

Commander's Column

Hope everyone had a happy thanksgiving. Looking forward to the Christmas holiday with Egg Nog Sunday Dec 17 at 2pm. Don't forget about Irish New Years as well- details below. Wishing everyone a merry Christmas and happy New Year! Welcome members from the Eatontown Post #325. We are doing good with membership, as always need 100%. Thank you to everyone who came out to the service as we say goodbye to a 30 year member, Al Applegate, RIP.

God Bless, and I reaffirm: For God and Country,
Robin Sanderson, Commander Post 346



Holiday Events and News

Egg Nog Sunday is December 17

Join us for our annual celebration! We'll have plenty of egg nog and camaraderie, plus a mini gift auction. The party starts at 2:00p in our lounge area. This event is open to all members- please attend if you can, we would love to see you there!

Irish New Years Celebration Dec 31

It's that time of year again! Come to Post 346 to celebrate New Years before New Years. The party starts at 3:00p and goes until 8:00p- ball drop will be at 7:00p.

Lounge Closed December 24 and 25

Our lounge will be closed Sunday and Monday for Christmas. Regular hours will resume on December 26.

From the SAL

Pay Your 2018 Dues Soon! Our dues are \$20 and \$10 for those under 21. The Mike DeGeorge scholarship raffle drawing will be in January- see a bartender for tickets. We need volunteers to help out in the kitchen, call me if interested: 848-207-7299.

Let us not forget those serving and those who have served.

For God and Country, Fred Boenig- Commander, Squadron 346

Donate Winter Outerwear to the Madonna House

The Auxiliary is collecting donations for NEW hats, scarves, and gloves to donate to the Madonna House. Don't have anything to donate? Cash donations will also be accepted. If interested contact Margie: (732) 922-1454 or email- ala346neptune@aol.com

Pearl Harbor Day is December 7th

Post 346 recognizes National Pearl Harbor National Remembrance Day and those who lost their lives on December 7, 1941, "a date which will live in infamy".

\$3,000 Tax Exemption Available to Veterans!

New for Tax Year 2017. You are eligible for a \$3,000 exemption on your Income Tax return if you are a military veteran who was honorably discharged or released under honorable circumstances from active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States by the last day of the tax year. Visit the NJ website for complete details and instructions: <http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/newexemptionveterans.shtml>

Atlantic City Bus Trips

Bus Trips to AC run the 2nd Monday of every month. Price is \$35 with a return of \$30 casino credit. Bus leaves from Post 346 at 9:00a and departs from Atlantic City at 4:30p. Upcoming trip dates: Dec 11, Jan 8, Feb 12, Mar 12. Contact Joe for more details: (732)-493-4236

Auxiliary President's Column

As we enter into the busy holiday season I would like to say "thank you" for all your continued support of all our programs. Friday Dec 1st will be a Wine tasting with a mini-gift auction. We will be stuffing stockings again this year for troops on Sunday Dec.3rd and also decorating the tree in the downstairs lounge area. Please come and help if you are able. Just a reminder Tues. Dec 5th. is the last



day to donate hats, scarves and gloves for Madonna House. Thank you to all those that have already donated. Please save these dates: Eggnog Sun. is Dec. 17th starting At 2 PM. Our auxiliary Christmas party is Thurs. Dec. 21st at 6:30 pm. Please bring a covered dish and a \$5.00 donation for the Mercy Center. Please contact Alice Fiorello at 723-922-1530 and let her know the covered dish you will be bring. Sun. Dec 31st we will once again be celebrating Irish New Year from 2-8 PM with light refreshments and a champagne toast at 7 PM. Until next time have a very Merry and Blessed Christmas. Thought For The Day: Yesterday's the past, tomorrow's the future, but today is a gift. That's why it's called the Present- Bil Keane
God bless us and guide us as we proudly serve those that served!

If you would like to join Unit 346 please call Bette Jo Fariello @732-681-9435.

Unit 346 Thanks Serenity Stables and Hook-E

Unit 346 was thrilled to have two guest speakers at their meeting held on November 16. Greg Kucharewski from the VVA, Chapter 12 spoke about the Play Hook-E program for veterans battling PTSD, and Brooke Lichter from Serenity Stables talked about their equine programs. Unit 346 President Linda Lopez gifted both speakers donation checks after their presentations. For more information on either program, contact Danielle Bertini at daniellembertini@gmail.com or 609-290-7654.