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American Legion Post 346 Farmington, MI September 2014 Edition

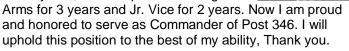


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From the Mind of Jim... Post 346 Commander James Weston

Fellow Legionnaires, SAL & Auxiliary, First let me introduce myself to those who don't know me. I've been a Post member for 24 years, held the positions of Sgt.-at-



Our Installation Ceremony went well and as usual the food was excellent. For those who missed this... too bad! Our next Executive Board meeting will be Tues. Sept. 2nd (7:30 pm) followed by our regular monthly meeting on Thurs. Sept. 4th (7:30 pm). At that time we will be discussing our involvement in the 9/11 Ceremony. That's about all for now, God bless America and our troops abroad.

Jim Weston, Commander

Cliff's <u>Final</u> Notes... Past Commander Cliff Lauzon

Hello fellow Legionnaires,
SAL and Ladies Auxiliary,
It has been my honor to have
represented Groves-Walker Post 346
as its Commander for the past two years. I would like to
thank all my officers, the Home Board, SAL and Ladies
Auxiliary for helping me keep our Post viable for our
Legion Family. I am sure your newly elected officers will
do their very best for our Post 346. I will give them all my

support and I hope all of you will do the same.

For the good of the Legion, Cliff Lauzon, Past Commander

Never Forget September 11th, 2001



Blue Eyes Blog... Unit 346 President Tamela Festian

Hello Ladies, I'm very proud and happy to be the newly elected Auxiliary Unit 346 President for 2014 - 2015. Our outgoing President Leah, has been excellent, a



wonderful person to work with. It has been 6 years since I became an active member at Post 346. I have found so many members who are so willing to participate. I am looking forward to working with the Legion, SAL & Auxiliary on different projects throughout the year. We are all here to help our Veterans. As Poppy Chairman, I have found the program to be very successful, only because of the people who give of their time.

Our Installation was a wonderful day with cocktails and food, with family and friends. Thank you, everyone who help put our installation together. Don't forget the annual 9/11 Ceremony at the Sundquist Pavilion, Downtown Farmington Center, start time of 6 pm.

Thank You, Tammy Festian, Auxiliary President

Still Yours in Service... Past President Leah Brancheau

Dear Members and Friends, As my years of President are over now, I want to Thank You All for supporting me through the years. You have been such a



good, kind, generous group of ladies and I love you all dearly! Thank you also for the beautiful gifts I have received through the years! They all bring back fond memories. As our new President Tammy Festian has her first meeting in September I am sure you will all be there for her to help in any way possible! Tammy is a fantastic person and she will be there for you and our Auxiliary. Please give her a hand if asked. I will be there for her as she was for me when illness prevented me from performing my duties. Good Luck Tammy, enjoy your new role as President of the Ladies Auxiliary Unit 346 Department of Michigan.

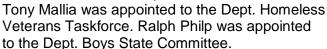
Love you all and Thanks again for your service, Leah Brancheau, Past President 1st Vice President 2014-15 September 2014 vol. V issue 1. The Groves-Walker Bulletin is published 11 times per year. Post membership for the year 2013-14: Legion 329, Aux. 156, SAL 69. Please send your changes of name or address to the address, or email listed below. Proud member of MALPA (Michigan American Legion Press Association).

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A Letter From Your Editor Carol Philp

Convention News (June 26-29): Cliff Lauzon received a Dept. membership award for most renewals and a Dept. appointment to the Education & Scholarship Committee.



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" ad is \$15 per month or \$150 per year (that's one edition free!). Other sizes available also. We can copy a business card, use information from your website or create a unique ad, just for you! Remember, your ad in the Bulletin is seen by hundreds of Legionnaires, Auxiliary and SAL members each month! Please contact Carol at 248-910-2586.

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 October 2014 edition of the Bulletin is September 16th.

Thank you, Carol Philp

Corrections

Last month I printed a list of businesses that give discounts to veterans. Apparently this information was not *entirely* correct. Your best bet when seeking veteran discounts is: 1) Always ask if you can get a veteran discount no matter where you shop or what services you seek. 2) Remember that not all stores in a chain will give the same discounts because they may be franchises that are individually owned and operated. 3) Remember each business you deal with is likely to ask for a different form of proof of service, a VA card (and sometimes only a "combat related" disability designation), DD-214, veteran organization membership card, the new county veteran discount cards, sometimes just wearing a veteran ball cap will do! You never know unless you ask.

Post Sr. Vice Commander Post Service Officer Anthony Mallia

Membership Report:

As of today we have 149 member paid up for 2014-15, that puts us at 42%. Please let me know of any changes of address.

Service Officer Report:

I have received 200 DD form 214's so far. Please keep them coming in, the Post needs each member's on file to be in compliance with IRS regulations!

Please don't forget to have all your important documents (life insurance, social security card, DD form 214, bank account numbers, etc.) in order and in a safe place that your family knows about, before you pass away. Make it easier for your loved ones to take care of your final arrangements. Also, please let Chaplain Vern McBride know of anyone on sick call or passing away.

Tony Mallia, Sr. Vice Commander

Sons of the American Legion Commander Robert Smart

I hope everyone is enjoying this cool summer, let's hope the winter is a little warmer. I would like to tell all of our new Post & Aux. officers Good Luck and let's get this post back to where it should be. Back once again is the SAL sponsored Detroit Lions Football Parties.

The first game is Sept 8. This is a Monday night game that will start at 7:00pm. Why not come down for a Hot Dog dinner and stay and watch the Lions. If you would like to bring a dish to pass please feel free to sign up or just bring it down. We look forward to many more of our members coming down to support our post. God Bless all our Vets and active service members.

Rob Smart, SAL Commander

Detroit Lions Sunday Game Party Presented by the S.A.L.

9/8 vs NY Giants at 7:00pm (Mon.) 9/14 vs N Carolina at 1:00pm 9/21 vs Green Bay at 1:00pm 9/28 vs NY Jets at 1:00pm

Come watch the Lions make their playoff run on our big screen TV! Come on down, support your Post and see who the guest bartender will be. Food and drink specials will be offered during the game only, no tokens will be given out. If you would like to volunteer to bring in a dish to pass or bar-tend, sign-up sheets are in the clubroom. Let's have a great time cheering on the Lions!



Farmington's Annual Patriot Day Event Thurs. September 11, 2014 Starting at 6:00 pm Walter Sundquist Pavilion at Riley Park Downtown Farmington Center



Groves-Walker Post 346, along with the cities of Farmington and Farmington Hills, will present the 13th annual Patriot Day Remembrance Ceremony to honor the memory of the nearly three thousand people who died in the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center in New York City. We also honor first responders, those who currently serve our country and who have served in the past. Groves-Walker Post 346 encourages all members, as well as members of the community, to attend and show their support.

During the ceremony, Commander Weston will present Officer of the Year honors to Police Officers, Public Safety Officers and Fire Fighters from the cities of Farmington and Farmington Hills. Post 346 is honored to recognize our own local heroes who serve our community every day. City officials will also take part in the ceremony along with representatives from police, fire, clergy, active and reserve military, veterans, and youth groups. Light refreshments will be served after the ceremony.

Also happening on 9/11 at the Farmington City Hall (time: 8:30 am) will be a dedication ceremony for Farmington's new **First Responders 9/11 Memorial**. The Memorial showcases a piece of structural steel from the World Trade Center devastation. The piece was sent by the New York Port Authority to the Farmington Public Safety Dept. as homage to the commitment of first responders to the safety of their communities. The monument will serve as a remembrance of those whose lives were lost and as an educational tool, for this and future generations, that thoughtfully records and explains the events of that day. Farmington Director of Public Safety, Robert Schulz will also say a few words about the Memorial during the Patriot Day Ceremony at 6:00 pm.

We need volunteers to help take chairs and tables to the Pavilion at approx. 3:00 pm. We will also need help in staging the pavilion and with clean up afterward. For more information, contact Chairman Terry Montgomery at 313-717-4625 or email info@americanlegionpost346.org

All men having power ought to be mistrusted.

- James Madison

Member call to action!

Please spread the word to everyone you know, family, friends, business associates, church or gym acquaintances. The Post needs NEW RENTERS! Rent by the hour, or by the month.

We have two banquet rooms (upstairs 2800 sq. ft. - downstairs 1286 sq. ft.), kitchen space, tables, chairs and lots of storage space for almost any need. Floor plans and more information available on our website at www.americanlegionpost346.org.

Rent at Groves-Walker Post 346 for:

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Dances/ Parties
Fitness Classes
Special Occasions
Classes/ Seminars
Caterers (licensed)
Community Groups



Please contact the Post at 248-478-9174 or email: info@americanlegionpost346.org for more information.

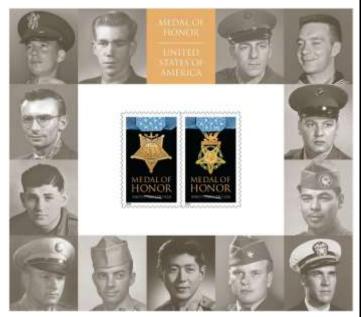


Carol Philp is shown receiving the Dept. of Michigan "Best website by a Post" award at State Convention on June 28. Carol also received the MALPA (MI American Legion Press Assoc.) 1st place award for the 2013-14 Bulletin and 1st place MALPA award for our Post website. L to R: David Loop State PR Committee, Raymond Moore State Commander, Carol Philp, and Cliff Lauzon 18th Dist. and Post 346 Commander. Photo: Ralph Philp

On Aug. 5 the Post hosted the Farmington Postal Service for a special dedication ceremony commemorating the First-Day-of-Issue of 2 new postage stamps honoring Korean War Medal of Honor recipients. The stamp sheet features photos of the last living Medal of Honor recipients from the Korean War including one local Honoree, Robert Simanek of Farmington Hills. Mr. Simanek was in attendance with his wife Nancy, Farmington Hills Mayor Barry Brickner, Post 346 Honor Guard, and Michigan Congressional representatives. Learn Mr. Simanek's story here - https://vimeo.com/channels/563027/76060166



Robert Simanek and Lee A. Thompson US Postal Service District Manager, Detroit District. Photo: Ralph Philp



The *Medal of Honor: Korean War* prestige folio is a four page design highlighting historical photos of the last living recipients of the Medal of Honor from the Korean War. One stamp features a photo of the Navy version of the Medal of Honor, the other stamp, the Army version. The folio includes a list of all 145 Medal of Honor recipients from the Korean War and 20 Forever stamps. Of the 13 recipients pictured on the cover of the stamp folio only nine are still living today.

August 10 Installation Ceremony



Auxiliary Unit 346 Officers for 2014-15



Legion Post 346 Officers for 2014-15



New Commander Jim Weston and President Tammy Festian. Photos: Carol & Ralph Philp



Last Crewmember of Enola Gay Dies



The last surviving member of the crew that dropped an atomic bomb on Hiroshima, Theodore "Dutch" VanKirk once said he thought the bombing was necessary because it shortened the war and eliminated the need for an Allied land invasion that could have cost more lives on both sides. VanKirk died July 28th in Stone Mountain, Georgia, he was 93. Theodore VanKirk flew as navigator on the Enola Gay, the B-29 Superfortress that dropped the first atomic bomb deployed in wartime over the Japanese city of Hiroshima on Aug. 6, 1945. Three days after Hiroshima, a second atomic bomb was dropped on Nagasaki. Six days later Japan surrendered. Whether the United States should have used the atomic bomb has been debated endlessly. The mission went perfectly, said VanKirk in a 2005 interview. As the 9,000-pound bomb nicknamed "Little Boy" fell toward the sleeping city, he and his crewmates hoped to escape with their lives. They didn't know whether its shockwaves would rip their plane to shreds. They counted the 43 seconds they'd been told it would take for detonation, and heard nothing. "I think everybody in the plane concluded it was a dud. It seemed a lot longer than 43 seconds." Then came a bright flash, then the shockwave. Like many World War II veterans, VanKirk didn't talk much about his service until much later in his life when he spoke to school groups, his son said. "I didn't even find out that he was on that mission until I was 10 years old and read some old news clippings in my grandmother's attic." Instead, he and his three siblings treasured a wonderful father, who was a great mentor and remained active and "sharp as a tack" until the end of his life. VanKirk's military career was chronicled in a 2012 book, "My True Course," by Suzanne Dietz.

BINGO NEWS!

As of August 1st
The Progressive Game is back!
The Players have spoken!
And Skip listened!



A BIG THANK YOU! To Dale Baxter for replacing our front stair's center railing. The old railing had been broken for many months and was a definite safety hazard.



Welcome to one of our newest Auxiliary members, Mary Seng. Photographed at Installation with President Tammy.

Thank you to **Bob Pawlak** for stepping in to fill the office of Post Sgt.-at-Arms at the last moment just before Installation. Congratulations and Good Luck!

Some Americans need hyphens in their names, because only part of them has come over; but when the whole man has come over, heart and thought and all, the hyphen drops of its own weight out of his name. -Woodrow Wilson

TAPS

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



George Kuzmanovich Feb. 20, 1924 – July 2, 2014

George was born and lived in New York City until joining the U.S. Marine Corp. in 1942. While in the Marines, George served stateside in a number of capacities including a member of the bodyguard detail for President Roosevelt. George served in the South Pacific from October



1944 to November 1945. After WW II ended, George reenlisted in the USMC reserves in 1947 and served stateside during the Korean war until August of 1952. At discharge George had achieved the rank of Gunnery Sergeant. George went to work for Ford Motor Co., and in 1962 went to work for Chrysler Corp. until his retirement in 1981. George liked to travel, and had been to Mexico, Spain, Morocco, and Great Britain.

George is survived by his wife of 39 years, Irene; son, Steven (Cheryl); stepchildren, David and Margaret; 10 grandchildren; and one great grandchild. Spaulding & Curtin Funeral Directors, Ferndale. Interment Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly. Memorial contributions may be made to Disabled American Veterans.

Clarence Richard Mallon Nov. 2, 1920 - June 23, 2014

Clarence was preceded in death by his beloved wife of sixty one years, Mary (nee Walker). He is survived by his cherished children Frederick James and Clare Amalia Mallon,3 adoring grand-children; four loving great-grandchildren and many loving nephews, nieces and



extended family members. Born in Detroit, he graduated from Northwestern High School and served in the Army Air Corps during WWII. During his years as an aerospace engineer he was involved in many projects including being a member of the team which developed the heat shield for John Glenn's Mercury capsule in 1962. Clarence was a long-time member of the Society of Automotive Engineers. He was also a 28 year member of Post 346.

Memorial Service was on July 19th at Glen Eden Memorial Park Chapel, Livonia. Arrangements by Thayer-Rock Funeral Home.

All generalizations are false, including this one.
- Mark Twain

Our deepest sympathies to member Raymond Okonski on the loss of his wife of 24 years, Suzanne Sloat-Okonski. Services were held at Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home on August 17th. Memorial gifts are suggested to the Suzanne Sloat & Raymond Okonski Foundation to benefit U of D Mercy Scholarship Fund or Friends of Polish Art.

FYI: Vacations for Veterans

is a 'Space Available' program that offers military and other Dept. of Defense affiliated personnel the



opportunity to enjoy vacations at popular destinations around the world - for the incredibly low price of just \$349 per unit, per week. Those eligible and their family and friends have access to spacious accommodations at more than 4,000 resorts, apartments, condominiums and homes in more than 100 countries. The program is available to all active and retired members of the Armed Forces, Dept. of Defense employees and select civilian employees in military support roles. The condominium-style accommodations typically include a full kitchen with refrigerator, stove, dishwasher and microwave and provide amenities you aren't likely to get with a typical hotel or motel room. Call 1-877-772-2322 or go to www.veteransholidays.com for more information.

IMPORTANT: All Legion Members!

Post 346 is STILL requesting that each member provide a redacted copy of their DD-214 separation document to the Post.

In order for us to be in compliance with recently passed legislation, should an audit of our records be conducted by the IRS, we need each member to provide a **redacted** copy of your DD-214 as soon as possible.

We realize that your 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 <u>must</u> have your name, department, component and branch of service, and record of service dates, all other personal information may be blacked out. 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: AMNOVI1@att.net

Thank you, Jim Weston, Commander

Internet articles pertaining to this information - http://www.legion.org/membership/218053/irs-revises-position-dd-214-requirement

Post 346 booth at the Farmington Farmers Market July 5

Once again the Post 346 booth at the Farmington Farmer's Market on July 5 was a great success. Not only did we spread the good word about the American Legion to the public but we brought in \$585 from donations and sales of hot dogs, pop and chips.

Volunteers manning the booth were Dale Baxter, Sue Duquette, Jarrett Lott, Tony Mallia, Art & Pam Mikkola, and Ralph & Carol Philp. Post 346 Honor Guard (Ray Barry, Jim Koponen, Jarrett Lott, and Ralph Philp) along with the Farmington Falcons Drum Corp were on hand for the holiday weekend opening ceremonies at the Farmer's Market. Also in attendance were Auxiliary President Leah Brancheau and Commander elect Jim Weston.



L to R: Carol Philp, Dale Baxter Pam Mikkola, Jarrett Lott and Sue Duquette.



Post 346 Honor Guard and the Farmington High Falcons Drum Corp. were on hand for the Market's July 4th holiday weekend opening ceremonies.

Photos: Ralph & Carol Philp

Thank You's once again go out to Walt Gajewski, Manager of the Farmington Farmers Market, Brendan Cowley of John Cowley & Sons Irish Pub, Susie Capozzoli of Busch's Market, Ron and Suzette of Wright Design Card Co., and Zack Atisha of Orchard 10 Quality Foods for their generous donations to our Farmer's Market booth.

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.



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Veterans in crisis and their families and friends with
qualified, caring VA responders. The professionals at the
Veterans Crisis Line are specially trained and experienced
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Veterans Crisis Line responders provide support when
issues such as chronic pain, anxiety, depression, anger,
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what Veterans and their families and friends have been
and are currently going through.

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There are many simple actions we can take to help Veterans access the care they deserve and have earned. Spread the word about the Veterans Crisis Line.

It matters.

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while visiting the clubroom!



*Must be a member in good standing. Includes guests of member, member must be present.

A man may die, nations may rise and fall, but an idea lives on. - John F. Kennedy Keeping our member's records current is very important to the American Legion. We encourage all Legion and SAL members to update their member information today by filling out the form below. Please be sure to fill in all the information listed and mail it back to the Post in care of Tony Mallia. Thank You

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		Dec. 20, 1989 to J. (Panama)		June 25, 1950 to Jan. 31, 1955 (Korean War)								
		Aug. 24, 1982 to J (Lebanon / Grena		4		Dec. 7, 1941 to Dec. 31, 1946 (World War II)						
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How to Request Military Records. There are 4 easy ways to get a copy of your military discharge records (DD form 214).

- 1 Contact our Post Service Officer, Tony Mallia at 248-310-4190 or email to: AMNOVI1@att.net
- 2 On the internet go to: www.archives.gov/veterans /military-service-records or http://vetrecs.archives.gov
- 3 If you don't use a computer, you can write to: Michigan Veterans Trust Fund 611 West Ottawa PO Box 30026 Lansing, MI 48909

Please include the following information: Veteran's complete name - Social security or service number - Branch of service - Dates of entry and discharge from service - Date and place of birth.

Please submit a separate request for each individual whose records are being

4 - Write to: National Personnel Records Center9700 Page AvenueSt. Louis, Missouri 63132

requested.

To request a form SF-180. This form may be copied as needed. Please submit a separate SF-180 for each individual whose records are being requested. Response in 1-2 weeks. Requests for older records may take 6 months or more to complete.

FYI: In recent months cyber-crooks have been emailing fake funeral notifications. Bearing the name and logo of a legitimate funeral home, it appears to be an invitation to a funeral or remembrance service for an *unnamed* friend or acquaintance. Clicking on a link or opening an attachment supposedly gets you details. But when you do, malware is unleashed to steal passwords and sensitive information. Subject lines typically say "funeral notification" or "passing of your friend".

Remember, legitimate funeral notifications will always include the name of the deceased. Beware of opening attachments or clicking on links in ANY emails, even when it appears to come from someone you know. Knowledge is Power.

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September Birthdays



- 1 Cliff McGraw
- 1 Leah Brancheau
- 2 Robert Mendryga
- 3 Lenore Watts
- 6 Donal Stanton
- 7 Christopher Mallia
- 8 Joyce Frankford
- 9 Mary Bennett
- 10 Walter Gooden
- 10 Ed Goers
- 12 Walt Christensen Jr.
- 13 Randy Maki
- 14 Charlotte Vaughn
- 14 Paula Cotroneio

- 16 Mike Benefiel
- 17 Ann Gould
- 17 Carolyn Whiting
- 18 Susanne D'Arcangelo
- 18 Chuck Sutherland
- 19 Bryce Olney
- 19 Robert Bytner
- 19 Robert Holt
- 20 Virginia Conroy
- 21 Damon Farrell
- 21 Gerald Christensen
- 22 Robert Cooper
- 22 Steven Koponen
- 22 John Shalhoub
- 23 Genevieve Sidney
- 23 Tim Yount
- 24 Mary Gould
- 26 Theresa Warren
- 26 David Popp
- 26 Tim Sheahen
- 27 Kevin Kokko
- 27 Joe Worrall
- 28 Jessica Holiday

September Anniversaries



4 Ted & Janet Czerwinski
18 John & Elaine Dull
22 Art & Pam Mikkola
24 Mike & Susanne
D'Arcangelo

Don't see your name? Please contact Carol at

info@americanlegionpost346.org

Please remember that the only way we can correctly list your birthdays and anniversaries is if you provide them to us to publish.

Coming up in October

- 3 Yom Kippur begins
- 5 Child Health Day
- 9 Leif Erikson Day
- 13 Navy Birthday Columbus Day
- 16 Boss' Day
- 18 Sweetest Day
- 22 Navy Day
- 24 United Nations Day
- 31 Halloween



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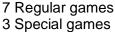
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Exec. Board meeting 7:30pm Coney Night 5:00-7:30pm Labor Day	2 V-J Day	3	4 Legion & Aux. meetings 7:30pm	5 BINGO 6:15pm	6
7 Grandparents Day	8 SAL Lions Game Party 7:00pm Coney Night 5:00-7:30pm	9	10 SAL meeting 7:30pm	11 Farmington/FH Patriot Day 9/11 Ceremony 6:00pm Patriot's Day	12 BINGO 6:15pm	13
14 SAL Lions Game Party 1:00pm	15 Coney Night 5:00-7:30pm	16 Submission deadline for Oct. Bulletin Home Board meeting 7:30pm	Constitution Day Citizenship Day	18 Air Force Birthday	POW-MIA Recognition Day BINGO 6:15pm	20
21 SAL Lions Game Party 1:00pm International Day of Peace	Coney Night 5:00-7:30pm	23	Rosh Hashanah begins	25	26 BINGO 6:15pm	27
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BINGO!

Every Friday night

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Thank You, Jim Koponen

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MONDAY CONEY NIGHTS!

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. natural casing dog or all beef dog

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Drinks (w/ dog order)75¢ Includes: Draft beer, Coke, diet Coke, 7up, ginger ale, orange juice, cranberry juice.

No reservations needed, COME ON DOWN!



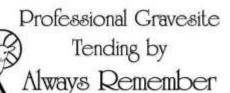


Best Wishes Ray Okonski

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





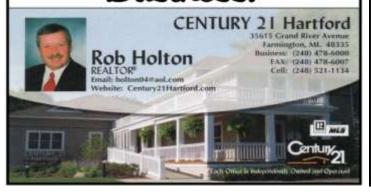
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For God and Country we associate ourselves together for the following purposes:

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.



