



# The Groves-Walker Bulletin

American Legion Post 346 Farmington, Michigan

March/April 2024 - Vol. XIV Issue 4



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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**

### Clubroom Hours

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

### Contact Info

Clubroom: 248-478-9174 Information: 248-939-4910  
[GrovesWalkerPost346@gmail.com](mailto:GrovesWalkerPost346@gmail.com)  
[www.AmericanLegionPost346.org](http://www.AmericanLegionPost346.org)  
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Groves-Walker American Legion Post 346  
31775 Grand River Ave. Farmington, MI 48336-4238

**Tickets available NOW in the clubroom for round 4C of the Queen of Hearts!**

**\$1 each**

Need not be present to win.  
More info and E-tickets  
(via PayPal or Venmo) at:  
[346Queen@gmail.com](mailto:346Queen@gmail.com)



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

DATE-ENVELOPE-CARD			DATE-ENVELOPE-CARD		
12/11	22	4 hearts	01/29	50	JOKER
12/18	20	7 spades	02/05	45	Q diamonds
01/08	23	A hearts	02/12	13	8 clubs
01/22	34	A spades	02/26		

**Upcoming 18th District meetings:**  
**Mar 24, 24** 2pm: Hill Gazette Post 143  
96 Churchill, Auburn Hills, MI 48321

### SAL DUES REMINDER:

Squadron 346 dues are \$30 (\$15 for those age 18 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 the SAL 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 those age 18 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 those age 18 and under), pay to the order of: SAL Squadron 346.
- Drop off your dues in person at the Post. The clubroom accepts cash, check or credit cards.

**The Memorial Day parade scheduled for Monday May 27th this year. Do you have feedback or constructive criticism from last year's parade? If so, come to the first parade meeting on Wednesday Mar. 06 at 6:00 pm (at the Post) and volunteer to help make this the best parade ever!**

**Please contact us if you can provide the loan of a convertible vehicle for use in the Memorial Day Parade. Thank You!**

**Because the Post's Memorial Brick Wall** cannot logistically come with us to a new location, the bricks will be returned to our members and their families. All bricks have now been removed from the wall and are ready to be picked up. Please email or text to let us know your brick(s) will be claimed.

Email to:  
[gerrygalinet@gmail.com](mailto:gerrygalinet@gmail.com)  
or text to: 248-756-0161.

We will make every effort to return all memorial bricks to the family and friends of our members.



### SAL St. Patrick's Day Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner

Saturday March 9th  
Serving 5:30 to 7:00 pm  
\$25 per plate  
With potatoes, carrots,  
Roll & butter and dessert



Please let us know you're coming by using the sign-up sheet in the clubroom, emailing to:  
[GrovesWalkerPost346@gmail.com](mailto:GrovesWalkerPost346@gmail.com)  
or by calling the Post at: 248-478-9174.



**Problems with HVAC or plumbing? Contact Commander Marya first! She has a special contact that may provide drastic savings for veterans and their families.**

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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 Saturday Apr. 20 for the May/June 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, NOMINATIONS for new 2024-25 Legion, Auxiliary & SAL Officers will be held during April meetings. ELECTIONS will be held during the May meetings. Please try to attend these meetings, make your voice heard and your vote count!**

**Closing Summary for Old Post 346**

Selling Price of Building	\$400,000
Down payments (Feb thru Dec 2023)	<u>- 40,000</u>
Net Amount # 1	\$360,000

**CLOSING COSTS**

Title Insurance	- 1,875
Closing Fees	- 500
Transfer Taxes	- 3,440
Commission	- 24,000
Attorney Fees	<u>- 5,000</u>
TOTAL COSTS	- \$34,815

Net Amount # 2	\$325,185
ESCROW HOLD (until we vacate)	<u>- 20,000</u>
FINAL AMOUNT:	\$305,185

**DOLLAR\$ AND SENSE\$**

By Dave Harmon, Legion Finance Officer

There has been a lot of interest expressed over the past several months concerning the sale of our building and what the funds will be used for going forward. Simply put and to be totally transparent, the funds will be invested and used for constructing whatever amenities will be needed in our new location (primarily a bar, ADA restrooms, coolers, televisions and other items). In case you are wondering why this information is being shared, please keep in mind we have never sold a building before and it is important that each of us is aware of where funds are coming from and where they are going. But first, let's talk about the proceeds from the sale.

Please refer to the summary of closing costs, below left. The building sold for \$400,000 and over the course of 2023, the buyer paid \$40,000 in down-payments for the building. These funds were placed into the Memorial Home Association (Home Board) checking account. In January, our Commander, Marya Davis, and I attended the closing. One of the closing items included the title insurance company holding \$20,000 in escrow to be paid out once we vacate our building. As listed in the matrix below left - after subtracting out the down payments paid, the escrow amount and closing costs, \$305,000 was the remaining balance, which was wire transferred to our Home Board Account. (To repeat, the \$40k in down payment plus \$305k at closing is a total amount of \$345k).

It was decided to invest \$250,000 of this into the safest investment available and that is – Treasury Bills. Four different amounts were invested and will mature in 30, 120, 180 and 270 days. Each maturity date will be earning various interest rates in the 5 to 5.3% range. Note these are the current rates and may change when the “T-bills” are renewed at maturity. The remaining balance of \$95,000 will be retained to help cover insurance payments, lease payments for a new facility, construction/build-out expenses as well as meeting other obligations.

Additionally, the Auxiliary donated \$4000 toward build-out costs and we recently received \$10,000 from the SAL. THANK YOU to both groups for their overwhelming support. Also, a shout out to the Legion Riders for taking a lead position in outfitting our new “digs” with televisions and other appliances. Going forward, each bulletin will include a detailed list of all expenses incurred for the lease and build-out of our new location. Do not hesitate to contact me with any questions, comments or concerns you may have.

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



*I never lose. I either win or I learn.  
- Nelson Mandela*

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



Good thing we have a backup plan! None of our potential new locations have worked out so far. Mostly because of zoning and/or occupancy restrictions. The city really wants us to take over the Rustic Pub, LOL. But we all know that's not going to happen. There just aren't any bars or restaurants currently moving out, so we will continue to look at strip malls. One location is in a small strip mall on Farmington Road down by Kirby Street, where Leah used to live. The bonus there is a large backyard or as we like to call it, the grassy knoll. The other is at Drakeshire Plaza (Drakeshire at Grand River) where the old lobby store used to be. That location offers a huge parking lot. We also have in our pocket a few more possibilities and you know we will do our best to find the best fit. Our backup plan will be put in place as we are supposed to vacate at the end of March. The Elks, at 10 Mile and Orchard Lake, has generously offered to open their doors to us for meetings and activities.

In the meantime, we are still trying to sell items on Facebook. Look up and follow the Commander (open Facebook, click on Marketplace, search Marya Davis) for a listing of our items. Several people are on the reserved list to pay for and pick up various tables and chairs after the corned beef and cabbage dinner on March 9th. We will also be selling off the majority of our kitchen items soon. It will be announced via email. Come and visit the clubroom and get the latest word on our progress!

In Service,  
Marya Davis, Commander

We are thrilled to share that the goods and cash collected for the "Love Ya Baby" donation drive have been successfully delivered to CARES! Your generosity has made a significant impact, providing essential items and support for local moms and babies. A huge shoutout to everyone who contributed – your kindness is shaping a brighter future for our community. Special shout-out to partners, Post 346, the Farmington Elks and Farmington CARES, joining for this initiative. Let's continue spreading love and making a positive difference together.



**Boys & Girls State** are fantastic Legion Programs for teaching teens the importance of understanding government and good citizenship. Spread the word to your friends and family. Also an excellent donation opportunity!  
[Learn more about the programs here.](#)



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, perhaps learn something new from some very informative articles, consider a donation; and join with your Legion family for comradery, fulfillment, and fun! See you at the next meeting.

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

**Join us in supporting Vitaliy Koponen's  
Eagle Scout project (Troop 179)**

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. Your contributions will help fund Tataliy's Eagle Scout project, which involves creating 100 first aid kits (cost: \$50 each) for American Legion Posts across Michigan. These kits will ensure the safety and well-being of our veterans and community members. Cash and check donations are accepted (make checks payable to: Vitaliy Koponen). **Thank you for your support!**

Contact information: Cell: 248-949-7396  
Email: [pitaboy28@gmail.com](mailto:pitaboy28@gmail.com)

**We would like to sincerely thank everyone who, over the years, has donated items at the Post for our veterans such as books, medical equipment, clothing, and military memorabilia. Because of the Post's downsizing we will no longer be able to accept these donations.** Here is a partial list of other worthy organizations who may accept your donations:

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.

Salvation Army, Goodwill: All the above in addition to household items.

Your local library: Books, videos, CDs, DVDs

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

We will continue to accept your generous donations of Post daily needs such as paper towels, toilet paper, cleaning supplies, plastic cups, bar snacks, etc. or monetary donations to purchase same. As always, Thank You for your boundless generosity toward Post 346 and the veterans we help support.





**Kenneth Reynolds**  
**February 14, 1942 - December 2023**

Age 81 of Farmington Hills. Ken was a member of Post 346 through his service in the Army during the Panama invasion. Ken was instrumental in establishing Michigan K-9 Veterans Day in 2012 in conjunction with the newly established MI War Dog Memorial Cemetery in South Lyon. No obituary has been posted.



**Thomas L. Mohan**  
**February 16, 1947 - December 12, 2023**

It is with deep sorrow that we announce the passing of Thomas, esteemed navy veteran, dedicated family man, and an individual whose life was richly woven with diverse experiences and meaningful connections. Mr. Mohan departed from this world leaving behind a legacy that touched the lives of many. Thomas served his country with honor as a navy veteran serving on the nuclear submarine USS Ulysses S Grant. Thomas worked as an internal auditor at Detroit Edison, and much later worked with movie studios in Michigan as a chauffeur to the stars.



A proud member of the Knights of Columbus, the Northville Moose, Farmington American Legion and the Farmington Elks, reflecting his enduring sense of duty to others. Thomas found lasting love in the arms of Deanna Wagstaff, their union spanned three decades. Together, they took great care of their blended family that included Thomas' three children: Thomas William Mohan, Tara Lynn (Adam) Hughes, Megan Elizabeth (Kevin) Thompson, step-son, Ryan G. (Ashley) Miller, and two granddaughters.

Arrangements: O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home in Novi, MI. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Michigan Veterans Foundation (4626 Grand River Ave. Detroit, MI 48206), a cause close to Thomas' heart. [Please read Thomas's full obituary here.](#)

**Joel Storchan**  
**December 26, 1945 - October 24, 2022**

Age 76 of Farmington Hills. Beloved father of Suzanne (Loran) Payne. Treasured grandfather of Ethan and Ashley Payne. Cherished brother of Carrie Storchan. Joel was a member of Post 346 through his service in the Army during the Vietnam War. Interment: Hebrew Memorial Park Cemetery Gratiot, MI. [Please read Joel's full obituary here.](#)



**Anthony "Bill" Horton**  
**December 6, 1923 - January 18, 2024**



Anthony Harry Horton was born in Tavistock, England and passed away at his home in Vacaville, CA on January 18 at the age of 100. "Bill" (as he was affectionately known by family and friends), immigrated with his parents, Katherine and Russell Fortescue Horton, to the United States at the age of 3. The family settled in Highland Park, Michigan, where his father found work with the Ford Motor Company and his mother was employed at a carpet mill.

In 1941 he chose to enlist in U.S. Navy but, his application was rejected due to his immigration status. Time passed and the U.S. Army needed soldiers, they drafted Bill through a program that would grant him U.S. citizenship. He was trained to join The Army Corps of Engineers. He was shipped out and landed on the beaches of Normandy, on June 7, day two of the D-day Invasion.

After the war, Bill returned home to MI where he married the love of his life, Dona Jean. The Great Depression was just about over so he was lucky in finding various jobs before getting steady work with Michigan Bell. Bill enjoyed a loving, sixty-plus-year marriage, raising 4 children. After retirement he and Dona moved to Mesa Arizona. Dona passed away in 2008. Bill was a lifetime member of American Legion Post 346 in Farmington MI.

Bill is Survived by his children; Penny Brugman, Judy Stankowski (Gordon), Paul Horton (Molly) and William Horton (Patti). Seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. [Please read Anthony's full obituary here.](#)

**Sue Ann Farrell**  
**November 9, 1947 - February 21, 2024**

Sue was 76 years old, born in Detroit. She was preceded in death by her beloved husband Jerry, in 2004. Surviving are her children, June (David) Schwartz and John (Shannon) Farrell, 3 grandchildren, 2 great-grandchildren, and her brother Rick (Dee) Hinger.



Sue was the daughter of Robert & Maxine Hinger (Past Post Commander & Past Aux President), daughter-in-law of Gerald (Jay) & Eleanor Farrell (Past Post Commander & Past Aux President) and wife of Jerry Farrell (Past Post Commander). All of whom have passed away. As we say goodbye to Sue, we find comfort in knowing that she has finally found the peace she sought and her spirit is now free from the burdens of a difficult life. Sue will be remembered for the love she gave, the strength she showed, and the lasting impact she had on those fortunate enough to know her. May she rest in peace.

Visitation at Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home (23720 Farmington Rd, Farmington) on Thursday, February 29 from 1-3 pm. Sue's funeral ceremony is planned to begin at 3:00 pm, also at Heeney-Sundquist. [Please read Sue's full obituary here.](#)

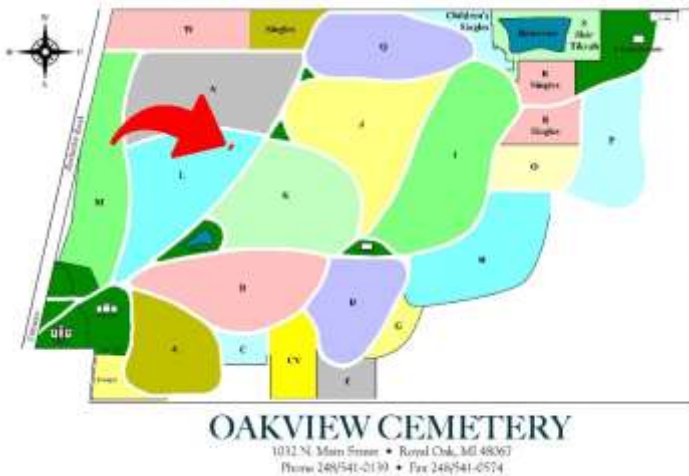


**Cemetery Grave Sites/Burial Plots For Sale  
at the beautiful Oakview Cemetery  
1032 N Main St, Royal Oak, MI 48067**

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](https://covidtests.gov). NO Insurance information required, only name and address. Free tests, free shipping with USPS.

Next time you visit the Post, be sure to check the board at the clubroom door to see if the Post or clubroom needs any daily supplies. Thank You!!

**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 boxes!!

*Fate whispers to the warrior,  
"You cannot withstand the storm."  
The warrior whispers back,  
"I AM the storm."*



**Chatter with the Chaplain  
AUX Unit 346 Chaplain  
Summer Ploski**



*The Jesus Revolution* movie is not only a movie based on what was taking place in the 70s in Southern California, it was truly a movement that affected me when I lived in San Diego. When living there you are surrounded by military, something very different for me because I was raised in the Motor City.

My boyfriend worked in the shipyards on military and civilian ships. We had a Marine and his wife living in our quaint, eight-unit one bedroom apartment complex. This is where I first learned the term "Jarhead," an affectionate name for enlisted Marines. Cruising on our motorcycle across the bridge to Coronado Island, and up the coast near Marine Corps Air Station Miramar always gave me a feeling of respect & admiration for our service men & women. The nightlife in San Diego wasn't much back in the day yet there were a few hotspots that the Navy and Marines visited. Any establishments that had girls, tattoos, and beer were places of interest for the guys looking for a good time on Saturday night.

Yet, in the midst of all this was the Jesus Revolution. Through a set of circumstances, my boyfriend and I (now fiancée) found ourselves checking out Calvary Chapel, San Diego. We met in an old theater where the music and the message was simple and all based on the Bible, which was a book we both respected. Since most all the seats were full on Sundays, the pastor encouraged everyone to join a Home Fellowship, which we did. The profound effect it had on me after attending once a week for four months was simple. I learned the difference between the sinfulness of man and the holiness of God when I experienced a Jesus revolution in my heart. You see, the philosophy I was raised with was to believe in Jesus Christ and do your own thing, but an extraordinary thing happened in me. For the first time in my life, sin made me nervous and I didn't want any part of it. My fiancé and I separated and took up different living residences until our wedding date June 1st. The rest is history, another story to be shared at another time.

Back to the Lenten season. It's humbling to have someone put ashes on your forehead, thereby leading you to remember the death of Christ, along with our humble, earthly existence. Indeed, it is good to feel humility because we know that pride goes before a fall. I too, along with the majority of people, have learned lessons the hard way and continue to learn.

So during this Lenten season of prayer, fasting, giving, and denying ourselves, I take time to express my sincere gratefulness for every single person at Post 346. Being around people who know the true meaning of sacrifice at times brings tears to my eyes.

Thank you for your patience and allowing me to be one of the chaplains here at Post 346. I humbly laugh and serve alongside you, Blessings♥  
Summer

**The VA offers disability compensation – a monthly tax-free payment – to Veterans who got sick or injured while serving in the military.** You may qualify for VA disability compensation for physical and mental health conditions that developed or worsened due to service. Some conditions include:

Chronic back pain	Traumatic brain injury
Breathing problems	Anxiety/Depression
Severe hearing loss	Cancers
Post-traumatic stress disorder	Ulcers

Already have a disability rating? Applying for other ratable disabilities will not put your current disability rating at risk. You can apply for disability benefits at any time, no matter how long it has been since you separated from military service.

### 3 EASY WAYS TO FILE A CLAIM:

**Online:** [Start your application here.](#)

#### By Mail:

Send VA Form 21-526EZ to:  
Department of Veterans Affairs  
Claims Intake Center  
P.O. Box 4444, Janesville, WI 53547-4444.

#### In Person:

Bring your application to a VA Regional Office near you.

Choosing VA means getting everything you need in one spot. Learn more about VA disability compensation, eligibility requirements, and filing a claim at [VA.gov/disability](http://VA.gov/disability).

Questions? 1-800-MyVA411 (1-800-698-2411)

*Are you a man? Do you like to be well groomed and smell good? Then you could do a LOT worse than shopping for your grooming essentials at Duke Cannon Supply Co. A portion of all their proceeds go to support many U.S. military and veteran causes. Go to [DukeCannon.com](http://DukeCannon.com)*

### Do you know a vet who needs housing?

The HUD-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing program is a collaborative effort among the U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development, the U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs, and local public housing authorities. Under HUD-VASH, eligible low-income Veterans receive a Section 8 rental voucher plus case management and supportive services from VA. Click on the links below for more information. Or call 877-4AID-VET (877-424-3838)

[VA Homeless Coordinators](#)

[VA Programs For Homeless Veterans](#)

[VA Assistance to Help Avoid Eviction](#)



## 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/rb3tbfsy](http://tinyurl.com/rb3tbfsy)

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](mailto:jordant@oakgov.com) or phone: 248-285-8016

### What to Do if You Fall Victim to a Scam

Report the scam and the scammer: Report scammers to the FTC online. Additionally, report the scam and related message to any relevant parties, such as your bank, credit card issuer, social media platform, email provider, phone carrier or the USPS' Postal Inspection Service. You can also file a police report, which might help with recovering your identity or lost funds.

Scan your devices: If you clicked on a link or attachment, you may want to run an antivirus scan to check for malware.

Change your passwords: Change the passwords on any accounts that use a password the scammer might know.

Lock down your credit: You have the right to add fraud alerts and security freezes, also called credit freezes, to your credit reports for free. These can keep someone else from opening an account using your information.

Following basic safety strategies and reviewing the latest scam alerts can help you stay safe. But mistakes can happen, particularly when you're stressed or overwhelmed. Even if you're doing everything right, your information could be compromised in a data breach. Sign up for free credit monitoring to get alerted when there are unexpected changes in your credit report.

## 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.

**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 casket.

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

Bracelets are \$5 each, available in the clubroom.  
Stylish for men and women!



Official Post 346 Bottle Koozie  
\$5 each, asst. colors, zippered,  
available in the clubroom



Post 346 Ball caps \$25 each,  
one color, adjustable size,  
available in the clubroom



Blue Star & Gold Star Banners  
Show pride in your family members  
who are serving now or were KIA.  
\$5 each, available in the clubroom.  
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 ask in the clubroom or contact  
Carol Hopson.



## New T-shirts Now Available!

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



*One way to find out if you're really old  
is to fall down in front of a lot of people.  
If they laugh, you're still young.  
If they panic and start running toward  
you, you're old.*

**March Birthdays**

01 Robin (Bytner) Harding  
 01 Denny Lis  
 03 Richard Dillinger  
 05 Robert Rossi  
 08 Mary Seng  
 10 Dorothea Baxter  
 13 Cheryl Fierk  
 23 David Brown  
 25 Reva Money  
 28 Gerald Lynch  
 28 Raymond E. Dutton

**March Anniversaries**

03 Marv & Gwen Rons  
 23 Joan Cheng &  
 John Hoelscher  
 27 Ed & Dale Vecchio



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 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 H at:  
 GrovesWalkerPost346@gmail.com

March 2024



Welcome Spring!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25	26 Dinner at the Post 5:30 -7pm Queen Drawing 7:15	27	28	29  Leap Day	1 Joker Poker in the clubroom	2
3	4 Dinner at the Post 5:30 -7pm Queen Drawing 7:15 	5 SAL meeting 6:30pm  Seabee's Birthday	6 	7 Legion & Auxiliary meetings 6:30pm 	8 Joker Poker in the clubroom  International Woman's Day	9 SAL Corned Beef & Cabbage Serving 5:30 - 7
10  Daylight Savings Time Begins	11 Dinner at the Post 5:30 -7pm Queen Drawing 7:15	12	13  Michigan K-9 Veteran's Day	14 Riders meeting 6:30pm 	15 Joker Poker in the clubroom  American Legion Birthday (1919)	16  Liberty Day
17  St. Patrick's Day	18 Dinner at the Post 5:30 -7pm Queen Drawing 7:15	19  First Day of Spring	20	21 Exec. Committee meeting 6:30pm Home Board meeting 7:30pm  Rosie the Riveter Day	22 Joker Poker in the clubroom 	23
24 Palm Sunday  Easter	25 Dinner at the Post 5:30 -7pm Queen Drawing 7:15 National Medal of Honor Day	26	27	28	29 Joker Poker in the clubroom  Good Friday Vietnam Veterans Day	30 





**April Birthdays**  
 01 Robert Holton  
 02 Darlene Faulkner  
 02 John Dull  
 04 Raymond Barry  
 04 Harry Loewengruber  
 04 Alexander Stabrava  
 05 Gerry Goetzke  
 07 Walter Zelony  
 08 Jim Forbes  
 17 Adam Gentile  
 18 Harvey Ketchen  
 22 Edward Heidelbach  
 24 Dawn Grady  
 27 Alex Gentile  
 29 Bette Burt  
 30 Mary Robinson

**April Anniversaries**  
 16 Gerald & Karen Lynch  
 28 Dave & June Schwartz



**Coming up in May**  
 02 LGN/AUX meetings  
 Election of new officers  
 05 Cinco de May  
 06 Bob Hope's first USO show 1941  
 07 SAL meeting  
 08 V-E Day 1945  
 09 Riders meeting  
 12 Mother's Day  
 15 Peace Officers Memorial Day  
 20 Endangered Species Day  
 23 Vet Fair Costick Center  
 24 National Poppy Day  
 27 Memorial day

**Dinner at the Post FUNDRAISER!**  
 Monday evenings  
 in the Clubroom  
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**Because of our uncertain residency status, all events are TBD for the foreseeable future.**

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

# April 2024

**Month of the Military Child**



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>31</b> 	<b>1</b> Dinner at the Post 5:30 -7pm Queen Drawing 7:15 April Fools Day	<b>2</b> SAL meeting 6:30pm 	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Legion & Auxiliary meetings 6:30pm - Nominations for new officers 24-25 	<b>5</b> Joker Poker in the clubroom	<b>6</b>  US enters WWI
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Dinner at the Post 5:30 -7pm Queen Drawing 7:15 Solar Eclipse 2 pm	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Riders meeting 6:30pm 	<b>12</b> Joker Poker in the clubroom	<b>13</b>  Thomas Jefferson's Birthday
<b>14</b> 	<b>15</b> Dinner at the Post 5:30 -7pm Queen Drawing 7:15 Tax Day	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 	<b>18</b> Exec. Committee meeting 6:30pm Home Board meeting 7:30pm	<b>19</b> Joker Poker in the clubroom 	<b>20</b> Submission Deadline for May/June Bulletin
<b>21</b> 	<b>22</b> Dinner at the Post 5:30 -7pm Queen Drawing 7:15 Earth Day Passover Begins at Sundown	<b>23</b> 	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Joker Poker in the clubroom  Arbor Day	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> Dinner at the Post 5:30 -7pm Queen Drawing 7:15 	<b>30</b>  Vietnam War ends 1975	<b>1</b> <b>MAY</b>	<b>2</b> Legion & Auxiliary meetings 6:30pm - Elections for new officers 24-25 	<b>3</b> Joker Poker in the clubroom	<b>4</b>



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