

#### The Groves-Walker Bulletin

American Legion Post 346 Farmington, MI May/June 2020 - Vol. X Issue 5



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#### **Meeting Nights**

1st Wednesday of each month at 6:30pm: SAL
1st Thur. of each month at 7:30pm: Legion & Auxiliary
3rd Thur. of each month at 7pm: Home Board
4th Thur. of each month at 7pm: Exec. Committee

#### **Clubroom Hours**

Monday - Friday: 2pm - 9pm Saturday: 12noon - 6pm Open some Sundays for viewing of sporting events

#### **Contact Info**

248-478-9174
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#### Volunteer opportunities

Volunteers needed for: Making or donating shadow boxes to display military memorabilia - finding buyers for 6 gravesites at Oakview cemetery - repainting flag drop box. Contact Marya if you can help.

Keep an eye on your email for volunteer requests from the Legion, Auxiliary and SAL. Thank you!

# A great BIG Happy Belated Birthday to new member Dave Brown Hope your March 23rd was great!

Do you know someone who could use a little extra assistance each month with groceries? Registering with CARES in Farmington Hills (see address page 2) provides a monthly voucher for items in their food and clothing pantries (please bring your own shopping bags). Application forms available from Marya or at their facility. You must call for an appointment: 248-882-7800

Farmington/Farmington Hills Memorial Day Parade - Monday May 25, 9:00 am

Annual Flag Day - Flag Retirement Ceremony Sunday June 14th, 7:00 pm

#### DUE TO COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS ALL EVENTS LISTED HERE ARE TENTATIVE UNTIL WE ARE GIVEN THE ALL CLEAR TO REOPEN

No Internet access? Consider calling the Post information line weekly to hear the most important updates we send out via email. Call: 248-939-4910

#### New Auxiliary membership requirements.

Great and great-great granddaughters of veterans are no longer eligible for membership in the Auxiliary. Current Auxiliary members who are great or great-great granddaughters may continue their membership (they are "Grandfathered in", hahaha). If a current great (or great-great) granddaughter allows her membership lapse, she will no longer be allowed to renew. This change comes from IRS regulations and not from the National American Legion Auxiliary organization.

## **MOTHER'S DAY DINNER - TENTATIVE**Fundraiser by SAL & Auxiliary

Everyone Welcome! Saturday May 9th 5:00 to 7:00 pm Adults \$12 per plate Children \$8 per plate (under 13) Grilled Burgers & Brats



with Baked Potato, Slaw, Corn on the Cob & Dessert

Please let us know you're coming by using the signup sheet in the clubroom, emailing to: GrovesWalkerPost346@gmail.com or by calling the Post at: 248-478-9174.

Thank you to LaGrasso Bros. Produce for their continued support in helping to make our dinners a delicious success.



Never miss a good chance to shut up.

- Will Rogers

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Please 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 room to print all articles and I may need to edit for length. Articles can be submitted at any time, please don't wait for the deadline of Wednesday June 17th for the July/August 2020 issue of the Bulletin.

#### Chaplain's Corner Andy Machcinski

My Fellow Legionnaires:

During these trying times where uncertainty and fear are with every one of us, we must remember, as during our time in service where we worked together to accomplish a goal, now is the time again to listen to our leaders and medical professionals and as a team attack this vicious unseen enemy. May this short prayer give you peace and strength:

Lord, you came into the world to heal our infirmities and to endure our sufferings. You went about healing all and bringing comfort to those in pain and need. We come before you now in this time of illness asking that you may be the source of our strength in body, courage in spirit and patience in pain. May we join ourselves more closely to You on the cross, and in Your suffering, that through them we may draw our strength, patience and hope. Assist us and restore us to health so that united we may give praise and honor to Your name.

Your Chaplain, Regards, Andy

#### Farwell to our old comrade...

#### Orville I. Roberts

November 12, 1920 - March 11, 2020
Age 99 of Westland. Orville was preceded in death in 2006 by his beloved wife Ester, to whom he was married for 60 years. Orville was the father of Robert (deceased), Donna (Kenn) LaForest, Ruthann (Bill) Creekmore, Timothy (Tish), and Terrance. He was grandfather to 15, great-grandfather to 14, and great-great-grandfather to 2. Orville served in the U.S. Army in World W

grandfather to 15, great-grandfather to 14, and great-greatgrandfather to 2. Orville served in the U.S. Army in World War II and Korea. **Orville was a member of American Legion Post 346 since 1946,** VFW 7546, and the Knights of Columbus. Internment at St. Hedwig Cemetery.

More TAPS on page 4

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

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

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

Your local library: Books, videos, CDs, DVDs

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



#### **Vote NOW for your new Post Officers!**

Because of the current COVID-19 situation, nominations and voting for 2020-21 officers is taking place via mail or email this year. All members have now received Official Absentee Ballots. Ballots are also available at the Post (at the back patio) or via email at: GrovesWalkerPost346@gmail.com

Nominations closed as of April 20th. Only official absentee ballots will be accepted and must be received by May 6th.



beef and cabbage dinner. And later the "Neil Lawrence Experience" really got the house rocking! The concert paid tribute to many of Neil Diamond's greatest hits. Shown above, singer Larry Rydzewski personally serenaded Diana and Denny Lis and really made their evening special.

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

Getting energized and staying motivated during our changing times can be a challenge. Know that the Leadership of your Legion is not standing idle. And neither should you.

Make a plan. Plan to make adjustments.

Early summer has always been an invigorating time. Our Post connecting with the community: Poppy Days, Market opening, the Memorial Day Parade. Our families: excited to get out of school and plan those first vacations of summer – camping and travel.

Your leadership is prepared to carry out our expected routine, but we are realistic in accepting that we have to be flexible. Maybe our alternate plans can be to have late summer cookouts and patriotic activities to reenergize and uplift our veterans and the community. And we have to prepare for some hard choices that are coming, due to our limited operating funds without the usual hall rentals. Many thanks to the Auxiliary for donating \$3,000 and the SAL for covering some individual bills so we can stay current for April and May. The Legion can cover June's expenses.

We have to think out of the box. Loans are a challenge as our cash flow has always been limited so repayment would be problematic. Grants offered through the Small Business Assn. are centered around paid payroll. Therefore, we are not eligible. But that wasn't going to stop us. We took a leap of faith, took the chance, a long-shot... because we have to adapt to survive. We applied for a \$15,000 grant from Citizens Bank. This is not a government program, I am betting on some flexibility. So, when answering the questions applicable to 'employees', I re-framed it as our local Legion entity itself is actually "the Workforce" serving the local veterans and citizens. And added this closing statement:

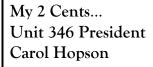
"...Our ultimate goal is simply to be able to continue the good work of the American Legion for the veterans and our community. We are the option for lower (to moderate) income families to celebrate weddings, birthdays and baby showers as well as (we are) the foundation for the well-being of local veterans both financially and through the essential camaraderie needed as their lifeline..."

I tried to show that celebration and interaction are also essential to a healthy existence. How will you and your family adjust and adapt?

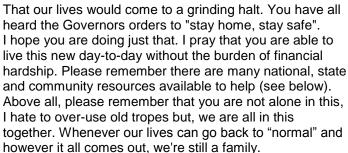
In service, Marya Davis, Commander

It is not the one who perseveres to complete the original plan who wins, it is the one who has the fortitude to adapt along the way who succeeds.

Inspired by the words of Anthony S. Bandyk, LTC(R), USA, MSW, ACSW, my dad.



No one could have predicted that the whole world would be turned upside down and thrown into the kind of situation we now face.



With no one using our building, no one renting, no one enjoying the clubroom, our income is now non-existent. And yet utility bills (for the most part) still need to be paid. Your officers are currently working very hard, researching alternate avenues of funding to try and keep the post afloat. Any and all suggestions to help our situation are welcome. Hopefully, in the foreseeable future, we can get back to planning for the future of our Post. We will strive to continue to uphold the mission of the Legion, to help our veterans. To me, that's the only thing that really matters, that's what we're all about.

For those who have tested positive for COVID-19, who have been ill and have come out the other side well again, there is a need for blood donors. People who have fully recovered from COVID-19 have antibodies in their plasma that can attack the virus. For more information please see the following links: Redcrossblood.org, ccpp19.org, or www.trialsitenews.com/the-national-covid-19-convalescent-plasma-project

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

#### Coronavirus aid and resources

- The CARES Act (Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security)
  - www.stabenow.senate.gov/veterans
- A comprehensive list of State and U.S. Government coronavirus assistance resources www.stabenow.senate.gov/coronavirus
- Michigan coronavirus information www.michigan.gov/coronavirus
- Michigan coronavirus hotline 888-535-6136
- Michigan aging & adult services www.michigan.gov/osa or call 248-357-2255
- www.communityresource.beaumont.org
- U.S. Government benefits finder www.benefits.gov
- U.S. Government Centers for Disease Control and Prevention www.cdc.gov
- City of Farmington www.ci.farmington.mi.us
- City of Farmington Hills www.fhgov.com





Unfortunately, the Post only recently learned of the member deaths listed here.

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#### Barry G. Slavic

January 31, 1940 - March 20, 2018

Age 78, of Matteson Township, formerly of Sturgis Michigan. Barry was born in Brownsville, Pa., son of the late George and Evelyn Slavic. Barry is survived by his wife Carol, 2 daughters; Deanna Slavic-Hanner and Melissa Nostrant; 3 grandchildren; stepchildren Darcy (Greg) Crites, Kristi (Dave) McAllister, and Steven Kellev: and 8 step-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by daughter, Deborah (1980). Barry was a member of Post 346 SAL since 2010, VFW, Masons, Loyal Order of Moose, and Elks. Schipper Funeral Home in Colon.

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#### Suzanne O. Loibl

December 14, 1947 - April 25, 2018 Age 70 of Farmington Hills. Suzanne was born in Detroit to the late Lawrence R. and Elaine O'Connor. Suzanne is survived by her loving husband of 47 years, Joseph and sons; Joseph and Gary (Tiffany), and 4 grand-children. Mrs. Loibl was preceded in death by her son; Michael Loibl. Unit 346 member since 2009. Interment at

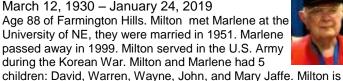
#### Alfred J. Aughton

Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

September 8, 1931 - August 27, 2018 Mr. Aughton was survived by his loving wife Lucille "Fran" for 64 years, children; Cynthia (Gary) Kochensparger, Deborah (Vic) Puidokas and Rebecca Aughton, 4 grand-children, 2 great-grand children and a brother; James Albert (Marlene) Aughton. Post 346 member since 2009. Internment at Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly MI.

#### Milton W. Shuey

March 12, 1930 - January 24, 2019 Age 88 of Farmington Hills. Milton met Marlene at the University of NE, they were married in 1951. Marlene passed away in 1999. Milton served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. Milton and Marlene had 5



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also survived by his friend and companion Irene Dziondziak of Fort Wayne, IN. Post 346 member since 2018. Internment in Tecumseh, NE.

#### Marcos A. Dias

April 29, 1957 - March 15, 2019 Age 61 of Allen Park, Michigan. Beloved husband of Gail. Devoted father of Adam, Monica Gilbert, Matthew, Jessica (Raymond) Bedient and Jason. Dearest son of Antonio and Luzanira Dias. Also survived by his grandchildren; 4 brothers and 1 sister. Post 346 member since 2017.

#### Peter E. Ringuette

January 7, 1949 - June 11, 2019

Age 70 of Port Sanilac, MI. He is survived by wife of 24 years, Sandra, step children; Carrie (Andrew) McKenzie, John (Rebekah) Martin III, and Kevin (Marcie) Martin, 8 grandchildren; special cousin Raymond Ringuette and many nieces and nephews. Peter was an Army Vietnam War veteran MP. Post 346 member since 2007. Internment at Parkview Memorial Park.

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#### David R. Slanaker

June 3, 1937 - September 27, 2019

Age 82, of Zephyrhills FL. Survived by his loving wife, Vera; daughters, Cheryl and Laura; and 3 grandchildren. Post 346 member since 1983. Whitfield Funeral Home

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#### Thomas H. Yono

May 09, 1943 - October 05, 2019

Loving father to Tanya Yono & Jennifer (Norman) Dehko. Loving grandfather to 4. Beloved brother to Robert, Philip, Norman, Patrick, and Tommy's twin sister, the late Marlene Kory. Post 346 member since 2016. Internment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.



#### Concetta (Connie) C. Crissman

December 19, 1932 - February 23, 2020 Age 87 of Farmington Hills. In 1951 Connie married the late John S. Crissman Jr. They were married for for 61 years. Connie was the loving and caring mother of Nancy Kolliker (Robert), John Crissman III

(Rita), Denise Rodi (Angelo) and Dennis Crissman (Jilaine, deceased), cherished grandmother of 8 and Peter (deceased). She was the great-grandmother of 16. Auxiliary Unit 346 member since 1995. Internment next to her late husband John S. Crissman Jr in the Glen Eden Cemetery in Livonia.

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#### Orville J. Roberts

November 12, 1920 - March 11, 2020 See page 2

#### William (Bill) D. Cook

February 27, 1948 - March 28, 2020 He was born in Detroit to Delmar & Gertrude Cook and was preceded in death by his sister Arlene. He is survived by his sister Diana (Denny) Lis and his beloved wife of over 50 years, Claudia.

He was the proud father of daughter Renee (Jeff) Vitti, son Bill and granddaughter Jory. A memorial service will be held in his honor at a later time. Post 346 SAL member since 2018.



April, 21, 1933 - April 1, 2020

Age 86 of Farmington Hills. Beloved husband of 59 years to Nancy, father to Michael (Christy), Sarah (Steve) Zech, Mary Jo Dmytro, and Patrick (Paula), grandfather to 9 and great-grandfather to 4 1/2.

Preceded in death by brother Douglas and sister Gloria (Albert) DeWolf. Post 346 member since 2003. A funeral mass will be celebrated when the world is in better health.

Memorial tributes suggested to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital or Doctors Without Borders.





#### May Birthdays

- 01 Brandy Chritz
- 03 Joseph (Cliff) Lauzon
- 10 Gary Grant
- 13 Donal Guetchow
- 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
- 29 William Topper

29 Al Schneider 31 Mary White

#### 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 in his or her wallet 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 Hopson at: GrovesWalkerPost346 @gmail.com

#### TABS FOR TOTS

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

## Want to see your name above? Please contact Carol Hopson at:

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May 2020

## Due to COVID-19 restrictions All events listed are TENTATIVE

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27 Coney Night fundraiser 5 -7pm	28	29	30	<b>1</b> May Day / Law Day	2
3	4 Coney Night fundraiser 5 -7pm	5 Cinco de Mayo National EOD Day	6 SAL meeting 6:30pm Nurses Day Teachers Day	7 Legion & Auxiliary meetings 7:30pm	<b>8</b> V-E Day 1945	9 Mother's day dinner 5 - 7pm
Mother's Day	11 Coney Night fundraiser 5 -7pm	12	13 Ladies Night in the clubroom	14	15	Opening day for Farmington Farmers Market
17 18th Dist meeting Auburn Hills 143 2:00 pm Annual District Memorial Service	18 Coney Night fundraiser 5 -7pm Last of the season	19	20  Armed Forces Day	21 Home Board meeting 7:00pm	National Poppy Day National Maritime Day	23 Poppy Days 22, 23, 24
24	25 Memorial day Parade	26	27	28 Exec. Committee meeting 7:00pm	29	30
31	Post Open House					



#### June Birthdays

- 01 George (Skip) Nafe
- 05 Roxanne Watts
- 05 John Berling
- 06 Harold Henderlong
- 09 Jim Salling Sr.
- 09 Steven Watts
- 11 Jackie Dix
- 11 Ray Okonski
- 15 John Mirling
- 16 Lorraine Christensen
- 19 June Schwartz
- 20 Carol Hopson
- 20 Ann Saviniemi
- 20 Jim Koponen
- 24 Larry Gooden

25 Colin Williams 28 Art Mikkola

#### June Anniversaries

18 John & Tammy Berling 09 Virgil & Lois Thill 18 Robert & Tina Rossi

26 Rob & Jan Smart 29 Marty & Jen Chinn



#### Coming up in July

04 Independence Day 10 Post 346 Birthday

16 Ramadan

20 Man sets foot on the moon for the first time 1969 27 Korean War Armistice



**CONEY NIGHT** 

Members and their guests always enjoy free in the clubroom

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June 2019

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	1 Monday Dinner at the Post fundraiser 5 -7pm	2	SAL meeting 6:30pm	4 Legion meeting 7:30pm NO Auxiliary	5	D-Day 1944
7	8 Monday Dinner at the Post fundraiser 5 -7pm	9	10 Ladies Night in the clubroom	11	12	13
Flag Day Army Birthday	15 Monday Dinner at the Post fundraiser 5 -7pm	16	17 Submission Deadline for July/August Bulletin	18 Home Board meeting 7:00pm	Juneteenth (Emancipation Day)	Summer Solstice
21 Father's Day	22 Monday Dinner at the Post fundraiser 5 -7pm	23	24	Exec. Committee meeting 7:00pm  Korean War began 1950	26 Dept. of MI State Convention Kalamazoo 25 - 28	27
28	29 Monday Dinner at the Post fundraiser 5 -7pm	30	1 SAL meeting 6:30pm	Legion meeting 7:30pm NO Auxiliary	3	Independence Day



#### Making Good in the Midwest by Gerald R. Lynch

Available at B&N and Amazon \$14.99 Paperback, 150 pages, ISBN 978-1721604722

Post 346 member-Jerry Lynch, who now lives in Bay City, published this collection of poems, stories and essays in 2018. Jerry addresses the unique character and outlook that make the Midwest and it's people so distinctive and offers a fascinating and varied take on the lives of people 'Making Good in the Midwest'.

Jerry's thoughtful lyric poetry addresses issues of life's meaning and the passage of time. His stories, essays, and narrative poems take you on a literary journey from growing up on a farm near Bay City, to a reflection on the changing seasons of Michigan and many other points of interest along the way.



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## Best Wishes

## Ray Okonski

Member of Post 346 since 2001 I Co. 300th Bn. 78th Div.

3 Battle Stars WWII Purple Heart Last battle was at the Ludendorff Bridge

Rhine River, Remagen Germany

## Heeney Sundquist

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Church Groups
Fitness Classes
Dances / Parties
Special Occasions
Classes / Seminars
Community Groups



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