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Cliff Notes...

18th District Commander
Post 346 Commander
Cliff Lauzon



Hello fellow Legionnaires,
SAL and Ladies Auxiliary,

Department Convention: On June 27-29, The American Legion Department of Michigan will be holding their annual State Convention at the Holiday Inn in Livonia. This is right in our backyard, so close to our Post. I feel this would be a good time for all of our Post family to attend and see how your Legion is run. There will be all kinds of classes where you can learn about the American Legion and so much more. Hope to see you there.

DD214s: You were all sent a letter requesting that you send in a redacted copy of your DD214 to Post Sr. Vice Commander Tony Mallia to keep on file as part of our secure Post records. This is due to recently passed legislation requiring Veteran organizations, such as our American Legion Post 346, to have a copy of each member's DD214 on file, to prove our tax-exempt status should an audit of our records be conducted by the IRS.

Thank You for your cooperation with this VERY IMPORTANT initiative.

Poppy Days: I am writing this article on May 17, the last of our annual Poppy Days. I was out driving around yesterday and today, and was very proud to see our members out offering Poppies to the public. The response from the mailing of Poppy letters has been good and donations are coming in. Canisters full of offerings will be counted on Monday May 19th. I will then total everything and have a financial report ready for the June Meeting and the next Bulletin. It's not too late to mail in your donation for the Poppy fund, any amount will be happily excepted, Thank You!

For the good of the Legion,
Cliff Lauzon, Commander 18th Dist. & Post 346

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.



Yours in Service...

Auxiliary President
Leah Brancheau



Dear Members and Friends,

Spring is finally upon us... I think!! I know I am ready to get out and mess in the yard, how about you! I just love summer with all the blossoms peeping out! Have a Happy, Safe Summer! Enjoy!

Our last meeting and election of new Officers went beautifully. Please say Hello and Thank You to Tammy Festian, your new Auxiliary President! Thank You Tammy! Tammy has a lot on her plate with work and all so if she asks for your help please, give her a hand. I am thanking you personally Tammy, I am sure you will do a great job! We also have a new Historian, Carol Philp who I am sure will be doing a great job! I have not had a history book in about 5 years so, Welcome Carol!

We had the MVF veterans in from downtown for a luncheon on May 21st. The men always enjoy a home cooked Spaghetti Dinner. Jan Smart's sauce is so good and is enjoyed by all. Thank you to all who helped with this luncheon!

Our Installation of Officers will be August 10th. Please try to attend as this is an important meeting! The Installation does not take too long and there are cocktails and a delicious luncheon after. As I step down as your President... finally, Thank You for working with me for the past few years! Whenever I needed help you always stepped up and covered for me. When I was ill the Auxiliary still ran like a well-oiled ship! Jim & I will be trying to get away for a couple of weeks for a mini vacation. Thank You Ladies, I love you all, have a great summer. See you in September as 1st Vice!

Yours in service,
Leah Brancheau, Auxiliary President

Annual Flag Day Ceremony Joint Ceremony with the K of C Friday June 13, 6:30 pm

Ensure our American flags are properly disposed of with dignity, patriotism and honor when they reach the end of their serviceable career.

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A Letter From Your Editors

Ralph & Carol Philp

This month we say goodbye to some old friends, Contra Dancing ends, Coney Mondays take a vacation; and hello to new ones, a Summer Flea Market held in our parking lot, 1st & 3rd Saturdays each month. Here's looking forward to a great summer season at Post 346!



Once again, we are looking for **advertising sponsors** to help the Post 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 July/August 2014 edition of the Bulletin is June 16th.**

Ralph & Carol Philp

Sgt. At Arms Judith Kronk

Thank you to all for voting me in to serve a second year as Sgt. at Arms. It has been a great Privilege and Honor to serve as Sgt. at Arms for the past year. This position has given me a chance to be more involved, to meet more members at our monthly meetings and develop an understanding of the importance of our American Legion Post 346 for our members. I also know the importance of the duty of collecting disposed of flags that are dropped off at the Flag disposal Drop Box located on our property. Thank you again,



Judy Kronk, Sgt. At Arms

Post Sr. Vice Commander
Post Service Officer
Anthony Mallia

Current Legion Membership: **102%**

Service Officer Report: DD Form 214
Discharge Papers sent in to the Post as requested, as of May 14th: 72. This is a poor turnout from 277 members, we're not even close to 50%. Please read the "New IRS Legislation" article on page 3!



FYI: Now available from Soaring Eagle Casino: The HERO Card.

Available exclusively to active duty, retired and veteran members of the U.S. military. Get Instant Access to Benefits and Discounts, including:

- One complimentary first-class room per month.
- Exclusive hotel rates.
- Premium Play awarded twice per month.
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- Eligibility for exclusive military-only offers and promos.
- Discounts apply to cash, credit & comp. transactions.



Simply present your military ID (CAC card or DD Form 2 card) or DD Form 214 at the Players Club & get your Hero Club Card! See Soaring Eagle Players Club for complete details. www.soaringeaglecasino.com/playersclub.aspx

Tony Mallia, Sr. Vice Commander

Post Jr. Vice Commander
Jim Weston

Thank you to the Post for electing me as your Commander for the 2014-15 year. I will try to guide our Post 346 in the right direction. I have a few ideas that I feel will benefit the revenue and camaraderie of our Post.



I hope poppy sales go well this year, as they have always done in the past. Our installation of new officers and dinner will be on Sunday August 10th, please mark it on your calendars. Memorial Day was May 26th, I hope you didn't miss this opportunity to honor our troops both past and present. God bless America and our troops in foreign lands.

Jim Weston, Jr. Vice Commander



**Please visit our newly updated
and improved website!**

www.AMERICANLEGIONPOST346.org

Attention: All Legion Members!

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 as soon as possible.

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: AMNOV11@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>

Coming together is a beginning;
keeping together is progress;
working together is success. - Henry Ford



Making military absentee voting easier

The Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) administers the federal responsibilities of the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA) of 1986. In a recent survey, it was discovered that in the 2008 election alone, 22 percent of absentee voters, both military and overseas civilians, failed to receive their absentee ballot. The average military voter is far more likely to have his ballot rejected than the average voter, either as a result of improper procedure or late arrival. It is necessary that email and online transmission options are available to all Uniformed Service members, and overseas citizens, and that they become the principal methods of sending election materials to these citizens. It is also crucial that the States expand the use of email and online transmission for all elections materials. - *from Wikipedia*

South Dakota is doing just that. SD has unveiled a new system to ensure that military personnel can exercise their right to vote even when deployed overseas. Dubbed the "Innovative Overseas Absentee Balloting System" or iOASIS, the system combines computer technology and the Common Access Card (CAC) issued by the DoD to enable deployed forces to securely request, obtain and return an absentee ballot. The Sioux Falls Business Journal reports "The system allows service members to use the cameras on electronic devices such as iPads or smartphones, to scan the barcode on their CAC. Once logged in to the system, the service member can register to vote or complete a ballot online. Once filled out, the service member prints it, signs it and mails it like any other absentee voter would. iOASIS turns a "60 day process into less than a 5 minute transaction." Although the system uses online technology, it's not online voting because it still requires the voter to print and mail his or her ballot. SD Secretary of State Jason Grant says "They risk their lives defending our right to vote. We need to defend theirs." South Dakota is the only state handling military overseas voting in this manner.

- *from The American Legion Magazine*

Our Auxiliary Legislative Chairman, Lorraine Christensen, told us that this article in the Legion Magazine made her a little mad. "My question is, why aren't **all 50 states** working on this same thing?" Good question Lorraine. Thank you for bringing this issue to our attention, especially with the next presidential election coming up in 2016. - *ed*

Do You Know...

The difference between Memorial Day and Veteran's Day? Memorial Day is a day of remembering the men and women who died while serving in the United States Armed Forces. Formerly known as Decoration Day, it originated after the Civil War. Veteran's Day honors people who have served in the U.S. Armed Forces and also marks the anniversary of the end of World War I. Hostilities of World War I were formally ended at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918, when the Armistice with Germany went into effect.

TAPS

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



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Robert M. Laby  
1917 - July 19, 2010

Age 93, of New Port Richey, Fla., died July 19, 2010. He is survived by his wife of 42 years, Regina. Robert was a 32 year member of Posts 190 and 346. Services took place in Florida.

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Robert J. Kraatz
March 4, 1925 - July 17, 2013

Robert James Kraatz was born in Detroit, MI in 1925, he was one of 12 children. Robert passed away peacefully on July 17, 2013 in Novi, MI. Robert was a proud WWII Army Air Corps decorated veteran who lived in Farmington Hills for many years. He was the beloved husband of the late Nadine for almost 50 years until her death in 1996. Loving father "Pops" of 3. Dear grandpa of 10. Dear great-grandfather and great-great-grandfather of several. Survived by 5 siblings. Predeceased by his parents, his wife, two sons and 6 of his siblings. Robert was a 14 year member of Post 346.



Funeral Services were July 20, 2013 at Harry J. Will Funeral Home, Redford. Robert was laid to rest at Glen Eden Lutheran Memorial Park Cemetery, with Military Honors by the United States Air Force Funeral Honors Team. Memorial Donations may be made in Robert's name to The Wounded Warrior Project, Mail to: P.O. Box 758517 Topeka, Kansas 66675 or donate online at: www.woundedwarriorproject.org or donations may also be made to Grace Lutheran Church 25630 Grand River Ave., Redford, Michigan 48240 (313)532-2266.

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Donald W. McLellan  
1926 - December 21, 2013

Age 87; of Farmington, MI; died December 21, 2013. Beloved husband of the late Norma. Loving father of Kathleen (Michael) FitzGerald, Donald R. (Shari) McLellan, Carol (Jack) Carmody, Ken (Sharon) McLellan, and Tom (Cara) McLellan; also survived by numerous grandchildren, nieces, and nephews. Donald was an 11 year member of Post 346. Funeral Service was on December 28, 2013, at First United Methodist Church of Farmington and Thayer-Rock Funeral Home. Memorial contributions may be made to the Church.



## 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**

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Robert L. Smart  
February 18, 1935 - May 14, 2014

Bob passed away peacefully in his home in Bradenton Florida on May 14. He is survived by his loving wife, Marilyn Ida Smart (Sitter) and his six children, Rob Smart (Jan), Terri Sall (Todd), Tracey Smart, Leanne Smart, Ruth Dowling (Mike), Chandra Mitchel (Adam), 11 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren. Robert Smart was born in Port Huron, Michigan on February 18, 1935 to the late Lincoln Frederick and Iva Smart (Atherton). He had six siblings. He had a never give up attitude and passed his work ethic onto his children and grandchildren. Besides his six children and marrying the love of his life, what he was most proud of was his service to our country having served in the U.S. Army beginning at the age of 16, during the Korean War. He served from 1951-1956. Bob was a life member and Past Commander of Post 346. He was also very proud of the business he started and ran for 30 years. Garden City Upholstery is still in operation today, being run by his son Robert Smart. He donated to many charities over the course of his lifetime. One that was near and dear to his heart was The Special Olympics, in honor of his daughter Leanne. He was loved by many and will be sorely missed.



A memorial gathering was held on May 25th at Post 346. A graveside service with military honors was held May 27 at Great Lakes National Cemetery Holly, MI.



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**

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*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!  
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your own wianek (wreath)  
for a chance to be named Wianki Queen of 2014!*



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32040 Grand River Ave. #47 Farmington, MI 48336

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 YOUR TICKETS NOW!**

Whether you think that you can, or think that  
you can't, you are usually right. - Henry Ford



## Summer Flea Market

**In our Post parking lot 1st & 3rd Saturdays  
beginning in May, 9am - 2pm**

Sometimes using indoor space also.

Spaces for rent, \$15 per table

For further info call Don at: 248-476-0805

Auxiliary 1st Vice President

Tammy Festian



Hello Everybody! On April 24th we had a bus trip to Firekeepers Casino in Battle Creek. The music was playing and everyone enjoyed their choice of beverage on the bus. I'd like to say Thank You to Paula Cotroneio for helping me the night before and on the day of the trip. Also thank you to Gene Hatfield, Jim Kopenen, and Jim Weston. Most of all Thank You to Grant Galinet helping us when we came home, what a nice young man. Some of our members and friends came away with nice amounts of money and some of us lost. We will be looking forward to having another Casino bus trip in the fall of this year. Thank You,

Tammy Festian, 1st Vice President

Sons of the American Legion Adjutant  
Robert Holton



Hope everyone is staying dry. I cannot wait for our summer to show up. It is with a heavy heart that we mourning the passing away of our commander Rob Smart's Dad Bob. Bob Smart was a life member and Past Commander of Post 346. Please keep the Smart family in your thoughts and prayers. Bob will be sorely missed.

We hope everyone was able to make it out to honor our Veterans at the Memorial Day Parade. Please keep all of our soldiers in your prayers. To all of the Fathers, Grandfathers and Step Dads we wish you all a Happy Fathers Day and a Big Thank You.

Rob Holton, SAL Adjutant

**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 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. A donation basket for denim material is located in the Clubroom. Thank you, Myrtle Granger

It is better to remain silent  
and be thought a fool  
than to speak and remove all doubt.





## Contra Dancing Ending This Month!

The monthly charity Contra Dances, hosted by Elise Newcomer, Miss Farmington 2011, will be coming to a close this month. Contra is a form of folk dancing, done to live music with a caller who leads the dance. It is multi-generational, 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 dance will be from 1 to 4 pm (12:30 for beginners)

**The final date is Sunday, June 1**

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



Be who you are and say what you feel,  
because those who mind don't matter  
and those who matter don't mind. - Dr. Seuss

## Major Retailers Want To Give Us Money! It's never too soon to start Shopping for the Holidays!

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



I would like to thank the Ladies Auxiliary and the Sons of the American Legion for their donations for me to send a care package overseas.



This package went to the son-in-law of Carol and Ralph Philp who serves in the Air National Guard and is also a Post member. It has been a long time since we have done anything like this and I was honored to be able to do something that is so well deserved. After all, that is why we are here! I sent 3 large boxes of goodies for him and his unit. I will keep my ear out for anyone else that would like or need our help in the future. God bless all of our service men and women and I pray for their safe return home!

Thank you, Jan Yount

Throughout the history of our great nation, Veterans have made the commitment to protect our country, serving and sacrificing for what matters most. Whether they just came home or completed their service many years ago, their experiences and sacrifices have an impact on their lives.

**Veterans  
Crisis Line**



1-800-273-8255  
**PRESS 1**

**The Veterans Crisis Line** is a toll

-free, confidential resource that connects Veterans in crisis and their families and friends with qualified, caring Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) responders. The professionals at the Veterans Crisis Line are specially trained and experienced in helping Veterans of all ages and circumstances. Veterans Crisis Line responders provide support when issues such as chronic pain, anxiety, depression, sleeplessness, anger, and even homelessness - reach a crisis point. Many of the responders are Veterans themselves and understand what Veterans and their families and friends have been through.

**Veterans and their loved ones can call 1-800-273-8255 and press 1, chat online at [www.VeteransCrisisLine.net](http://www.VeteransCrisisLine.net) or send a text message to 838255 to receive free, confidential support 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year, even if they are not enrolled in VA health care.**

There are many simple actions we can take to help Veterans access the care they deserve and have earned. Visit the Veterans Crisis Line online to learn how you can help. Spread the word about the Veterans Crisis Line.  
**It matters.**

## June Birthdays



1 George (Skip) Nafe  
2 Jason Zielke  
2 Charles Scott Jr.  
2 Norman Wilcox  
3 David Slanaker  
4 Emanuel Ravet  
5 Roxann Watts  
5 Patty Haley  
6 Harold Henderlong  
7 Frank Mellert  
8 Deborah Popp  
9 Barb Lapham  
9 Jim Salling Sr.  
9 Steven Watts

11 Jackie Dix  
11 Ray Okonski  
13 Richard Haley  
15 John Grossman  
15 John Merling  
16 Lorraine Christensen  
16 John Ricco  
17 Leon Schornick  
17 Eleanor Farrell  
18 Greg Popp  
19 June Schwartz  
20 Carol Philp  
20 Jim Koponen  
23 William Ellis  
23 Jimmy Davis  
24 John McDonald  
24 Larry Gooden  
25 Jurnee Brent  
25 Lanora Kohut  
28 Art Mikkola  
28 Linda Liess  
28 Richard Soma  
29 Dee Graf

## June Anniversaries



1 Tom & Myrna Armstrong  
2 Vern & Virginia McBride  
9 Virgil & Lois Thill  
15 Bob & Marilyn Smart  
18 Robert & Tina Rossi  
19 Jim & Fran Seager  
21 Denis & Mary MacDonald  
26 Rob & Jan Smart

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

## Coming up in July

3 Legion meeting  
No Aux. meeting  
4 Independence Day  
10 **Post 346 Birthday**  
27 Parent's Day



# June 2014

| Sunday                                    | Monday                                                       | Tuesday                                   | Wednesday                          | Thursday                                                      | Friday                                                             | Saturday                                                                                                |
|-------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>1</b><br>Contra Dance<br>1:00 - 4:00pm | <b>2</b><br>Exec. Board<br>meeting 7:30pm                    | <b>3</b>                                  | <b>4</b>                           | <b>5</b><br>Legion meeting<br>7:30pm<br>NO Aux. meeting       | <b>6</b><br><br>BINGO 6:15pm                                       | <b>7</b><br>Flea Market<br>9:00am – 2:00pm                                                              |
| <b>8</b><br><br>World Ocean Day           | <b>9</b>                                                     | <b>10</b>                                 | <b>11</b><br>SAL meeting<br>7:30pm | <b>12</b>                                                     | <b>13</b><br>Joint Flag Day<br>Ceremony 6:30pm<br><br>BINGO 6:15pm | <b>14</b><br><br>Flag Day<br>Army Birthday                                                              |
| <b>15</b><br><br>Father's Day             | <b>16</b><br>Submission<br>deadline for<br>July/Aug Bulletin | <b>17</b><br>Home Board<br>meeting 7:30pm | <b>18</b>                          | <b>19</b><br><br>Juneteenth                                   | <b>20</b><br><br>BINGO 6:15pm                                      | <b>21</b><br>Flea Market<br>9:00am – 2:00pm<br>Polish Picnic Party<br>5:00 – 11:00pm<br>Summer Solstice |
| <b>22</b>                                 | <b>23</b>                                                    | <b>24</b>                                 | <b>25</b>                          | <b>26</b><br>26th - 29th<br>State Convention<br>In Livonia MI | <b>27</b><br><br>BINGO 6:15pm                                      | <b>28</b>                                                                                               |
| <b>29</b>                                 | <b>30</b><br>Exec. Board<br>meeting 7:30pm                   | <b>1 JULY</b>                             | <b>2</b>                           | <b>3</b><br>Legion meeting<br>7:30pm<br>NO Aux. meeting       | <b>4</b><br><br>Independence Day<br>BINGO 6:15pm                   | <b>5</b><br>Legion booth at<br>Farmington<br>Farmers market<br>9am – 2pm                                |





## 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!



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BINGO proceeds go to the building fund.  
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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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☆☆☆ The ☆☆☆  
**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.  
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Fries ..... \$1.00

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# Best Wishes from Ray Okonski

Member of Post 346 since 2001

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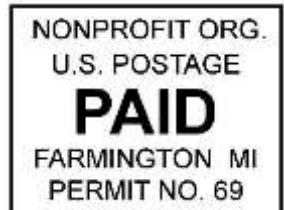
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### Meeting Nights

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

### Clubroom Hours

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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.

