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



Hello Legionnaires, SAL & Auxiliary,

So now is the time to "Turn the Page" and move our Post forward. Together, we have accomplished a great deal in the past year. I'm so excited about what the coming year holds for this Post. We have Patriot Day events in the planning, an SAL sponsored steak-fry/comedy night and the Clubroom opening on weekends for the up-coming sports seasons. We owe a big shout-out to our new Clubroom Manager Jenn for the new ideas that she and our Home Board are tackling.

With the help of our current members, we are bringing new members into our fold and I hope that everyone will make them feel welcome and assist them where you can. Don't forget about our "Early Bird" special in regards to membership. Drawings will be happening soon, so if you want to get in on a chance for \$100, please pay your 2018 dues directly to the Post. I've heard a lot of discussion about membership cards. This is a Department issue and rest assured, that if you have already paid your 2018 dues and have not yet received your card, we know who you are and you will get your new card just as soon as we receive them from Department.

As always, a very special thanks goes out to all of you that work in the background and prefer to be the silent voices (you know who are) and my officers and committee chairpersons, for without your support and guidance we could not have accomplished as much as we have. My request for each and every member of this Post, whether you are a Legion, Auxiliary, or SAL member, stay involved and let's make this a great year and showcase our pride in our Post to the 18th District, Department and National.

As always, I look forward to hearing your comments or criticisms in how we can make Groves-Walker Post 346 the best in the 18th District. May God bless America, our troops serving abroad, our veterans, and Post 346.

Dale Baxter, Commander

Digital Age Disorders:

Nomophobia: That feeling of panic when you misplace your cell phone, short for "no-mobile-phobia." 73% of real people feel this panic and in another 14% that panic turns into desperation!

Service Not Self...
Unit 346 President
Leah Brancheau



Dear Members and Friends,

Well, I was making a list of things to say this time but I don't remember where I put it. Duh! So, I guess I will just go for it. This summer has been a little busy for me with a grandson getting married, short trips here and there, and working at the Legion.

The SAL will be hosting a Steak Fry/Comedy Club Show on Saturday September 30th. Sounds like a good time! Don't forget to look for more information here and in your email. The recent Euchre Tournament to raise funds for the American Cancer Society turned out very nicely. Geri Galinet and Jan Yount did a great job in organizing and working. The clubroom also made a profit that night. Sooner or later we WILL kick cancer's butt. This article is short but hopefully I will find my list before next bulletin... maybe. See you at the September meeting.

Yours in Service,
Leah Brancheau, President

Digital Age Disorders:

Ringxiety - Term refers to the feeling that one's cell phone is ringing (specifically vibrating) when it is in fact not. A study of 320 adults found that two-thirds experienced this feeling.

**Farmington's 16th Annual
Patriot Day Ceremony
Monday September 11, 2017
6:00pm - approx. 7:30pm
Walter Sundquist Pavilion
at Riley Park, Downtown**



Please join us to honor the memory of the nearly three thousand citizens and first responders who died in the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center in New York.

We are also honored to recognize our own local heroes who serve our community every day. During the ceremony our Post 346 Legionnaire of the Year winner will also be announced. Light refreshments will follow the ceremony. Minimal seating available, please bring your lawn chairs.



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Welcome back from vacation. Hope everyone had an enjoyable, relaxed and safe summer. But now it's time to get back to work for our veterans.

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 may need to edit articles for length.*

The submission deadline for the Nov/Dec 2017 edition of the Bulletin is Wednesday October 18th.

Thank you, Carol Hopson, Editor

SAL Commander Mark Moulds

I hope everyone is having a great summer. I would like to thank everyone who supported and encouraged me to become the SAL Commander. A lot of people are excited about our new officers and the events we have planned. Our first event was a huge success selling Coney dogs at the farmers market fourth of July weekend. I would like to thank Marty Chinn, Mike Griswold, Paulie Brancheau and last but not least Marya Davis, we had so much fun that our guts ached from laughing so much while we sold 224 hot dogs!

Our next event will be a September 30th steak fry from 5:30 to 7:30pm with a comedy club show afterwards from 8 to 9:30 p.m. It will feature Kevin Downy Jr., a finalist on America's Got Talent along with Cory Healy and Jeanne Marie Patee, two very funny women! Steak fry: \$15 per plate, comedy club show: \$15 per person advance sale, \$20 at the door. As always, please use the sign-up sheet at the post, call the Clubroom or email to: GrovesWalkerPost346@gmail.com to let us know you're coming so we make sure to have enough food for everyone. And/or send an email with number of people and their names to: salcommander346@gmail.com. Advance payment for the comedy club show will be accepted at the Clubroom during regular business hours.

Mark Moulds, SAL Commander

Did You Know... About Constitution Day?

This date is designated as Constitution Day by Public Law, which states that all levels of educational institutions that receive federal funds are required to educate students on our U.S. Constitution on or around this date.

Legion Jr. Vice Commander Andy Machcinski

My Fellow Legionnaires:

Summer is here with a new year of Legion and Post activities. One very important ceremony is also approaching, that being Patriot Day on September 11th. If there is one special observance that I feel needs to be supported, this is the one. I ask everyone, all 300+ of us, to come to downtown Farmington on that day, put on our Legion covers and show our support and honor the brave men and women who gave their lives that fateful day as well as those who now serve in the Public Safety, Police and Fire Departments. It is only about an hour of your time, but is an hour well spent, so please come down to Reilly Park at 1800 (6:00pm) and show your Legion colors.

Boys State was a great success with our Post sponsoring four young men from North Farmington and Harrison HS. Have received thank you cards from two and they are thankful for the fantastic experience offered to them, for the great time they had and the learning experience of how laws are made and the government works.

The honor guard has been busy with the Miss Farmington pageant, memorial and funeral services, farmers market and other activities. There is a need for additional personnel to step up and help out in this effort. As the old Burma Shave slogan said: "Look sharp, be sharp and join the Post 346 Honor Guard" ...or something like that! It would be great to get two more Post members to step up, give me call and offer their time to this very important activity. Thank you for reading my ravings and please attend the Patriots Day ceremony, it is really the time to step up and show our Legion colors, show support and honor the fallen.

Regards,
Andy Machcinski, Jr. Vice

Be an Early Bird!

You have probably received your first notice to pay your 2018 Legion dues of \$50. We'd like to give you another good reason to send them in as soon as possible. Post 346 is offering an **Early Bird incentive** for paying your 2018 dues before the end of 2017. There will be **3 drawings** (one at the **September** meeting, one at the **October** meeting, and the final drawing at the **Veterans Day** ceremony in November) of **\$100 each**.

All Legion members who have paid their dues before those dates will be included in the drawings, each winner may only win once and you need not be present to win.

Although our national organization encourages online dues payments, your payment will be credited much more quickly and you will receive your 2018 membership card sooner if you pay your dues directly to the Post via mail or in person. **Get your 2018 dues in as soon as you can and be eligible to win \$100!**





SAL Coney dog booth at the Farmers Market was manned by Mike Griswold (with special guest), Mark Moulds, Marty Chinn and Paul Brancheau. Photo: Marya Davis

SAL STEAK FRY & Comedy Club Show!

Saturday Sept. 30th

Dinner downstairs:

5:30 to 7:30 pm

Adults \$15 per plate

Children \$10 per plate (under 13)

With Baked Potato, Roll & butter, Salad & Dessert



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Adults \$15 advance sale, \$20 at the door

Starring Kevin Downey Jr. finalist on America's Got Talent!
and featuring Cory Healy and Jeanne Marie Patee.

Advance tickets are available at the Clubroom.

Please let us know you're coming by using the sign-up sheet in the clubroom, calling: 248-478-9174 or by emailing to: SALCommander346@gmail.com or: GrovesWalkerPost346@gmail.com

Digital Age Disorders:



Truman Show Delusion: Refers to people who believe their lives are being watched and broadcast as in the 1998 film "The Truman Show." This actual syndrome was first identified by a psychiatrist in 2003.

Cyberchondria: Describes people who search for their health symptoms online and diagnose themselves based on web searches

Post Officers for 2017-18



Legion officers: (L to R) Dave Harmon, Jim Weston, Vern McBride, Marya Davis, Claudette Calka, (seated) Jim Forbes, Dale Baxter.



Auxiliary officers: (L to R) Fran Skaisgir, Carol Hopson, Lorraine Christensen, Paula Cotroneio, (seated) Myrtle Granger, Leah Brancheau, Judy Mau.



SAL officers: (L to R) Mark Moulds, Mike Griswold, Bill Gates, Kevin Griswold.

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The good Lord has seen fit to allow us all to remain together, to "Serve God and Country" a little longer.

No deaths of Post members have been reported to me during the past 2 months.

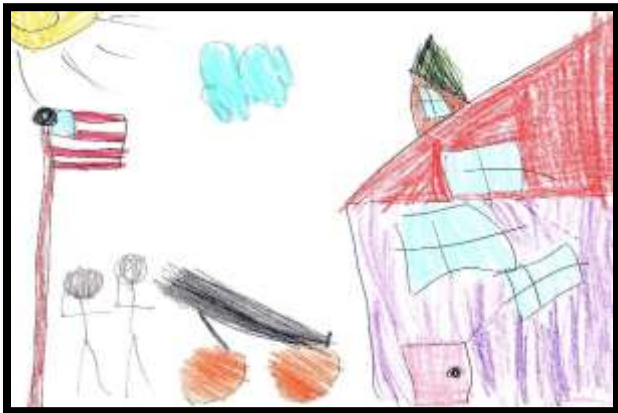
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Our deepest sympathies to Marya Davis on the loss of her mother on August 22nd.

- Please -

If you have email access, allow me to send your bi-monthly Bulletin to you via email. Let's all help save the costs of printing and postage for the Bulletin. If you do not care to receive the Bulletin at all, perhaps you live out of state, please contact Carol to discontinue receiving the Bulletin.

Please email Carol Hopson at:
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- Thank You -



A great big THANK YOU and I Love You! To my 6½ year old grandson, Everett for the awesome picture he drew of our Post. Carol Hopson **Happy Grandparents Day!**

Don't let your next issue of the Bulletin (November/December 2017) be your LAST issue, make sure your 2018 dues are paid before the end of the year.

Remember, your dues must be paid in full to receive the benefits of membership in our American Legion Post, such as - discounted hall rental rates, service of alcoholic beverages in the Clubroom, a vote on Post issues, or a copy of the bi-monthly Bulletin newsletter mailed (or emailed) to your home.

AAFES (Army & Air Force Exchange Service) and Military Exchanges to Allow Veterans to Shop Online!

The Dept. of Defense announced a policy change that will extend limited online military exchange shopping privileges to all honorably discharged veterans, to become effective on Veterans Day Nov. 11, 2017. This initiative



represents an opportunity to help fund morale, welfare and recreation programs in support of service members' and their family's quality of life. "As a nation we are grateful for the contributions of our service members. Offering this lifetime online benefit is one small, tangible way the nation can say, 'Thank you' to those who have served with honor," said Peter Levine for the under-secretary of defense. To shop online or find an exchange near you click on: www.shopmyexchange.com

If you have already paid your 2018 dues, Thank You!

Dues renewal notices first go out in June of each year, then approx. every two months thereafter until paid. Please ignore duplicate renewal notices that may be mailed to you, **please DO NOT send duplicate payments**. These notices are automatically generated by the Department office and may not reflect recent payments. The surest way to make sure your payment is recorded quickly and correctly is to mail it directly to the Post. If you have received your new membership card, you are all set! If you have paid but have not yet received your new card, please send an inquiry to your membership chairman:

Legion - Dave Harmon email: dharmon007@hotmail.com or call: 313-378-9797.

Auxiliary - Cheryl Fierk email: cher1318@yahoo.com or call: 734-525-2906.

SAL - Leah Brancheau email: lbranc5054@aol.com or call: 248-207-2812.

Remember, if you have not paid your 2018 dues (Legion \$50, Aux. \$20, Aux. Jr. \$5, SAL \$25, SAL Jr. \$11) by December 31, 2017, your membership is delinquent and you may lose any continuous years of membership that you have accumulated. Please remember to pay your dues early. Post 346 appreciates each and every one of you and values your membership with the American Legion.

Thank you,
Dale Baxter, Legion Commander Post 346
Leah Brancheau, Auxiliary President Unit 346
Mark Moulds, SAL Commander Squadron 346



Digital Age Disorders:

Technoference: Term used to describe the ways digital technologies interfere with everyday life.

September Birthdays

01 Leah Brancheau
 02 Robert Mendryga
 03 Lenore Watts
 06 Donal Stanton
 07 Christopher Mallia
 08 Joyce Frankford
 14 Charlotte Vaughn
 14 Paula Cotroneio
 16 Mike Benefiel
 17 Glenda Ann Gould
 20 Marya Davis
 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.

ADVERTISE IN THE BULLETIN!

Contact Carol Hopson for more info email to: GrovesWalkerPost346@gmail.com

WATCH FOR NEW HOURS OF OPERATION FOR THE CLUBROOM! & LOTS OF SPORTS VIEWING WEEKENDS COMING UP!

Want to see your name above?
 Please contact Carol Hopson at:
 GrovesWalkerPost346@gmail.com

September 2017

Monday Coney Nights are back!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 Please remember to pay your 2018 dues soon!	28 Dinner at the Post Something different each week! 6 - 8pm	29	30	31	1  Operation New Dawn began 2010	2  V-J Day
3	4 Clubroom Closed Labor Day	5 Exec. Committee meeting 7:00pm	6	7 Legion & Auxiliary meetings 7:30pm	8	9
10 Grandparents Day	11 Coney Night 5:00pm - 7:30pm  Patriot Day	12	13 SAL meeting 7:30pm 	14	15  POW/MIA Recognition Day	16
17 Constitution Day Citizenship Day	18 Coney Night 5:00pm - 7:30pm Air Force Birthday	19 Home Board meeting 7:00pm 	20 Rosh Hashanah	21 Intl Day of Peace	22  Fall begins	23
24  Gold Star Mothers Day	25 Coney Night 5:00pm - 7:30pm	26	27	28	29	30 SAL Steak Fry & Comedy Club 5:30 - 9:30pm Yom Kippur



<p><u>October Birthdays</u></p> <p>02 Edward Laird 05 Lauren Williams 06 Paul Brancheau 07 Patricia Rodgers 07 Terry A. Roberts 08 Rob Smart 08 Grechen Heldenbrand 09 Jim Weston 09 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>03 Dale & Diane Farrell 08 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>01 All Saints Day 05 Daylight savings time ends 05 Guy Fawkes day 07 Election day 10 Auxiliary Birthday 10 Marine Birthday 11 Veteran's Day 12 Sadie Hawkins Day 16 Great American Smokeout 23 Thanksgiving 24 Black Friday 25 Small Business Saturday 27 Cyber Monday 28 Giving Tuesday</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 2017

Happy Halloween!



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1 Please remember to pay your 2018 dues soon!	2 Coney Night 5:00pm - 7:30pm 	3 Exec. Committee meeting 7:00pm	4	5 Legion & Auxiliary meetings 7:30pm Child Health Day	6	7  Operation Enduring Freedom began 2001
8	9 Coney Night 5:00pm - 7:30pm Columbus Day Leif Erikson Day	10	11 SAL meeting 7:30pm 	12	13 Navy Birthday	14
15	16 Coney Night 5:00pm - 7:30pm Boss' Day	17 Home Board meeting 7:00pm 	18 Submission deadline for Nov/Dec Bulletin	19	20	21  Sweetest Day
22  Navy Day	23 Coney Night 5:00pm - 7:30pm	24 United Nations Day	25	26	27	28
29	30 *Exec. Committee meeting 7:00pm* Coney Night 5:00pm - 7:30pm	31  Halloween	1 November	2 Legion & Auxiliary meetings 7:30pm	3	4



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Community Groups

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for more information.



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 7:00pm
Executive Committee: Tues. before Legion
& Auxiliary meetings each month at 7:00pm

Clubroom Hours

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

Post and hall rental information: **248-478-9174**

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