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American Legion Post 346 Farmington, Michigan

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Meeting Nights

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

Clubroom Hours

Monday - Friday: 4pm - 9pm
Sunday: 1pm - 4pm

Contact Info

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

Upcoming 18th District meetings:

May 21, 2pm: Chief Pontiac Post/Unit 377
4819 Mary Sue, Clarkston, MI 48346
(election of officers for 2023-2024)

July 16, 2pm: Oldenburg Post 216
510 W Commerce Rd, Milford, MI 48381
(installation of new 2023-24 officers)

The banquet rooms of the Post are still available to our members, family and friends. We ask only for a donation for their use, on an as-is basis. Please contact Eric for more details.

We are looking for new volunteers to help in planning the Memorial Day Parade and Post Open House. Please contact Marya.

Please remember that all of the cooks & bartenders at our Post work on a volunteer basis. Please tip them generously at the end of your stay.



National Poppy Day is Friday May 26th

Members will be offering poppies to the public on May 26th, 27th and 28th.

Queen of Hearts Round 3!

Cash consolation prizes!

\$50 if you find a **3, 4** or **6** of any suit.

Tickets available NOW in the clubroom! \$1 each

Need not be present to win. MI License #C30429

More info and E-tickets at: 346Queen@gmail.com

Jackpot is up to (at least) - \$5600

Date	Envelope	Card	Date	Envelope	Card
06/13	42	6 spades	01/09	02	10 clubs
06/20	24	8 hearts	01/23	36	8 diamonds
06/27	26	A diamonds	01/30	30	Q diamonds
07/11	19	Q spades	02/06	31	3 hearts
07/18	21	9 clubs	02/13	07	A spades
07/25	46	9 hearts	02/27	29	5 clubs
08/01	05	3 spades	03/06	22	A clubs
08/08	40	6 hearts	03/13	13	J hearts
08/15	16	5 spades	03/20	49	A hearts
08/22	08	6 clubs	03/27	27	8 clubs
08/29	28	J diamonds	04/03	23	8 spades
09/12	50	4 diamonds	04/10	47	5 hearts
09/19	09	9 spades	04/17	18	7 hearts
09/26	45	Q clubs	04/24	25	2 clubs
10/03	17	6 diamonds			
10/17	20	3 clubs			
10/24	04	J clubs			
10/31	06	K diamonds			
11/07	11	4 clubs			
11/14	38	4 spades			
11/21	41	10 diamonds			
11/28	01	3 diamonds			
12/05	39	K hearts			
12/12	03	7 spades			
12/19	34	J spades			



Queen of Hearts info:

- We are up to drawing #40, only 12 cards left!
- We have given out \$550 in consolation prizes for finding a 3, 4 or 6 of any suit. There is only one more consolation prize to be found!
- If the (Round 3) Queen is found before our 52 week state raffle license expires, we will start a new round of drawings the following Monday! Round 4 of the Queen will last until our license expires on 07/31/23.

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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 can be submitted at any time, please don't wait for the deadline of Tuesday June 20th for the July/August 2023 issue of the Bulletin.**

Vet Fair at the Costick Center

May 25, 2023, 9:00 AM - Noon

28600 W Eleven Mile Road, Farmington Hills

Register at: tinyurl.com/mr3ct9ej

Be sure to pre-register to be in a drawing to receive a \$50 Meijer Gift card!! (Oakland county residents only) Representatives will be onsite to serve all veterans, active duty, guard and reserves, and their families with these resources:

- FREE food boxes
- Gary Burnstein Community Health Clinic: Scheduling free dental appointments
- Detroit VA Healthcare System: Registration help and exams for non-enrolled Veterans
- Oakland County Parks & Recreation: Free annual vehicle permits. Learn more here: bit.ly/3BwDtDo
- Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency: Printing DD214s on-site
- Oakland County Veterans' Services: Providing information and claims assistance regarding benefits and giving away \$50 Meijer gift cards
- Oakland County Housing & Neighborhood Development: Helping residents with housing counseling and more
- Oakland Community Health Network: Addressing behavioral health issues, including behavioral health needs for children
- Oakland County Michigan Works!: Career planning, training programs, job search resources
- VA Suicide Prevention: Providing free gun locks
- Ride SMART: Info on the Oakland County Veteran Transportation Program



Don't forget, elections for new 2023-24 LGN, AUX & SAL Officers will be held during May meetings. Please try to attend these meetings, make your voice heard and your vote count!



Community Blood Drive

Monday May 22, 1 - 7pm
at Monaghan Hall 19801
Farmington Rd Livonia



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Appointments preferred, walk-ins welcome (as schedule allows). Call 866-MIBLOOD or visit <http://www.versiti.org/MI> to schedule. All attempting donors will be entered for a chance to win \$1000 in gift cards to a waterpark resort.

Fundraisers

Do you have kids or grandkids that have fundraisers coming up through their schools, scout troops, sports teams, etc? Bring their sign up sheets down to the club room, we love supporting our kids and our communities!

Hope to see everyone at our annual Flag Day - Flag Retirement Ceremony on Wednesday June 14th at 6:00pm

Taking place in the parking lot. Please join us for this meaningful ceremony which honors the retirement of our nation's flags with patriotism, dignity and honor when they reach the end of their serviceable career. Joining us will be the Knights of Columbus and our local scouts.



Please stay after the ceremony to join us for a nice dinner, courtesy of a donation from Thornton & Grooms Plumbing, **special thanks to Christian Baxter.**

Looking for volunteers to help spruce up our property prior to the Memorial Day parade and Post Open House. Also looking for the loan of outdoor canopies for the parking lot. And we will also need more red "Solo" cups and TP for the Open House. Please contact Eric.

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 a fee of \$10 per 8x10 glossy. Please ask in the clubroom or contact Carol Hopson.



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



We are still searching for a new building. The most recent option was to rent at CrossFit, just a little closer (2 blocks) to the center of Farmington on Grand River. But that fell through when additional costs, recently added, made it unreasonable to maintain without draining the money we will be receiving from the sale of the building.

The good news is we have a little more time before we are homeless. The very kind buyer of our building said he does not intend to demolish and rebuild until the 1st of next year due to freeze laws. So, once we close on the sale in October, we will have that money in the bank and we will be able to stay here at no additional charge. And here is the best news. The new owner of our property intends to name the housing complex he will be building "Legion Square." It warms my heart. Keep in mind, we will never be homeless. The Elks have graciously offered for us to use their building in the short-term for flexibility during moving and build out.

Our budget will be tight during this coming summer. We will be sending out our annual donation letter. Last year our membership all gave generously and we received \$5,000. In addition to the donation letters, it is so important to support the Post by visiting and attending dinners and activities. Keep those paper products rolling in! That is such a big help with our daily needs. And don't forget about the Queen of Hearts Raffle. The Post receives 50% of total sales, less expenses.

In Service,
Marya Davis, Commander

**Please come down to the Post for
Memorial Day (Monday May 29) this year!**

We always hope to see Legion, Auxiliary and SAL members march in the annual parade and attend the Post Open House (with free hot dogs, soft drinks and beer for everyone!). We will also be offering raffle baskets again this year! Come on down for lots of fun!



My 2 Cents...
Unit 346 President
Carol Hopson



WOW! Spring came on quick! The temp seemed to jump from 40 to 80 overnight! What a roller-coaster spring is going to be! That fun time of year when we keep ten different weight coats and jackets near the door! Not to mention both snow boots and flip-flops!

Quite a few things coming up that you may be interested in! In roughly date order: We are going to have a Legion Riders Chapter at Post 346! The Legion Riders are Legion, Auxiliary and SAL members who share a love of motorcycles.

Please spread the word that the Post still owns several cemetery plots at Oak View Cemetery (1032 N Main St, Royal Oak, MI 48067). They are available at a greatly reduced price to members, their families and friends.

The Farmington Farmer's Market opening day is Saturday May 6th. The market is open Saturdays through October 28th from 9am to 2 pm. We are always looking for members who would like to volunteer to be at the market to sell raffle tickets and pass out membership materials.

We are co-sponsoring a Blood Drive on Monday May 22, see page 2 for more info.

Veteran's Resource Fair on Thursday May 25, see page 2 for more info.

Poppy Days are coming up on May 26, 27 and 28. If you're interested in offering poppies to the public in exchange for donations (no, you don't have to stand in the street), please contact Carol.

For our Flag Day Ceremony this year (Wednesday June 14, 6pm) we were given a donation from Thornton & Grooms Plumbing (Thank You Christian Baxter!) to fund a very nice dinner for all who attend. Please think about attending this meaningful, annual ceremony.

Individual members of the executive committee are privately funding a small donation for the Miss Farmington Cities Scholarship Program. The program will take place at the Civic Theater on July 20th.

The Post's annual donation mailing this year will be put toward the Post and our moving fund instead of the Poppy program. The Poppy Fund is currently holding up very well, thank you. But we can definitely use more donations to put toward our future home. Look for your letter in the mail soon. Looking forward to the lazy, warm days of summer.

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



*One of the best lessons you can learn in life
is to master how to remain calm.*



James L. Seager

March 29, 1938 - February 14, 2023

Age 84, longtime resident of Livonia. He was born in Wilkensburg, Pennsylvania to Thomas and Grace. Following high school, he served in the National Guard Reserves until joining the United States Navy. He proudly served his country as a chaplain assistant. James worked as a clerk and cashier for Hollywood Supermarket in Troy for 35 years until retiring in 2001. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus, VFW Post 4012 in Northville, American Legion Post 32 in Livonia, and a former member of Legion Post 346 in Farmington. James was an avid football fan of U of M and the Detroit Lions. He enjoyed gambling and betting on sports and was often very lucky. He loved spending time with his family and was always eager to lend a hand to those in need. He volunteered his time in his senior living community. James, who was polite and friendly, appreciated the simpler things in life and took pride in his independence.



James is survived by his loving children, Teresa Beckman and James (Tamara) Seager, II; his brother, Thomas Seager; his grandchildren, Britteny (Justin) Judd, Tiffany (Dustin) Miller, Brandon Janusz, James Beckman, Ashley (Kevin) Belanger, and Meredith (Jason) Oakes; 11 great grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and his twin sisters Ruth and Bea. **He will be laid to rest in the Veteran section at Rural Hill Cemetery (215 W. Seven Mile, Northville) on Friday May 12 at 11am.** In lieu of flowers the family would appreciate memorial contributions to Wounded Warrior Project, PO Box 758516, Topeka, KS 66675-8516. <https://www.casterlinefuneralhome.com/obituary/james-seager>

The Federal Trade Commission has a [free brochure](#) to share with people who need to plan funerals. The brochure, which is available both online and in print, gives advice about shopping for arrangements by phone or online. It also explains a person's right to get information, choose only what they wish, and pay for only what they select. To order print copies of the brochure and related publications, visit: www.ftc.gov/bulkorder. All information from the FTC is free to copy and share. You'll find more info about funeral planning, choices, and pricing at: ftc.gov/funerals.

Think you may have been a victim of a scam or fraud? Call the National Elder-Fraud Hotline at: 833-FRAUD-11 for help.

An "oldie but goodie" scam is coming back strong for 2023!

"Check washing" is once again on the rise across the country. It's very appealing for crooks because it's very low tech, and almost anyone can do it. Crooks steal checks left in mailboxes or remove mail deposited in USPS collection boxes. Using bleach or nail polish remover, they erase the payee name and check amount leaving your signature intact. After drying, checks are rewritten for more money and deposited or cashed at banks or check cashing businesses.

Six ways to foil check washers.

- 1) Pay your bills online. As long as you are not on an open public Wi-Fi connection, paying bills online is now safer than sending a check through the mail. Your bank account and payment systems for your bills are encrypted.
- 2) Drop off your outgoing mail to a Post Office. Don't leave envelopes containing checks in your own mailbox for pickup or in outdoor USPS collection boxes after the last pickup time of the day.
- 3) Use a pen with blue or black non-erasable gel ink. This is far more difficult to remove than ballpoint ink. A good brand of pen for this use is a Uniball gel pen.
- 4) Don't let delivered mail sit in your mailbox. Check your mailbox as close to delivery time as possible each day. If you'll be away, ask a trusted friend or family member to collect it or have the post office hold it until you're home.
- 5) Monitor your bank account. Don't wait for your monthly statement, go online to review account balances and look for checks drawn against them.
- 6) Contact your bank as soon as possible after you see suspicious activity. Banks are generally required to replace funds stolen via fraudulent checks, but only if reported within 30 days of the date of your next bank statement. Also contact the US Postal Inspection Service and the credit reporting agencies TransUnion and Equifax.

Many product recalls fall under the radar.

Product recalls can be a matter of life and death, but only 6% of Americans respond to them. CPSC.gov and Recalls.gov are two of six federal websites that list product recalls. To check thrift store finds and items purchased from third party sellers such as eBay, check: recalls.gov/search.html.

If you have a recalled product, stop using it and contact the manufacturer. The Manufacturer may send you a replacement or a repair kit. If you need to dispose of a product, make sure other people and/or children can't access it. And **YES**, fill out those registration cards tucked into product packaging or on manufacturer's websites so you can get recall notices. You can always skip questions on the form about your age and/or income if you're not comfortable providing that information.



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.
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.

Membership applications are available NOW in the clubroom!



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Blue Star & Gold Star Banners
Show pride in your family members
who are serving now or were KIA.
\$5 each, in the clubroom.
Banners are available with 1 to 5
Blue Stars (one per family member)
or 1 Gold Star (for deceased).
Banners measure 14" x 8".
Also available from Carol Hopson.



Is it time to replace your old US flag?
Don't forget about the Post's flag drop
box located at the front of our parking
lot. Ensure our US flags are properly
disposed of with dignity, patriotism and
honor when they reach the end of their
serviceable career.



**Please report your changes of name,
address, phone or email; also member
death notices to your LGN, AUX,
or SAL membership chairperson,
Commander or President. Thank you**

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, are available for download from our website, plus a few hard copies are still available in the clubroom. If you have friends or relatives who are not tech-savvy, and they still wish to receive a printed Bulletin, please consider down-loading and printing it for them.



Thank you

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. You never know when you may run into someone who might like to join our Post! Applications are ALWAYS available in the clubroom.

ADVERTISE IN THE BULLETIN!

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

TABS FOR TOTS







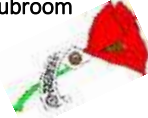


Please save the aluminum (non-magnetic!) tabs from all your beverage and pull-tab containers. Drop off your tabs at the rear door. Funds benefit Ronald McDonald House Charities

Want to see your name above?

Please contact Carol at:
 GrovesWalkerPost346@gmail.com

May 2023

New time for ALL monthly meetings is 6:30pm!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	1 Dinner at the Post fundraiser 5:30 -7pm Queen Drawing 7:15 May Day – Law Day	2 SAL meeting 6:30pm 	3 "Rock & Ro" Wednesday	4 Legion & Auxiliary meetings 6:30pm 	5 Joker Poker in the clubroom National EOD Day Cinco de Mayo	6 Farmington Farmers Market Opening Day <u>9am – 2pm</u> Teachers Day Nurses Day
7	8 Dinner at the Post fundraiser 5:30 -7pm Queen Drawing 7:15 V-E Day 1945	9	10 "Rock & Ro" Wednesday 	11	12 Joker Poker in the clubroom 	13
14  Mother's Day	15 Dinner at the Post fundraiser 5:30 -7pm Queen Drawing 7:15 Peace Officers Memorial Day	16	17 "Rock & Ro" Wednesday	18 Exec. Committee meeting 6:30pm Home Board meeting 7:30pm	19 Joker Poker in the clubroom	20  Armed Forces Day Endangered Species Day
21 18 th Dist meeting Chief Pontiac 2pm	22 Dinner at the Post fundraiser 5:30 -7pm Queen Drawing 7:15 Nat'l Maritime Day	23	24 "Rock & Ro" Wednesday	25 Vet Resource Fair At Costick Center 9am - 12noon	26 Joker Poker in the clubroom  National Poppy Day	27 Poppy Days 26, 27 & 28
28 	29 Memorial Day Parade and Post 346 Open House	30	31 "Rock & Ro" Wednesday	1 Legion meeting 6:30pm, NO AUX  June	2 Joker Poker in the clubroom	3



June Birthdays
 01 George (Skip) Nafe
 05 John Berling
 06 Harold Henderlong
 09 Jim Salling Sr.
 09 Steven Watts
 11 Jackie Dix
 15 John Mirling
 19 June Schwartz
 20 Carol Hopson
 20 Ann Saviniemi
 20 Jim Koponen
 24 Larry Gooden
 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
 06 Legion meeting, 6:30pm
 No Auxiliary meeting
 06-09 Department of MI
 Summer Convention
 10 Post 346 Birthday
 20 Man first sets foot on the
 moon 1969
 23 Parents Day
 27 Korean War Armistice
 1953
 2023-24 officer list coming!









**Dinner at the Post
 FUNDRAISER!**
**Monday evenings
 in the Clubroom
 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm
 GOOD FOOD,
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 guests always
 enjoy free  WiFi
 in the clubroom**

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

June 2023

Welcome Summer!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 	29 Memorial Day Parade and Post 346 Open House	30	31 "Rock & Ro" Wednesday	1 Legion meeting 6:30pm, NO AUX 	2 Joker Poker in the clubroom 	3
4	5 Dinner at the Post Fundraiser? TBD Queen Drawing 7:15	6 SAL meeting 6:30pm  D-Day 1944	7 "Rock & Ro" Wednesday	8  World Ocean Day	9 Joker Poker in the clubroom	10
11	12 Dinner at the Post Fundraiser? TBD Queen Drawing 7:15	13	14 Flag Day Ceremony 6pm  Army Birthday	15 Exec. Committee <u>meeting 6:30pm</u> Home Board meeting 7:30pm	16 Joker Poker in the clubroom	17
18  Father's Day	19 Dinner at the Post Fundraiser? TBD Queen Drawing 7:15	20 Submission Deadline for July/Aug Bulletin	21 "Rock & Ro" Wednesday First day of Summer	22 	23 Joker Poker in the clubroom	24
25  Korean War began 1950	26 Dinner at the Post Fundraiser? TBD Queen Drawing 7:15	27	28 "Rock & Ro" Wednesday 	29	30 Joker Poker in the clubroom	1 July



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