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My 2 Cents Worth... Post 346 Commander James Weston



Legionnaires, SAL & Auxiliary,
Welcome to winter, although we have been fortunate so far with little snow, thank you for that. Our raffle turned out fairly well with a nominal profit, the turnout was not what we expected. Thank you to Skip and your crew for all your help, it was greatly appreciated.

On Feb. 10th the Auxiliary entertained the homeless vets from the MVF for a spaghetti luncheon. They could not have been more appreciative, thank you to all who helped with serving and clean-up. March 12th will be the Annual SAL St. Patties Day Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner and Party. On April 23rd the Legion will be hosting a Steak Fry Dinner, sign-up sheet will be posted in the Clubroom. You can also call the Post with your reservation at 248-478-9174 or email to GrovesWalkerPost346@gmail.com.

Still looking for someone to take over Boys State and Historian. At the April meeting we will have our nominations for officers for the 2016-17 term. At the May meeting will be the election of new officers to run our Post. Please try to attend these meetings. I wish each and every one of you a very Happy Easter, God Bless all of you and our troops in foreign lands.

Jim Weston, Commander

Blue Eyes Blog... Unit 346 President Tamela Festian



The last couple of months it's been quiet at our meetings, because the attendance has been low. All the snow birds are down south. I hope everyone is staying warm. I'm glad we didn't get all the snow like everyone else. I don't know about you, but the bitter cold is going straight through me.

I stopped by the Breast Cancer Awareness function that was given by Denise Janssen, her fifth year holding it in memory of her sister Dawn. So many beautiful baskets, great job. I missed the Raffle - Dinner, had to work, it was inventory night. At least I knew four of the winners this time. Thank you to Lisa Broomfield and her girls gymnastics team for picking up and shipping out the Valentine Care Packages to our troops. Well, I don't know about you but I had a great steak dinner given by S.A.L. on Valentines night. (ALL THE CHOCOLATE...) Special Thanks goes out to Jan Smart for making the spaghetti, for the Michigan Veterans Foundation luncheon. Also to Denise Janssen, Myrtle Granger, Jim Forbes, Gene Hatfield, John Grossman, and Jim Weston, we all had a great afternoon with warm smiles for the homeless vets.

As we go into the next two months don't forget the St. Patrick's Dinner, wear your GREEN. Then we go into April, the beginning of spring and all the colors come alive. Watch for events being posted. Talk to you soon, stay warm. God Bless You All,

Tamela Festian, President



New members sworn in at the December meeting - L to R Gregory Hughey - Army - Vietnam, and Neil Nielson - Navy - Granada. Welcome gentlemen! Photo: Marya Davis

Does anyone have a typewriter (with replacement ribbons if possible) that they could donate to our Auxiliary Secretary? Please contact the Post. Thank you



New members William and Carol Pinkerton pose with Aux. President Tammy at the February meeting. Welcome to our Post! Photo: Carol Hopson

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Please note, the Post's email address has changed!
info@americanlegionpost346.org **IS NO LONGER IN SERVICE.** Our NEW Post 346 email address is -
GrovesWalkerPost346@gmail.com

I apologize for any inconvenience this change may cause.

My personal apologies to Orville Roberts who I incorrectly identified in the last Bulletin, below the photo of him receiving his 70 year membership pin.

Don't forget to 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 the room to print all articles and I reserve the right to edit articles for length. The submission deadline for the May/June 2016 edition of the Bulletin is Sun. April 17th.*

Thank you, Carol Hopson

Membership: Legion 280 - 100%!!



Auxiliary 134 (goal 156) - 86%

SAL St. Patrick's Day

Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner

Everyone Welcome!

Saturday March 12th
Serving dinner from
5:00 to 8:00 pm

Adults \$15 per plate
Children \$9 per plate
(under 13)

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:
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or by calling the Post at: 248-478-9174.

Q: What do you call a pig with three eyes?
A: A piiig!

Legion Adjutant
Dale Baxter

Hello Comrades,

The next two (2) months are very important for our Post. **At the March meeting we'll again be voting on the Post Constitution and By-laws** with the required changes as recommended by Department. **At the April meeting we'll be nominating new Post officers for 2016-17. These are both very important meetings and I highly encourage those that can to attend these meetings and make your wishes known.**

There is nothing worse than an American Legion Post without a voice and without our members getting actively involved in the processes by voting and nominating those that they want to have represent them. So please come out and join us for these very important general meetings or if you are unable to attend, please insure that you return your proxy form (included with the last special mailing) so that your voice will be heard and your vote counted. Together, let us all make this happen for the benefit of the Post and the American Legion and as always requested, **PLEASE GET INVOLVED**, this is our Post and together, we can make things happen. Always feel free to contact me if I can be of assistance as your Post Adjutant.

Dale Baxter, Legion Adjutant

SAL Commander

Rob Smart

Hope everyone is doing ok with this crazy weather. Where else can you have all 4 seasons in one week? We would like to thank the people that showed up for our first Steak Fry of the year. We hope you enjoyed your dinner. It'll soon be time for the SAL St. Patties Day Dinner and Party. This year it will be on Saturday March 12 starting at 5:00pm to whenever. Come down and enjoy a delicious corned beef dinner, first come first served. Please keep all of our troops in your prayers.

Rob Smart, SAL Commander

I just wanted to send a note to American Legion Post 346 to say **Thank You so much** for hosting our 5th Annual Cancer KnockOuts Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser. The event was a HUGE success - raising over \$3,000 for the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life. Thanks again for supporting our team and the American Cancer Society.



Sincerely, Denise Lis-Janssen
Team Cancer KnockOuts



A lie can travel halfway around the world
while the truth is still putting on its shoes.
Mark Twain



Wishing You and Yours
a Blessed Easter and
a Beautiful Spring!
From Post 346



SAL Member Robert Gould left for Fort Jackson S.C. January 4th, 2016. He has signed on for a 4 year hitch in the United States Army. His training will also take him to Fort Lee VA as well as Fort Benning GA. Robert plans to become a Legion member of Post 346, following the lead of his late Great Grandfather Red Gould and his Grandfather Past Commander Don Gould. Robert's Mother Tina and his Grandmother Ann, both Auxiliary Members of Unit 346, ask you to include Robert in your prayers for all our brave young soldiers.

ATTENTION!

An effort is being made to clean out and organize all of the storage areas around the Post. If you, your group, or your committee have items in a storage area (including the office), please make sure that you have **RECENTLY** gone through your items, labeled and organized them. Any old, unnecessary or unlabeled items and/or boxes may be thrown away. Thank you,
Post 346 Home Board

HELP! Volunteers are needed at the Farmington Farmers Market to help at Post 346 Coney Dog booth! May 14 & 21, 9am - 2pm A FUN time is had by all! Contact Art Mikkola at 248-345-9141 for more information.



A Simple Thank You Says A Lot. If any of our members obtain a donation for the Post from an outside source, toward one of our programs, functions, etc. we would like to sincerely thank the source of that donation with a Thank You card, letter or Certificate of Appreciation from Post 346. Please contact Dale Baxter, Carol Thompson or Carol Hopson to send out a suitable thank you for a generous donation to our Post. A little appreciation can go a long way toward our public image and future donations.



Thank You! I would like to sincerely thank Darla Anderson for helping me with making treat bags, setting up the room, making garlic bread, and coming in early on Wednesday morning to help get things ready for our lunch for the homeless veterans from the MVF on Feb. 10th. Also a big thank you to Jim Forbes, Myrtle Grainger, Denise Janssen, Gene Hatfield, John Grossman, Tammy Festian and Jim Weston for helping to serve food. Thanks to Deanna Wagstaff, Carol Pinkerton and Tammy for making cookies. An extra special thank you to Gene Hatfield for doing all the dishes!

Thank you again, Jan Smart

2 New Raffles!

1) Leather Bomber style Jacket (size XL) with embroidered "Navy" and emblem on back.



2) Navy design bar/bistro table - top (24" diameter, base NOT included), may also be displayed on a wall (Man-Cave art!). Any Navy vet would love this for bar, man-cave or basement!

Items donated by Gary Fierk, on display in the Clubroom.

Tickets - \$1 each

Available in the Clubroom. Drawings to be held during the upcoming **St. Patrick's Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner on March 12th.**



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Auxiliary Unit 346 Raffle

Of a Beautiful Handstitched Quilt (size: full, color: forest green & white with a multi-color pinwheel pattern)

Tickets - \$5 each, available in the Clubroom.

Drawing - March 12th, at the upcoming St. Patrick's Corned Beef & Cabbage dinner.

Q: What's the difference between a hippo and a Zippo?

A: One is heavy and the other is a little lighter.

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Joanne Frank
1941 - January 2, 2016

Age 75, of Commerce Township. Beloved wife of Glenn G. Griffin. Loving mother of adopted son Bruce Freeze. Dear niece of Anna Frank. Cherished cousin of Betty (Dennis) Baran. She'll be missed by numerous other family and friends.



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Doreen Panoretos
1932 - January 5, 2016

Age 84 of Farmington Hills. Doreen passed away 2 months after her beloved husband George. A 32 year member of Auxiliary Unit 346. Doreen held many Auxiliary chairs and has done so much for so many here at our Post. She always took great pleasure in purchasing Christmas gifts for the VA gift shop, organizing casino bus trips, editing the Bulletin with George, she also held the office of Unit Auxiliary President from 1987 to 1989. A memorial service is being planned for both George and Doreen by their family in the near future. TBA



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Violet Prater
March 10, 1932 - January 4, 2016

Age 83, of Higgins Lake. Funeral service at St. Hubert Catholic Church. Burial at Oakwood Cemetery. Vi was born in Monroe to William and Elizabeth (Chepley) Kakocky. She married Charles E. Prater in Ida on February 26, 1949 and they lived in Detroit until moving to Higgins Lake in 1977. While in Detroit, she worked for Antoine's Catering for many years and was a member of the American Legion Northwest Detroit Post 190 Auxiliary. She enjoyed sewing, fishing, pinochle and loved her church. Preceding her in death were her husband, Chuck; son, Chuck and her sister Mary Kelemen. Surviving are 3 sons; Mike of Gladwin, Tom Higgins Lake and Tim of Gladwin; 8 grandchildren, 7 great-grandchildren and 4 nieces. Memorials may be directed to St. Hubert Church, P.O. Box 75, Higgins Lake, MI 48627.



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Karen Magrum
January 31, 2016

Karen's friend Darla Anderson tells me... "Karen was originally from Michigan but lived in Florida for 38 years. She moved back here last April. She was a kind, gentle soul who was my best friend. She had leukemia and couldn't take the massive amounts of chemo they gave her, it affected her heart and lungs. She left 3 sisters, many nieces and nephews, and many friends." Karen only recently joined our Auxiliary Unit but was quickly becoming one of our more involved members, volunteering for many projects with her friend Darla.



30th Annual National Veteran's Golden Age Games
July 10 - 14, 2016

Presented by the Detroit VA Healthcare System
Open to all Veterans 55 and older who are enrolled in VA health care.

Registration will be open January - March 2016

Competitions include: air rifle, badminton, bocchia, bowling, cycling, field (discus, shot, and javelin), golf, horseshoes, nine ball, power walk, track, shuffleboard, swimming, and table tennis.

Exhibition events include: basketball, blind disc golf, pickleball, racquetball and rowing.

For more information, registration, and complete rules please visit:

www.veteransgoldenagegames.va.gov

LEGION STEAK FRY

Everyone Welcome!
Saturday April 23rd
5:00 to 8:00 pm
Adults \$12 per plate
Children \$8 per plate (under 13)
With Baked Potato, Roll & butter, Salad & Dessert



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

Don't forget, nominations for our 2016-2017



Post and Auxiliary officers will be held during the April meeting. Elections will be held during the May meeting. Please



plan to attend these meetings, Make your voice heard and your vote count!

Q: What's the difference between ignorance and apathy?

A: I don't know and I don't care.



March Birthdays

- 1 Robin (Bytner) Harding
- 1 Dennis Lis
- 2 William Warren
- 3 Richard Dillinger
- 4 Ed Purdy
- 5 Robert Rossi
- 5 Virgil Thill
- 6 Kathryn Piotrowski
- 6 Rebecca Watts
- 8 Mary Seng
- 8 Norma Rundquist
- 13 Cheryl Fierk
- 13 Eldon Funk
- 19 Virginia McBride
- 22 Leslie Gogowski

- 23 Donald Crisman
- 25 Reva Money
- 26 Frank Marino
- 28 Gerald Lynch
- 28 Raymond E. Dutton
- 31 Millie Engle

March Anniversaries

- 27 Ed & Dale Vecchio



The American Legion believes membership applications are something that every Legionnaire should carry in his or her wallet at all times. You never know when you may run into a veteran who might like to join our Post! Applications are ALWAYS available in the Clubroom.

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in the Clubroom!

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March 2016

Happy Spring!

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|--|--|----------------------------|--|---|--|
| 28 | 29 Coney Night 5:00 - 7:30pm Leap Day | 1 Exec. Committee Meeting 7:00pm | 2 | 3 Legion & Aux. meetings 7:30pm Constitution & By-laws vote! | 4 | 5 Seabee's Birthday |
| 6 | 7 Coney Night 5:00 - 7:30 pm | 8 | 9 SAL meeting 7:30pm | 10 | 11 | 12 Corned Beef & Cabbage dinner 5:00 - 8:00pm |
| 13 MI K-9 Veterans Day Daylight savings time begins - Spring ahead! | 14 Coney Night 5:00 - 7:30pm | 15 Home Board meeting 7:30pm American Legion Birthday 1919 | 16 Liberty Day | 17 St. Patricks Day | 18 | 19 |
| 20 First day of Spring . Palm Sunday | 21 Coney Night 5:00 - 7:30pm | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 National Medal of Honor Day Good Friday | 26 |
| 27 Easter | 28 Coney Night 5:00 - 7:30pm | 29 | 30 | 31 | 1 April Fool's Day | 2 |



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| <p><u>April Birthdays</u></p> <p>1 Norman Goers 1 Robert Holton 2 John Dull 4 Raymond Barry 4 Harry Loewengruber 4 Alexander Stabrava 5 Bernice Bodell 5 Gerry Goetzke 7 Roger Goers 7 Walter Zelony 8 Jim Forbes 13 Ronald Ruedger 13 Judith Kronk 17 Adam Gentile 18 Harvey Ketchen</p> | <p>21 James Leflar 22 Edward Heidelberg 22 Thaddeus Mieczkowski 24 Dawn Grady 25 Samuel Klein 27 Alex Gentile 29 Bette Burt 29 James Patterson 30 Mary Robinson</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>April Anniversaries</u></p> <p>16 Gerald & Karen Lynch 17 Tony &Carolynn Mallia 28 Dave & June Schwartz</p> | <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Coming up in May</u></p> <p>1 May Day, Law Day 5 Legion & Auxiliary meetings, Election of new officers Cinco de Mayo 6 Nurses Day Teachers Day 8 Mother's Day V-E Day 19 Armed Forces Day 19/20/21 Poppy Days 22 National Maritime Day 30 Memorial Day</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">MONDAY CONEY NIGHTS!</p> <p>Every Monday in the Clubroom 5 pm - 7:30 pm GREAT PRICES! NO Reservations needed!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-----</p> <p style="text-align: center;">TABS FOR TOTS</p> <p>Please save the aluminum (Non-Magnetic!) tabs from all your beverage and pull-tab containers. Drop off your tabs at the Post's rear door.</p> |
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April 2016

Income taxes are due on
Monday the 18th!

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|--|-------------------------------------|--|--|---------------------------------------|---|
| 27 Easter | 28 Coney Night 5:00 - 7:30pm | 29 | 30 | 31 | 1 April Fool's Day | 2 |
| 3 | 4 Coney Night 5:00 - 7:30pm | 5 Exec. Committee Meeting 7:00pm | 6 | 7 Legion & Aux. meetings 7:30pm Nominations for new officers | 8 | 9 |
| 10 | 11 Coney Night 5:00 - 7:30pm | 12 | 13 SAL meeting 7:30pm Thomas Jefferson Birthday | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| 17 Submission deadline for May/June Bulletin | 18 Coney Night 5:00 - 7:30pm Income taxes due | 19 Home Board Meeting 7:30pm | 20 | 21 | 22 Earth Day _____ Passover | 23 Legion Steak Fry 5:00 - 8:00pm |
| 24 | 25 Coney Night 5:00 - 7:30pm | 26 | 27 Administrative Professionals Day | 28 | 29 Arbor Day | 30 |



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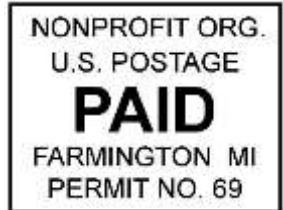
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Meeting Nights

Legion & Auxiliary - 1st Thur. of each month at 7:30pm
SAL - 2nd Wed. of each month at 7:30pm
Home Board - 3rd Tues. of each month at 7:30pm
Executive Committee - Tues. before Legion & Auxiliary meetings at 7:00pm

Clubroom Hours

Monday, Wednesday & Friday: 2pm - 9pm
Tuesday & Thursday: 4pm - 9pm
Saturday & Sunday: Closed
(open for scheduled events only)

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