

## The Groves-Walker Bulletin

American Legion Post 346 Farmington, Michigan January/February 2022 - Vol. XII Issue 3



**Meeting Nights** 

Chartered July 10, 1923 - For God and Country

## **Progressive Raffle**

Round 3 coming as soon as we Settle into a new location!



**NEW 50/50 drawings on the first Monday** of each month. Tickets for sale in clubroom. Proceeds go to customizing our new space to include two Kegerators.

One of our clubroom regulars won December's 50/50 drawing. This person then donated the money back to the post, Thank you!

As of January 1, 2022 SAL dues will be raised to \$30 As of June 30, 2022 Auxiliary dues will be raised to \$40

#### **Queen of Hearts** 1st Tue. of the month at 7:00pm: SAL 1st Thu. of the month at 7:30pm: Legion - Auxiliary



(\$12 per Junior membership)

## 31775 Grand River Ave. Farmington, MI 48336-4238 Your Post in need

3rd Thu. of the month at 6:30pm: Home Board

and at 7pm: Executive Committee

**Clubroom Hours** 

Monday - Friday: 4pm - 9pm

Closed weekends

**Contact Info** 

Clubroom: 248-478-9174 Information: 248-939-4910

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Because of our meager funds we have been relying on members to help provide our everyday operating necessities. If you can help with any of the items listed below. Thank You! Please drop off at the clubroom.

Paper towel, TP, LG & XL latex gloves, cleaning product concentrates, bleach, kitchen size garbage bags, 65 gal. or larger garbage bags, beverage napkins, asst. snack size bags of chips, sweet & sour mix, whole lemons & limes, orange juice. For the office: Magic markers, Sharpies, envelopes (#6, #10, 6"x9"), postage stamps, paper clips, & Scotch tape.

For our upcoming move we will need donations of: boxes, old blankets, box or Duck tape. Monetary donations so supplies can be purchased also gratefully accepted!

Please remember that all of the cooks & bartenders at our Post have been working on a volunteer basis since the beginning of COVID. At the end of your evening, please tip them generously.

Your American Legion membership number may soon change. As of 2023 our national organization may issue a new membership number to you. The smart thing to do would be to save a copy of your old number in case any issues come up regarding your membership.



## Raising money while cleaning house It's a moving sale! Members get first dibs!

Preceding the sale of our building, we will be selling off some of the furniture and appliances at the Post. Please contact us if you might be interested in purchasing kitchen appliances and goods, tables, chairs, etc. Photos and descriptions available. Put in your pre-sale request today (quantities not quaranteed).

Get in on the deals, contact Eric, Marya or Carol today! At: GrovesWalkerPost346@gmail.com



Did you receive gift cards for the holidays that you know you may never use?? Donate them to the Post for use in future raffles!





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Any member can submit an article for the next Bulletin, including photos (articles may be edited for length and/or content). Articles can be submitted at any time,

please don't wait for the deadline of Friday Feb. 18th for the March/April 2022 issue of the Bulletin.

### 2022 Membership Dues

All Post members have already received their 2022 dues renewal notices from the Department of MI HQ. Legion members receive additional notices approx. every two months until paid. Once 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 Department HQ and may not reflect recent payments. Once you receive your new 2022 membership card, you are all set!

If you have a question about your membership, please contact your membership chairman:

**Legion (\$50):** Dave Harmon email: dharmon007@hotmail.com

or call: 313-378-9197

Auxiliary (\$30, Jr \$10): Carol Hopson email: GrovesWalkerPost346@gmail.com

or call: 248-910-2586

SAL (\$30, Jr \$11): Eric Welter email: SALsquadron346@gmail.com

or call: 248-895-6674

Remember, the membership year ended on December 31, 2021, if you have not yet paid your 2022 dues, your membership will be delinquent and you may lose any continuous years of membership that you have accumulated. Please try to pay your dues as soon as possible. Post 346 appreciates each and every one of you and values your membership with the American Legion.

Thank you,

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



Walking with a friend in the dark is better than walking alone in the light. - Helen Keller

Wow, What a great time we had at the **Army/Navy Game – Chili Cook-off on Dec. 11**<sup>th</sup>. Both those branches of our military were well represented in the clubroom that day. Everyone had a fun time and a full belly after tasting our 6 Chili cook-off contestant's offerings. The unlitmate winner was Dale Baxter's wild game chili. Navy won the game! Photos: Dorothea Baxter



L to R: 6<sup>th</sup> place Eric Welter, 2<sup>nd</sup> place Mike Griswold, 4<sup>th</sup> place Kevin Griswold, Judge Dave Harmon, 1<sup>st</sup> place Dale Baxter, 3<sup>rd</sup> place Marty Chinn. Not pictured 5<sup>th</sup> place Mike D'Arcangelo.



Top: Team Navy!! Bottom: Team Army!!

### Commander's Corner... Post 346 Commander Marva Davis

#### THE PAST

Last year at this time, we had received a \$20,000 Grant from Oakland County. That,

together with other smaller grants, helped pay for some utilities and even allowed for a small distribution for our primary bartenders who all selflessly gave their time for the majority of the year to keep us together. They have been volunteering since the onset of COVID in 2020 a year and a half ago. We also invested in a tent and heaters so we could gather outside. We restated our commitment to our community and our Legion family through the actions of our Leadership Team and volunteers. We held two food giveaways providing 1,000 boxes of food to local veterans and families! We struck an alliance with the Farmington area EMS, fire, and police motorcycle group The Warthogs. The Patriots Day Ceremony Downtown had a record number of community attendees to remember and honor the events and heroes of September 11, 2001 and today. The Trunk or Treat raised our spirits as we had treats for over 150 community children. On Veterans Day, we presented Post Member of the Year award to Gene Hatfield, a Hometown Heroes Banner to Jim Forbes, and enjoyed a free hamburger feast. Many members enjoyed "Friends-Giving" and our traditional Holiday Potluck Party. THIS is what we are about: Community and Comradery!

#### THE FUTURE

We are continuing the hunt for our new Post home. Prices in Farmington are dramatically higher than Farmington Hills but we are trying to stay as close to our current location as possible. We hope to have a decision by April. Remember when I said, we choose to lean forward to evolve and adapt, to survive and thrive? At our new location we will be trying to hold a monthly 'Pop-up' restaurant service on weekends. A guest chef will prepare a fancy meal and we will share in the profits. We will be looking for volunteers to adopt a table and provide the place settings for dinner. It is only due to the volunteers for special events and the volunteer bartenders that we remain open for gatherings. Could you adopt a weekly activity that would bring people in? How about a 'fun and games' night with rotating activities such as Karaoke, Trivia, Rock-Paper-Scissors tournament or marshmallow challenges? What is your contribution? It could be as easy as regularly donating paper products and kitchen necessities. What other ideas could YOU have?

It will take the commitment and effort of all of us to survive and thrive. Together, we can do this!

In Service, Marya Davis, Commander

Never look back unless you are planning to go that way. - Henry David Thoreau

## My 2 Cents... Unit 346 President Carol Hopson

Recently I sent out an email asking our Unit members to vote on raising our yearly dues. First, thank you very much for all of your

responses, comments of support and the concerns you voiced. One of the comments I received gave me the inspiration for this column.

The recent pandemic caused huge disruptions for our Post. Activities have slowed down to a tiny fraction of what we used to do. This brought up a concern that we are raising rates when we are doing much less than we did before. We would all love to be able to do more for our veterans and their families, give to as many charities and hold as many functions as we used to in years past. Fact is that our current dues does not cover as much as they used to, we continue to lose through death our long-time members, and our "active" membership is getting older. Hosting events and fundraising seems to get harder every year. As they say "many hands make light work" but we no longer have as many members willing or able to step up and volunteer to help as we did in years past.

Another vital part is volunteering to become an officer. Our Unit currently does not have a 2nd Vice President, Secretary, Chaplain, Membership Chairman, Historian, Girls State Chairman or Poppy Chairman. I currently serve as your President, website Admin, Bulletin editor, Post Communications officer, and am filling in for our Secretary, Poppy Chairman, Girls State Chairman, and Membership Chairman. I gladly do what I do for our Post. However, it is crucial to have a fuller roster of Auxiliary officers, not just to do the work but to express different opinions, inject new ideas and hopefully live up to the goals of the American Legion Auxiliary. Currently there are only about 5 members who regularly attend monthly meetings and take the opportunity to voice their opinions. but we cannot do it all. Come join us, let your voice be heard and become an active part of our organization. Without your involvement and input, we cannot survive.

This year our Unit voted upon and has given the following Christmas donations: \$500 to our adopted Christmas family (\$200 Walmart gift card, \$200 Meijer gift card, \$100 CARES food pantry gift card), \$100 each to Ann Arbor, Battle Creek, and Detroit VA Hospitals, \$200 to Brave Hearts Estate in Pelston, and \$200 to the MI Freedom Center at Detroit Metro Airport. Have you ever wished we could do things to support our veterans that some Units do in other parts of the country? I have. Please consider getting actively involved with YOUR Auxiliary Unit. Thank you for letting me vent a little this month.

Here's wishing every member of Post 346 health, prosperity, and greater happiness for the New Year. See you at the next meeting?

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





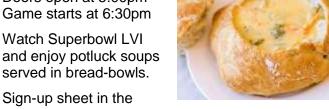
All AUX members in good standing (paid) are also eligible to purchase a PUFL (Paid Up For Life) membership. The cost of a PUFL membership is based on two factors - the member's age at the time of application and

the dues amount of the Unit. The cost for a 60 - 69 year old AUX member (Unit yearly dues \$40) would be \$822. If you apply before June 30, 2022 that same PUFL fee would be only \$624!! Get your PUFL application in before our 2023 dues increase goes into effect. Please ask Carol for your personal rate and a PUFL application today! Please note, PUFL fees are non-refundable.

### Soup-er Bowl Sunday!

Sunday February 13 Doors open at 5:00pm Game starts at 6:30pm

Watch Superbowl LVI and enjoy potluck soups served in bread-bowls.



clubroom to volunteer to bring a crockpot of your favorite soup or chili. Keep an eye on your email for more info.

#### Friendsgiving 11/25



Marya Davis

We had a wonderful Holiday Wreath Laying **Ceremony** on December 4<sup>th.</sup> In addition to Farmington Mayor Sara Bowman and many members and friends of the Post, we were excited to welcome the Junior Optimist Club, who helped us sing our National Anthem.



Junior Optimists of Farmington



Post Officers and Honor Guard L to R: Dale Baxter, Andy Machcinski, Ray Barry, Marya Davis and Alan Huet.



**Auxiliary Music** Chairman Myrtle Granger was also on hand to sing "God Bless America" at the ceremony's conclusion.

Photos: Rich Higginbottom





Raymond N. Okonski June 11, 1926 - November 12, 2021

Age 95 of Farmington Hills, noted philanthropist. Ray was born in Hamtramck, to the late Stanley and Sophie Okonski. He graduated with honors in 1944 from Cass Technical



High School in Detroit. After graduation, Ray was drafted in September 1944, and in January 1945, he joined the 78th Division in Germany. He was part of the group that took the famous Ludendorff Bridge over the Rhine River in Remagen Germany. He was wounded two days later, on April 12, 1945, the same day President Franklin Roosevelt died. After recovery in England, he served time in London and Paris, was transferred to Fort Wayne, MI, where he was later discharged as a T5.

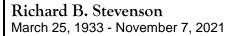
He was awarded the Purple Heart, several Battle Stars, the coveted Infantryman's Combat Badge, Good Conduct Medal, and a Unit Citation. Assisted by the G.I. Bill, Ray furthered his studies at the University of Michigan where he earned both a Bachelor of Science Degree in Industrial-Mechanical Engineering as well as his Masters of Business Administration, his long career in engineering earned him executive positions with several companies, retiring in 2000.

Ray married Suzanne Marie Sloat in 1990. Sadly Suzanne preceded him in death on August 13, 2014. Ray and Suzanne's philanthropic endeavors were numerous and wide-reaching and will continue even following his passing. The Suzanne Sloat and Ray Okonski Foundation generously supports many cultural, educational and Catholic organizations, most specifically scholarships to a variety of schools and to his beloved Polish community.

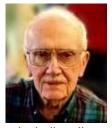
His memberships in service organizations, included the Detroit Polish Century Club (life member), the American Polish Century Club (life member), the Polish League of American Veterans, Polish American Congress and its Friends of Polish Art, American Polish Cultural Center, Greater Farmington Xemplar Club, VFW, American Legion (life member), Knights of Columbus and the Order of the Alhambra. May his kind and generous soul rest in peace.

Ray is survived by his devoted caregivers, goddaughter Susan Walkowiak and her husband, Dennis, a family of loving cousins and many friends, including, most recently, his special friends at Sunrise of Farmington Hills. Arrangements: Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home. Memorial tributes are suggested to the Capuchins. <a href="https://www.heeney-sundquist.com/obituary/raymond-okonski">https://www.heeney-sundquist.com/obituary/raymond-okonski</a>

Grief is the price we pay for love.
- Queen Elizabeth



Age 88, of Farmington, was born in Detroit, the son of the late Marjorie and Albert Stevenson. Richard was a lifelong resident of Farmington and enjoyed gardening and landscaping his yard.



He worked for many well-known companies including JL Hudsons, PPG, Chrysler and Troy Design & Manufacturing. Before embarking on a working career Richard was proud to serve his country in the Navy during the Korean War. He has been a member of Groves-Walker American Legion Post 346 since 2012.

Richard is preceded in death by his parents and brothers Robert and Russell. He is survived by his beloved sister, Donna Stevenson Bell (the late Lester); fondest uncle of Gary Stevenson (Yvonne), the late Janet Piestrak (Stan), Joyce Carbaugh and Tim Stevenson; dearest great uncle to Mark Piestrak and many others.

Arrangements: Heeney-Sundquist funeral home.
Internment: Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield.
Memorial tributes are suggested to the Farmington Community Library, 23500 Liberty St, Farmington, 48335. https://www.heeney-sundquist.com/obituary/richard-stevenson

Kathrine "Kitty" J. Podsiadly January 30,1937 - November 16, 2021

Age 84, of Farmington Hills. Kitty was born in Detroit to the late Isabell and Luca Vesprini. She married her sweetheart, Ted, on November 18, 1961, and have celebrated nearly 60 years of



marriage. Surviving her are her beloved husband, Ted; her devoted children, Laura (Jeff) Velzy, Joe (Jackie) Podsiadly, Susanne (Joe) Doa, and Kristin (Brian) Smith; her adoring grandchildren, Dana (Tim) O'Connor, Erica Podsiadly, Rachel (Marco laderosa) Doa, Olivia Velzy, Alyssa Podsiadly, Michael (Rachel) Doa, Joe Podsiadly, Anthony Doa, Christian Smith, Hanna Velzy, Jillian Smith, Andrew Smith, and Troy Smith; and her twin brother, Ron Vesprini. Kitty was preceded in death by her loving siblings, Frank Vesprini, Ida (Ontario) Brugnoni, and Vickie (Mike) Carrato. She is also survived by many special nieces and nephews whom she loved dearly.

Kitty will be remembered as a humble, loving, affectionate, and faithful peace-maker, always putting others first. She was well-read, an athlete, loved ancient history, and was an exceptional artist who was most passionate about sculpting. She was a great cook and loved to host a party. Her family meant the world to her with her 13 grandchildren being her ultimate pride and joy. Kitty was also an eight year member of American Legion Auxiliary Unit 346. Kitty left this world a much better place! Arrangements: Heeney-Sundquist funeral home. Interment: Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly. <a href="https://www.heeney-sundquist.com/obituary/katherine-kitty-podsiadly?fh\_id=15661">https://www.heeney-sundquist.com/obituary/katherine-kitty-podsiadly?fh\_id=15661</a>

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#### **Edward Pershing Good**

November 11, 1924 - December 23, 2021

Edward, of Farmington Hills, was 97 years old when he passed from this life joining his devoted wife of 67 years who passed away just four months ago. He is survived by his



five children: Thomas (Marcia Giltner), Amy (David Finkel), David, Gretchen (Daniel Nash), and Christopher (Ann Daugherty). He has 9 grandchildren, and 2 greatgrandsons. In recent years Edward received much well-deserved recognition for his WWII service as a paratrooper and infantryman. About his occupation he would say, "I'm a lawyer," because "attorney" to him sounded a bit too pretentious, he once argued a case before the US Supreme Court. Only if pinned down with a direct question would he admit that his legal education was "in New Haven," by which he meant at Yale.

He was a lifelong, ardent admirer of his wife Justine, an instinctively good father, and a faithful son of the Church. He was an engaged citizen at the neighborhood, county, state and national levels. Edward has been a member of American Legion Post 346 since 2015. Details about visitation and a memorial service will be at the Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home website when finalized. We are proceeding cautiously due to the current COVID surge. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Alternatives For Girls (alternativesforgirls.org.)

https://www.heeney-sundquist.com/obituary/edward-good

What an amazing **Veterans Day ceremony** and celebration. Our beloved Sergeant-at-Arms and World War II veteran Jim Forbes, received his downtown Farmington Hometown Heroes banner, Gene Hatfield received the Post Member of the Year award, and our own "Piper Todd" Wyber gifted us with bagpipe music.



The Sons of the Legion donated and grilled delicious hamburgers, the Bloody Mary bar and deserts were to die for and everyone had a fabulous time.

Eric presenting the "Post Member of the Year" plaque to Gene Hatfield.





Jim Forbes posing with his "Hometown Heroes" banner, now retired after being displayed downtown this last summer. With Jim is "Piper Todd" Wyber with a set of bagpipes that was once owned by a friend of Jim's family. The last time Jim heard these pipes played was when he was about 8 years old.

Photo: Carol Hopson



This year our Auxiliary's adopted Christmas family consisted of a lovely young woman, her boyfriend, and their 3 children. This already needy family had their home burn to the ground, they literally had nothing. We hope we were able to give them a Merry Christmas with \$500 in gift cards for Walmart, Meijer, and the CARES food pantry.

### **AUX Valentine's Spaghetti Dinner**

Saturday February 19th 5:00 to 7:00 pm Adults \$10 Children \$5 (under 13) With Garlic Bread, Salad & Dessert



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

Difficult roads often lead to beautiful destinations. - Zig Ziglar

### Legion Chaplain Andy Machcinski

My Fellow Legionnaires:

The first thing I want to do is wish everyone, their family, friends and associates a very healthy New Year. The reason I just wish health is, with that one thing any one of us can accomplish miracles. Say thanks to God for His blessings and change the world. The New Year is a clean sheet of paper, for each of us, last year's is written and done, a New Year waits for us to write. On New Year's Day I ask everyone to take a moment and say thanks to Him for the year past and to help each of us to make this upcoming year the best ever. It does not need to be a fancy or long prayer just one that tells God we love him and ask him to shed his guiding light on us to guide us through the coming year. Here is a short prayer for New Year's Day:

#### Dear God:

Today starts a New Year, a chance for a new start. Yesterday is gone and with it any regrets, mistakes, or failures I may have experienced. It's a good day to be glad and to give thanks, and I do, dear God. Thank you for today and the upcoming year, a new opportunity to love, give, and be all that you want me to be. Amen

Regards, Your Chaplain, Andy

Legion families, if you received a new set of dinnerware for Christmas, or you're thinking of getting rid of your old place settings, donate them to us! At our new



facility, we will be starting a pop-up restaurant with different guest chefs. However, we do not own any plates other than our Chinet (LOL). So please keep us mind for dinnerware. The intent would be for a volunteer to adopt & decorate a special dining table for four each month. Contact Marya for details or if you have questions.

#### **SAL Euchre Tournament**

Saturday January 29 Registration starts @ 3pm Play starts @ 4pm \$25 per person incl. food & prizes Cash bar, raffles. Payout based on # of players.

Partners not required. Register at the clubroom.

Questions? Contact: SALsquadron346@gmail.com

Or gerrygalinet@gmail.com

#### Post Christmas Party 12/18





#### **Membership Eligibility**



Legion membership eligibility. Veterans or active duty military who have served at least one day of active duty in the US Armed Forces since December 7, 1941 and have been honorably discharged or are still serving. Must present a DD-214 (DD-217, DD-256, or DD-257).

Auxiliary membership eligibility. 1) Relationship to veteran: Grandmother, mother, sister, daughter, granddaughter, male or female spouse, or self (for female veterans).

2) Potential member must be related to a *living* veteran by one of the relationships stated AND veteran is a current member of the American Legion. OR, potential member is related to a *deceased* veteran who served at least one day of active service during eligible time periods (Apr. 6, 1917 to Nov. 11, 1918 and any time after Dec. 7, 1941) and was honorably discharged. Deceased veteran does not have to have been a member of the American Legion.

SAL membership eligibility. 1) All male descendants adopted sons, and stepsons. 2) Potential member must be related to a *living* veteran by one of the relationships stated AND veteran is a current member of the American Legion. OR, potential member is related to a deceased veteran who served at least one day of active service during eligible time periods (Apr. 6, 1917 to Nov. 11, 1918 and any time after Dec. 7, 1941) and was honorably discharged. Deceased veteran does not have to have been a member of the American Legion.

#### Membership applications are available NOW in the clubroom!

Is it time to replace your old American flag? Don't forget about the Post's flag disposal drop box located 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 space RESERVED for You!

Have you ever considered advertising your business to your friends and neighbors in a local publication? The Bulletin can be seen by thousands of Legion, SAL and Auxiliary members, their families and friends bimonthly. Interested? Contact Carol Hopson at: GrovesWalkerPost346@gmail.com

Don't own a business? Post a personal message or greeting here in the Bulletin (for a small donation to the Post).



Show your support of our military & our veterans Only \$5 each, available in the clubroom. NEW design featuring poppies now available. Post 346 merchandise makes great gifts!



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





Post 346 License Plates Show pride in our Post! Only \$5 each, HD plastic, available in the clubroom

Blue Star Banners - Gold Star Banners Show pride in your family members who are serving or were KIA. \$5 each, in the clubroom. Banners are available with 1 to 5 Blue Stars (one per family member) or 1 Gold Star.

Banners measure 14" x 8". Also available from Carol Hopson.



#### 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-savvv, and they still wish to receive the Bulletin, please consider downloading and printing it for them. Thank you

Please...

Report changes of name, address, phone or email; also member death notices to your Legion, Auxiliary or SAL membership chairman.

Thank You



us on Facebook and keep up with all

our events at: facebook.com/

www.AmericanLegionPost346.org

#### January Birthdays

- 03 Dan Heffernan
- 04 Gary Brewer
- 09 Jarrett Lott
- 09 Jim O'Keefe
- 10 John Hoelscher
- 11 Olivia Griswold
- 13 Barbara Piotrowski
- 13 Judy Sackett
- 15 Robert McGowan
- 15 Ken Balcom
- 17 Susan Duquette
- 18 David Schwartz
- 20 Brian Jankowski
- 21 Dan Festian
- 24 Marty Chinn

25 Laureen Gogowski 29 Elizabeth Dopkowski

#### **January Anniversaries**

01 Mike & Toni Hughes







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 at: GrovesWalkerPost346 @gmail.com

#### **TABS FOR TOTS**

Please save the aluminum (non-magnetic!) tabs from all your beverage and pulltab containers. Drop off your tabs at the rear door. Funds benefit Ronald McDonald House Charities

## Want to see your name above? Please contact Carol at:

Groves Walker Post 346@gmail.com

## January 2022

## January is National Blood Donor month

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2	3	SAL meeting 7:00pm	5 Open Mic Night in the clubroom	NO Legion or Auxiliary meeting this month	<b>7</b> Joker Poker in the clubroom	New Years Day
9	Dinner at the Post fundraiser 5 -7pm 50/50 drawing	11	12 Open Mic Night in the clubroom	13	Joker Poker in the clubroom  AUX 346 Birthday	15
16	17 Dinner at the Post fundraiser 5 -7pm  Martin Luther King Day	18	Open Mic Night in the clubroom	Home Board meeting 6:30pm Exec. Committee meeting 7:00pm	21 Joker Poker in the clubroom	22
23	24 Dinner at the Post fundraiser 5 -7pm	25	26 Open Mic Night in the clubroom	27	Joker Poker in the clubroom  Coast Guard Birthday	29 SAL Euchre Tournament Reg 3:00pm Play 4:00pm
30	31 Dinner at the Post fundraiser 5 -7pm	1 SAL meeting 7:00pm Chinese New Year of the Tiger February	2 Open Mic Night in the clubroom	3 Legion & Auxiliary meetings 7:30pm	4 Joker Poker in the clubroom	5



## February Birthdays 09 Ted Podsiadly

- 13 Bonita Flowery
- 13 Tammy Festian
- 14 Carol Thompson
- 14 Ken Reynolds
- 20 Dave Franzen
- 23 Curtis Steelman
- 24 Christina Gould
- 25 Aiyana Allen
- 29 Mike Williams

## February Anniversaries

20 Gil & Mary Naylor



#### Coming up in March

- 01 SAL meeting
- 03 LGN & AUX meetings
- 05 Seabee's Birthday
- 13 MI K-9 Veteran's Day
- 13 Daylight savings time begins
- 15 American Legion Birthday (1919)
- 17 Saint Patrick's Day
- 20 Spring begins
- 21 Rosie the Riveter Day
- 25 Natl Medal of Honor Day
- 29 Vietnam Veterans Day

## **Dinner at the Post FUNDRAISER!**

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



Remember, birthdays and anniversaries will only be listed here upon request.

## February 2021

Anyone can submit an article for the Bulletin, don't wait until the deadline

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Soup-er Bowl Sunday 5pm, Game 6:30pm	14 Dinner at the Post fundraiser 5 -7pm Valentine's Day	Susan B Anthony	16 Open Mic Night in the clubroom	Home Board meeting 6:30pm Exec. Committee meeting 7:00pm	Joker Poker in the clubroom  Submission Deadline for Mar/Apr Bulletin	<b>19</b> AUX Valentine's Spaghetti dinner 5 - 7pm
20	21 Dinner at the Post fundraiser 5 -7pm	Washington's Birthday	Open Mic Night in the clubroom  Flag raised on Iwo Jima 1945	24	25 Joker Poker in the clubroom	26
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### YOU HONORED US WITH YOUR SERVICE.

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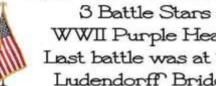


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