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The Wit & Wisdom of Jim... Post 346 Commander James Weston



Legionnaires, SAL & Auxiliary,

Thank God I'm not being too optimistic to say that spring has arrived. Let's go golfers, time to hit the links! We have a busy 2 months ahead of us and the repair work at the Post will commence soon. I'm anticipating the SAL will have a good turn-out for their Steak Fry on April 18th, Thank You SAL for all you do for the Post!

May 7th will be our election of new officers, hope to see a good turn-out. May 14th thru 16th will be Poppy Days. May 17th will be 18th Dist. meeting and election of new officers at our Post. May 25th will be the Memorial Day Parade, for those veterans who can't walk the parade route, vehicles will be furnished. If you are walking with us please wear a uniform, OR dark slacks, a white shirt and your cap, NO shorts or jeans, let's look good out there!

In June will be our Flag Retirement Ceremony, June 13th at 3pm, the K of C and Cub Scouts will be participating again this year. Following the ceremony there will be refreshments and food in the Clubroom. See all of you for the May meeting. God bless America and our troops abroad.

Jim Weston, Commander

2015 State Convention will be in Sterling Heights on June 25 thru 28. Go to www.michiganlegion.org for more information and registration forms.

Legion membership is now at 102.44%!! 285 as of 3/31. Auxiliary is at 93% with 150. Thank You!

The Monday before Memorial Day will be the last Coney Dog Monday. No Conneys ON Memorial Day. Coney Mondays will resume on the Monday after Labor Day.

POPPY BONANZA- May 9, 2015 10:00 am Grand Rapids Home for Veterans.

"We Remember"
Poppy Days are
May 14, 15 & 16



Blue Eyes Blog... Unit 346 President Tamela Festian



Well, it is May and would you believe our last Auxiliary meeting for the year is just around the corner. It has been a busy year, with something going on every month. Thanks to all the ladies and officers who made these events happen. First the luncheon for the Michigan Veterans Foundation, thanks to all who helped with it. Our annual trip to Firekeepers had a great turn out, we welcomed some new faces on the bus too. Some of us came home as winners and some not. Then Denise Janssen followed thru on her Team Cancer Knock-Outs Fundraiser with Paint and Pour. All three events were successful.

The Auxiliary filled six boxes with the donations collected for "Care Packages" for our troops abroad. These boxes will be shipped for us free of charge by Operation Good Cheer with the help of Lisa Broomfield and her girl's gymnastics team. Operation Good Cheer in Lapeer, MI, has been sending packages to our troops overseas for 10 years. Auxiliary Unit 346 plans on making these donations an annual event, look for your next opportunity to donate in January of 2016.

In May is our traditional POPPY DAYS on the 14, 15, & 16th. You will be receiving a letter in the mail, pertaining to poppy donations. There will be a sign-up sheet at the meeting for those that are willing to help out in collecting donations. Come and join us at the corner of Grand River and Drake. For those that cannot stand, chairs and an umbrella will be provided. May 16th is also Armed Forces Day. Most importantly, at the end of May is the Memorial Day parade. As always, if you plan on walking with the Auxiliary, please wear dark blue or black slacks and a white top. NO jeans or shorts please. As we close our year, let us remember each other as well as our troops wherever they are. Have a wonderful and safe summer.

Tammy Festian, President

2015 GIRLS STATE - June 14-20 Michigan State Univ.

May 7th will be our last Auxiliary meeting until September, please bring finger foods for our after meeting refreshments, Thank You.

Poppies, safety vests and canisters will be available for distribution at the May Legion and Auxiliary meetings - May 7th, 7:30pm.

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Carol Hopson

Beginning this month I will now be publishing the Bulletin bimonthly instead of monthly. The next issue will be for July/Aug, then will come Sept/Oct, Nov/Dec, Jan/Feb, etc. I hope you like the change, this will help me to continue creating the Bulletin instead of giving it up as I had planned, let's see how it goes. Comments are always welcome, email to: info@americanlegionpost346.org

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 (or some articles in their entirety).* **The submission deadline for the July/August 2015 edition of the Bulletin is June 17th.**

Thank you, Carol Hopson

SAL Commander

Rob Smart

Hope everyone is enjoying the start of Spring. We would like to wish all of the Mothers out there a Happy Mother's Day. If you are lucky enough to have you Mom still around give her a call, it will make her and you smile. Then we have Father's Day in June, make sure you tell him Thanks for everything. Please have a safe summer and stop by the Post and say Hi. Please do not forget our soldiers all over the world, keep them in your prayers.

Rob Smart
SAL Commander

Please remember - We use the US Postal Service bulk rate to mail the **Bulletin** each month, and there is a possibility that you might not always receive your copy in a timely fashion. Please notify me if there are any changes or corrections to your name or address.

If you receive your **Bulletin** via email, please make sure that info@americanlegionpost346.org is in your address book so that your email program will not filter us out as junk mail. If you have any problems receiving your Bulletin, please contact me.

Please visit our Post's home on the internet and see all that it has to offer veterans at:
www.AMERICANLEGIONPOST346.org



Don't forget, nominations for our 2015-16



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



Poppy Co-Chairman

G. Skip Nafe

The American Legion, Department of Michigan, has declared May 14th, 15th, and 16th, Poppy Days for 2015. On Thursday May 7th, I will be passing out poppies, canisters and vests right after the general meeting. I will also have the signup sheets required by Farmington Hills. On Monday, May 18th, we will have Count Up Day, starting at 3 pm in the Aux. room. If you are not able to offer poppies to others, but would like to make a donation, please make checks payable to: "A.L. POST 346" earmarked: "POPPY DONATION". If you are sending money to the Post for any other reason, please send a separate check, DO NOT include it with your poppy donation. Thank You for your support!
Wear your poppy proudly!

G. Skip Nafe, Child Welfare & Poppy Co-Chairman



On Monday April 13th we presented a plaque to the Rams Horn Restaurant of Farmington, for their support of the Poppy Program, by allowing us to put a canister on their counter for 7 months.

L to R: Ken Reynolds, Joel Storchan, Rams Horn Manager, Terry Mifsud, and G. Skip Nafe.

Thank you to SAL member Steve Koponen who took charge of the distribution, organization and judging of this year's Americanism essays within the Farmington school system. First place winners from 2 categories, winning \$75 each, were from Harrison High school and O.E. Dunckel Middle school. The first, second and third place winners in each category will also be invited to walk in this year's Memorial Day Parade.

This year's annual Flag Day
 Flag Retirement Ceremony
 will be held on
 Sat. June 13, at 3:00pm.
 in the rear parking lot.



Why is the Post Consolidated Report
 (CPR) so important?

- 1 - The information is used in the National report and by law presented to the US Congress to show them how we are maintaining and using our Congressional Charter.
- 2 - The National Commander uses the information during their testimony before Congress each year.
- 3 - It gives your Post a history of activities, if your Post asks a group or company for a donation or you apply for a grant, the CPR includes historical data on the activities of the Post.
- 4 - It gives recognition to the members working the programs and activities in your Post and community.
- 5 - It helps recruiting members by answering the question "What does your Post do?"

Please take a few moments to report any community activities, donations, volunteering, help you have provided to a veteran, etc., to the Legion Adjutant or Auxiliary President. No matter how small your contribution to the Post's CPR, together we can make a big difference for our nation's veterans.

From One Veteran to Another on Memorial Day

You may have served in combat
 or while preserving peace.

You may have retired out or
 you may have served for a short time.

You may have been a draftee or a volunteer.

You may have served in the Corps, Army, Navy,
 Air Force, Coast Guard or the Merchant Marines,
BUT YOU SERVED.

YOU DID YOUR JOB HONORABLY
 and for that I am PROUD to call you "Brother."
 You may have served during WWII, Korea, Vietnam,
 Nicaragua, Persian Gulf, Iraq or Afghanistan,

But you served, you did not run.

You have earned your DD 214 with those words
"HONORABLY DISCHARGED"

Two of the most noble words in the world.
 Again I am proud to know each and every one of you.

Nothing is foolproof
 to a sufficiently talented fool.



From Art Mikkola, Chairman Farmington Farmers
 Market 346 Coney Dog Booth.

I would like to offer a sincere **Thank You** to everyone who has volunteered to work at the Coney Dog Booth at the Farmington Winter Farmers Market, **and ask for help with upcoming Farmer's Market dates this summer.** We will have a booth at the Farmer's Market downtown on May 16th and July 4th from 9:00am - 2:00pm. We not only sell hot dogs, Coney dogs, fries and pop, we offer Legion membership information, Post rental information, and offer Poppies. **Anyone interested in volunteering, please contact Art Mikkola at 248-345-9141.**

Photo above: L to R Dale Baxter, Pam Mikkola, Mark Moulds, Carol Hopson and Art Mikkola.

IMPORTANT: All Legion Members!

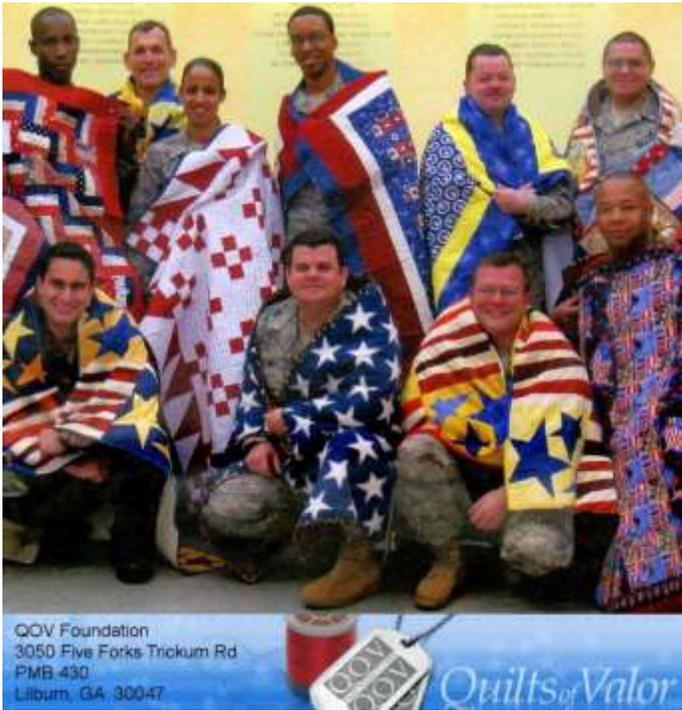
Post 346 is STILL requesting that each member provide a copy of their DD-214 to the Post.

In order for us to be in compliance with IRS regulations we need each member to provide a **redacted (sensitive information blacked out)** copy of your DD-214 as soon as possible. Copies provided **must** have your name, department, component and branch of service, and record of service dates, **all other personal information may be blacked out.** DD-214 copies can be mailed to the Post or given to Tony Mallia. If you cannot locate a copy of your DD-214, please contact Tony Mallia, phone: 248-310-4190 or email to: AMNOVI1@att.net
 Thank you, Jim Weston, Commander

TAPS

The good Lord has seen fit to allow us all to remain together, within our American Legion family, to "Serve God and Country" a little longer.
 No deaths of Post members have been reported to me during the past month.





QOV Foundation
3050 Five Forks Trickum Rd
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Lilburn, GA 30047

Quilts of Valor

The mission of the Quilts of Valor Foundation is to cover service members and veterans touched by war with comforting and healing Quilts of Valor. Blue Star mom Catherine Roberts, began the Quilts of Valor Foundation (QOVF) from her home in Seaford, Delaware in 2003. Her son's year-long deployment to Iraq provided the inspiration, and her desire to see that returning warriors were welcomed home with the love and gratitude they deserved, provided the rest.

A Quilt of Valor is a generous lap-sized quilt (minimum of 55 X 65). Quilts are awarded at many different levels: they may go to military hospitals where Chaplains award them to service members; there may be awards of QOV's to entire service units returning from deployments; they may be awarded at VA's or awarded individually. As of August 2014, there have been over 100,000 quilts awarded to service members/veterans.

One quilt can cost up to \$250 to complete. Tax-deductible monetary donations can be made by sending a check made out to: Quilts of Valor Foundation and sent to: 3050 Five Forks Trickum Road PMB 430 Lilburn, GA 30047 Our EIN number is: 20-2474691. We also gladly accept donations of quality 100% cotton quilting weight fabric that is new or like new (never been used). Please use the donation form on their webpage, DO NOT bring fabric donations to the Post. For more information visit the website www.QOVF.org QOVF is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

Let every nation know, whether it wishes us well or ill, that we shall pay any price, bear any burden, meet any hardship, support any friend, oppose any foe, to assure the survival and success of liberty.

- John F. Kennedy



Many of our members do not come to meetings or dinners at the Post simply because they lack transportation or are unable to drive on their own. If you are able to give someone a ride to future dinners, meetings, etc. please call Commander Jim Weston at 248-469-7681.

If you would like to attend functions at the Post but need a ride, please call Commander Jim Weston, he will put you in touch with one of our members who would be happy to help you!



Flag Day is June 14th, is it time to replace your old flag? Don't forget about the Post's flag disposal drop box at the front of our parking lot. Ensure our American flags are properly disposed of with dignity, patriotism and honor when they reach the end of their serviceable career.

This year's Flag Day Flag Retirement Ceremony will be held on Saturday June 13, at 3:00pm.



Only 2 things are infinite, the universe and human stupidity, and I'm not so sure about the universe. - Albert Einstein



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May Birthdays

- 1 Gloria Bytner
- 1 Ida Wadenstorer
- 1 Brandy Smart
- 3 Joseph (Cliff) Lauzon
- 4 Tom Young Jr.
- 5 George Kosnich Sr.
- 10 Gary Grant
- 14 Pete Kashubara
- 14 Robert DeWitt
- 17 Lora Pflugrad
- 18 Chuck Wilder
- 19 Laurie Holm
- 21 Richard Heinrichs
- 21 Jack Worrall

- 21 Danielle Jankowski
- 22 Pam Heffernan
- 23 Cortney Brancheau
- 23 Sandi Koponen
- 23 Mary Naylor
- 24 Don Gould
- 27 Walter Andersook
- 27 Judy Sofferin
- 27 Stanley Beattie
- 28 Vernon McBride
- 29 Ashley Nathan
- 29 Lindsey Nathan
- 29 William Topper
- 29 Al Schneider
- 31 Mary White

May Anniversaries

- 7 Martin & Judy Kozicki
- 8 Mike & Gail Williams
- 9 Don & Ann Gould
- 13 Carl & Verna Steen
- 18 Jim & Joyce Pearse
- 19 Paul & Janet Dabish
- 24 Brian & Danielle Jankowski
- 25 Mark & Beth Gentile



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May 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27 Coney Night 5:00-7:30pm	28	29	30	1 May Day/ Law Day	2 Farmington Winter Farmers Market 10am-2pm
3	4 Coney Night 5:00-7:30pm	5 Exec. Board Meeting 7:00pm Cinco de Mayo	6 Teacher's Day Nurses Day	7 Legion & Aux. meetings 7:30pm	8 V-E Day	9 Farmington Winter Farmers Market 10am-2pm
10 Mother's Day	11 Coney Night 5:00-7:30pm	12	13 SAL meeting 7:30pm	14 Poppy Days >	15	16 Farmington Summer Farmers Market 9am-2pm w/ Post 346 Coney Dog Booth Armed Forces Day
17 18th Dist. meeting 2:00 pm Election of new officers	18 Poppy Count-up starting at 3 pm Coney Night 5:00-7:30pm	19 Home Board meeting 7:30pm	20	21	22 Ntl. Maritime Day	23
24 31	25 Memorial Day Parade Memorial Day	26	27	28	29	30



June Birthdays

- 1 George (Skip) Nafe
- 2 Charles Scott Jr.
- 2 Norman Wilcox
- 3 David Slanaker
- 5 Roxann Watts
- 6 Harold Henderlong
- 7 Frank Mellert
- 8 Deborah Popp
- 9 Jim Salling Sr.
- 9 Steven Watts
- 11 Jackie Dix
- 11 Ray Okonski
- 15 John Grossman
- 15 John Mirling

- 16 Lorraine Christensen
- 16 John Ricco
- 17 Eleanor Farrell
- 18 Greg Popp
- 19 June Schwartz
- 20 Carol Hopson
- 20 Jim Koponen
- 23 William Ellis
- 23 Jimmy Davis
- 24 Larry Gooden
- 25 Jurnee Brent
- 28 Art Mikkola
- 28 Richard Soma

June Anniversaries

- 2 Vernon & Virginia McBride
- 9 Virgil & Lois Thill
- 15 Bob & Marilyn Smart
- 18 Robert & Tina Rossi
- 19 Jim & Fran Seager
- 26 Rob & Jan Smart
- 29 Marty & Jen Chinn

Coming up in July

- 2 Legion meeting**
- NO Aux. meeting**
- 4 Independence Day
- HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!**

MONDAY CONEY NIGHTS!
 Every Monday in the Clubroom 5pm - 7:30pm
GREAT PRICES!
 NO Reservations needed!

TABS FOR TOTS

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.

Don't see your name above?
Please contact Carol Hopson at
 info@americanlegionpost346.org
 or 248-910-2586

June 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	1	2 Exec. Board Meeting 7:00pm	3	4 Legion meeting 7:30pm NO Aux. meeting	5	6
7	8 World Ocean Day	9	10 SAL meeting 7:30pm	11	12	13 Flag Retirement Ceremony 3 pm (parking lot)
14 Army Birthday Flag Day	15	16 Home Board meeting 7:30pm	17 Submission deadline for July/Aug Bulletin	18 Earth Day	19 Juneteenth	20
21 Summer Solstice Father's Day	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30 Exec. Board Meeting 7:00pm	1 JULY	2 Legion meeting 7:30pm NO Aux. meeting	3	4 Farmington Summer Farmers Market 9am-2pm w/ Post 346 Coney Dog Booth



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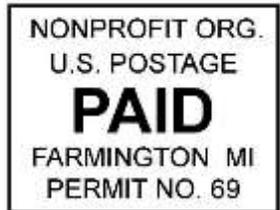
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Meeting Nights

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
Exec. Board - Tues. before Legion & Aux.
meeting 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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