



The Groves-Walker Bulletin

American Legion Post 346 Farmington, MI
November/December 2020 - Vol. XI Issue 2



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Meeting Nights

1st Wednesday of the month at 6:30pm: **SAL**
1st Thur. of the month at 7:30pm: **Legion - Auxiliary**
3rd Thur. of the month at 6:30pm: **Home Board**
and at 7pm: **Exec. Committee** (temporary)

Current Clubroom Hours

Monday - Friday: 4pm - 9pm
Open some weekends for sports viewing

Contact Info

Clubroom: 248-478-9174 Information: 248-939-4910
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LegionRental346@gmail.com
GrovesWalkerPost346@gmail.com
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31775 Grand River Ave. Farmington, MI 48336-4238

Volunteer opportunities

Volunteers needed for: Help with researching possible grant opportunities ~ Finding buyers for 6 gravesites at Oakview cemetery in Royal Oak ~ Contact Marya if you can help.

Have you ever wanted to be a bartender? Eric is looking for volunteers.

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

The Auxiliary will once again be collecting donations for their annual Mitten Tree at the Dec. meeting(s). Hats, gloves, mittens, scarves, warm socks, boots, etc. will be collected and passed along to the Farmington Goodfellows for distribution to local families in need. Please bring your donations to the Post for the December meeting. Thank you!



Happy Holidays from
Post 346!



ALL MEETINGS AND EVENTS LISTED HERE ARE SUBJECT TO CURRENT COVID-19 POLICIES

WANTED: Can you or someone you know create and manage a Twitter and/or Instagram account for the Post? We need to get our message with hashtags out to a wider public audience. Please ask around if a friend or family member is willing to help. Please contact Marya.

Coronavirus financial aid and resources

- [Veterans COVID-19 Emergency Financial Relief](#)
- 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
- Beaumont Hospitals - www.communityresource.beaumont.org
- U.S. Government benefits finder - www.benefits.gov
- U.S. Government Centers for Disease Control and Prevention - www.cdc.gov
- **Please don't forget about our Post's Poppy funds! Anonymous one-time grants, not loans, specifically earmarked for the financial needs of veterans and their families. Feel free to contact Mike LaFave at: 248-516-8545 or Carol Hopson at: 248-910-2586 if you could use a little help.**

Be an Early Bird!

Those Legion members who pay their 2021 dues prior to Veteran's Day 2020 will be eligible for an **Early Bird award of \$100!** There will be 3 awards chosen on Veterans Day (Auxiliary, SAL, Legion officers and PUFs are not eligible).



There is no value in life except what you choose to place upon it and no happiness in any place except what you bring to it yourself. - Thoreau

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Any member can submit an article for the next Bulletin, including photos (articles may be edited for length, spelling and/or content). Articles can be submitted at any time, **please don't wait for the deadline of Tuesday December 15th for the January/February 2021 issue of the Bulletin.**

Chaplain's Corner Andy Machcinski

My Fellow Legionnaires:

As your Chaplain it is my duty to provide spiritual support for the members of our Post. My duties extend to hospice care and nursing homes for veterans at these places of hope and care. With our current COVID epidemic these duties are very restricted and in most cases curtailed. Even our Post meetings are limited to small numbers of members.

What I can do every day is have everyone and their families in my mind and with a bowed head say a prayer. In my mind this is not enough but it is all that is available to me during this very trying time. I pray for our health, peace of mind and fortitude to prevail into the future. We are veterans and have seen tough times and prevailed, once again we are called upon to straighten up and stand tough and I know we will. Below is a prayer to give you a moment of peace and support. The Lord IS with you during this time of tribulation, we will prevail:

Mighty God, with your help we can satisfy our every desire and need. Hear our prayer for all veterans who made great sacrifices on our behalf. We ask that you would bless them all and meet their needs. We pray you would give them peace when they suffer from past and present trauma. We acknowledge the debt of gratitude to you that we owe for the freedom of our country. Lord, bless all veterans and their families and keep them, make your face shine up-on them. Turn your face towards them and give them peace. Through our Lord, Amen.

Your Chaplain. Regards,
Andy



If you are considering a generous donation to help your Post during these difficult times, please make checks payable to: American Legion Post 346

A special Thank You to our Queen of Hearts ticket sellers!

They are bringing in funds to the Post by selling tickets at golf outings, while visiting other Posts, and having weekly breakfasts with cronies. They are not just bringing in money for the raffle, but they are spreading the word about us and the Legion! A handful of our members have also taken to social media to spread the word. And this is what it is going to take to let our friends and the community know what we are all about and our current situation. They will help if they know! But it takes many forms of sharing information to get the word out. Let your voice be heard!

Queen of Hearts Progressive Raffle

**Joe Young
won the first jackpot
of \$5,592.50!**

(She was hiding in envelope #18!)



Our grateful thanks to everyone who purchased raffle tickets!

ROUND 2
Coming January 2021
Watch your email for details

Due to COVID-19 concerns the Post has decided to **NOT** hold our annual **Veteran's Day Ceremony** (Early-Bird drawing will be held on this date), and **Post Christmas Party** for 2020. We look forward to planning a "Christmas in July" celebration in 2021!

Please join us for our annual Holiday Wreath Laying Ceremony Saturday December 5th. at 12 noon

Post 346 will be placing a memorial holiday wreath at the **Farmington War Memorial Monument** (next door to the Masonic Lodge downtown).

This annual ceremony is to honor those in the military who never made it home for the holidays and remember those who are currently serving and cannot be with loved ones this holiday season.



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



Armistice Day was first proclaimed on Nov. 11, 1919 to honor the first anniversary of the end of WWI. Congress passed a resolution for an annual observance in 1926 and then eventually it became the national holiday Veterans Day. Here at our Post we had champagne toasts and guest speakers to commemorate that important day and to honor our veterans. Yet our world is changing. Thanksgiving has been a time-honored tradition including family gatherings, reflection and gratitude. This year, the turkey won't be as large and Zoom and FaceTime will replace many of the seats at the table. December is filled with many celebrations honoring one's culture, family or religion. It was the time of year we could count on that family would fly in from all corners of the country. Now Santa's sleigh has even been replaced by Amazon delivery trucks.

This time of year is filled with tradition. Some traditions will evolve and change over time and that is normal. Families blend together, people move and life situations happen. Customs adapt to our lives as much as we adapt to the customs around us. Our world is evolving. Most accept the personal responsibility to continue to practice social distancing, safe food handling practices and wearing our masks. Yet we must acknowledge that we cannot control the world response and the nature of this pandemic. Most likely, we will not be able to resume the full income capability of our rental halls any time soon. We must prepare for this possible outcome.

What comes to mind is the serenity poem... *God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, change the things I can and the wisdom to know the difference.* Your leadership is trying to change the things we can and is embarking on a dedicated effort to establish a Plan B, to find a new potential home for our Post. We have not thrown in the towel. We have not lost all hope. But to assure that we have an alternate plan in time to act upon it, we need to invest in the due diligence required for this undertaking and make the effort. Our members and the community have given generously to help us survive. And we will survive, yet we have the opportunity to thrive and keep our Legion family together. We can and we will still continue on to teach and share the values of Americanism and the flag, to honor veterans and support them and to educate others, we will not willingly give up on the intrinsic value of having a place to assemble which is essential for our human need for the camaraderie shared in our unique relationships founded on service and sacrifice. We choose to take action for the sake of the Legion family. Rather than being the victim of change, we choose to lean forward to evolve and adapt, to survive and thrive.

Walk with me, support the leadership,
and let's support each other.

In Service,
Marya Davis, Commander



My 2 Cents...
Unit 346 President
Carol Hopson



Welcome to fall, my favorite time of the year!
Beautiful leaves and cool nights snuggling
under cozy blankets!

Some items from our October meeting (in person!). Our updated Unit 346 standing rules have finally been approved by Department (after almost 1 whole year!). Copies are available upon request. ● It was discussed and voted upon to break with tradition and not adopt a family for Christmas this year. In lieu of that we will be making a \$500 Christmas donation to the [Farmington C.A.R.E.S.](#) food pantry. ● Unfortunately for numerous reasons it has been decided not to renew our charter with Cub Scout Pack 162 for 2021. ● Donations are again requested for basic Post supplies: TP, paper towel, napkins, urinal cakes, antibacterial wipes, garbage bags (12 gallon and 45 gallon), cans of pop, individually bagged snacks.

I'd like to share with you what the Executive Committee is doing as far as the future of our building. We are all still hoping that we can reopen fully to rentals and be able to regain at least our previous level of income but that may not come soon enough. We currently have only enough funds to pay our bills until the first of the year. The current level of donations keeping the Post alive (paying utility bills, etc.) is beginning to dwindle. For the past few years our rental income has not significantly increased, our membership has steadily decreased and our building just keeps getting older and more expensive to maintain. The time is rapidly approaching to make hard decisions before our funds are completely depleted. The Exec. Committee is exhaustively researching the possibility of us moving into a new(er) building or storefront (smaller, newer, and with less maintenance costs). With this move, we will be able to shift our focus back to supporting the core mission of the American Legion instead of raising funds mostly for the upkeep of our building. Bottom line - The Executive Committee (of which I am a member) is committed to doing what it feels is best for the Post to confidently move us into the future.

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

**2021 AUX Membership cards are now available,
see Carol to pay in person and save a stamp.**

**Something to think about ...
Our Legion Home**

Just like in your own home, pick up after yourself. If you see something on the floor, pick it up. Maybe someone left a table without pushing in their chair. Fixes like this only take a quick minute. We cannot currently afford to pay for custodial services so it is up to us to keep **our house** clean and tidy.



Carol Pinkerton

July 2, 1943 - September 1, 2020

Carol, known as "Cookie" or "Mrs. Pinky" to family and friends, was born in Charleston WV to Ralph and Annestine Johnson. After losing her parents at a young age she was raised by older brother Ralph L Johnson and his wife Marian Delores (deceased). In 1998 she married her third husband and love of her life, William "Pinky" Pinkerton (2019).



She leaves loving children Monica (George) McKinney, Angela Roach and Jay (Fran) Harris, eight grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, one niece, two nephews, bother Ralph Johnson, extended sister-in-law Col. G. Lorraine Stevens and a host of other family members and friends. Carol's husband William, brother Warner Johnson, daughter Karen Harris, sister-in-law Marian Delores Johnson and grandson Tyler Maurice Harris all preceded her in death. Carol was an Auxiliary 346 member for many years having joined through the service of her husband William in the Air Force in WWII. Generations Funeral Services, Brightmoor Christian Church.

Show your support of our military & our veterans
Only \$5 each, available in the clubroom.
NEW design featuring poppies now available!



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



Post 346 License Plates
Show pride in our Post!
\$5 each, in the Clubroom

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 and available for download from our website. If you have friends or relatives who are members but not tech-savvy, and they still wish to receive the Bulletin, please consider downloading and printing it for them. Thank you



09/09/20
Downtown



September 9th marked the raising of Jim Forbes Military Appreciation Banner downtown (on the corner of Grand River Avenue and Grove Street).

Post members, family and friends gathered to help Jim celebrate this honor. We were even joined by the Mayor of Farmington, Sara Bowman. Photos: Carol Hopson

Please celebrate our veterans each day by viewing the [Military Banners](#) program seen on the lamp posts in downtown Farmington. Read Jim's story commemorating his military time in Japan during WWII here:

<https://www.farmgov.com/Community/MilitaryBanners/James-T-Forbes.aspx>

If you have not yet renewed your membership, please remember that it will expire on Dec. 31, 2020.

There are lots of easy ways to renew!

- 1) Renew online using your credit card:
Legion: www.legion.org/renew
Auxiliary: www.alaforveterans.org/renew
Sorry, SAL cannot yet renew online.
- 2) Mail a check to the Post
Attn: (LGN, AUX, SAL) membership.
Legion: \$50, please make check payable to:
American Legion Post 346.

Auxiliary: \$30, Aux. Jr. \$10, please make check payable to: American Legion Aux. Unit 346.

SAL: \$25, SAL Jr. \$11, please make check payable to: Sons of the American Legion Squadron 346.
- 3) Come to the Post and drop off your dues in person anytime the Clubroom is open.
- 4) Come to the next meeting and give your dues to your membership chairman in person.
- 5) Use the renewal form that was mailed to you from Department headquarters.

Your dues must be paid in full to receive the benefits of membership in our American Legion Post such as service of alcoholic beverages in the Clubroom, a vote on Post issues, or a copy of the Bulletin emailed to your home. Please make sure your 2021 dues are paid.



The American Legion reminds everyone to exercise their right to vote for the candidates of your choice on or before November 3rd

2021 Membership Dues

Legion dues renewal notices are mailed in July of each year (AUX in September, SAL in August), then approx. every two months thereafter until paid.

If you have paid, please ignore duplicate renewal notices that may be mailed to you, please DO NOT send duplicate payments. These notices are automatically generated by the Department of MI Headquarters and may not reflect recent payments. If you have a question about your Legion membership, please send an inquiry to your membership chairman:

Legion: Dave Harmon
email: धारmon007@hotmail.com
or call: 313-378-9197

Auxiliary: Carol Hopson email:
GrovesWalkerPost346@gmail.com
or call: 248-910-2586

SAL: Eric Welter
email: SALSquadron346@gmail.com
or call: 248-895-6674

Remember, if you have not paid your dues by January 31, your membership is delinquent and you may lose any continuous years of membership that you have accumulated. Please try to pay your dues early.

We appreciate each and every one of you and value your membership with the American Legion and Groves-Walker Post 346.

Thank you,
Marya Davis, Legion Commander Post 346
Carol Hopson, Auxiliary President Unit 346
Eric Welter, SAL Commander Squadron 346

Hopefully you joined the *American Legion* because their goals mean something to you, because you care about helping our active duty service-members, veterans and their families.

Hopefully you joined *our Post* because it means something to you, a place to meet, share, donate, contribute to our community, have fun with your comrades, somewhere to watch the big game, relax with friends and family or enjoy delicious dinners.

Please show you care about our Post and the American Legion by coming to monthly meetings and contributing your voice to ours, your hands to ours, a bit of your time to ours.



Become an ACTIVE member of Post 346!

Our latest story on Fox 2 News

FARMINGTON, Mich. - As a United States Army veteran, James Koponen is no stranger to the uncertainty life can bring. He faced it serving our country in the Vietnam War and he is facing uncertainty now during the COVID-19 pandemic. But one place Koponen doesn't feel alone is at the American Legion Post in Farmington. "I lost my wife 12 years ago, and without The American Legion I don't know what I would do," he said. "It's family."



Since 1923, American Legion Post 346 has helped their community in countless ways. They organize the Memorial Day Parade, spread the American spirit in schools, and even let some community organizations use their hall for free. But with utility bills reaching \$3,000 a month, the Legion could become the next coronavirus casualty. "Our primary source of income is renting out the halls," said Marya Davis, Cmdr. American Legion Post 346. "Since Covid hit, we were hanging in there a little bit with the higher amount of people we are allowed to let in here. But right now we can't rent out the halls."

"If we have to close down, where will the Boy Scouts go, where will the Cub Scouts go," said Koponen. "Where will the Civil Air Patrol go? They all meet here at no charge."

Now the organization known for always helping others needs to help themselves. They are collecting donations and have raised enough to get through the next few months. All money raised will go towards keeping the lights on and saving this piece of Farmington history. "If it does close, I would imagine we could find somewhere to eat once in a while but it would not be the same," said Koponen. "The community of Farmington would be hurting very, very bad."

"American Legions (are) just like small businesses, everyone's having a hard time," Davis said. "So if the public has a chance to reach out to their local Legion maybe they can help out as well, because it's a very special place for veterans." This American Legion Post has a raffle every Monday night and they have a [GoFundMe page here.](#)

Fox 2 News article and video -

<https://www.fox2detroit.com/news/farmington-american-legion-needs-help-to-avoid-being-coronavirus-casualty>



A Brief History of the Blue Star Banner

The Blue Star Service Banner was designed in 1917 by World War I Army Capt. Robert L. Queisser of the 5th Ohio Infantry. Queisser's two sons also served on the front line. His banner quickly became the unofficial symbol for parents with a child in active military service. Blue Star Mothers and Gold Star Mothers organizations were established during World War I and remain active today. In 1960 Congress chartered the Blue Star Mothers of America as a Veterans Service Organization.

Families display these banners in a window when they have a loved one serving in the U.S. Armed Forces. The blue star represents one family member serving, and a banner can have up to five stars. President Woodrow Wilson became part of this history when in 1918 he approved a suggestion made by the Women's Committee of the Council of National Defenses that if the individual is killed or dies, a gold star is placed over the blue star on the banner. A silver star may also be placed over the blue star to signify a service member who has been discharged due to being wounded. The service flag may also be displayed by organizations to honor members of that organization serving during a period of war or hostilities.



Blue Star Service Banners were widely used during both world wars, but were not embraced during the Korean or Vietnam wars with the same enthusiasm. The American Legion rekindled that spirit of pride in our military men and women following the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks by providing banners to military families across the nation. The Blue Star Banner is the only official service banner of the United States Armed Forces. Behind every service banner is an incredible story of bravery, service, and sacrifice. Please take the time to recognize this and thank your community members who have given so much for our freedoms.

Blue Star Banners & Gold Star Banners are for sale in the clubroom at \$6 each. Banners are available with 1 to 5 Blue Stars or 1 Gold Star. Banners are made from nylon fabric and wood with a hanging cord and measure 14" x 8". Also available from Carol Hopson.

Farmington Press article -

<https://www.candgnews.com/news/pandemic-puts-american-legion-in-jeopardy-of-losing-building-118378>

Farmington Voice article -

<https://farmingtonvoice.com/hit-hard-by-covid-farmington-american-legion-turns-to-fundraisers/>

Consumer Reports Q&A

Q: My mom got a call from Medicare claiming that because of the coronavirus, they were issuing plastic cards now and asked for her number. Was it really Medicare?

A: That was not Medicare, and they are not issuing new cards. I suggest having her call 800-MEDICARE to report this scam and to make sure no one has charged bogus services to her Medicare number.

Q: My friend was in Europe when the pandemic hit, he emailed me that he needed emergency cash. I sent him gift cards via email, but he never replied to thank me. So now I think I might have been scammed.

A: That's very likely. The "emergency" scam ran rampant when travel restrictions hit and scammers sent out emails pretending to be friends or loved ones requesting gift cards or wire transfers. You should try to call him directly and ask, but it was probably a scammer.

Q: My credit card limit was just lowered. Why?

A: About 70 million card holders saw their credit card limits reduced or had their cards canceled earlier this year, according to a survey from LendingTree. Most of these people had their credit limits cut by \$1,000 or less, but 22% had their limit lowered by \$5,000 or more. And one in four card holders say they had at least one credit card closed by their card issuer. Lenders are probably taking these steps as a protection from an expected tidal wave of consumer defaults triggered by worsening financial hardship during the pandemic. So even if you've had a card for years and used it responsibly, an issuer may still decide to reduce your credit. But there are a few ways to protect your credit limits. Start by reviewing your credit report periodically for errors that may lower your credit score. The pandemic has focused more concern on credit reports, so the three major credit reporting agencies - Equifax, Experian, and Transunion - are offering free weekly reports through April 2021. Normally you can get a free report only once a year from each. Go to annualcreditreport.com Also, if you use your card frequently consider making an extra payment during the month to reduce your balance before the statement comes out, which may boost your credit score.

"Grandparent" scam spikes in pandemic. From AARP magazine.

A 75-year-old grandfather in Montana lost \$20,000 after he was called by a person claiming to be from a local police department and saying that his grandson had been busted on drug charges. The grandfather spoke to someone who he says sounded like his grandson. He then sent cash and prepaid gift cards to people who were posing as law enforcement and attorneys. Of course it was a rip-off, part of a recent resurgence of the "grandparent" scam. AARP's fraud victim support has seen a surge in the scam as the COVID-19 pandemic cut people off from loved ones. Older people may feel isolated from friends and family, and when the phone rings they hope for a connection, but may end up defrauded.



Fix your mask frustrations.

To help contain covid-19 one of the most important things you can do is wear a mask in public. But small annoyances can discourage mask use.

Glasses getting fogged up. Why it happens: the hot air from your breath escapes from the top of your mask and lands on the cooler surface of your lens. **How to fix it:** look for a mask with a metal wire sewn in that goes over the bridge of your nose, and pinch it until it fits your nose shape. **Another trick:** clean glasses with soap and water to help prevent fogging.

Mask slipping down. Why it happens: masks come in all shapes and sizes, and some men's facial hair makes getting a good fit difficult. But once you are out and about, a fitted mask is crucial so that you don't touch your mask and risk contaminating your hands. **How to fix it:** to make sure a mask fits you correctly, put it on and pull the mask down towards your chin and up over your nose. Adjust the ear loops so the mask does not gap at the sides or top. It should feel a little harder to breathe in, and move in and out as you breathe. If it doesn't, you need to tighten it.

Difficulty communicating. Why it happens: even people with perfect hearing can struggle to understand others who are wearing a mask. It's a physical barrier that blocks sound and can cause speech to be mumbled. It also blocks visual cues like whether a person is smiling or not. **How to fix it:** people assume that they just need to speak louder, but that's not it - slow down and speak as clearly and deliberately as possible. You can buy masks with a clear window to allow for lip reading (did you know that we all read lips to a certain extent during conversation?) learn to make a DIY version at the hearing, speech and health centers site, hsdc.org.

COVID-19 Related Scams From Consumer Reports Magazine

Some scams are obvious, you're asked to send cash or contacted out of the blue with an offer that sounds too good to be true. Since the coronavirus pandemic began in March, 35% of Americans said they paid for or saw something they thought was a scam or saw something claiming to cure or treat COVID-19.

Here are things to look out for: Scammers often pretend to work for a government agency, such as the IRS or Social Security Admin, and use threats of fines or suspension of benefits to get you to comply. Official government communication is most often by mail.

Unsolicited emails and texts often come with links or attachments that contain malware, which can damage your computer or provide access to personal data. Examine a link before you click on it, hover your mouse over it to reveal its full address. An ending of .RU for example means the site was registered in Russia, where a lot of scams originate. Do not open attachments in emails you are not expecting. Another tip off to a fake email or website is misspellings. Hover your mouse over the URL to see the full address, and if it seems off or wrong somehow, take that as a sign not to trust it.

November Birthdays

03 Dale Mauck
 05 Ann Mellert
 10 Judith Mau
 14 Jan Smart
 14 Mike LaFave
 16 Dale Farrell
 16 Bridget Lynch
 21 Dawn Dupon
 22 Gary Fierk
 23 Michelle Pitt
 24 Claudette Calka
 25 Philip Carlisle
 25 Stephanie Kettwig
 25 Kevin Clarke

26 Laurie Kuznia
 28 Dave Harmon
 28 Harvey Lenz

November Anniversaries

05 Peter & Carol Larion
 07 Dan & Tammy Festian
 12 Donald & Judy Sofferin
 18 Ted & Kitty Podsiady



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 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 Hopson at:
 GrovesWalkerPost346@gmail.com

November 2020

National Veterans and Military Families Month

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Daylight Savings Time ends	2 Dinner at the Post fundraiser 5 -7pm	3 Election Day	4 NO SAL meeting 	5 Legion & Auxiliary meetings 7:30pm 	6	7 Pearl Harbor Day
8	9 Dinner at the Post fundraiser 5 -7pm	10 Auxiliary Birthday Marine Corps Birthday	11 Early Bird Drawing 	12	13 National Guard Birthday	14
15 Bill of Rights Day Sadie Hawkins Day	16 Dinner at the Post fundraiser 5 -7pm National Ugly Xmas Sweater Day	17 	18	19 Home Board meeting 6:30pm Exec. Committee meeting 7:00pm (temporary)	20	21
22	23 Dinner at the Post fundraiser 5 -7pm 	24	25	26 Thanksgiving	27 Black Friday	28 Small Business Saturday
29	30 Dinner at the Post fundraiser 5 -7pm Cyber Monday	1 Giving Tuesday December	2 SAL meeting 6:30pm 	3 Legion & Auxiliary meetings 7:30pm 	4	5



December Birthdays

01 Jimmy Brancheau
 02 Diana Sweeten
 03 Dale Baxter
 06 A. (Bill) Horton
 14 Marian Belaire
 18 Deb Qualls
 19 Vasillie (Bill) Croitori
 20 Marya Davis
 23 Robert Chambers
 24 Mike Hughes
 31 Wendy May

December Anniversaries

01 Terry & Ann Roberts
 09 Charles & Helen Scott
 26 Dave & Cathy Franzen



Coming up in January

01 New Year's Day
 07 LGN AUX meetings
 18 Martin Luther King Day
 20 Inauguration Day
 28 Coast Guard Bday
 28 US - Vietnam Ceasefire in 1973
 National blood donor month



Dinner at the Post FUNDRAISER!

**Monday evenings in the Clubroom
 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm
 GOOD FOOD,
 GREAT PRICES!**

Members and their guests always enjoy free WiFi in the clubroom

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Hall rentals are once again available (subject to current COVID-19 policies)

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6	7 Dinner at the Post fundraiser 5 -7pm 	8	9	10	11  Hanukkah	12
13	14 Dinner at the Post fundraiser 5 -7pm	15 Submission Deadline for Jan/Feb Bulletin	16 Ladies Night in the clubroom 	17 Home Board meeting 6:30pm Exec. Committee meeting 7:00pm (temporary)	18	19
20	21 Dinner at the Post fundraiser 5 -7pm  Winter begins	22	23	24 Christmas Eve	25  Christmas Day	26  Kwanzaa
27	28 Dinner at the Post fundraiser 5 -7pm	29	30	31  New Years Eve	1 New Years Day January	2



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 its 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.

MAKING GOOD
IN THE MIDWEST
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