



The Groves-Walker Bulletin

American Legion Post 346 Farmington, MI

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Meeting Nights

1st Wednesday of each month at 6:30pm: SAL
1st Thur. of each month at 7:30pm: Legion & Auxiliary
3rd Thur. of each month at 7pm: Home Board
4th Thur. of each month at 7pm: Exec. Committee

Clubroom Hours

Monday - Friday: 2pm - 9pm Saturday: 12noon - 6pm
 Open some Sundays for viewing of sporting events

Contact Info

248-478-9174
 GrovesWalkerPost346@gmail.com
 www.AmericanLegionPost346.org
LIKE us on Facebook!



Come in where it's warm and relax in the clubroom! In addition to the dart board we now have a foosball table and Atari game system. PLUS the Post's Michigan Lottery Pull Tab dispenser. Try your luck!
License and house rules posted in clubroom.

Don't forget about the Michigan Wild Second Chance Drawing happening at the Post during the St. Patrick's Corned Beef & Cabbage dinner!

Free VA program for veterans who struggle with substance abuse

Veterans, especially recent veterans, have been hard hit by the opioid epidemic and the rise in other substance use disorders (SUD). Problems of chronic pain and PTSD make substance use and abuse more likely. Since 2011, the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs has treated SUD with contingency management (CM), a technique that promotes abstinence from drugs and alcohol. This program rewards veterans with financial assistance, food vouchers and other prizes as long as they stay sober while in treatment. The technique is simple, costs little, and boasts a high success rate. If you are interested in this service please contact your local VA medical center.

<https://www.sunshinebehavioralhealth.com/veterans>

*A great BIG Happy Belated Birthday to
 Lois Thill
 Hope your January 28th was wonderful!*

Volunteer opportunities!

Volunteers needed for Queen of hearts raffles (during April, May & June) - helping at Memorial Day Parade open house - selling items on Ebay - making or donating shadow boxes to display military memorabilia - finding buyers for 6 gravesites at Oakview cemetery - repainting flag drop box - sprucing up our grounds.

Check the Flickr display behind the bar to learn more, contact Marya if you can help.

Each month: Food donations for monthly meetings. Contact Carol.

Mar 07: Corned Beef & Cabbage dinner/show, contact Eric.

Keep an eye on your email for volunteer requests from the Legion, Auxiliary and SAL. Thank you!

2020 Membership Renewal

If you have already paid your dues, Thank You! **Please ignore duplicate renewal notices that may be mailed to you, DO NOT send duplicate payments.** These notices are automatically generated by Department HQ and may not reflect recent payments. If you have received your new membership card, you're all set! If you have paid but have not yet received your new card, you can send an inquiry to 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 \$25, Jr. \$11 - Eric Welter - email: salsquadron346@gmail.com or call: 248-895-6674

Remember, your current membership expired on December 31, 2019! Please renew ASAP or you may lose continuous years of membership you have accumulated. Your Post 346 leaders value and appreciate the membership of each and every one of you. Thank you, Marya, Carol and Eric

A new feature added to **www.Legion.org** allows new members to print a membership card with a temporary ID#. These cards will be honored immediately at any Post. Did you know you can renew your membership, print replacement membership cards, and update your personal profile including changes of address, online too?! 

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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 room to print all articles and I may need to edit for length.* Articles can be submitted at any time, **please don't wait for the deadline of Friday Apr. 17th for the May/June 2020 issue of the Bulletin.**

Chaplain's Corner Andy Machcinski

My Fellow Legionnaires:

With the worst of winter behind us, let us all look forward to an upcoming spring and another warm and humid summer.

With better days ahead let us not forget that there are some special days ahead. St Patrick's, when each one of us is Irish is on March 17. Although this is a day to have some fun please spend some time that day to remember the many Irish immigrants and their descendants who served proudly in all the armed forces and were, and still are, involved in all conflicts. In April both the Christian and Jewish faiths have major days of Faith. On April 08 the Jewish faith starts the time of Passover. If you are not familiar with the story of this time, please go online and read about it, it is not only interesting and informative but inspiring and gives you a better understanding of the faith. On April 12, the Christian community celebrates Easter, a time of reflection and dedication. On the fun side, on April 15 we all can sing HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO US, as this is the birthday of the American Legion and WE ARE the Legion.

Everyone keeps their family in their thoughts and prayers. I ask you also to keep all veterans, Legion members and the brave soldiers, sailors and airman on active duty in mind.

Your Chaplain,
Regards, Andy



Bar snacks now available in the Clubroom

Chicken Nuggets Beef Taquitos
Mozzarella Sticks

\$3 per serving

Healthier - cooked with an air fryer, not fried!

Instead of Post 346 acting as a drop off point, please refer to the list below for worthy organizations who will gladly accept your charitable donations, Thank You!

CARES (27835 Shiawassee St, Farmington Hills 248-882-7800): In season clothing, food, sheets, blankets.

Michigan Veterans Foundation (4626 Grand River Ave Detroit, 313-831-5500): Clothing, towels, sheets, blankets, pillows, personal care items.

Your local library: Books, videos, CDs, DVDs

World Medical Relief Inc: (21725 Melrose Southfield, 313-866-5333): Medical equipment, dressings, medications and fluids.



Get ready to vote for your new Post Officers!

Nominations will be held at the April 2nd meeting, final nominations and voting at the May 7th meeting. Official Absentee Ballots for Legion voting will be available after the April 2nd meeting at the Post or by request via email: GrovesWalkerPost346@gmail.com

If you write-in a nominee, they must be present at the May 7th meeting to accept the nomination or provide written acceptance.

Only official absentee ballots will be accepted and must be received prior to the start of the 7:30 pm meeting on Thursday May 7th. Emailed ballots must be received before noon on May 7th.

St. Patrick's Day Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner SAL Fundraiser

Saturday March 7th

5:00 to 7:00 pm

Adults \$15 per plate

With potatoes, carrots

Roll & butter and Dessert



Please let us know you're coming by using the sign-up sheet in the clubroom, emailing or calling the Post.

Upstairs - Downstairs



PLUS starting at 7:30 pm
"The Neil Lawrence Experience"
Neil Diamond Tribute Concert
Tickets - \$20 per person



Commander's Corner...
Post 346 Commander
Marya Davis



What a great time to think about Spring! What you will plant? New crops this year? What veggies are you thinking about? When will you start preparing the soil to plant flowers? Will it be annuals for a needed boost or will it be perennials for long lasting joy? Or maybe there is something you can plant that will nurture both your family and your soul? Let's plant some seeds together for Volunteerism.

Since my volunteering at the dog shelter and my time with our Legion, I believe I have become a better person and increased my self-confidence. I have a deep and true sense of pride and identity. I feel better and more energized. It gives me a positive view of life. I am a part of something bigger than myself.

There are so many opportunities throughout the community as well as opportunities at our post. And it does not have to be a huge commitment. Can you promote and share Legion events to increase attendance? Maybe there is an individual endeavor on the Volunteer or Project lists? (see lists in the clubroom) Or maybe you can connect with others and join the crew hosting an event?

Let's all continue to build the strength and camaraderie of our Legion family. The old adage rings true: A family that plays together and works together is a family that stays together. How can you and your family volunteer together to make great memories while supporting our Legion family?

In service,
Marya Davis, Commander

*"You make a living by what you get.
You make a life by what you give."
~ Winston Churchill*

Our first "Refugee Thanksgiving" was a great success. Lots of delicious food was served up to a group of about 25 members and friends. Between the good food and televised football action, everyone left well-fed and happy! We hope Eric & Tammy will decide to make this an annual event!



My 2 Cents...
Unit 346 President
Carol Hopson



Come on Spring, hurry up! I'm really tired of being cold. A quick thank you to all our members who step up and volunteer for all the projects and events here at the post. If you've never offered your help to the Legion, Auxiliary or SAL, please consider it. Helping others, fulfilling the mission, pitching in, paying it forward... whether it's once every blue moon or once a week... whatever you choose to call it; it FEELS GREAT to know you're making a difference.

Coming up soon. In March there is our always popular, always delicious St. Patrick's Day Corned Beef & Cabbage dinner with entertainment upstairs afterword "The Neil Lawrence Experience" a Neil Diamond Tribute concert (see ad for details). Also happening that night will be the MI Wild Pull-tab second chance drawing. In April we have nominations for new officers for 2020-21 at all 3 meetings. Ever thought about being an officer? Now is your chance! Easter falls on Sunday April 12th this year, wishing you and your family a lovely holiday. There will be no Coney Night on April 13th. At the May meetings members will be voting on new officer candidates, please try to attend to cast your vote! And of course May 22, 23 & 24 will be Poppy Days! Please consider offering poppies this year, the funds we gather are put to many good uses helping our veterans in need. And don't forget about weekly Coney Nights, Corn-hole games; foosball, Atari and Pull-tabs games in the clubroom!

NEW! The second Wednesday of each month is Ladies Night in the clubroom! Join us for libations & snacks, girl talk, special stuff, games and fun!

And finally, from January 2019 through December 2021 our country is remembering the 75th anniversary of the end of WWII. This period of celebration will honor those veterans of the "Greatest Generation" who fought on all fronts during WWII. You may see commemorations, celebrations and documentaries honoring these brave individuals. If you know or meet any WWII vets this year, please offer your thanks for their service to our country before it's too late and they are gone forever.

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





Harold Erwin Kleinsmith

Age 92 of Higgins Lake, Michigan, passed away on January 12, 2020, with his family by his side. Harold was born on January 6, 1928 in Detroit Michigan. Harold was preceded in death by his mother and father, Jennie and Floyd Rice and by his grandparents Anthony and Mary Kleinsmith, who adopted and raised him. He is survived by his wife of 68 years, Margaret Kleinsmith, and children Margaret Kleinsmith-Hildebrand, (Dan), Kevin Kleinsmith (Anne), Keith Kleinsmith (Tomla) and Suzanne Kleinsmith Saganich (Damon Troyan), 4 grandchildren, 3 great-grandchildren, 1 niece, and was a great-uncle of many.

Harold was a proud U.S. Marine Corps veteran who served in WWII and Korea. A graveside service at Higgin's Lake (possibly in April) is planned.

Bernice Bodell

Age 99 of Allen Park, passed away on Aug. 27, 2019. Beloved wife of the late Hugh. Loving mother of the late Barbara and Edgar. Bernice is survived by many nieces and nephews as well as great nieces and nephews. Bernice was preceded in death by her parents Ernest and Alvinia as well as by 6 siblings. Interment Glen Eden Memorial Park. Donations may be made to Veterans of Foreign Wars.



Glenn G. Griffin

Age 99 of Commerce Twp., passed away on Feb. 05, 2020. Beloved husband of the late Joanne (2016). Father of Capt. Douglas Griffin USMC Ret., of Golden CO, Dr. Russel Griffin of Bainbridge Island WA, Barbara Johnson of Ferndale WA, and Carol Bloswick of Salt Lake City UT. Glenn was a 1940 graduate of Farmington HS. Glenn was a Coast Guard veteran of WWII and a 60 year Life member of AL Post 346.



Fun at the Post - Foosball - Family fun for all ages!, Atari - Give your kids a taste of your past gaming days!, MI Charitable Gaming pull-tab tickets Win up to \$200! Over 18 only.



Post 346 fund-raisers now available in the clubroom: bottle Koozies, license plates, patriotic bracelets. \$5 each

A Simple Thank You Says A Lot.

If you obtain a donation for the Post from an outside source, we would like to sincerely thank them with a Thank You letter and/or Certificate of Appreciation. Please notify the Commander or President so a suitable thank you for a generous donation can be sent. A little appreciation can go a long way toward our public image and the possibility of future donations. Thank You!



Looking for a more tangible way to honor our Veterans? Donate to your Post!

Mail this coupon along with your donation to Post 346. Please make checks payable to (your choice: American Legion Post 346, American Legion Auxiliary Unit 346, or American Legion SAL Squadron 346). I would like my donation put toward:

- Boys State
- Legion Poppy fund
- Building maintenance & upgrades
- Legion General fund
- SAL General fund
- Other: _____



- Girls State
- Auxiliary Poppy fund
- Aux. Christmas adopt-a-family
- Auxiliary General fund
- Kitchen pantry supplies (see our Amazon.com wishlist!)

March Birthdays

01 Robin (Bytner) Harding
 01 Denny Lis
 03 Richard Dillinger
 05 Robert Rossi
 05 Virgil Thill
 06 Rebecca Watts
 08 Mary Seng
 10 Dorothea Baxter
 13 Cheryl Fierk
 25 Reva Money
 28 Gerald Lynch
 28 Raymond E. Dutton

March Anniversaries

23 Joan Cheng & John Hoelscher
 27 Ed & Dale Vecchio



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 Hopson at: GrovesWalkerPost346@gmail.com

TABS FOR TOTS

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

Want to see your name above?
 Please contact Carol Hopson at:
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March 2020

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Coney Night fundraiser 5 -7pm 	3 Corn-hole open play 6 - 9pm	4 SAL meeting 6:30pm 	5 Legion & Auxiliary meetings 7:30pm  Seabee's Birthday	6	7 Corned Beef & Cabbage 5-7pm "Neil Diamond" 7:30pm
8 18th Dist. meetings 2pm Post 346  Daylight savings time begins	9 Coney Night fundraiser 5 -7pm	10 Corn-hole open play 6 - 9pm	11 Ladies Night in the clubroom 	12	13  Michigan K-9 Veteran's Day	14
15  American Legion Birthday	16 Coney Night fundraiser 5 -7pm Liberty Day	17 Corn-hole open play 6 - 9pm  St. Patrick's Day	18	19 Home Board meeting 7:00pm  Spring begins	20	21
22	23 Coney Night fundraiser 5 -7pm	24 Corn-hole open play 6 - 9pm	25  National Medal of Honor Day	26 Exec. Committee meeting 7:00pm 	27	28
29  Vietnam Veterans Day	30 Coney Night fundraiser 5 -7pm	31 Corn-hole open play 6 - 9pm	1 SAL meeting 6:30pm  April	2 Legion & Auxiliary meetings 7:30pm 	3	4



<p><u>April Birthdays</u></p> <p>01 Norman Goers 01 Robert Holton 02 Darlene Faulkner 02 John Dull 04 Raymond Barry 04 Harry Loewengruber 04 Alexander Stabrava 05 Gerry Goetzke 07 Walter Zelony 08 Jim Forbes 17 Adam Gentile 18 Harvey Ketchen 21 James Leflar 22 Edward Heidelbach 24 Dawn Grady</p>	<p>27 Alex Gentile 29 Bette Burt 30 Mary Robinson</p> <p><u>April Anniversaries</u></p> <p>16 Gerald & Karen Lynch 28 Dave & June Schwartz</p>	<p><u>Coming up in May</u></p> <p>01 May Day, Law Day 05 Cinco de Mayo National EOD Day 06 SAL Meeting 07 Legion/Aux. meetings 08 V-E Day 10 Mother's Day 16 Armed Forces Day 22 National Maritime Day 22, 23, 24 Poppy Days 25 Memorial Day 26 National Poppy Day</p>	<p>CONEY NIGHT FUNDRAISER!</p> <p>Monday evenings in the Clubroom 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm GOOD FOOD, GREAT PRICES!</p> <hr/> <p>Members and their guests always enjoy free WiFi in the clubroom</p>
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April 2019

Watch your email for details
on upcoming events!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30 Coney Night fundraiser 5 -7pm	31	1 SAL meeting 6:30pm  April Fools day	2 Legion & Auxiliary meetings 7:30pm 	3	4
5  Palm Sunday	6 Coney Night fundraiser 5 -7pm US enters WWI	7	8 Ladies Night in the clubroom 	9  Passover	10  Good Friday	11
12  Easter	13 NO Coney Night Thomas Jefferson Birthday	14	15  Tax Day	16 Home Board meeting 7:00pm 	17	18
19 18th Dist. meetings 2pm Post 377	20 Coney Night fundraiser 5 -7pm	21	22  Earth Day	23 Exec. Committee meeting 7:00pm 	24  Arbor Day	25
26	27 Coney Night fundraiser 5 -7pm 	28	29	30	1 May	2



Making Good in the Midwest

by Gerald R. Lynch

Available at B&N and Amazon \$14.99
Paperback, 150 pages, ISBN 978-1721604722

Post 346 member Jerry Lynch, who now lives in Bay City, published this collection of poems, stories and essays in 2018. Jerry addresses the unique character and outlook that make the Midwest and it's people so distinctive and offers a fascinating and varied take on the lives of people 'Making Good in the Midwest'.

Jerry's thoughtful lyric poetry addresses issues of life's meaning and the passage of time. His stories, essays, and narrative poems take you on a literary journey from growing up on a farm near Bay City, to a reflection on the changing seasons of Michigan and many other points of interest along the way.

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Ray Okonski

Member of Post 346 since 2001
I Co. 309th Bn. 78th Div.
3 Battle Stars



WWII Purple Heart
Last battle was at the
Ludendorff Bridge



Rhine River, Remagen Germany

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Rent by the hour, or by the month, reasonable rates. We have two banquet rooms, kitchen space, tables and chairs for almost any need. Floor plans, photos and more information available on our website:
www.AmericanLegionPost346.org/hall-rental

Meetings
Businesses
Game Nights
Fund Raisers
Church Groups
Fitness Classes
Dances / Parties
Special Occasions
Classes / Seminars
Community Groups



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