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From the Flight Deck...
Post 346 Commander
Dale Baxter



Hello Legionnaires, SAL & Auxiliary,
First off, I would like to thank Jim Weston for his past two years of service as our Post Commander and it has been my pleasure serving as your Adjutant. I'm humbled and excited but yet a bit nervous to be the new Commander for Groves-Walker Post 346. For those that voted for me in our May elections, thank you. For those that didn't vote for me, I hope that in the coming year, I can earn your trust and respect. My goals for the coming year are simple. Trust, transparency and communication. I'm proud to be back-stopped by the incoming officers that this post has elected for the 2016-2017 year as together, I feel that Post 346 can make great things happen and carry on the traditions that have made Post 346 great in the past. If you haven't been involved in our Post activities in the past, I would encourage you to do so. Communication is the key and I firmly feel that if we are all pulling in the same direction, we can make great things happen. Please know that I'll listen to all member comments and take them seriously because there is nothing worse than a voice not being heard. I look forward to the coming year being your Commander. May God bless America, our troops serving abroad, our veterans and this Post.

Dale Baxter, Commander



Farmington/Farmington Hills Patriot Day 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony

Sunday 9/11 6:00pm at the Heeney-Sundquist Pavilion at Riley Park, Downtown Farmington Plaza

Farmington's 15th annual Patriot Day - September 11 Remembrance Ceremony, a moving tribute to the citizens and first responders who lost their lives on September 11, 2001. We will also honor our local heroes, the police, fire and public safety officers of Farmington and Farmington Hills. Light refreshments will follow the ceremony. Limited seating, please bring your lawn chairs.

Service Not Self...
Unit 346 President
Leah Brancheau



I would like to thank everyone for once again putting your faith in me to serve as your President. I cannot believe this will be my 13th go 'round as President but, after all these years it is still my pleasure to be of service to our veterans and our community. I want to sincerely thank Tammy for her two wonderful years as President, I hope I can once again be as valuable as she was in service to the Post. I would also like to welcome all of the new and returning officers for 2016-17. Looking forward to a good year ahead, let's all get involved and have a great time!

Leah Brancheau, President

Clubroom News

Football season is upon us. We will again be hosting the Lions football games every Sunday **beginning with 9/18 Lions vs Tennessee**. Come down and join us for cheering, drinks, and food. **Bring a dish to pass. We are also going to be open on Saturdays for college football!** Who doesn't want to see the Michigan/Ohio State game, right? See the bartender for game details and the volunteer bartender sign-up sheets.



I also want to thank Jan Yount for all her hard work on Taco Mondays. They have been a huge success. Coney Mondays will be back in September, but tacos sure hit the spot this summer. See you at the Legion,

Darla Anderson, Clubroom Manager



Your new 2016-17 Post 346 Officers at Installation

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As always, I am looking for advertising sponsors to help the Post offset the costs of publishing the Bulletin. The current donation level for a 1/6 page ad is \$20 per month or \$120 per year. Other sizes also available. I can copy a business card, use information from your website or create a unique advertisement just for you! Remember, your ad here is seen by hundreds of Legionnaires, Auxiliary and SAL members each month!

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 Nov/Dec 2016 edition of the Bulletin is Tuesday October 18th.*

Thank you,
Carol Hopson, Editor



Once again the "Doggers" team (L to R Dorothea Baxter, Carol Hopson, Dale Baxter, Mark Moulds, Marya Davis and Art Mikkola) manned the Post 346 hot dog booth at the Farmington Farmer's Market on July 2nd. Shown with us is Laurie (green shirt), the representative from the new Fresh Thyme Market moving into the Downtown Farmington Center Plaza and Special guest Abraham Lincoln!

Wow... do I feel short standing next to Abe! - Carol

Don't feel like giving out candy on Halloween?
Come on down to the Post for Coney Monday!

Legion Junior Vice Commander Andy Machcinski

Hi, it's me again,
Just want to thank everyone for their help as a first time Jr. Vice at our Post. With the installation coming up in a few days I was thinking about how everything has gone so far and again I wish to thank all of you for making my first time, I think successful.

We had three young men from Harrison and North Farmington go to Boys State, the Color Guard was active in supporting activities in Farmington and giving honors to our brethren. The steak and spaghetti dinners were well attended and enjoyed by all. The Post enjoyed plentiful Poppy Days offerings which is wonderful and most helpful to veterans in need. The hot dog sales at the Farmers Market not only helped the Post but got people aware of our Post and its activities. It was a great time and I wish to thank everyone for "making it happen".

With every installation new challenges are made available. The first one is Patriot Day on September 11. I am asking all our members to come to the Riley Park that day at 1800 (6:00pm), wear their American Legion covers, stand proud, show our American Legion pride and render honors to all the people who gave their lives that day. I am also open to ideas on how to make our monthly meetings better attended, we have a great roster of people, we are all veterans and we know what teamwork can do. I am asking your help as to what can be done to improve attendance, as a team we can make this happen. Thank you again for your faith in me and I commit you that I will do everything possible to live up to your expectations.
Respectfully,

Andy Machcinski, Jr. Vice Commander

2016-17 Legion dues are now \$50

SAL \$25 - SAL Junior \$11

Aux \$20 - Aux Junior \$5

Please make sure your dues are paid soon!



Your new 2016-17 Auxiliary Unit Officers at Installation.



For the last 16 years Nardin Park United Methodist Church in Farmington has put on a free summer concert series for the public, and one of the highlights of this series is the Fourth of July Patriotic Concert. Each Armed Forces flag was displayed proudly by members of our American Legion Post during this public concert on June 29. The vision of the flags posted while musicians played each branch's march was truly inspiring. Taking part in the concert were (L to R) Tony Mallia, Chris Mallia, volunteer church parishioner, Andy Machcinski, Vern McBride, Dale Baxter and Art Mikkola.

Blue Star Banners are still available! This traditional hanging window display that symbolizes you have a loved one proudly serving in the US Armed Forces during war or hostilities are only \$6.00 each (made of printed fabric and wood). Please contact Lorraine Christensen at 248-474-8554



Physical Therapist, Susan Haynes will give free physical therapy treatments to veterans. Call 810-623-2450 (please leave a message)



Please mark your calendars for the Veterans' Day Service at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul

(4800 Woodward Avenue Detroit, Michigan 48201 www.detroitcathedral.org 313.831.5000) on **Sunday, November 6 at 4:00 pm.** This will be the 53rd time we have honored and expressed our thanksgiving for those many men and women who have so tirelessly and bravely served our country. The emphasis of this service is thanksgiving – an expression of our profound appreciation for all who have served the pursuit of freedom and peace in service to their country, regardless of their race, religion or ethnic background.

To this end we include all who have served in the armed forces of the United States, Canada and our Allied Nations. We also honor those who serve in state and local police and fire departments. If you have never attended one of these services, we urge you to do so. From the solemn procession accompanied by bagpipes and organ, to the bugler's playing of taps and last post, to the concluding hymn, you'll find it both moving and inspiring, and a fitting tribute to all who have served our country. A reception with light refreshments follows the service. Grace and peace,

The Very Reverend S. Scott Hunter, D.Min.
Dean, Cathedral Church of St. Paul

LCDR Robert W. Prout, USNR Retired
Chairman, Veterans' Service Committee

The Legion and Auxiliary have openings for various program chairmen:

Legion: Americanism, Community Service, and Scouting.

Auxiliary: Historian, Children & Youth, and Field Service/VA&R.

Please consider contributing to the Post by taking on one of these positions. This is YOUR Post, lets all get involved in our programs!

When you don't know what to do, do something.
Never mistake motion for action.
Never mistake inertia for patience.

☞ TAPS ☜

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Stacy Onofrey Cromie

July 8, 1971 - May 22, 2016

Age 44, of Livonia, Stacy was born in Southfield, MI. She is the daughter of Michael and Michele Onofrey. Stacy is survived by her loving parents Michael (Jane) Onofrey III, and Michele (Stanley Maiberger) Onofrey.



Cherished sister of Tammy (Vince) Cernuto and Michael Onofrey IV. Proud aunt of Madi, Camryn and Vincent; soulmate of Jim Haffa, and beloved dog Max. Stacy is also survived by many loving aunts, uncles, cousins, friends, and coworkers. Stacy was a long time member of American Legion Auxiliary Unit 346. Funeral arrangements: Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home. Memorial donations in Stacy's honor are suggested to the Karmanos Cancer Center.

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Thaddeus J. Czerwinski

August 18, 1929 - May 2, 2016

Born to Joseph and Angeline Czerwinski in Detroit, MI. Ted served his country in the Army in the Korean War. He worked for Michigan Bell Telephone Co for 37 years retiring in 1986. He held several posts in the American Legion and Korean War Veterans. Survivors include his beloved wife of 61 years Janet, daughter Ruth Hoffman, son James (Toni), sister-in-law Barbara Naum; 2 granddaughters, 2 great granddaughters, 3 nieces, one nephew and 5 great nieces and nephews. Known and loved by all, Teddy was certainly a character and will be greatly missed. Funeral arrangements: Covell Funeral Home Chapel Bradenton FL. Internment: Sarasota FL National Cemetery with full Military Honors.

We know how hard it is to remember everything you need to take care of when a loved one passes away, and even harder to know what benefits a deceased veteran is entitled to.

That is why each Post has a Service Officer, to help the deceased veteran and his or her family receive all the benefits they are entitled to. Always remember, and tell your loved ones -

- 1) Know where your DD-214 is. The Post service officer can help you get a replacement copy if lost.
- 2) Tell your funeral director that the deceased was a veteran.
- 3) Contact your Post (or the nearest American Legion Post if your loved one was not a member), and not only can you receive the help of the Service Officer but, the Post's Honor Guard can help with a military funeral service. Other benefits might include a free burial plot, headstone, survivor benefits, burial expenses, and an American flag to drape the casket.



Thank you to the Legionnaires and Auxiliary

Here are some highlights of the recent donations from the Poppy Fund made on your behalf as you walked the beat at intersections and collected donations at our favorite stores and restaurants.

Marya Davis, Adjutant

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September Birthdays

- 1 Leah Brancheau
- 2 Robert Mendryga
- 3 Lenore Watts
- 6 Donal Stanton
- 7 Christopher Mallia
- 8 Joyce Frankford
- 9 Mary Bennett
- 10 Walter Gooden
- 14 Charlotte Vaughn
- 14 Paula Cotroneio
- 16 Mike Benefiel
- 18 Chuck Sutherland
- 20 Virginia Conroy
- 22 Robert Cooper
- 22 Steven Koponen

- 22 John Shalhoub
- 23 Tim Yount
- 24 Mary Gould
- 26 Tim Sheahen
- 27 Kevin Kokko
- 27 Jack Worrall

September Anniversaries

- 18 John & Elaine Dull
- 22 Art & Pam Mikkola
- 24 Mike & Susanne D'Arcangelo



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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September 2016

Sept. 16 POW/MIA Recognition Day

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29 Dinner at the Post 6:00 - 8:00 pm	30 Exec. Committee Meeting 7:00pm	31	1 Legion and Aux. meetings 7:30pm	2	3
4	5 Labor Day	6	7	8	9 V-J Day	10
11 Farmington/Hills Patriot Day Ceremony 6pm Downtown Patriot Day Grandparents Day	12 Coney Mondays are Back! 5:00 - 7:30pm	13	14 SAL meeting 7:30pm	15	16 POW/MIA Recognition Day	17 College Football (see schedule in the Clubroom) Constitution/Citizenship Day
18 Lions Football Pot-luck 1:00pm vs Tennessee Air Force Birthday	19 Coney Night 5:00 - 7:30pm	20 Home Board meeting 7:30pm	21 International Day of Peace	22 First day of Fall	23	24 College Football (see schedule in the Clubroom)
25 Lions Football Pot-luck 1:00pm vs Green Bay Gold Star Mother's Day	26 Coney Night 5:00 - 7:30pm	27	28	29	30	1 College Football (see schedule in the Clubroom) October



<p><u>October Birthdays</u></p> <p>2 Edward Laird 6 Paul Brancheau 7 Patricia Rodgers 7 Terry A. Roberts 8 Rob Smart 8 Grechen Heldenbrand 9 Jim Weston 9 Myrtle Granger 10 Dick Joslyn 10 Kenneth Monberg 11 Dave Kokko 11 Dale Vecchio 14Carolynn Mallia 14 Robert Hanson 14 Susan Franzen</p>	<p>15 Kelly L. Walker 16 John Miller 21 Harold Wilson 27 Janet Czerwinski 28 Kim Jaske 28 Rosemary Berger 28 Hannah Durham 31 Francis Skaisgir</p> <p><u>October Anniversaries</u></p> <p>3 Dale & Diane Farrell 8 Matt & Michelle Pitt 10 Bob & Sharon DeWitt 12 Tom & Christina James 15 Dale & Laura Mauck 19 Donal & Claudia Stanton 28 Dan & Pam Heffernan</p>	<p><u>Coming up in November</u></p> <p>1 All Saints Day 3 Legion & Aux meetings 6 Daylite savings time ends 8 Election day 10 Auxiliary Birthday 10 Marine Birthday 11 Veteran's Day 13 Sadie Hawkins Day 24 Thanksgiving 25 Black Friday</p> 	<p>MONDAY CONEY NIGHTS!</p> <p>Every Monday in the Clubroom 5 pm - 7:30 pm GREAT PRICES! NO Reservations Needed!</p> <hr/> <p>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. Children & Youth fund</p>
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October 2016

Oct. 22
Navy Day 

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>2</p> <p>Lions Football Pot-luck 1:00pm vs Chicago</p> <p>Rosh Hashanah</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Coney Night 5:00 - 7:30pm</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Exec. Committee Meeting 7:00pm</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Child Health Day</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Legion and Aux meetings 7:30pm</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>1</p> <p>College Football (see schedule in the Clubroom)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">8</p>
<p>9</p> <p>Lions Football Pot-luck 1:00pm vs Philadelphia</p> <p>Leif Erikson Day</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Coney Night 5:00 - 7:30pm</p> <p>Columbus Day</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Yom Kippur</p>	<p>12</p> <p>SAL meeting 7:30pm</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Navy Birthday</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p> <p>College Football (see schedule in the Clubroom)</p> <p>Sweetest Day</p>
<p>16</p> <p>Lions Football Pot-luck 1:00pm vs Los Angeles</p> <p>Boss's Day</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Coney Night 5:00 - 7:30pm</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Home Board Meeting 7:30pm</p> <p>Submission deadline for Nov/Dec Bulletin</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p> <p>College Football (see schedule in the Clubroom)</p> <p>Navy Day</p>
<p>23</p> <p>Lions Football Pot-luck 1:00pm vs Washington</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Coney Night 5:00 - 7:30pm</p> <p>United Nations Day</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p> <p>College Football (see schedule in the Clubroom)</p>
<p>30</p> <p>Lions Football Pot-luck 1:00pm vs Houston</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Coney Night 5:00 - 7:30pm</p> <p>Halloween</p>	<p>1</p> <p>Exec. Committee Meeting 7:00pm</p> <p>All Saints Day November</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Legion and Aux meetings 7:30pm</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p> <p>College Football (see schedule in the Clubroom)</p>



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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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