

## 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 GOOD WILL 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.



# THE GROVES – WALKER NEWS!



Groves – Walker Post 346  
31775 Grand River Ave  
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Raymond Barry	Jr. Vice Commander
Walter Christensen	Chaplain
Gerald Lynch	Historian
James Koponen	Sgt-At-Arms
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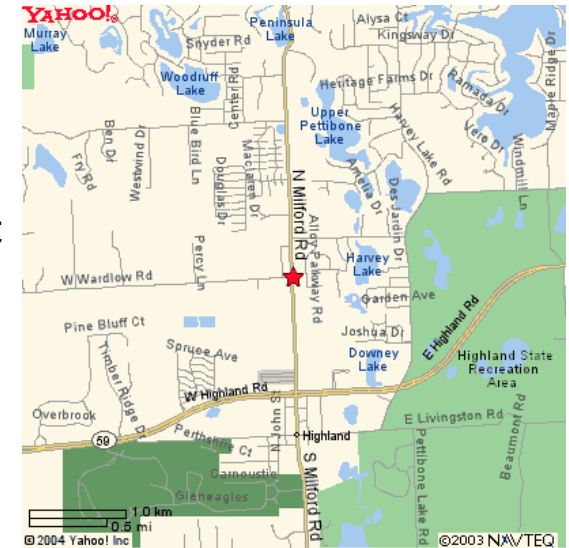
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Paul Brancheau	2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice
Carl Birch	Chaplain
Ken Aulp	Historian
Joe Mirling	Sgt-at-Arms & Adjutant

## MEETING NIGHTS (All Meetings will be @ 7:30)

Legion & Aux	1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month
Exec Board	The Tuesday before the Legion Meeting
SAL	2nd Tuesday of the month
Home Board	3rd Tuesdays of the month

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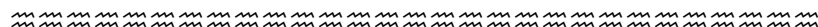
# PULL-TABS in ACTION!

With the help of Jim Koponen pick up truck our Post turned in 286 LBS of pull-tabs that have been collected over the last few months. A large part of the tabs came from our new members from North West, American Legion, Post 190. The price of the aluminum is now 69 cents a LB, so you can see how this program is a big help.

The 18th district received another grant of \$2,500.00 to be used for children care in hospitals. If my memory serves me right that makes six grants that we have received sense the program started those little tabs do count up.

Keep pulling those tabs off!

Jim Hopson

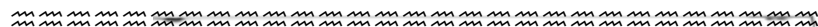


## National Commanders 18th District Tour Sunday, November 7, 2004

8:00am - 8:15am Load bus at Wixom Post #224

1 <sup>st</sup> Stop	Milford Post #216	8:45am - 9:15am
2 <sup>nd</sup> Stop	Chief Pontiac Post #377	10:05am - 10:35am
3 <sup>rd</sup> Stop	Lake Orion Post #233	11:10am - 11:40am
4 <sup>th</sup> Stop	Auburn Hills Post #143	12:10pm - 1:10pm (lunch)
5 <sup>th</sup> Stop	Pontiac Post #20	1:30pm - 2:00pm
6 <sup>th</sup> Stop	Birmingham-Troy Post #14	2:20pm - 2:50pm
7 <sup>th</sup> Stop	Clawson Post #167	3:05pm - 3:35pm
8 <sup>th</sup> Stop	Berkley Post #374	4:00pm - 4:30pm
9 <sup>th</sup> Stop	Farmington #346	5:05pm - 5:35pm
10 <sup>th</sup> Stop	Wixom #224	6:30pm - 7:00pm (Dinner)

**Dinner Tickets \$10.00 each....Must make reservation in advance.**



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From the Desk of; Commander;  
John S Crissman Jr.

Finally!!! Welcome former members of good old 190, we are glad to have you with us. We, as a post have done well before, but from now on," We Will Do Better," thanks 190. We have already put people like Ray Barry and Skip Nafe to work, and maybe others that I don't know about, thanks again.

Seems strange, the use of "commander" I will never get use to it. Commander means all those other old guys that stood up there and pounded the desk top with the gavel, but thanks anyway to you fine people who voted for me, showed up for the Officers Installation and dinner. I really appreciated seeing everyone there and especially being able to introduce my family including Nancy, my daughter, that I never thought that I would see her in the Post home, (Thanks again for the help guys, in getting her up and down the stairs).

The ritual team was present and just as good and smart as ever. The wall plaque "Legionnaire of year " in now hanging on the wall in the den, and after Connie gets through showing it off, I'll bring it back, I promise.

This year promises to be one of the most exciting in the history of Post 346. We start off with the Patriot Day Event, and later this year the merging of Post 190 with Post 346, and now Veterans Day, and from there on it gets bigger and better. Please read your Groves-Walker News letter, especially noting the events on the Calendar. This is a good way to keep up with "what's going on." We need you to be at the Legion/Auxiliary monthly meetings and this month is a great time to meet all of your officers and committee people. Hope to see you there! The next Legion meeting will be November 4, 2004, always the first Thursday of the month, well almost always.

This news letter is intended to be mailed to every post member, if you know of anyone that we have missed, please let someone know. You can call the Post at 248-478-9174 or talk to the editors (see back page)

May God bless these United States and Post 346,the American Legion!

John S Crissman Jr.

Commander JCRISSMAN8@peoplepc.com

FROM THE DESK OF,  
**Sons of the American Legion**  
Commander; John Mirling



**SUMMER IS PASSING AND FALL IS ON THE WAY!**

Fall brings in a New Legion Commander; John Crissman , Auxiliary President; Bette Pflugrad and S.A.L. Commander John Mirling. Please say hi to them, they are all great people.

I would like to say thanks for the great help I had last year at our dinners, and a great golf outing done by robin, & Mike bytner. Also a great big thanks to Dianna & Denny Lis for getting the Founder's Day Car Drawing to be held at the post.

Founder's day festival is a great time for all, and brings people in to our post, that may never have been here before, with the hopes that they may join our 1egion, or book a party with us. The plus side is this is new money for the legion that we never had before, this can be a win -win for our legion, and I hope this can happen nest year for us. Every one I talk with that day were saying we have a very nice place and they were having a good time here for the drawing. Thanks for a great job well done to the one's that help make this happen, thank you and the Farmington Chamber that really help make this happen. Let's all work to make this a great legion for all of us.

BY THE TIME YOU READ THIS NEWS LETTER, WE WILL HAVE A NEW NEWS LETTER MANAGER. HIS NAME IS SKIP NAFE, WELCOME SK1P FROM ALL OF US AT POST 346. SKIP COMES FROM POST 190 THAT MERGED WITH POST 346 RECENTLY.

UP COMING DATE TO REMEMBER IS DEC 18, 2004, THIS IS YOUR KID'S CHRISTMAS PARTY TIME IS NOON TO 2:00PM. THIS IS PUT ON BY THE S.A.L. FOR THE LAST 3 YEARS. PLEASE BRING YOUR KID'S TO THE PARTY, THEY WILL HAVE A GREAT TIME, WITH CLAUSE AND THEY WILL GET A GIFT AND FOOD, PLUS WE WILL HAVE A GAME OR TWO THEY CAN PLAY. THIS IS A GOOD TIME FOR ALL THAT COMES.

Thank you.  
S.A.L. Commander John Mirling  
(248) 474-9385      jmirling@easternmichiganbbb.org

From the Desk of  
the Auxiliary President,  
Betty Pflugrad



Dear members,

Changes are hopping at Unit 346. But first we must thank people who helped us over the years. George & Doreen Panaretos who ran and produced our Post Paper for 18 years. You two are missed. What a special pair! Thanks George for your wonderful salad table at our parties! Now on to Emily Sisson, our Girls State Chairperson for over 20 years. I don't think anyone knows the work it takes to round up 20 girls from the Farmington area to go to Girls State. Our new chairperson is Judy Mau. (7834) 453-4142) We also have a new editor for the News Letter, Skip (George) Nafe, (248) 737-4451.

We now have status on our bowling program for our special children. The next date will be November 19<sup>th</sup> 2004 at 11:30 AM.

BINGO! What's with you ladies who don't show for work on the Friday Night Bingo? Please call the Chairman, we must make it easier for those women who do the work! One more thing, this is part of our income. I have spots available for you that would like to help YOUR Unit!

Sincerely  
Betty Pflugrad, President, Unit 346  
(248) 356-5007



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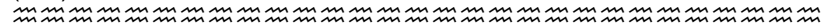
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# Poppy Program 2005

The Post looks forward to an even more successful Poppy drive in 2005. The merger of Groves-Walker and Post 190 will add some 150 members to the Post membership. This will definitely increase the mail in donations for poppies. Also we hope many of the Northwest Post members will volunteer to solicit street donations. We look forward to working with our new comrades in many projects and programs of the legion.

This is another reminder for all those Post members who have not paid their 2005 dues to do so at their earliest convenience. Remember, all those who pay their dues by November 7, will be eligible for one of three cash prizes. Let's help Laverne Wadenstorer, our membership chairman, reach 100% of the quota.

Leonard Kawecki  
Poppy Chairman  
(248) 471-5589



## The Editors Desk!

My name is Skip Nafe. I'm from Post 190. I'm a Legionnaire, 25 years, I'm Sons of the Legion 17 years continuous, but have been a member as a kid too. I'm a Navy man. And I'm a little crazy, as you can see, by taking on this job. I will try to provide you with an interesting News Letter each and "Every" month. Old news is boring news, so I will do my best to push for current news. I think the Officers will find me quit a pest! This News Letter belongs to All of you, so if you have anything of interest to the membership, get it to me, and I'll do my best to get it in. I can do pictures (Digital and Prints) that come with a story.

I would like to pay a tribute to two special people from Northwest Post 190. They are William Pflugrad, Quartermaster and William Winters, Adjutant. These comrades have held their respective posts for over 25 years! My hat is off to them both for a job well done!

### Ways to reach me:

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Yours in comradeship!

# DID YOU KNOW?

## The true story of Yankee Doodle!

At the time prior to the American Revolution, there was a fad of "dandyism" in Merry Old England, whereby the non-working gentry wore outlandish Italian style clothing and stuck feathers, ("Macaroni") in their caps.

When British fighting men came to the colonies, they found the yokels in the new world emulating this snob attire of the home country. So, they ridiculed the colonists with the words of Yankee Doodle, set to the music of a drinking song.

The active revolutionaries seized upon this and made it a rallying point to gain more support. What started as a joke was turned against the British.

Yankee Doodle came to town,  
A riding on a pony.....  
Stuck a feather in his cap,  
And called it macaroni.....  
Yankee Doodle, Keep it Up,  
Yankee Doodle, Dandy,  
Mind the Music and the step,  
And with the Girls be Handy.

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7 Nat'l Commander Tour 5:05pm - 5:35pm Dinner Tickets \$10.00 each	8	9 S.A.L. Meeting 7:30P	10	11 Veterans Day Ceremony at Post 6:00PM Finger food after	12 Bingo 6:30P	13 Spaghetti Dinner 5:00PM to 7:00PM \$ 6.00 ea.
14	15 News Letter Deadline	16 Home Board 7:30P	17	18	19 Bingo 6:30P ----- Handicap Bowling 11:30A	20 7 Card Stud Poker Tournament 12:45PM
21	22	23	24	25 Happy Thanks- giving	26 Bingo 6:30P	27
28	29	30	<div style="border: 2px dashed black; padding: 10px;"> <p style="text-align: center;">Country Lanes of Farmington 30250 W. Nine Mile Rd. Farmington Hills, MI 48336</p> <p style="text-align: center;">James P Hamlin, Proprietor Phone: (248) 476-3201 Fax: (348) 476-0839</p> <p style="text-align: center;">“In support of Groves-Walker American Legion Post 346”</p> </div>			

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19	20	21 Home Board 7:30P ----- 1 <sup>st</sup> Day of Winter	22	23	24 Clubroom Closes at 9:00PM	25 Merry Christmas ----- Clubroom Closed
26	27	28	29	30	31 New Years Eve	
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