

#### The Groves-Walker Bulletin

#### American Legion Post 346 Farmington, MI May 2014 Edition



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Cliff Notes...
18th District Commander
Post 346 Commander
Cliff Lauzon

Hello fellow Legionnaires, SAL and Ladies Auxiliary,

Spring Spruce-Up: The Home Board needs someone to take charge of a work party to spruce up the lower hall and club room, a little paint and general clean up. We also need volunteers for this work party. Gary Fierk and Jim Kopoonen are going to smooth out the basement bar and kitchen floors then give them a new coat of epoxy paint. The SAL and Ladies Auxiliary will be replacing the carpeting in the lower hall as soon as the cleanup is done and our roof leaks are fixed. This is your Post and I know it's an old building but, we have to show a little pride and clean and fix it up once in a while.

Poppy Days are here! Thursday, Friday and Saturday (May 15, 16 and 17). Poppies, canisters, jugs and vests will be distributed on May 1st right after our regular Post meeting. Please see me at that time if you plan to offer Poppies this year and be prepared to sign-up with your name, address and driver's license number. I am required to provide this information to the cities of Farmington and Farmington Hills for all those who are offering Poppies. They also advise us that Safety Vests must be worn at all times when working in or near roadways. The money wrap-up will be Monday the 19th. I'll be in the club room around 5:00pm. Those of you that come to turn in money, please come for dinner also. Hot dogs, pizza, beer and pop will be available and I'm picking up the bar and food tab, so come hungry! For the past year my health has been declining and I would like to find someone to take over as Poppy Chairman for 2015. I will work with them and help out next year. If you are interested please contact me at 248-851-6518.

18th District Meeting: The next District meeting will be held on May 18 at our Post at 2:00pm. There will be a Dist. Memorial Service starting at 1:00pm, for all members of our American Legion family who have passed during the last year, from all Posts in the 18th Dist. Please come to say a final farewell to all our comrades and friends. There will also be the election of new officers for the 18th at this meeting. Hope to see all the members of our Post attending this important meeting.

For the good of the Legion, Cliff Lauzon, Commander 18th Dist. & Post 346 Yours in Service... Auxiliary President Leah Brancheau

Dear Members and Friends,

Well, here we are again! SPRING is here??? Not, when I wake up and see

what... SNOW! Enough is enough already. I am kinda tired of not being able to get outside and enjoy the sunshine, as I am sure most of you feel the same. We lost two of our dear Post members this month. Marie Barber and then about a week later Frank went to join his wife of many years. God Bless Them!

Had a bus trip to Firekeepers Casino the 24th. Such fun! Didn't come home rich but enjoyed the bus ride and the company of members and new friends. Thank you Tammy Festian and Paula Contronieo for taking over this event. Good Job Ladies! Hot dog Monday's will be closed for June, July and August. Thank you so very much Paula, Geri Galinet, and "Fry Man" Brad! Also Jan Smart who does some set up earlier in the day. You guys sure do need a break. These people work every Monday to make this event happen! Also bringing money into the Auxiliary coffers!

If you missed the Steak Fry you missed an excellent dinner. We saw a lot of people that had not been to a dinner at the Post before and the SAL, again, did an excellent job. Good Job boys (or should I say men) and also Jan Smart and Jan Yount. If I missed anyone you can yell at me later.

We had a nice turn out for our Americanism Essay Contest through the Farmington schools. The checks have been written and sent to the winners who will also be able to walk in the Memorial Day parade if they wish. Thanks for being a part of the essay contest.

Elections... Well ladies you know what we need to do in May! Vote for new officers. If there is anyone out there who would like to be an officer or chair a committee, please feel free to come to the meeting and help us out. We never say NO to a volunteer! See you at our May meeting and at the Farmington/ Farmington Hills Memorial Day parade!

Yours in service, Leah Brancheau, Auxiliary President





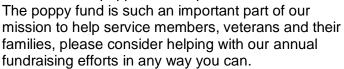
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#### A Letter From Your Editors Ralph & Carol Philp

POPPY DAYS! There are only a handful of Legion, SAL & Auxiliary members left now who take to the streets to offer poppies to the public.



As always, we are looking for advertising sponsors to help us offset the costs of publishing the Bulletin. Our current donation level for a 3.5" x 3.75" advertisement is \$15 per month or \$150 per year (that's one edition free!). 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.

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 June 2014 edition of the Bulletin is May 17th.

Ralph & Carol Philp

Don't forget, elections for our 2014-15

Post and Auxiliary officers
will be held during the
May meeting. Please don't
forget to attend these meetings,
make your voice heard, your vote count!

## Current Legion Membership: 100%!

Auxiliary Membership: 92% SAL Membership: 74%

Post Jr. Vice Commander Jim Weston

First a thank you to Jim Koponen for nominating me as your Commander for 2014-15. If I decide to accept the position, I will do my best for the benefit of our Post.

Looks like maybe spring is finally here, golf has started on Mondays and Wednesdays. Let's keep our fingers crossed on this one, since it IS Michigan.

The SAL had an excellent turnout for the last Steak Fry, with some 95 dinners sold.

Hope to see a good turnout for our May meeting as we will be having our election of new officers. Don't forget Poppy Days on May 15th, 16th, & 17th. God Bless America and our troops abroad.

Jim Weston, Jr. Vice Commander



## Searching for the Names of Surviving Michigan WWII Veterans

June 6, 2014 marks the 70th anniversary of D-Day. The Lakeshore Lancers Marching Band of Stevensville, MI has been invited to join as an official representative of Michigan in Normandy, France, in June. The kids will be a part of the commemoration activities including a performance at the American Cemetery of Omaha Beach. The band will be one of only 3 American Bands going to Normandy and the only one from Michigan. During their performances the students want to wear a ribbon in honor of each of the last surviving WWII veterans of Michigan. Upon their return to the US, these epaulets will be mailed back to the veterans as a mark of gratitude and appreciation. We need your help in identifying these Michigan veterans of WWII. If you would like to be included in this list, or know a WWII vet, please send your (or his/her) name, address and phone number to the address or email address listed below so that we may honor you (or them). You need not have served in Europe to be included. More information is also available on their website - www.ddaymichigan.com

Mail to: Mrs. VonKoenig, Dir. of Bands Lakeshore Public Schools 5771 Cleveland Ave. Stevensville, MI 49127

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#### Poppy Days! May 15, 16 & 17





Please visit our newly updated and improved website!

www.AMERICANLEGIONPOST346.org

PROPER DISTANCE TO HIM WAS BUNK THEY PULLED HIM OUT OF SOME GUYS TRUNK



(Probably texting too!)

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



#### Did You Know...?

Law Day (May 1) was officially proclaimed by President Dwight D. Eisenhower in 1958. He stated "In a very real sense, the world no longer has a choice between force and law. If civilization is to survive it must choose the rule of law." Public Law 87-20 states in part, the people of the United States "in appreciation of their liberties and the reaffirmation of their loyalty to the United States and of their rededication to the ideals of equality and justice under law in their relations with each other and with other countries; and for the cultivation of the respect for law that is so vital to the democratic way of life."

Auxiliary 1st Vice President Tammy Festian Auxiliary Poppy Chairman

Hello Ladies,

Well, here we go again. Just a reminder that Poppy Days are coming up on May 15, 16 & 17 (Thurs, Fri, & Sat). If you can help by standing on a corner to offer



Poppies, we would be very appreciative. You can also mail in donations to the Poppy fund, letters will be sent out with a return envelope soon. All donations received go into our Auxiliary fund to help our Veterans and their families.

Don't forget the Farmington Memorial Day parade coming up on Monday, May 26. The May meeting will be our last Auxiliary meeting until September. So have a safe and blessed summer.

Tammy Festian, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Auxiliary Poppy Chairman

## Sons of the American Legion Commander Robert Smart

I hope everyone enjoyed the few days of spring we had. Like they always say if you don't like the weather in Michigan just wait 5 minutes, it will change. I know Jan and I are looking forward to some nice warm weather.

The SAL would like to say Thank You to everyone who showed up for our last Steak Fry. The turn out was great and it sure looked like everyone enjoyed the food and the company of all who were there.

Please do not forget the up coming Memorial Day Parade. What a great way to say Thank You to all of our Veterans and remember those that gave their lives so we could be safe and free. Have a great month and keep all our soldiers and veterans in your thoughts and prayers.

Rob Smart, SAL Commander

Flag Day is coming up on June 14. Don't forget about the Post's flag disposal drop box. Located at the front of the parking lot. Ensure our American flags are properly disposed of with dignity, patriotism and honor when they reach the end of their serviceable career.



#### **Attention: New IRS Legislation!**

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 by the end of the current month.

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

#### Things to remember when a veteran dies

We know how hard it is to remember everything you need to take care of when a loved one passes away, so here is a list that may be of great help to you and your family when the inevitable happens.

- 1) Contact the funeral director of your choice to arrange for internment. Internment at the National Cemetery is free to the veteran and spouse.
- 2) Contact the pastor of your choice to arrange for the services you desire.
- 3) Bring the funeral director a copy of the veteran's DD-214, Discharge Separation Notice, Veterans Administration claim number (if there is one), Social Security Number and life insurance policy.
- 4) The funeral director will apply for the amount allowable from the VA toward burial expenses and also the allowance from Social Security for burial. Some counties also provide a burial expense for veterans.
- 5) The funeral director can also apply for a flag to drape the casket.
- 6) If the veteran is a member of a veteran's organization (like the American Legion), the commander should be contacted for a ritual service, honor guard, casket bearers, etc. if needed and/or desired.
- 7) If the veteran had G (Government) insurance, contact the County Veterans Service Officer (or veteran's organization Service Officer) for assistance in completing the forms. If it is commercial insurance, contact the agent of that company.
- 8) Spouse should contact the local Social Security Office to file for benefits that may be available for self and for any children of the veteran.
- 9) Obtain from the funeral director several extra copies of the veteran's death certificate for transfer of titles of ownership for autos, home, bank accounts, etc.
- 10) The County Veterans Service Officer (or veteran's organization Service Officer) will assist the spouse and children in obtaining any benefits to which they may be entitled such as, survivors death benefits from the VA and headstone if the burial is in a private cemetery. Bring to the Service Officer the following information when applying for benefits:
  - a) Copy of the deceased veterans service record (DD-214).
  - b) Copy of Honorable Discharge Certificate.
  - c) Social Security numbers of the deceased veteran, spouse, and any dependent children.
  - d) G.I. insurance policies, if any.
  - e) Information as to marriage, birth certificates of children, and if any prior marriages existed, the information regarding when, where and how the marriage was dissolved (death or divorce).
  - f) VA claim number, if there is one.
  - g) Copy of death certificate of veteran.

Veterans - The smart thing to do is to compile as much of this information as possible in advance. Put two copies in safe places and advise your family as to their locations. If you keep one copy in a safe deposit box, keep the other at home (very few people pass away during banker's hours). Please keep a copy of this list for your records.

#### **TAPS**

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



Laura Marie Barber Nov.14, 1924 - Mar. 24, 2014

Age 89, of Farmington, died suddenly March 25, 2014, at Botsford Continuing Health Center in Farmington Hills. Marie was born November 14, 1924, in Roseville, Michigan, the daughter of Walter and Helen (Bensette) Slusser.



She married Frank D. Barber on April 14, 1944, in Bastrop, TX. Marie is survived by her beloved husband of almost 70 years, Frank; devoted children, Judith (Michael) McMahon, Frank Jr. (Marie), Joanne (Dennis) Griffin and John (Anna); dear sister, Helen Saxton; 7 grandchildren, and 3 great grandchildren. Marie was a proud member of the American Legion Auxiliary for 67 years.

The Barbers received guests at Heeney-Sundquist funeral home on March 30th. Marie's funeral mass was celebrated March 31st, 10:00 am at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church, Farmington, interment at Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly. Memorial tributes suggested to the Alzheimer's Association, or the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Thank you for keeping the Barber family in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

Arthur Neville 1932 - March 27, 2014

Age 82, of Saginaw, formerly of Detroit. Dear father of Marc (Anne) Neville and Barbara Neville. Loving grandfather of Zach Neville. Preceded in death by first wife Mary Catherine, and by second wife Shirley. Survived



by dear friend Joan Comstock. Actively involved in his church, American Legion Post 346 (formerly of Post 190), VFW, and Korean War Veterans.

Memorial service was April 11, 2014 at Countryside Trinity Church, Saginaw, MI. Memorial contributions may be directed to the American Lung Association or to Countryside Trinity Church.

Nobody ever said life was going to be fair. Just eventful. - Carol Burnett



Michigan Veterans Foundation presents its 4<sup>th</sup> Annual 10 Mile Bike Ride To Benefit Homeless Veterans

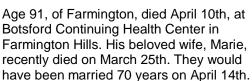
Saturday June 7<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am Starting and ending points will be at the Detroit Veterans Center at 2770 Park Ave.

It's **FREE!** Come join us for a safe and leisurely ride through downtown Detroit. Our aim is to call attention to the disproportionate number of homeless veterans in the Detroit metro area.

We are also requesting donations of:
New or used bicycles - Head gear and caps
Bicycle repair kits - Monetary donations,
please make checks payable to
the Michigan Veterans Foundation
(a 501(c)3 charitable organization).

For additional information call: 313-831-5500

Frank Douglas Barber August 19, 1922 - April 10, 2014





Frank was born August 19, 1922, in Detroit, the son of Clarence and Andora (Parsons) Barber. He married Laura Marie (Slusser) on April 14, 1944. Frank proudly served his country during WWII in the US Army from November of 1942 to February of 1946. Frank was a 69 year (PUFL) member of Post 346. Frank is survived by his devoted children, Judith (Michael) McMahon, Frank Jr. (Marie), Joanne (Dennis) Griffin and John (Anna); 7 grandchildren, and 3 great grandchildren.

The Barbers received guests at the Heeney-Sundquist funeral home on April 13th with a Legion ceremony conducted by Post 346. Frank's funeral mass was celebrated April 14th at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church, Farmington. Interment at Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly. Thank you for keeping the Barber family in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

#### In Recognition of Our Volunteers

Many of us from Post 346 know little or nothing about **all** of the members who volunteer their time and efforts to promote the programs of the American Legion at Post 346. These members do not give their time to these programs for kudos or recognition, they do it to further the

purposes of the American Legion, strengthen our American values, and to promote the good in the world.

Tony Mallia, Post member since 2005, is one of these members, working not only for the Post, but also in his duties with the Coast Guard. The American Legion posts he currently holds are Sr. Vice Commander, Membership Chairman, VA&R, Service Officer for the Post and for the 18th District, he is a Friday Night BINGO worker, and was named to the Homeless Veteran's Task Force for the State of MI.

And then there are his duties with the Coast Guard as a LTJG. He is Flotilla 18-05 Communication Officer, Public Affairs Officer for Division 18, Ice Patrol, Marine Visitation Program with Detroit and Toledo, Community Outreach with the United States Coast Guard, liaison with United States Coast Guard Air Station Detroit at Selfridge ANG Base, liaison for Detroit River Days and the Detroit Boat Show. And by the time this Bulletin is printed he will have received yet ANOTHER award for his meritorious service with the Coast Guard. **Tony Mallia, we salute you!** 

#### In Flanders Fields

In Flanders Fields the poppies blow

Between the crosses row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly

Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

- Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae 1915

SAL Steak Fry 4/12/14



SAL 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander Dave Hall passing out some GOOD looking steaks!



Get 'em just the way you like 'em, because you can do the grilling! And the weather even cooperated giving us a nice mild evening.



Looking delicious! Dinner also includes tossed salad, baked potato, rolls and desert. All for only \$12! Photos: Ralph Philp



#### Invites one and all to our

## Second Annual Recreated Old Fashioned Polish Park Picnic Party

at the fabulous and historic American Legion Post 346!

Saturday, June 21 5:00 - 11:00pm

Admission: \$15 (includes 2 drink tickets)
Full Polish grilled picnic meal 5:00 - 7:00pm
(\$5 extra includes all side dishes!)
Doors open at 4:30pm, Dancing 7:00 - 11:00pm
featuring the **New Brass Express Polka Band**Cash bar, 50/50 Raffles, Games, Surprises, FUN!

Come and join us for a fun-filled night, just like at the old-time park picnics, but indoors where the air is cool and the band is HOT! Ladies, make and wear your own wianek (wreath)



for a chance to be named Wianki Queen of 2014!

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Send check or money order payable to: WSDPAHS
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Tickets will be held at the door.
Questions? Leave message a for Laurie at:

1-855-POLONIA (1-855-765-6642) or email to: LGOMULKA@detroitpolonia.org

#### **RESERVE TICKETS NOW!**



Please welcome new Auxiliary members to Unit 346. Attending our April meeting were (L to R) Michelle Pitt, Virginia Martin and Marjorie Montgomery (not shown Mary Seng). Photo: Carol Philp



As of May 16<sup>th</sup> veterans will be able to get a **special designation signifying their veteran status on their Michigan driver's license** thanks to legislation signed by Gov. Rick Snyder. State Rep. Peter Pettalia cosponsored Public Act 27 of 2013, to allow veterans to show verification of military service **once** at the Secretary of State to receive a special designation on their driver's license. The governor also signed companion legislation that will place the designation on state ID cards.

"Having the veteran designation on their driver's license will make it easy for them to access military benefit and discount programs in Michigan," said Pettalia, R-Presque Isle. "Removing a frequent hassle, our veterans have to give proof of their service, is another way we can honor the men and women who have served our country." Michigan is the 28th state to place a veteran designation on driver's licenses and state ID cards.

## Please donate your old, well-loved blue jeans!

Operation: Quiet Comfort was established in 2004 for the purpose of honoring and comforting members of the U.S. Armed Forces who are injured while serving in



harm's way. OQC provides small quilts (3' x 5' finished) to comfort our Wounded Warriors. Created from blue jeans and other denim material, these quilts contain messages of thanks, encouragement and appreciation from a grateful nation.

Financial donations are also accepted at: Operation: Quiet Comfort 307 Palmer Lane McCormick, SC 29835. Operation: Quiet Comfort is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, charitable organization. A donation basket for denim material is located in the Clubroom. Thank you, Myrtle Granger



You'll always miss 100% of the shots you don't take.

## Contra Dancing Continues at the Post But Not for Long!

The monthly charity Contra Dances, hosted by Elise Newcomer, Miss Farmington 2011, will soon be coming to a close. Contra is a form of folk dancing, done to live music with a caller who leads the dance. It is multigenerational, and great fun! No partner is necessary, and anyone can participate! Dances typically include dancers from ages 13 to 90, and a beginner's session is held ½ hour before the start of each dance to get new folks familiar with the style.

Dancers should bring clean, smooth soled shoes for dancing - no outside street shoes please. The dances

will be from 1 to 4 pm (12:30 for beginners) the final dates for dances in 2014 are Sunday,

May 18 and June 1

Admission donation requested is: \$10 per person, \$5 per student, all funds go to a different local charity each month.



A ship in port is safe, but that is not what ships are for. Sail out to sea and do new things.

Rear Admiral Grace Hopper

#### Major Retailers Want To Give Us Money! Great for gifting to Dads & Grads!

Many popular retailers are now participating in our "Scrip" fund-raising program including JCPenney, Amazon.com, The Gap, Shell, Pizza Hut, Red Lobster and many, many others, over 250 different retailers!



How will these stores help us raise money? It's simple - participating retailers agree to sell gift cards to our organization at a discount. Members like you buy the cards (or sell them to friends and family) for full face value, and our Post keeps the difference as revenue. You earn money for our Post without spending a single additional penny. Order forms are available on the bulletin board outside the Clubroom or from Anthony Mallia, Post Sr. Vice Commander 248-310-4190, AMNOVI1@att.net Please make checks payable to: American Legion Post 346

#### Post Volunteers Party 3/08/14







More photos of the happy, smiling faces of our Post volunteers from the Volunteers Appreciation Party. Photos from Jim Koponen

"AT EASE" SHE SAID
"MANEUVERS BEGIN
WHEN YOU GET THOSE WHISKERS
OFF YOUR CHIN"





#### May Birthdays



- 1 Gloria Bytner1 Ida Wadenstorer
- 1 Brandy Smart
- 3 Joseph (Cliff) Lauzon
- 4 Tom Young Jr.
- 5 George Kosnich Sr.
- 10 Gary Grant
- 12 William M. Berry
- 14 Pete Kashubara
- 14 Robert DeWitt
- 17 Lora Pflugrad
- 18 Chuck Wilder

- 19 Laurie Holm
- 19 June Farrell Schwartz
- 21 Richard Heinrichs
- 21 Jack Worrall
- 21 Danielle Jankowski
- 23 Cortney Brancheau
- 23 Mary Naylor
- 24 Don Gould
- 27 Walter Andersook
- 27 Judy Sofferin
- 27 Stanley Beattie
- 28 Vernon McBride
- 28 Edward Coyle
- 29 Ashley Nathan
- 29 Lindsey Nathan
- 29 William Topper
- 29 Al Schneider
- 31 Mary White

#### May Anniversaries



- 8 Mike & Gail Williams 9 Don & Ann Gould 13 Carl & Verna Steen
- 17 Joe & Gloria Bytner 19 Paul & Janet Dabish
- 24 Brian & Danielle Jankowski
- 25 Mark & Beth Gentile

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

#### Coming up in June

- 5 Legion meeting No Aux. meeting
- 8 World Ocean Day
- 14 Flag Day
  - Army Birthday
- 15 Father's Day
- 19 Juneteenth (Emancipation Day)
- 21 Summer Solstice
- 26 29 State Convention In Livonia, MI



## May 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28 Exec. Board meeting 7:30pm  Coney Night	29	30	1 Legion & Auxiliary meetings 7:30pm	2	3
	5:00 - 7:30pm			May Day / Law Day	BINGO 6:15pm	
Contra Dance 1:00 - 4:00pm	5	6	7	8	9	10
	Cinco de Mayo Coney Night 5:00 - 7:30pm	Teachers Day Nurses Day		V-E Day	BINGO 6:15pm	
<b>11</b> Mothers Day	<b>12</b> Coney Night 5:00 - 7:30pm	13	14 SAL meeting 7:30pm	15 Poppy Days	16 Poppy Days BINGO 6:15pm	17 Poppy Days Submission deadline for June Bulletin Armed Forces Day
18 18 <sup>th</sup> Dist. Meeting 1:00 pm	19  Coney Night 5:00 - 7:30pm	20 Home Board meeting 7:30pm	21	<b>22</b> Natl. Maritime Day	<b>23</b> BINGO 6:15pm	24
25	Memorial Day Coney Night 5:00 - 7:30pm	27	28	29	<b>30</b> BINGO 6:15pm	31



#### **BINGO!**

#### **Every Friday night**

Doors open at 4:30 pm Games start at 6:15 pm 2 Early Bird games 7 Regular games 3 Special games Plus a Progressive game!



Try some of our Pull-Tab Michigan Lottery Games while you play, such as "Pay Me" and "Lucky BINGO Balls"!

BINGO proceeds go to the building fund.

MI License #AO-1665

Please volunteer to help at BINGO, we need you! Call Skip at 248-419-0000

#### TABS FOR TOTS

Please don't forget to save aluminum (Non-Magnetic!) tabs from all your beverage and pull-tab containers to donate to this worth while program. Just drop off your tabs at the rear Post door. Proceeds go to the Children & Youth fund.



Thank You, Jim Koponen

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## **American Legion**

To family, friends, neighbors anyone who will listen to you! Ask if they belong to the Legion. Now more than ever, THE LEGION NEEDS NEW MEMBERS!

#### MONDAY CONEY NIGHT!

Every Monday in the clubroom 5:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Hot Dog . . . . . . . . . \$1.00 Coney Dog . . . . . . . . \$1.50 Your choice of Dearborn Sausage Co. natural casing dog or all beef dog

No reservations needed, COME ON DOWN!

PLEASE REMEMBER - THERE WILL BE NO CONEY NIGHTS DURING THE MONTHS OF JUNE, JULY & AUGUST.

Thank You, Paula Cotroneio

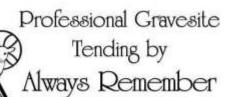


# Best Wishes Ray Okonski

Member of Post 346 since 2001 I Co. 309th Bn. 78th Div.

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





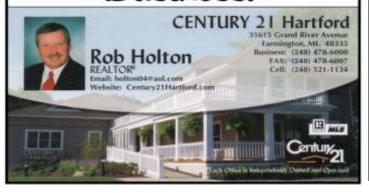
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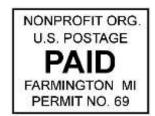
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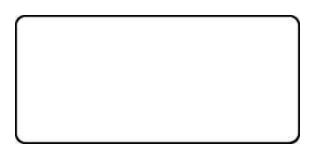
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#### **Meeting Nights**

Legion & Auxiliary - 1st Thursday of each month at 7:30 pm SAL - 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7:30 pm Home Board - 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:30 pm Exec. Board - Monday before Legion & Aux. meetings at 7:30 pm

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#### **Preamble to the Constitution of The American Legion**

For God and Country we associate ourselves together for the following purposes: To uphold and defend the Constitution of The United States of America; To maintain law and order;

To foster and perpetuate a one hundred percent Americanism;
To preserve the memories and incidents of our associations in the great wars;
To inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state and nation;
To combat the autocracy of both the classes and the masses;

To make right the master of might;

To promote peace and goodwill on earth;

To safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice, freedom and democracy; To consecrate and sanctify our comradeship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness.



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