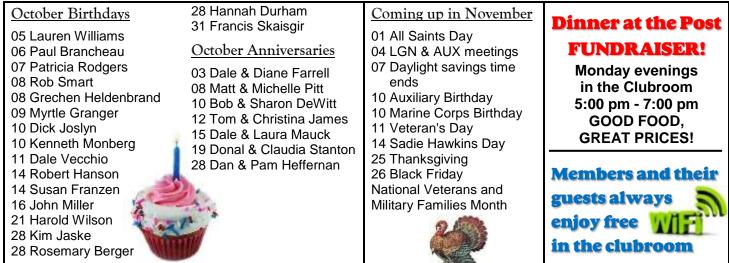


Thank You us on Facebook and keep up with all our

events at: facebook.com/ www.americanLegionPost346.org



 $\overset{}{\otimes}$ 



20 Rosemary Be	erger					
anniversaries	r, birthdays and s will only be list oon request.	ed Oct	tober 2	Ar 2021 f	yone can subr or the Bulletin, until the de	don't wait
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 Gold Star Mother's Day	<b>27</b> Dinner at the Post fundraiser 5 -7pm 50/50 drawing	28	29	30	1	2
3	<b>4</b> Dinner at the Post fundraiser 5 -7pm 50/50 drawing Child Health Day	5	6 SAL meeting 6:30pm	7 Legion & Auxiliary meetings 7:30pm	8	9 Leif Ericksen Day
10	11 Dinner at the Post fundraiser 5 -7pm 50/50 drawing Columbus Day	12	13 Navy Birthday	14	15 Bosses Day	16 SAL Trunk R Treat 2 - 5pm Sweetest Day
17	<b>18</b> Dinner at the Post fundraiser 5 -7pm 50/50 drawing	19	20	21 Home Board <u>meeting 6:30pm</u> Exec. Committee meeting 7:00pm	22 Submission Deadline for Nov/Dec Bulletin	23
24 United Nations Day Halloween 31	<b>25</b> Dinner at the Post fundraiser 5 -7pm 50/50 drawing	26	27	28	29	30
			٨			



#### 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.

We're proud to partner with the Department of Michigan American Legion

Dignity® B LIFE WELL CELEBRATED" DignityMichigan.com

**Rob Holton** 

REAL TOR®

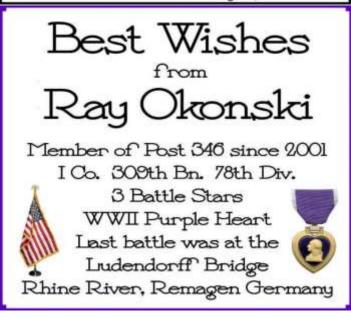
Office: 248-478-6000 Cell: 248-521-1134

200 UNZ

# You've Got a Friend in the Real Estate Business!



35615 Grand River Ave. Farmington, MI 48335



# Heeney Sundquist

FUNERAL HOME established 1850

Proudly supporting the Veterans of Groves - Walker Post 346

In Honor of American Legion Life Member Walter Sundquist 1926 - 2013

> Mark Ziegler President

# 248-474-5200

Farmington Road, Just N of Grand River Downtown Farmington