



The Groves-Walker Bulletin

American Legion Post 346 Farmington, Michigan

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Meeting Nights

1st Tue of the month 6:30pm: **SAL**
1st Thu of the month 6:30pm: **Legion & Auxiliary**
2nd Thu of the month 6:30pm: **Legion Riders**
3rd Thu of the month 6:30pm: **Executive Committee**
And at 7:30pm: **Home Board**

NEW!

Clubroom Hours

Monday - Friday: 4pm - 9pm
Weekends: 1pm - ?

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NEW!

Upcoming 18th District meetings:

May 19, 2pm: Chief Pontiac Post 377

4819 Mary Sue, Clarkston, MI 48346

Election of 2024-25 Officers

SAL DUES REMINDER:

Squadron 346 dues are **\$30** (\$15 for age 17 and under) for 2024. The membership year is from January 1 to December 31.

There was a misprint on the renewal notices sent out by State of MI HQ. They are asking you to send \$11 to renew your membership. THIS IS A MISPRINT. Squadron 346 dues are \$30 (\$15 for age 17 and under). Please don't delay your renewal by sending the wrong amount. Please renew your membership now!

Mail the dues notice sent from the state with your check in the amount of **\$30** (\$15 for age 17 and under), pay to the order of: SAL Squadron 346.

We are, once again looking for a used Pull Tab machine. If you know where the Post may be able to purchase one, please contact Marya or Carol.



Tickets available NOW for round 4C of the Queen of Hearts Progressive Raffle!

\$1 each

Need not be present to win.

More info and E-tickets

(via PayPal or Venmo) at:

346Queen@gmail.com



We have already given away 4 consolation prizes of \$50 each in Round 4C!

DATE-ENVELOPE-CARD

12/11 22 4 hearts
12/18 20 7 spades
01/08 23 A hearts
01/22 34 A spades
01/29 50 JOKER
02/05 45 Q diamonds
02/12 13 8 clubs
02/26 22 7 spades
03/04 31 10 hearts

DATE-ENVELOPE-CARD

03/11 28 6 clubs
03/18 05 2 hearts
03/25 23 A hearts
04/01 20 A spades
04/08 16 8 hearts
04/15 21 Q spades
04/22 39 3 hearts

Game paused until further notice.

Bricks from the Post's Memorial Brick Wall

are being returned to our members and their families.

Please email or text to let us know your brick(s) will

be claimed. Email to: gerrygalinet@gmail.com

or text to: 248-756-0161. **See list on page 6 of**

bricks that have not yet been claimed. Thank you

Please come to march (or ride) in the Memorial Day Parade! Monday May 27th

Parade starts at 10 am, parade staging begins at 9:30 am at the Zap Zone parking lot.

Veterans please wear your uniform or dark pants and white shirt with your Legion cap.

Auxiliary please wear dark pants or capris

And white shirt with your AUX pin(s).

NO shorts or T-shirts please!

Farewell party for our old building!

Friday April 26, 4:00pm - close

Potluck buffet (bring your favs!),

50/50 drawing (tickets on sale now!),

Joker Poker (special final game!)

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Groves-Walker Bulletin Editor - Carol Hopson

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Anyone can submit an article for the next Bulletin, including photos (articles may be edited for length and/or content). **Articles may be submitted at any time, please don't wait for the deadline of Friday June 21 for the July/Aug 2024 issue of the Bulletin.**

Please report your changes of name, address, phone or email; also member deaths, to your LGN, AUX, or SAL membership chairperson, Commander or President.

[Request a copy of your DD-214 \(DD-217, DD-256, or DD-257\) discharge paperwork by clicking here](#)



Don't forget, ELECTIONS for new 2024-25 Legion & Auxiliary will be held during May meetings at the Farmington Elks Lodge 30898 Ten Mile Rd, Just east of Orchard Lake Rd. Please try to attend these meetings, make your voice heard and your vote count!

Instead of Post 346 acting as a drop off point, please refer to the list below for worthy organizations who will gladly accept your charitable donations, Thank You!

CARES (27835 Shiawassee St, Farmington Hills 248-882-7800): In season clothing, food, sheets, blankets.

Michigan Veterans Foundation (4626 Grand River Ave Detroit, 313-831-5500): Clothing, towels, sheets, blankets, pillows, personal care items.

Your local library: Books, magazines, videos, CDs, DVDs

World Medical Relief Inc: (21725 Melrose Southfield, 313-866-5333): Medical equipment dressings, medications and fluids.



DOLLAR\$ AND SENSE

By Dave Harmon, Legion Finance Officer

Greetings! Since our last report, the space we had identified and had begun some preliminary work on, fell through. However, we have a new space on Farmington Road (21023 Farmington Rd. 2 blocks north of 8 mile Rd. next door to Meadows Liquor) and finalized the lease a couple weeks ago. We paid a deposit of \$12,150 (refundable when we vacate the premises - down the road). Work has commenced on the build-out of this space with the expectation we will occupy it within 2 - 3 months. We also have spent just under \$6000 on build-out expenses so far. To recap, the Auxiliary donated \$4000 and SAL donated \$10,000 towards the build-out. The balance of costs will be paid out of the proceeds of the sale of the old building, which are being held in the Home Board account at the bank. Do not hesitate to contact me with any questions, comments or concerns you may have. Respectfully submitted

MANY, MANY THANKS TO ALL OF YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT OF POST 346!!!

On May 31, 2024, the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs will launch a new program - [the Veterans Affairs Servicing Purchase \(VASP\) program](#) to help more than 40,000 veterans experiencing severe financial hardship avoid foreclosure and stay in their homes.

VASP is a new, last-resort tool in [VA's comprehensive suite](#) of home retention options for eligible veterans, active-duty Service members, and surviving spouses with VA-guaranteed home loans who are experiencing severe financial hardship. Through VASP, VA will purchase defaulted VA loans from mortgage servicers, modify the loans, and then place them in the VA-owned portfolio as direct loans. This will empower VA to work directly with eligible veterans to adjust their loans - and their monthly payments - so they can keep their homes. With VASP, these borrowers will have a fixed 2.5% interest rate, which will provide a consistent, affordable payment for the remainder of their loan.

Did You Know... ?

Law Day (May 1) was officially proclaimed by President Dwight D. Eisenhower in 1958. He stated "In a very real sense, the world no longer has a choice between force and law. If civilization is to survive it must choose the rule of law." From Public Law 87-20: The people of the United States "in appreciation of their liberties and the reaffirmation of their loyalty to the United States and of their rededication to the ideals of equality and justice in their relations with each other and with other countries; and for the cultivation of the respect for law that is so vital to the democratic way of life."

Commander's Corner...

Post 346 Commander

Marya Davis



Wow have we been busy! Thank you Carol, that moving sale was super profitable. Not only did we get some extra money for build out expenses, but we have earmarked some of it for an AED in the new building. Now that is a great investment in ourselves.

And how will you spend your summer? Close your eyes, put your finger on the Michigan map and make a vacation plan! Don't forget to let us know where you're going so if there is an American Legion Post close by, maybe you can help deliver some first aid kits made by our own Vitaliy Koponen for his eagle scout project. The plan is to distribute 100 free first aid kits to posts across Michigan.

If you are staying here in town, feel free to visit our friends at Elks Lodge 1986 near the corner of Orchard Lake and 10 Mile. Their bar plays by the same membership rules we do, so if you're there, you will need an Elks member to sponsor you if you wish to purchase alcohol. That shouldn't be hard, plenty of us are dual members. And they will keep us updated on their summer events like Flag Day coming up on June 14th.

Local shopping and eating in downtown Farmington. If you do not know what the Syndicate is - please ask! Start making the Farmers Market downtown a new tradition! Do you have any other shopping planned? Check out our information on the Toy Run the Riders will be making to Corewell Health's Childrens Hospital in Royal Oak. But wait, there's still more! The big Veterans Resource Fair on May 23rd at the Costick Center. What a wealth of knowledge and information. Check out our information on how to register to get your free Meijer gift card, there will also be food boxes given away that won't disappoint. Be sure to bring your DD-214 or get a fresh copy while you're there. I might actually sign up for a free dental checkup. Free gun locks are also available. And here's a nice value, free vehicle permits for Oakland County Parks and Recreation. 15 parks along with camping, golf courses, dog parks, water parks, and beaches. Pile the grandkids in the car and go have a day of fun.

And of course that brings us to the Memorial Day parade on Monday May 27th. All veterans will be staging in the Zap Zone parking lot beginning at 9:30 am, parade starts at 10 am. This year, the Scouts will be managing the hot dog reception at the Pavilion in Riley Park. They are doing all the cooking and clean up so that is a tremendous help for us.

There is plenty to do this Summer - Have Fun, Stay in Touch, and Stay Safe.

In Service,
Marya Davis, Commander

The more we share, the more we have.

My 2 Cents...

Unit 346 President

Carol Hopson



Short and sweet. I would simply like to request that all of our members read this Bulletin from beginning to end for upcoming events, moving information, and lots of important information you can use! See you at our next meeting.

That's my 2 cents worth,
I'm always willing to hear yours,
Carol Hopson, President

Vitaliy Koponen's Eagle Scout project (Troop 179) has been a great success so far!

Vitaliy (Jim Koponen's grandson) has been a proud member of our SAL his whole life and he frequently serves as bugler for many of our ceremonies. He plans to attend college to study nursing. Vitaliy's Eagle Scout project involves creating 100 first aid kits (at a cost of \$50 each) and distributing them to American Legion Posts across Michigan. These kits will ensure the safety and well-being of our veterans and community members. If you will be traveling within the state this summer, please contact Marya or Vitaliy about the possibility of dropping off a first aid kit to a Michigan Legion Post.

Contact information for Vitaliy:
Cell: 248-949-7396
Email: pitaboy28@gmail.com



The Scouts of Troop 179 gathered at the Post to assemble 100 first aid kits to be given at no charge to American Legion Posts across the state.



If you are able, please watch "Girls State" a documentary available on Apple+ streaming service. Well worth your time!



Bruno (Ted) Kulisz
April 16, 1930 - March 19, 2024

Age 93, of Farmington. Ted's unwavering love for his wife of 78 years, Elizabeth, defined his life. Ted is now reunited with both his sons, Danny and Terry, as he embarks on his eternal rest.



Ted's career spanned both Mario's and Larco's Restaurants, as well as Big Bills Sports in Dearborn Heights. His membership in community organizations - Elks, Moose, American Legion (since 2006), and Knights of Columbus - reflected unwavering commitment. Bowling alleys, golf greens, casinos, and card tables were his playgrounds. In lieu of flowers and as we bid farewell, let us raise a glass - not in sorrow, but in celebration. Ted's smile may have dimmed, but the joy he brought lives on. No service is planned at this time.
[Read his full obituary here.](#)

Joyce Eileen Frankford
September 8, 1930 - April 19, 2024

Age 93, of Wixom, born to Fred and Flora Troke. She was the beloved wife of the late Abe Frankford. She leaves a step-son, Michael and Kitty; four grandchildren, and three great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by step-son, David, sister, Amy, and brother, Frederick Lester.



Joyce also leaves behind two very loved and cherished nephews, who were a major part of her life, John and Kenneth Sherman. Joyce has been a member of American Legion Auxiliary Unit 346 since 1995. Her eligibility was through her late brother Fred Troke who served in the Navy/Seabees during the Korean war. Joyce was also one of the founding members of the Tuesday night Poker players. Entombment at Glen Eden Memorial Park Mausoleum. Memorial tributes in Joyce's name may be directed to the charity of one's choice. [Read her full obituary here.](#)

We will be joining the Farmington Elks (30898 Ten Mile Rd. just east of Orchard Lake Rd) for their **Flag Day ceremony** this year. Friday June 14, 2024. Watch your email for more details.

Have you seen our slideshow of photos at the bar? Over 700 pictures saved so far! If you have any fantastic photos of our Legion members past or present, please send them to the Post so we all can enjoy them. Please email digital files to: GrovesWalkerPost346@gmail.com or we can scan and return your original printed photos.

UPCOMING VETERANS RESOURCE FAIR

Thursday May 23, 9 am - 12 noon
at the Costick Activities Center
28600 W Eleven Mile Rd, Farmington Hills

Cost: Free – Registration required
Register at: tinyurl.com/rb3tbfsv

Please bring a copy of your DD-214 (or have a replacement printed on site) and proof of Oakland County residency. Representatives will be on-site to serve all veterans and their families with these resources:

FREE food boxes

Oakland County Veterans Services
Giving away Meijer vouchers.

Oakland County Michigan Works!
Oakland Cty

Neighborhood & Housing Development
Oakland County Parks & Recreation

[Learn more about free annual vehicle permits here.](#)

Detroit VA Healthcare System

Oakland County Health Network

VA Suicide Prevention

Providing free gun locks.

Gary Burnstein Community Health Clinic

Scheduling free dental appointments.

Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency

Printing DD-214's on site.

Ride SMART

For more information contact: Tyrone Jordan at:
jordant@oakgov.com or phone: 248-285-8016

The Doughboy Foundation announced the playing of taps at the new National WWI Memorial in Washington, D.C. in honor of MI American Legion Post 346 and its WWI namesakes Bertraw Groves and Lemuel Walker.

Every evening a bugler dressed in a WWI period uniform plays "Taps" at the new National WWI Memorial in Washington, D.C. This solemn nightly tribute is in honor of the Americans who served in WWI and the service of all U.S. veterans and active military personnel. It is sounded in this public gathering place for reflection on "the war that changed the world." The playing of taps may be viewed on [Doughboy Foundation's YouTube channel](#)

Come celebrate Armed Forces week at Mission BBQ

FREE sandwich for all veterans and active duty service members

- Army Monday, May 13th
 - Marine Corps Tuesday, May 14th
 - Navy Wednesday, May 15th
 - Air Force Thursday, May 16th
 - Coast Guard Friday, May 17th
 - Lunch with heroes . . . Saturday, May 18th 11 am - 2 pm
- Be sure to arrive before noon for our live National Anthem.

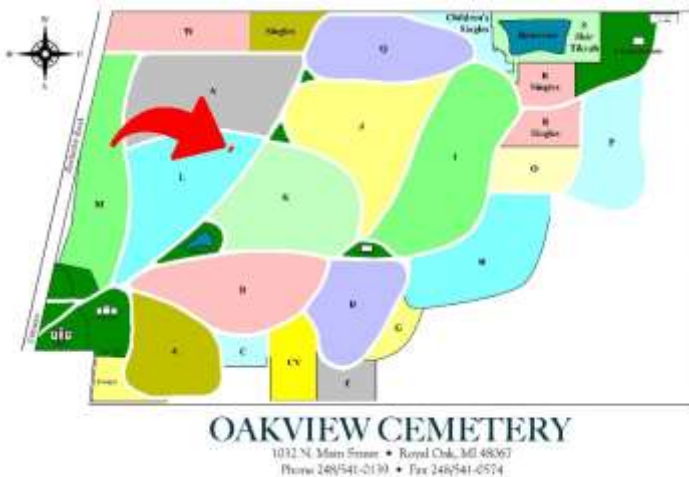


Cemetery Grave Sites/Burial Plots For Sale at beautiful Oakview Cemetery 1032 N Main St, Royal Oak, MI 48067

The graves, at today's value, are worth approx. \$4,000 each. There are six plots in total. Requesting \$1,400 each or \$7,400 for all six. Additional \$395 transfer fee paid directly to cemetery. Transfer fees are negotiable. Located in Section L Lot 584, graves 1-6.

These grave sites were generously gifted to our Legion. However, as most veterans choose to be buried in a National Cemetery, our best use of this gift is to sell them and use the funds so we can continue to serve the local veterans, their families, and the community.

Special for Post 346 members, plots given FREE, pay only the transfer fee!



Order free, at-home COVID tests from the government once again. Click here: covidtests.gov. NO Insurance information required, only name and address. Free tests, free shipping with USPS.

Theft watch! Many mailboxes in the area have been updated with new slots that allow only one-way insertion of envelopes. This makes it nearly impossible for thieves to steal your mail (checks, personal info, etc.). Look for these updated boxes and use them instead of older unsecured mail boxes!!

Need Internet or a Tablet for Appointments?

VA Telehealth (doctor visits) brings you the care you need, wherever you are. With video telehealth visits, you can save time and still talk face-to-face with your doctor. It can be difficult to use telehealth if you don't have internet or a video-capable device at home. VA is working to bridge this digital divide. [Here are the ways that VA can help you get connected.](#)

*One should always be a little improbable.
- Oscar Wilde*

7 Ways to Avoid a Scam

1. Be skeptical when anyone contacts you. Scammers can spoof calls and emails to make it look like they are coming from legitimate sources, including government agencies, charities, banks and large companies. Don't share personal information, usernames, passwords or one-time codes that others can use to access your accounts and/or steal your identity.

2. Don't click unknown links. Whether the link arrives via email, text or direct message, never click on it unless you're absolutely certain of the sender. If the message says it's from a company or government agency, call the company using a number that you look up on your own to confirm its legitimacy.

3. Be careful with your phone. If you suspect a spam call, don't respond or press a button. The safest option is to hang up or ignore the call entirely. You can always look up the organization and initiate a call yourself if you're worried there may actually be an issue.

4. Enable multifactor authentication. Add this feature to any of your accounts that offer it as an option.

5. Research companies before taking any actions. Before you make a purchase or donation, take a few minutes to review the company. Do a web search for its name plus "scam" and/or "reviews" and research charities on [CharityNavigator](#) and [CharityWatch](#)

6. Don't refund or forward overpayments. Be careful whenever a company or person asks you to refund or forward part of a payment. Often, the original payment is fraudulent and withdrawn later. As far as your bank is concerned, you are on the hook for any money you voluntarily send. See also item 5 on page 7.

7. Look for suspicious payment requirements. Scammers often ask for payments via wire transfer, money order, cryptocurrency or gift cards. Legitimate businesses do not request these types of payments.



Poppy Days are coming up on Friday (5/24), Saturday (5/25), and Sunday (5/26).

If you would like to offer poppies on street corners in town or in front of businesses (please get permission first), place a poppy donation canister at your favorite restaurant or place of business - please come to the May Legion and Auxiliary meetings to pick up poppies and donation canisters. Poppy information/e-donation instruction sheets are also available. Remember: We do not "Sell" poppies, we "Offer" them in exchange for donations. You can confidently tell the public that 100% of these donations are used for their intended purpose!



Unclaimed Memorial Bricks, do you know any of these members? Please contact Gerry or Carol.

Jean Ann & Phillip Abdo
Grace & Ralph Auten
Rowland "Bud" & Charlotte Bawden
Fred "Bobo" Bawden
Gail A & Carl M Birch
Charles F & Isabelle K Boyle
Capt Katherine M Bradley (2)
Frederick G & Anita K Bromm
John T Buck
Joan & Joe Busta
Mike Chapman
Johnny & Walter Clingan
Thomas R Conroy
Thomas T Conroy
John Cobb & George Raymond
George Danuk Post 330 Ferndale
Tom Dogonski
Joseph & Auth Doiron
Arthur T Durfee
John Fallone & Paul Ewald
Ralph W Farley
Tony & Blanche Faucher
Frank Flores Ferndale Post 330
Shirley M Furman
Jennifer & Nick Green
George & Glenn Griffin
Richard G & Patricia C Govan
George S & Mavis P Hearn
Alex Hughes Jr
Mary & Leonard Kawecki
R Stanley & Gladys Kent
John J & Phyllis C Klein
Nancy J Kolliker & Mom & Dad Crissman
Larion Brothers
Robert J MacDonald
Maynard S Martin - Betty R Martin
Carl & Judith Mau
Patricia & John Mayer
Donald J & Patricia M McAskin
Vernon R & Virginia M McBride
Wayne L & Harold I McCane
Donald W & Norma I McClellan
Peter McNeilly
Hal & Trena Quinn
Orville J & Ester I Roberts
Robert W & Hugh A Schulkins
Al & Helen Schneider
Joseph & Paul Sefernick
The Sheahan family
Richard H Shrum
The Sutherlands
LaVerne F & Ida M Wadenstorer
Debra Kent (Wadenstorer)
F Wadenstorer & A Carnivale
Ken Wallace



Chatter with the Chaplain
AUX Unit 346 Chaplain
Summer Ploski



Death hurts and there have been deaths in all our lives. Trials involving pain too. Time to reflect on a traditional Psalm in a modern language, Living Bible. See if you can guess which Psalm it is!

"Because the Lord is my Shepherd, I have everything I need! He lets me rest in the meadow grass and leads me beside the quiet streams. He restores my failing health. He helps me do what honors him the most. Even when walking through the dark valley of death, I will not be afraid, for you are close beside me, guarding, guiding all the way. You provide delicious food for me in the presence of my enemies. You have welcomed me as your guest, blessings overflow! Your goodness and unfailing kindness shall be with me all of my life and afterwards I will live with you forever in your home."

May God bless you, whenever you read his Word!
Shalom, Summer

I was once asked "Carol, why do you put so many Fraud & Scam articles in the Bulletin?"

So many reasons. 1) According to [AARP Fraud Watch Network](#), Americans lost a total of \$43 billion dollars to fraud in 2023, and with technology changing and advancing on a daily basis, this number just keeps on growing.

2) I have had personal friends of mine lose money through scams and feel embarrassed and ashamed to tell anyone about it. If you've been caught by one of today's sophisticated scams, it doesn't mean you're stupid or gullible, it means you're human. You are not alone, not by a long shot!

3) Everyone I know (including myself) receives dozens of emails, phone calls, texts, and advertising designed to take your hard earned savings, each and every week. Informing people about scams has become a personal quest.

4) There is so much information out there to help prevent frauds and scams, and I have this platform to spread information to my friends and fellow Legion members, why would I not take advantage of it? Knowledge is power and knowledge about scams could save you hundreds or thousands of dollars.

Thank you for asking, Carol

Difficult roads often lead to beautiful destinations.

Memorial Bricks cont.

Capt H L Weber
Harold & Elaine Westfall
Harold Westfall - The Old Fart
Robert W Yackley

Scammers might use new technology and recent events to add a twist to tried-and-true scams.

Learn about the latest scams to stay safer in 2024.

1. AI-Powered Scams

Scammers might use AI to: Write more convincing and natural-sounding phishing emails and text messages.

- Create [Deepfakes](#) of celebrities to trick victims into thinking they're investing in a good company or project.
- Impersonate the victim's friend or relative and ask for money as part of a grandparent scam.
- Impersonate an employer and ask for personal information.

2. Student Loan Forgiveness Scams

The scammers know people want to believe their student loans will be forgiven, and they'll use that. Scammers may contact you via phone or create phony application websites aimed at stealing your Social Security number or bank account information. They may put pressure on their victims with urgent messages that encourage you to apply for debt relief "before it's too late." Then they'll charge you a hefty application fee. It costs nothing to apply for student loan forgiveness, so someone asking you to pay a fee could be a scammer. In addition, the U.S. Department of Education won't contact you by phone. You can stay safe and avoid student loan forgiveness scams by going directly to the [Department of Education website](#).

3. Phone Scams

- Robocalls: Robocalls may offer everything from auto warranties to vacations, or issue a threat to try and get your attention. Some robocalls can even respond to your questions.
- Impersonators: Scammers impersonate IRS personnel, police, survey takers, relatives, delivery people and well-known companies to threaten you or gain your trust. They use scare tactics related to your Social Security number, and/or bank account before asking for your personal, account or credit card information.
- QR codes: These convenient codes have gained popularity as a touchless option to do things like read a restaurant menu or make a payment. However, scammers place their QR codes in inconspicuous spots, and scanning the code could prompt you to make a small purchase or enter your credentials on a look-alike website.
- One-time password (OTP) bots: Some scammers use so-called OTP bots to trick people into sharing authentication codes. The scammer might try to log in to your account, prompting the company to send you a one-time code. At the same time, the bot imitates the company and calls, texts or emails you asking for the code. If you respond, it sends the code to the scammer, who can now log in to your account.
- Text: These scams can take many forms, but the scammers often impersonate a well-known company, such as a bank, online retailer, delivery company or government agency. They might say there was suspicious activity in your account, your bill is past due, your item couldn't be delivered or that you were selected for a job interview.

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They then ask you to click on a link or call a number. Often, these are attempts to get you to share personal information or install malware on your device.

4. Zelle Scams

The scammer might email, text or call you pretending to work for your bank or credit union's fraud department. They'll claim that a thief was trying to steal your money through Zelle, and that they have to walk you through "fixing" the issue. Then, they may instruct you to send the money to yourself, but the money will actually go to their account. [Report a scam to Zelle here](#).

5. Romance Scams

Scammers often steal someone's identity or create fake profiles on dating and social media apps to meet victims. Scammers may use stock photos and make excuses for why they can't meet in person. After gaining your trust, they may ask you to buy them something or send them money. Or, the person may "mistakenly" send you money and ask you to send it back or forward it to someone else. If your bank later determines that their payment was fraudulent, that amount will be withdrawn from your account. See also item 6 on page 5.

6. Online Purchase Scams

Some scammers set up fake stores, buy ads for websites on social media, or list items for sale on online marketplaces. The scammers might take your money and never send anything in return. Always look for red flags such as too-good-to-be-true prices, lack of details or high-pressure sales tactics. Paying with your credit card can also help limit potential losses, if you don't receive a product or service.

7. Employment Scams

Employment scams use enticing lures to target people who've been out of work. Some scammers take a slow approach with interviews and a legitimate-seeming operation. They then collect personal information from your employment forms, or tell you need to buy equipment or training. Other scams get right to the point and promise guaranteed or easy income—if you purchase their program. Sometimes, a fake employer sends a large paycheck and asks you to send the "extra" back—a version of the popular overpayment scam (see #5). You may also see job opportunities that involve receiving money and sending funds to another account, or receiving and reshipping packages. These "money mule" and "reshipping mule" jobs are often part of illegal operations, and you could be personally liable.

8. Check Fraud

Criminals break into mailboxes and rob mail carriers to steal personal info and checks. If you mail a check and it's stolen, they might use it to create a counterfeit check and withdraw large amounts of money from your account. It might be best to avoid writing and mailing checks altogether. Making digital payments is much safer today, especially via your bank's website (if available). If you have to send a check, some pens, such as Uni-Ball pens, claim to stop check washing. Also the US Postal Service is upgrading mailboxes with new anti-theft slots, look for and use them.

Post 346 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 any time after Dec. 7, 1941 **AND** have been honorably discharged or are still serving. Potential member must present a valid DD-214 (DD-217, DD-256, or DD-257) with membership application.

Auxiliary membership eligibility. 1) Relationship to veteran: Grandmother, mother, sister, daughter, granddaughter, male or female spouse, or self (for female veterans). Per IRS regulations, step-relatives are not eligible. The IRS only allows two degrees of a blood line, so great granddaughters and beyond are not eligible. Potential member must present a valid DD-214 (DD-217, DD-256, or DD-257) of the related veteran with membership application.

2) a) 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.

b) **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.

Sons of the American Legion membership eligibility.

1) Relationship to veteran: All male descendants adopted sons, and stepsons. Potential member must present a valid DD-214 (DD-217, DD-256, or DD-257) of the related veteran with membership application.

2) a) 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.

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We know how hard it is to know everything you need to take care of when a loved one passes away. Legion Service Officers can help a deceased veteran's family receive all the benefits they may be entitled to. Remember, and tell your loved ones:

- 1) Know where your DD-214 is.
- 2) Tell your funeral director the deceased was a veteran.
- 3) Contact your Post, and not only can you receive the help of a Service Officer but, the Post's Honor Guard can help with a military funeral service. Other benefits might include a free burial plot, headstone, survivor benefits, burial expenses, and an American flag to drape the deceased's casket.

Post 346 merchandise makes great gifts! Show your support of our military & veterans

Bracelets are \$5 each. Stylish for men and women!



Official Post 346 Bottle Koozie
\$5 each, asst. colors, zippered.



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one color, adjustable size.



Blue Star & Gold Star Banners

Show pride in your family members who are serving now or were KIA.

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Banners are available with 1 to 5 Blue Stars (one per service member) or 1 Gold Star (for deceased).

Banners measure 14" x 8".

Also available from Carol Hopson.



If you would like to obtain hard copy(s) of one (or more) of the **Past Commander or Past President photos** on display at the Post, they are available for \$5 per 8x10 glossy. Please contact Carol Hopson.



Post 346 T-shirts

See samples, long sleeves, asst. colors, asst. sizes, \$25 each



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

May Birthdays

03 Joseph (Cliff) Lauzon
 10 Gary Grant
 13 Donal Guetchow
 14 Pete Kashubara
 14 Robert DeWitt
 19 Laurie Holm
 21 Danielle Jankowski
 23 Cortney Brancheau
 23 Sandi Koponen
 23 Mary Naylor
 24 Don Gould
 27 Walter Andersook
 29 William Topper
 29 Al Schneider

May Anniversaries

07 Martin & Judy Kozicki
 08 Mike & Gail Williams
 09 Don & Ann Gould
 18 Jim & Joyce Pearse
 22 Denny & Diana Lis
 24 Brian & Danielle Jankowski
 25 Mark & Beth Gentile



We believe membership applications are something that every Post member should carry with him or her at all times. See membership eligibility requirements on page 7. Legion, Auxiliary and Sons of the Legion applications are ALWAYS available at the Post.

ADVERTISE IN THE BULLETIN!

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

TABS FOR TOTS

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

Want to see your name above?

Please contact Carol H at:
 GrovesWalkerPost346@gmail.com

May 2024

Keep an eye on your email for construction updates

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 Clubroom open 1:00 pm - close With Mustache Mike	29 Post Closed	30 Post Closed  Vietnam War ends 1975	1 May Day/Law Day	2 Legion & Auxiliary meetings 6:30pm @ Elks Lodge 	3	4
5  Cinco de Mayo National EOD Day	6 Bob Hope's first USO show 1941 <u>Nurses Day</u> Teachers Day	7 SAL meeting 6:30pm location TBD 	8 VE Day 1945	9 Riders meeting 6:30pm location TBD 	10	11
12  Mothers Day	13	14	15 Peace Officers Memorial Day	16 Exec. Committee meeting 6:30pm Home Board meeting 7:30pm location TBD	17	18  Armed Forces Day
19	20  Endangered Species Day	21	22 Natl Maritime Day	23 Vet Fair 9am – noon Costick Center	24 Poppy Days 	25 
26 	27 Memorial Day Parade 	28	29	30	31	1 JUNE

June Birthdays
 01 George (Skip) Nafe
 05 John Berling
 06 Harold Henderlong
 09 Jim Salling Sr.
 09 Steven Watts
 11 Jackie Dix
 12 Theresa Knittel
 15 John Mirling
 19 June Schwartz
 20 Carol Hopson
 20 Ann Saviniemi
 20 Jim Koponen
 25 Colin Williams
 28 Art Mikkola

June Anniversaries
 08 John & Tammy Berling
 18 Robert & Tina Rossi
 26 Rob & Jan Smart



Coming up in July
 04 Independence Day
 No LGN meeting
 No AUX meeting
 10 Post 346 Birthday (1923)
 20 Man first sets foot on the moon 1969
 27 Korean War Armistice 1953
 28 Parents Day

Dinner at the Post-FUNDRAISER!
 Monday evenings
 Serving 5:30 - 7:00 pm
GOOD FOOD, GREAT PRICES!

Members and their guests always enjoy free WiFi



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

June 2024

All meetings listed for this month are TBD and may be cancelled.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 Poppy days 	27 Memorial Day Parade 	28	29	30	31	1
2	3	4 SAL meeting 6:30pm location TBD 	5	6 Legion meeting 6:30pm location TBD  D Day 1944	7	8  World Ocean Day
9	10	11	12  Women Veterans Day	13 Riders meeting 6:30pm location TBD 	14 Flag Day @ Elks Lodge	15
16  Fathers Day	17	18	19 Juneteenth	20 Exec. Committee meeting 6:30pm Home Board meeting 7:30pm location TBD	21 Submission Deadline for July/Aug Bulletin	22 First day of Summer
23 30	24	25  Korean War began 1950	26	27	28	29



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