



# The Groves-Walker Bulletin

## American Legion Post 346 Farmington, MI

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#### Cliff Notes...

**18<sup>th</sup> District Commander**

**Post 346 Commander**

**Cliff Lauzon**



Hello fellow Legionnaires,  
SAL and Ladies Auxiliary,

It was a good year for the Poppy Program. We had 13 Legionnaires out offering poppies to the public and they all did a great job. Combined they brought back \$4608.31 in donations. Mail in donations were good also with a total received so far of \$1668.00. Which brings us to a total of \$6276.31 for the Post 346 Poppy Fund. Here is a list of all the Legionnaires who offered poppies. I am only showing the amounts brought in by our top five members. Also Bob Smart's family and friends donated very generously, in memory of his passing, to the Poppy Fund.

Art Mikkola	\$1338.83
Jim Koponen	\$677.75
Jim Weston	\$624.46
Ralph Philp	\$347.66
Skip Nafe	\$326.74
Bill Croitori	
Terry Montgomery	
Jim Forbes	
Tony Mallia	
Claudette Calka	
Dale Baxter	
Andy Machcinski	
Paul Dabish	

I have decided that we will not have a regular Post meeting in July because there will be so many of us gone for the 4th of July holiday and vacations. Our next gathering will be the Installation of officers on Sunday Aug. 10 (1:00pm). I hope there will be a good turn out to welcome and congratulate your new Post officers.

If you have not yet sent in a redacted copy (sensitive information blacked out) of your DD-214, please try to get it in to Tony Mallia as soon as possible. All member DD-214s now have to be kept on file as part of our Post records.

For the good of the Legion,  
Cliff Lauzon, Commander 18th Dist. & Post 346

Always be sincere, even if you don't mean it.

- Harry S. Truman

#### Yours in Service...

**Unit 346 President**

**Leah Brancheau**



Dear Members and Friends,

Well, summer is finally here! I love the green grass, flowers, birds, mowing and all that goes with warm weather! Hope you are enjoying your summer as well! I also hope to get in a little fishing now and then! Love Summer!

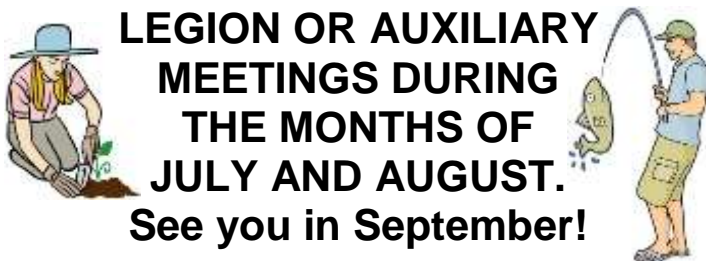
I would like to give a special THANK YOU to the Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts for placing flags on veteran's graves at Oakwood Cemetery on Grand River for Memorial Day! Our post has been doing this for as many years as I can remember. George and Doreen Panaretos did it for many years then George Jurmu and I did it for a few years. Then it was my turn! I have done it with my grandchildren when they were about first and second graders. Then I recruited my sister, Dale and her husband Eddie. Jim Koponen has helped me and my son, Paul as well as Jan Smart. This is one tradition that hopefully will never end. At 75 I am just too old to climb up and down those hills so I really appreciate them taking this over. Thanks again boys and to your families who also helped.

Our Memorial Day Parade went off without a hitch! Just like a well oiled machine! Those who could not or did not want to walk, had cars to ride in. Thank you all for donating your cars to this well attended annual event. Honoring our deceased veterans should be a daily part of our lives. This includes all veterans, not just those members of our post.

Don't forget our Installation of Officers is August 10th. Please try to attend... lots of food, cocktails and time to socialize with old friends and meet new friends. Hope to see you there!

Yours in service,  
Leah Brancheau, Auxiliary President

**THERE WILL BE NO REGULAR  
LEGION OR AUXILIARY  
MEETINGS DURING  
THE MONTHS OF  
JULY AND AUGUST.  
See you in September!**



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## A Letter From Your Editors

Ralph & Carol Philp

Once again, we are looking for **advertising sponsors** to help the Post offset the costs of publishing the Bulletin. Our current donation level for a 3.5" x 3.75" ad is \$15 per month or \$150 per year (that's one edition free!). Other sizes available too, please ask! We can copy a business card, use information from your website or create a unique advertisement just for you! Remember, your ad in the Bulletin is seen by hundreds of Legionnaires, Auxiliary and SAL members each month! Please contact Carol at 248-910-2586.

Don't forget to send in articles for the next edition of the Bulletin, including photos if available. **Anyone** can submit an article for the Bulletin; *but please remember, we may not have the room to print all submissions (or some submissions in their entirety).* **The submission deadline for the September 2014 edition of the Bulletin is August 17th.**

Ralph & Carol Philp

## Auxiliary 1st Vice President

Unit 346 President Elect

Tammy Festian

Hello Ladies. We did a great job with POPPY DAYS this year. Thanks to the ones who returned their donations, also to the ladies helping out on Grand River & Drake - Leah Brancheau, Paula Cotroneio, Cheryl Fierk, Myrtle Granger, bless her heart and her grand-daughter Reva, Lenore Watts, Lorraine Christensen, and Carol Philp.

The Americanism Essay contest winners from Farmington area schools, again did a great job. The window theme this year at the Korner Barber Shop was POW/MIA with a POW/MIA table and explanatory sign. Dan from the barber shop said he had a lot of feedback on the window this year. That's great, people are listening and learning. Thank you again, have a great summer, see everyone at the Installation Ceremony in August.

Thank You, Tammy Festian,  
1st Vice President/ Poppy Chairman



## Installation of 2014-15 Officers Sunday August 10, 1:00 pm

Dinner following the ceremony  
Please dress in a manner befitting  
the tradition of this ceremony;  
no shorts, t-shirts, etc.

Post Sr. Vice Commander

Post Service Officer

Anthony Mallia

Membership Report: We currently have 276 members which brings the Post to 101.47%. I want to thank all our members for surpassing the Post's 100% membership goal.

Service Officer Report: Please let Chaplain Vern McBride know of anyone on sick call or passing away. Also please let me know of any changes of address.

Tony Mallia, Sr. Vice Commander



Post Jr. Vice Commander

Post 346 Commander Elect

Jim Weston

From the 19th Hole: We had a good turnout for the Flag Retirement Ceremony. Thank you to everyone who helped out. A Special Thanks to the K of C of Farm. Hills for joining our ceremony and supplying food and drink afterwards.



Everything is set for our August 10th Installation and Dinner. Members, family and guests, please don't miss this, the food and comradery is excellent!

I've started a 50/50 drawing at the Post, check the Clubroom for details. There will be a drawing every two weeks, first drawing will be June 27th. NOTE: There will be no membership meetings in July and August. God bless America and our troops abroad.

Jim Weston, Jr. Vice Commander

Did you know... You could be seeing the Bulletin in **FULL COLOR** if you sign up to receive the email edition? You'll also be helping to save the Post money in printing and mailing costs! Contact us at [info@americanlegionpost346.org](mailto:info@americanlegionpost346.org)



I not only use all the brains I have,  
but all that I can borrow. - Woodrow Wilson

# **The Officers of Groves-Walker Post 346 for 2014 – 2015**

## **American Legion Post 346**

Commander	Jim Weston
Sr. Vice Commander	Tony Mallia
Jr. Vice Commander	Terry Montgomery
Finance Officer	John Grossman
Adjutant	Dale Baxter
Chaplain	Vernon McBride
Historian	Ralph Philp
Sgt-at-Arms	Judy Kronk

## **Auxiliary Unit 346**

President	Tamela Festian
1st Vice President	Leah Brancheau
2nd Vice President	Lorraine Christensen
Secretary	Carol Thompson
Treasurer	Cheryl Fierk
Chaplain	Paula Cotroneio
Historian	Carol Philp
Sgt-at-Arms	Carolynn Mallia

## **Sons of the American Legion Squadron 346**

Commander	Robert Smart
1st Vice Commander	Dave Hall
2nd Vice Commander	Dennis Lis
Finance, Adjutant	Robert Holton
Chaplain	Phil Carlisle
Historian	Josh Carlisle
Sgt-at-Arms	Jason Broomfield

## **PRIVACY POLICY**

We respect the privacy of our member's personal information, so we discourage the sharing of that information here on the public internet. Members who wish contact information of Post Officers may call Post 346 at 248-478-9174 or email to [info@americanlegionpost346.org](mailto:info@americanlegionpost346.org). Thank you



## IMPORTANT: All Legion Members!

**Post 346 is requesting that each member provide a redacted copy of their DD-214 separation document to the Post.**

This is due to recently passed legislation, requiring veteran affiliated non-profit 501(c) 19 organizations, such as our American Legion Post 346, to have a copy of each member's DD-214 on file, as part of our Post records. In order for us to be in compliance, should an audit of our records be conducted by the IRS, we need each member to please provide a **redacted** copy of your DD-214 as soon as possible.

We realize that each individual's DD-214 contains personal and/or medical information, which is why we emphasize that you provide a **redacted copy (sensitive information blacked out)** as opposed to an original copy. Copies provided to the Post **must** have your name, department, component and branch of service, and record of service dates, **all other personal information may be redacted**. All copies to be forwarded to Sr. Vice/Service Officer Tony Mallia. DD-214 copies can be mailed to the Post in care of Tony Mallia or given to him at upcoming meetings. He will be responsible for the safe-keeping of these documents. If you cannot locate a copy of your DD-214, please contact Tony Mallia via the Post, phone: 248-310-4190 or email to: AMNOVI1@att.net

Thank you,  
Cliff Lauzon, Commander

Internet articles pertaining to this information -  
<http://www.legion.org/membership/218053/irs-revises-position-dd-214-requirement>

<http://www.military.com/daily-news/2013/09/05/american-legion-says-irs-unfairly-targeting-posts.html>

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Sons of the American Legion Commander  
Robert Smart

We hope this letter finds everyone in good health and enjoying the warmer weather. We would like to have all of you to stop at the Farmers Market in Downtown Farmington on July 5. You can stop by the Post Hot Dog Stand. What a better way to spend the 4th of July weekend. This is a chance to show your support for our Legion members. Keep a eye on future newsletters to find out about the upcoming events at our Post. Keep all our Vets and Soldiers in your prayers.

Rob Smart, SAL Commander



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All men having power ought to be mistrusted.  
- James Madison

## Member call to action!

Please spread the word to everyone you know, family, friends, business associates, church or gym acquaintances. The Post needs NEW RENTERS! Rent by the hour, or by the month.

We have two rooms (upstairs 2800 sq. ft., downstairs 1286 sq. ft.), kitchen space, tables, chairs and lots of storage space for almost any need. Floor plans available on our website at [www.americanlegionpost346.org](http://www.americanlegionpost346.org).

Rent Groves-Walker Post 346 for:

Special Occasions  
Scouting  
Meetings  
Studio Work  
Businesses  
Game Nights  
Fund Raisers  
Dances/ Parties  
Church Groups  
Fitness Classes  
Caterers (licensed)  
Community Groups  
Classes/ Seminars



Please contact the Post at 248-478-9174 or email to [info@americanlegionpost346.org](mailto:info@americanlegionpost346.org) for more information.

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## Free KIA Honor Flag Program

The KIA (Killed In Action) flag is to honor and remember our nation's heroes for the ultimate sacrifice they have made for our country and our freedoms, both at home and abroad. This

flag represents our commitment to help and support those who have been left behind. Please help us to assist Gold Star families in receiving a FREE KIA Honor flag or Package (3'x5' flag, pins, patches, informational items & more, a \$150 value). If you know of a family that has lost a loved one in the armed forces, please contact Tony Mallia so that we can help them honor their loved one, their fallen heroes, utilizing this program.



Tony Mallia, Sr. Vice Commander  
248-310-4190 AMNOVI1@att.net





## TAPS

To those members who have  
joined the Lords Army,  
We on earth will  
mourn their passing.



Bengt A. Brogren

Nov. 28, 1920 – Feb. 13, 2014

Born November 28, 1920 on the family farm in Sweden died peacefully on Feb. 13, 2014. Bengt emigrated to the United States in 1927 and eventually settled in Detroit. Ben served in the U.S. Army from 1944 to 1946, occupying Japan at the end of World War II. In 1944, Bengt married Mildred E. Lofgren and together raised their family in Farmington Hills. Ben served as a Captain of the Farmington Hills Fire Dept, Station 4, was a member of American Legion Post 346 for 28 years, was active in Antioch Lutheran Church and was former President of the Swedish Club. Bengt is survived by his son Bradley (Linda): 4 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren. His brother Roy (June) survives him along with many nieces and nephews.



Funeral service was February 21st at Antioch Lutheran Church, Farmington Hills. Visitation was held on February 20th, at the Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington. The family wishes to thank the wonderful staff of Wynwood of Meridian for the loving care they provided Dad over the last year. Memorial donations can be made to Antioch Lutheran Church, 33360 West Thirteen Mile Rd., Farmington Hills, MI 48334, or the Swedish Club, 22398 Ruth Street, Farmington Hills, MI 48336-4298.

I first met Bengt Brogren, or as he was known in the fire service "**Gentle Ben**", back in 1972 when I joined the Farmington Twp. Fire Dept. We fought a number of fires together both in the Township and then the City of Farmington Hills. Ben joined Groves-Walker Post 346 in 1988, I remember the night he joined. Recently, when our Chaplain McBride read the letter from Bradley, Ben's son, I was floored. If I'd known back in February of Ben's passing I would have been there in a heartbeat, and our Post could have offered a memorial service for our fallen comrade. Ben will be missed.

**Legionnaires, please make sure your family knows in advance that you would like them to notify Post 346 if you become hospitalized and/or when your time comes.** We are here to help our comrades in arms and their families in their time of need. Allow our members, your friends, the opportunity to say their final goodbyes to you. Allow our Service Officer to make sure you and your family receive all the death benefits allowable through your service to our country. Ask your family to notify the Post at 248-478-9174.

Thank you, Ralph Philp, Editor



## Ever-7 Club Annual Summer Picnic

Sunday July 20  
12 noon until ?  
Rotary Park, pavilion #1  
32184 Six Mile Rd.  
at Hubbard in Livonia

**Free** to all Club and  
Legion members and  
their families. Plenty of  
food and drink for all!



Come on out for a great family event!  
Bring the kids and grand-kids.  
Games and prizes for kids and adults alike.

## Concert Americana by the 338th Army Band



**Saturday July 5th, 7:00pm** (doors open 6:00pm)

Presented at the Wayne-Ford Civic League  
located at 1661 N. Wayne Rd. in Westland

**Tickets are FREE**, donations are suggested  
to the Veterans Memorial Garden of Westland.

A **maximum of 500 tickets** will be available for  
The concert. Tickets are available at the Westland  
City Clerk's Office, Westland Lock and Key and  
from members of the Westland Veterans Association

For more info or tickets call 743-716-3432,  
743-604-6484 or 743-788-7753.

I just wanted to say a quick  
thank you for the packages  
I received from the Post while  
deployed. The items were  
enjoyed by everyone in the  
Avionics shop. The beef sticks  
and Twizzlers were especially  
popular!



SSGT Brian Jankowski  
379 EAMXS/ 340 AMU

We must teach our children to resolve their  
conflicts with words, not weapons.

- William J. Clinton

Post 346 booth at the Farmington  
Farmers Market Opening Day – May 17

Organizer and chairman for this event was Art Mikkola, GREAT JOB ART! The Farmington Farmers Market offered the Post a free booth on their opening day (5/17) for us to offer poppies and present membership materials to the public. We also sold 250 hot dogs plus pop and potato chips, raising a total of \$408 for the Post.

Volunteers included our hot dog chefs: Andy Machcinski and Jarrett Lott; behind the counter: Pam Mikkola and Carol Philp; passing out membership info: Tony Mallia and Ralph Philp; offering poppies: Art Mikkola, Jim Forbes and Dale Baxter. Our Post 346 color guard: Ralph Philp, Jim Koponen, Mike LaFave and Phil Carlisle, also participated in the Farmers Market opening ceremonies.

The Farmers Market has also offered us a booth on Saturday July 5th, please see Art Mikkola (sign-up sheet also in the Clubroom) to volunteer to help.



L to R: Phil Carlisle, Mike LaFave, Tony Mallia, Jarrett Lott, Dale Baxter, Pam Mikkola, Andy Machcinski, Carol Philp, Art Mikkola, Jim Koponen, Ralph Philp.



**HOT DOGS! GET YOUR DE-LICIOUS AMERICAN  
LEGION HOT DOGS HERE!**

**Very important Thank You's** go out to Walt Gajewski, Manager of the Farmington Farmers Market for donating our booth; Brendan Cowley of John Cowley & Sons Irish Pub for the donation of hot dogs and buns; Susie Capozzoli of Busch's Market for the donation of pop; Wright Designs Card Co. for the donation of bottled water, and Mary Burck for printing our signs.

We would also like to give a big **Thank You to Eugene Auguillard**, Manager of Walmart #2618 in Commerce Twsp. for their donation of a \$100 gift card which was used to help purchase supplies for our Memorial Day Open House which followed the Memorial Day Parade.

Throughout the history of our great nation, Veterans have made the commitment to protect our country, serving and sacrificing for what matters most. Whether they just came home or completed their service many years ago, their experiences and sacrifices have an impact on their lives.



**The Veterans Crisis Line** is a toll-free, confidential resource that connects Veterans in crisis and their families and friends with qualified, caring Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) responders. The professionals at the Veterans Crisis Line are specially trained and experienced in helping Veterans of all ages and circumstances. Veterans Crisis Line responders provide support when issues such as chronic pain, anxiety, depression, sleeplessness, anger, and even homelessness - reach a crisis point. Many of the responders are Veterans themselves and understand what Veterans and their families and friends have been and are currently going through.

**Veterans and their loved ones can call 1-800-273-8255 and press 1, chat online at [www.VeteransCrisisLine.net](http://www.VeteransCrisisLine.net) or send a text message to 838255 to receive free, confidential support 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year, even if they are not enrolled in VA health care.**

There are many simple actions we can take to help Veterans access the care they deserve and have earned. Visit the Veterans Crisis Line online to learn how you can help. Spread the word about the Veterans Crisis Line. **It matters.**

Thinking is the hardest work there is, which is probably the reason why so few engage in it. - Henry Ford





## Memorial Day 2014 highlights



Parade Grand Marshal was our own Wally Christensen (in back seat).



Legionnaires and Auxiliary members march with pride.



SAL member Steve Koponen with student Americanism Essay award winners. Steve organized this year's Americanism Essay contest.



The Post 346 Honor Guard looked sharp at the Memorial Day ceremony and while leading the Memorial Day Parade.



Outgoing Unit 346 Auxiliary President Leah Brancheau and newly elected President for 2014-15 Tammy Festian place a wreath at the Farmington War Memorial Monument.

Photos by: Carol Philp & Skip Nafe





## Flag Day - Flag Retirement Ceremony - June 13

Our joint Flag Retirement Ceremony with the K of C was an impressive sight. Along with our Post officers, local Girl and Boy Scouts (from Packs 263, 162 and Troop 75324), we had the Color Corp. of Assembly 2136 4th Degree Knights of Columbus from Farmington Hills, in full regalia, in attendance.

The ceremony was conducted by Commander Cliff Lauzon, Sr. Vice Tony Mallia, Jr. Vice Jim Weston, Sgt.-at-Arms Judy Kronk and Chaplain Vern McBride along with Post 346 Color Guard members Ray Barry, Jim Koponen, and Phil Carlisle. Assembly 2136 Color Corp. members were: Faithful Color Corp. Commander, PGK (and Post member) Edward Waldecker, Faithful Captain Fred Arganoza, Faithful Navigator Nino Abate, Faithful Comptroller (and Post member) Norm Pranger, Faithful Purser Henry Testa, Faithful Pilot Dave Stulock, Faithful Pilot, PGK Mike Mitchell, and PFN, PGK Martin Kozicki. After the ceremony all members, family, friends and guests in attendance were treated to chicken, pizza, ice cream and libations courtesy of the K of C, **Thank You very much!**



Miss Farmington 2014-15 Kristina Franchi (with crown) and her court were also in attendance for Flag Day.



Post member Ed Waldecker (in purple) also serves as Faithful Color Corp. Commander for the K of C.



Also serving with the K of C Color Corp. was Post member and K of C Faithful Comptroller Norm Pranger (center).

Photos: Carol Philp



We always appreciate the assistance of the Boy scouts from Packs 162 & 263, and Girl Scouts from Troop 75324.



The following companies provide discounts of 10% - 20% off to veterans, active duty troops, and federal employees; all you have to do is ASK!



#### RESTAURANTS

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Burger King  
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Dunkin Donuts  
Fuddruckers  
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Long John Silver  
Pancho's Mexican  
Pizza Hut  
Quizno's  
Sonic  
Taco Bell

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AutoZone  
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Bath and Body Works  
Big Lots  
Champ Sports  
Dell  
The Discovery Ch Store  
Dress Barn  
The Finish Line  
Foot Action  
Footlocker  
GNC  
Lerners  
Lowe's  
Michael's  
NAPA Auto Parts  
New York & Company  
Pac Sun  
Payless Shoes  
Play It Again Sports  
Pure Beauty  
Sally Beauty Supply  
Spencer Gifts  
Suncoast  
Timberland Outlets  
Wilson's Leather



#### **FREE ADMISSION to Governor Warner Mansion**

The Governor Warner Mansion is pleased to announce that it has partnered with the National Endowment for the Arts, Blue Star Families, the Dept. of Defense, and more than 2000 museums across America to become a Blue Star Museum. Blue Star Families is a national, non-profit network of military families from all ranks and services dedicated to supporting, connecting and empowering military families. A national appreciation program runs from **May 26 to September 1, 2014** granting **free admission to all 2000 museums as a way to say "Thank You" to America's active and retired military forces, including National Guard.**

**Bring a military or veteran ID card and enjoy free admission to Farmington's Governor Warner Mansion Beginning Sunday June 1**, when the museum will be open 1 - 5 pm. Free admission will also be extended for up to five family members entering with military or veteran guests. On special display will be an assortment of historic military uniforms, and refreshments will be served in our historic carriage house on the Mansion grounds for our guests. **The mansion's season opening ceremonies were also on June 1 at 1:00pm featuring the Post 346 Honor Guard.**

The Governor Warner Mansion is one of 58 museums offering free admission to the military in the state of Michigan. The Blue Star Museums website lists all participating museums nationwide - [http://bluestarfam.org/Programs/Blue\\_Star\\_Museums](http://bluestarfam.org/Programs/Blue_Star_Museums)  
The Governor Warner Mansion is located at 33805 Grand River Avenue, two blocks west of Farmington Road. For more information about the mansion and it's events, find us on Facebook [www.facebook.com/governor.mansion](http://www.facebook.com/governor.mansion), [www.ci.farmington.mi.us/Community/WarnerMansion/OverviewWarner.asp](http://www.ci.farmington.mi.us/Community/WarnerMansion/OverviewWarner.asp) or contact the Farmington City Clerks office at 248-474-5500 ext.2225. The Mansion is a National Historic Landmark built in 1867 and unfortunately, is not wheelchair accessible.

Never be ashamed to admit you were wrong.  
You're only saying that you're wiser today  
than you were yesterday.



#### **Darts! Play Free!**

We now have an electronic dart board in our clubroom. The darts are available from your bartenders, as well as a pamphlet showing various styles of games for those who are more adventurous. Come have fun and support your post.

You have to love a nation that celebrates its independence every July 4, not with a parade of guns, tanks, and soldiers who file by the White House in a show of strength and muscle, but with family picnics where kids throw Frisbees, the potato salad gets iffy, and the flies die from happiness. You may think you have overeaten, but it is patriotism. -Erma Bombeck

## July Birthdays



3 Kathleen Kudrick  
5 Donald Schlack  
7 Chelsea Wilson  
8 Stacy Cromie  
8 Shirley Walsh  
9 Deborah Hale  
9 Catherine Arthur  
9 Don Brown  
11 Mike D'Arcangelo  
12 Jim Wilson  
12 Harry Brownen  
13 Tina Rossi  
13 Brittany Kokko

13 Megan Hall  
15 Tracy Beattie  
15 Wayne Harris  
16 Jim Hopson  
16 Alan Currie  
17 Beth Gentile  
18 Arlene Popp  
20 Todd Farrell  
20 Van Bytner  
20 Jennifer Martin  
21 Stan Packard  
22 Vern Waldrop  
23 Alfred Freude  
25 Mitchell Swoboda  
26 Lee Hill  
26 James Prain, Jr.  
26 Mike Dowling  
27 Helen Scott  
28 Jim Pearse  
28 Doug Christensen  
30 George Panaretos  
30 Christina James

## July Anniversaries



10 Greg & Arlene Popp  
16 Tim & Jan Yount  
18 Rob & Pattie Holton  
19 Steven & Sandra Koponen  
22 Ed & Jean Purdy  
25 Vasillie & Joanne Croitori  
26 Norm & Myrtle Granger  
31 George & Doreen Panaretos

**Don't see your name?**  
**Please contact Carol at**  
info@americanlegionpost346.org



**We Need Your Help,  
Legion, Aux. or SAL!**  
Please volunteer to work  
Friday Nights at BINGO.  
Please contact Bingo  
Chairman Skip Nafe  
at (248) 419-0000.

# July 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Exec. Board meeting 7:30pm	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> NO Legion or Aux. meetings	<b>4</b>  Independence Day NO BINGO	<b>5</b> Flea Market <u>9:00am – 2:00pm</u> Legion booth at Farmington Farmers market 9am – 2pm
<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> SAL meeting 7:30pm	<b>10</b>  Post 346 Birthday	<b>11</b>  BINGO 6:15pm	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Home Board meeting 7:30pm	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>  BINGO 6:15pm	<b>19</b> Flea Market 9:00am – 2:00pm Page 12
<b>20</b> Ever-7 Annual Summer Picnic Page 5	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>  BINGO 6:15pm	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b>  Parents Day	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>1 AUGUST</b>  BINGO 6:15pm	<b>2</b> Flea Market 9:00am – 2:00pm





## August Birthdays



1 Wanda Bielski  
2 Brett Hall  
2 Melissa Smart  
2 Richard Lukey Sr.  
3 James Templin  
6 Louie Kordus  
8 Anita J. Martell  
10 Peter Larion  
11 Pam Joslyn  
11 Joseph Seyuin  
13 Joanne Dopkowski  
13 Tom Grossman  
14 Norma Goers  
15 Wally Christensen

16 Joyce Strong  
18 Ashley Faucher  
18 Janice Faucher  
18 Katherine Faucher  
18 Ted Czerwinski  
19 Gil Naylor  
20 Virginia Martin  
20 Jan Yount  
22 Fran Goers  
24 George Berling  
26 Diane Bradley  
26 Sharon Rimatzki  
26 Jennifer Currie  
27 Thomas James  
27 Robbie Smart  
28 Tiffany Farrell  
28 Tom Lapham  
28 Cindy Walton  
29 Tre' Trolley  
29 Craig Eby  
29 Janice Hildenbrand  
30 Margorie Buszta  
30 Anthony (Tony) Mallia

## August Anniversaries



5 William & Theresa Warren  
6 Randy & Nancy Maki  
9 Jim & Kell Wilson  
18 Gerald & Loraine Sheahen  
26 Norm & Fran Goers  
27 Edward & Ann Coyle

**Don't see your name?**  
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## Coming up in September

1 Labor Day  
2 V-J Day  
4 Legion & Aux. meetings  
7 Grandparents Day  
11 Patriots Day  
17 Constitution Day  
Citizenship Day  
18 Air Force Birthday  
19 POW-MIA Recognition Day  
22 Autumn Begins  
24 Rosh Hashanah begins  
28 Gold Star Mother's Day



# August 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27  Parent's Day	28	29	30	31	1  BINGO 6:15pm	2 Flea Market 9:00am – 2:00pm
3  Friendship Day	4 Exec. Board meeting 7:30pm  Coast Guard Day	5	6	7 NO Legion or Aux. meetings	8  BINGO 6:15pm	9
10 Post Installation of Officers for 2014-15 1:00 pm	11	12	13 NO SAL meeting	14	15  BINGO 6:15pm	16 Flea Market 9:00am – 2:00pm
17 Submission deadline for Sept. Bulletin	18	19 Home Board meeting 7:30pm  Aviation Day	20	21	22 22 - 28 National Convention in Charlotte, NC  BINGO 6:15pm	23
24  31	25	26  Women's Equality Day	27	28	29  BINGO 6:15pm	30



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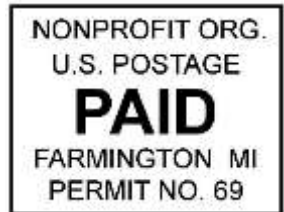
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