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



Hello Legionnaires, SAL & Auxiliary,

My year as Commander is coming to an end and the coming weeks 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 to our members and all veterans. I encourage all members to cast their respective votes and let their voices be heard by attending the next important meeting. Please note that any nominated individual must be present to either accept or decline the nomination during the election/nomination process and they must have fulfilled the requirements as outlined in the Post Constitution and By-Laws.

My thanks to the SAL and Denny for a wonderful pre-St. Patrick's Day feast. The food was great as usual! We have a lot of things in the works with the up-coming Cinco De Mayo fundraiser, the Memorial Day parade and many other events so I encourage everyone to get involved and volunteer for these events where you can. Remember, if you don't come forward no one will ever know you are available to help. Look for sign-up sheets in the clubroom for these events and let us know you can help. We always appreciate our volunteers. Please remember to check your email daily as we are sending out some really great ideas and donation requests and I would hope that our members will step up and support our Post.

On a closing note, I want each and every member to know that if I'm re-elected as Commander for another term, I'll continue to move this Post forward to the best of my ability and with the help of your fellow elected officers and your great ideas. Any suggested idea could be the next best thing since sliced bread for this Post but will only end up as crumbs on the plate to be washed away if you don't voice them.

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



Members and friends,

Well, finally it looks like spring has arrived. Yippee! After being in Florida for a couple of weeks it's nice to come home to no snow and the flowers starting to bloom! The trip was not too bad, I am a bad passenger! We stopped at a couple of Legion Posts along the way and were impressed and made to feel very welcome. Some of the functions we found at other Posts were Bar Bingo, serving food almost every day, slot machines (for entertainment only), and karaoke.

We did not have very many members attending the March meeting, I hope this was not because of illness. If driving is a problem for you, give me a call, we can have someone pick you up on their way!

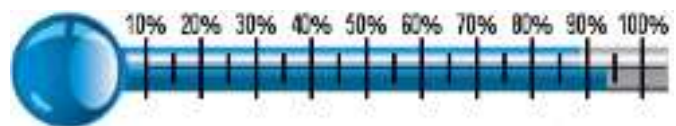
Commander Dale Baxter has asked the Auxiliary for table decorations, food service, and desserts for the Cinco de Mayo dinner. We all need to help as much as possible as the profits will be going toward a new roof for the Post. Come on down, maybe you will go home a little richer as that is also the date of the Post raffle drawing.

I will be calling the MVF soon to come for a pickup so if you have anything to donate to them, bring it down to the Post. The Relay for Life painting event went very well, we do have some very artistic people in our Clubroom! And by the time you receive this Bulletin we will have had new carpeting installed in the Clubroom, come on down and take a look!

Yours in Service,
 Leah Brancheau, President
 248-474-5054
 with David Hall

2017 Membership

Legion 250 - goal 283 = 88%



Auxiliary 139 - goal 148 = 94%

Saturday May 20th is the Farmington Farmer's Market opening day. Watch for the Post 346 Hot dog booth. Selling hot dogs & spreading the good word about the American Legion!



Be an Early-Bird!
 Pay your 2018 dues early
 (beginning July 1, 2017)
 Be eligible for CASH Prizes!



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Hola! Happy Cinco de Mayo and the best of luck to everyone entered in the Big Post Raffle Drawing! 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 Jul/Aug 2017 edition of the Bulletin is Saturday June 17th.**

Thank you, Carol Hopson, Editor

Please consider marching with your fellow veterans and Post members at the **Farmington Memorial Day Parade** on May 29 beginning at 10 am (line-up by 9 am). If you cannot walk the entire 1 mile parade route, transportation can be provided. Wearing your military uniform or dark slacks, white shirt and your Legion cap is appreciated. Auxiliary and SAL are encouraged to join in (same dress code as above, Aux. please wear your Aux. pin(s)) Let's look good out there representing the American Legion!



Poppy Days are right around the corner May 18th, 19th and 20th

Poppies will available at the Post after May 1st and at the May Legion and Auxiliary meetings. Farmington Hills asks those who will be offering poppies on the street to provide us with a copy of their driver's license by May 1st. We need as many members as we can offering poppies on the streets and in front of stores (with permission). Can't offer poppies on the street anymore, but still want to help? Ask the manager of your favorite store or restaurant if you can put a donation canister near their register(s). Please inform them that they are not responsible for it, then check up on it each week or two.

You will also be receiving a poppy letter in the mail soon, please donate generously so that Post 346 may continue to donate funds to both veteran and active military causes.

Learn more about the Poppy program at:
www.alaforveterans.org/Poppy

Thank you for your help,
Tammy Festian, Auxiliary Poppy Chairman
Skip Nafe, Legion Poppy Chairman



Don't forget, elections for our 2017-18 Post and Auxiliary officers will be held during the May meeting. Installation may be held in June. Please plan on attending this meeting. Make your voice heard and your vote count!



The Farmington Area Commission on Aging and the City of Farmington Hills Special Services Department Adults 50 & Better program hosted their annual Volunteer Breakfast on April 6 at the Costick Center. The Gold Award, given to individuals 50 years or better, was presented to our own **Art Mikkola**. This award provides the Farmington Area Commission on Aging the opportunity to recognize and honor volunteers providing outstanding service in our community. Photo: Carol Hopson

Jr. Vice Commander Andy Machcinski

Summer is coming much quicker than anyone expected and with that, the activity level at the Post goes through the roof, which needs fixing! As previously mentioned the elections for new officers are here and we need every Legionnaire to make his or her vote count to elect those who will keep our Post strong and growing.

Other events that will soon be here are the Memorial Day Parade, Cinco de Mayo with tacos with the BIG raffle drawing, Flag Retirement ceremony and of course Poppy Days. Make sure you always check the newsletter and your email to stay on top of what's happening at the Post.

Please support your Post and our activities and don't miss a chance to be a part of the fun. Be a friend, introduce a veteran to our Post, and most of all we need YOU to come to meetings. Get active and have fun, remember this is YOUR Post, so "Come On In!" See you at the next meeting.

Regards, Andy Machcinski, Jr. Vice Commander



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Michigan American Legion Auxiliary Girls State

will be held at Shaw Hall on the MSU campus in East Lansing on June 18 thru 24, 2017. The cost per girl is \$350. If you or someone you know is interested in attending, young women must have just completed their junior year of high school to be eligible for the program.

Girls State objectives:

To develop leadership and pride in American citizens.
To educate citizens about our system of government.
To instill a greater understanding of American traditions.
To stimulate a desire to maintain our democratic government processes.

If you have a daughter or grand-daughter that might be interested in learning more about Girls State, please call Judy Mau, Girls State Chairwoman at 734-453-4142.

Mother & Father's Day Extravaganza Craft Show

Saturday May 6, 10am - 5pm

Free admission, lots of local crafters and vendors,
sponsored by Jenni's Illuminations

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 dessert

\$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 have received 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 are still available for purchase from
the Clubroom, Marya Davis and Carol Hopson

You need not be present to win

Proceeds will go toward a new roof for Post 346
MI license #R40661

To American Legion Post 346, Just a note to say
thank you again for hosting our 6th Annual Spaghetti
Dinner Fund-raiser for the American Cancer Society. This
year our dinner was a BIG success. Together - we raised
a little over \$3,200 for the ACS 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



Cub Scout Pack 45 from Longacre School came for
Coney Night on Feb. 27 and gave a generous donation to
Commander Dale toward our building repair fund. Shown
here with Dale is Cub Scout Master Jeremy Gagnon and
Scouts from Pack 45. Photo: Carol Hopson



Emma Turkmani (with Girls State Chair. Judy Mau) visited
our March Aux. meeting to tell us about her experience at
this year's Girl's State program. She says that she would
like to strive for a future in government and promises that
she will be recruiting underclassmen for next year's Girl's
State program. Photo: Carol Hopson



Livonia Blue Gymnastics Team Thanks Post 346 for their
support in helping us send CARE packages overseas for
the men and women serving our country. With your help
we were able to fill 35 boxes with food, toiletries, playing
cards, sports equipment, and much more. Thanks again!
Lisa Broomfield, Livonia Blue Gymnastics Coach

TAPS

Joseph Seyuin

August 11, 1919 - March 26, 2017

Age 97, Joseph was born in Linwood, MI the son of Nelson and Emma (Jasman) Seyuin. Joseph was a boxer in Linwood and was known as "Lightening Joe" and would have become a professional boxer, having earned his Golden Gloves, but chose to begin working in Detroit at Goddard & Goddard Tool Company. While working at Goddard & Goddard, Joseph was introduced to the daughter of his Foreman, Gatha Edgerly. Joseph and Gatha had a very brief courtship and were married February 7, 1942. They were married 72 years when Gatha passed away on August 25, 2014. Joseph served in the United States Navy during World War II on board the U.S.S. Wisconsin. He was a 50 year member of the Groves-Walker American Legion Post 346 in Farmington. He is survived by his children, Joann Schlicht and Joseph (Mary) Seyuin; 16 grandchildren, 21 great grandchildren, 14 great great grandchildren; and sister, Anna Jodway. Sadly, in addition to his wife, Gatha, Joseph was preceded in death by his daughter, Ruth Kelley, and brother, Lawrence Seyuin. Funeral Service at Heeny-Sundquist Funeral Home. Interment, with US Naval honors at Mt. Hope Memorial Gardens, Livonia. Memorial tributes may be directed to Angela Hospice.



Charles W. Sutherland

September 18, 1924 - May 19, 2016

Age 91 of Novi MI. US Army Veteran of WWII from 1943-46. Beloved husband of Patricia, loving father of Gail Ann (William) Schenkel, C. William (Miriam) Sutherland, Robert Chesley, Brian (Anne) Chesley and Scott (Michele) Chesley. Cherished grandfather of 7, great-grandfather of 12. Dear brother of the late Lawrence D. Sutherland. Memorial Service was held at the First Presbyterian Church of Farmington. Memorials suggested to Angela Hospice Livonia.



Ronald C. Tederington

May 17, 1928 - February 10, 2016

Age 87 of Farmington Hills. Husband of the late Berna Dean Hackett for 60 years. Loving father of Sandra Allen, Diana (Randall) Brooks, and the late Ronald (Alberta) Tederington. Grandfather of 10, great grandfather of 14. Dear brother of John (Lillian) Tederington. Funeral Service at Kenwood Church of Christ in Livonia. Interment White Chapel Memorial Cemetery

Someone's sitting in the shade today
because someone planted a tree
a long time ago. - Warren Buffet

Hubert "Red" Wilson

March 14, 1925 - November 10, 2016

Age 91 of Farmington. Proud World War II Veteran and 27 year member of American Legion Post 346. Hubert studied at the Ford Trade School, became a journeyman Tool and Die Maker, and retired from GM Diesel. He is survived by his beloved wife Mary and preceded in death by his dear first wife Madelyn. Hubert was the father of Patricia (Dale) Dahlin, grandfather of Dr. Donald (Darlene) Dahlin, Bridgette (Hal) Collins, and great-grandfather of 4. Funeral arrangements Thayer-Rock Funeral Home Farmington.



Collection of war letters preserves our past

April 6, 2017 marked the 100th anniversary of America's entry into World War I. In commemoration we mention a special initiative to save America's war letters by historian Andy Carroll. The project is called the Center for American War Letters (CAWL) and is located at Chapman University in Orange California. The collection now holds approximately 100,000 wartime correspondences - from hand written letters penned during the American Revolution to emails from Iraq and Afghanistan. Andy and CAWL are kicking off an ambitious "Million Letters Campaign." Andy will travel nationwide speaking at public libraries, museums, places of worship, military academies, American Legion Posts and more to explain the importance of these correspondences and encourage people to share their own war-related letters and emails. If you know of someone who has war letters, please share this information so that the stories and voices of the men and women who have sacrificed so much for our nation can be preserved. Submissions can be sent to Andrew Carroll/CAWL Chapman University, One Orange Dr, Orange CA 92866 (originals are preferred, but scans are also appreciated). Learn more at www.WarLetters.us



Flag Day is coming up on June 14th

Our annual Flag Day/Flag Retirement Ceremony will be on Wednesday June 14th. This is a time-honored, meaningful ceremony to dispose of our nation's flags with patriotism, dignity and honor when they reach the end of their serviceable career. Joining us will be the Farmington Knights of Columbus, Civil Air Patrol Cadet Honor Guard, Miss Farmington and our local boy and girl scouts. Light refreshments are typically served afterward.



May Birthdays

- 1 Gloria Bytner
- 1 Ida Wadenstorer
- 1 Brandy Chritz
- 3 Joseph (Cliff) Lauzon
- 10 Gary Grant
- 14 Pete Kashubara
- 14 Robert DeWitt
- 19 Laurie Holm
- 21 Richard Heinrichs
- 21 Jack Worrall
- 21 Danielle Jankowski
- 23 Cortney Brancheau
- 23 Sandi Koponen
- 23 Mary Naylor
- 24 Don Gould

- 27 Walter Andersook
- 27 Stanley Beattie
- 28 Vernon McBride
- 29 William Topper
- 29 Al Schneider
- 31 Mary White

May Anniversaries

- 7 Martin & Judy Kozicki
- 8 Mike & Gail Williams
- 9 Don & Ann Gould
- 13 Carl & Verna Steen
- 18 Jim & Joyce Pearse
- 24 Brian & Danielle Jankowski
- 25 Mark & Beth Gentile



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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Please donate generously when you receive your poppy letter in the mail. Thank You!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 May Day/Law Day	1 Coney Night 5:00 - 7:30pm May Day/Law Day	2 Exec. Committee Meeting 7:00pm	3	4 Legion and Aux meetings 7:30pm Election of new officers	5 Cinco de Mayo Dinner and Raffle Drawing 5:00pm  Cinco de Mayo	6 Mother & Father's Day Craft Show 10am - 5pm Nurses Day Teachers Day
7	8 Coney Night 5:00 - 7:30pm V-E Day	9	10 SAL meeting 7:30pm	11	12	13
14  Mother's Day	15 Coney Night 5:00 - 7:30pm 	16 Home Board meeting 7:00pm	17	18 POPPY DAYS 	19 POPPY DAYS 	20 POPPY DAYS Farmington Farmer's Market Opening Day 9:00am - 2:00pm Armed Forces Day
21	22 Coney Night 5:00 - 7:30pm National Maritime Day	23	24	25	26	27
28	29 Farmington Memorial Day Parade 10am  Memorial Day	30 Exec. Committee Meeting 7:00pm	31	1 Legion meeting 7:30pm NO Aux. meeting June	2	3



<p>June Birthdays</p> <p>1 George (Skip) Nafe 2 Charles Scott Jr. 2 Norman Wilcox 3 David Slanaker 5 Roxann Watts 6 Harold Henderlong 7 Frank Mellert 8 Deborah Popp 9 Jim Salling Sr. 9 Steven Watts 11 Jackie Dix 11 Ray Okonski 15 John Grossman 15 John Mirling 16 Lorraine Christensen 16 John Ricco 19 June Schwartz</p>	<p>20 Carol Hopson 20 Jim Koponen 23 William Ellis 23 Jimmy Davis 24 Larry Gooden 25 Jurnee Brent 25 Colin Williams 28 Art Mikkola 28 Richard Soma</p> <p>June Anniversaries</p> <p>2 Vernon & Virginia McBride 9 Virgil & Lois Thill 15 Bob & Marilyn Smart 18 Robert & Tina Rossi 26 Rob & Jan Smart 29 Marty & Jen Chinn</p>	<p>Coming up in July</p> <p>4 Independence Day 6 Legion meeting NO Aux. Meeting 10 Post 346 Birthday 1922 16 Ramadan 23 Parents Day 27 Korean War Armistice 1953</p> 	<p>MONDAY CONEY On Vacation Every Monday in the Club See You in September 5 pm - 7:30 pm 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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June 2017



Welcome Summer!

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4	5	6  D-Day	7	8  World Ocean Day	9	10
11	12	13	14 SAL meeting 7:30pm Flag Day Ceremony 7:00pm Army Birthday 1775	15	16	17 Submission deadline for Jul/Aug Bulletin
18  Father's Day	19 Juneteenth (Emancipation Day)	20 Home Board Meeting 7:00pm	21 Summer Solstice	22 State Convention Flint 6/22 - 6/25 michiganlegion.org 	23	24
25  Korean War began 1950	26	27	28	29	30	1 July



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Ludendorff Bridge
Rhine River, Remagen Germany



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- Meetings
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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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