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POST 416 INFORMATIONAL GUIDE

Post Officers 2025-2026

Meetings

Commander	Ed King
Adjutant	Tim Bellis
Assistant Adjutant	Dave Pier
Finance Officer	Bob Vanselow
1st Vice Commander	Ted Gurzynski
2nd Vice Commander	Gary Parker
3rd Vice Commander	Rob Hamby
Service Officer	Tim Baranzyk
Asst. Service Officer	Bob Zolandz
Chaplain (Deacon)	Ted Gurzynski
Sgt. At Arms	Lyle Jackson
Sgt. At Arms	Jerry White
Historian	Tim Baranzyk
Captain Honor Guard	Bob Zolandz
1st Lt. Honor Guard	Bob Vanselow
2nd Lt. Honor Guard	Ed King

Exec Board
1st Tuesday
7:00 PM

Honor Guard
2nd Thursday
Jan, Mar, May,
June, Sept, Nov
6:30 PM

Post Meeting
3rd Thursday
7:00 PM

Auxiliary Officers 2025-2026

President	Kathy Baranzyk
1st Vice President	Carol Stephany
2nd Vice President	Jackie Tamsett
Secretary	Laura Calteux
Treasurer	Laura Calteux
Chaplain	Carrie Kleppin
Historian	Laura Calteux
Sgt. At Arms	Pat Kadlec

Auxiliary
3rd Thursday
7:00 PM

SAL Officers 2024-2025

President	<i>Tim Bellis</i>
Adjutant	Terry Barrington

SAL
2nd Monday
7:00 PM

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OCTOBER 2025

Oct.

- 5th Bingo in Memorial Hall 6pm
- 7th Bingo in Memorial Hall 9:45am
- 7th Executive Board Meeting 7pm
- 12th Bingo in Memorial Hall 6pm
- 14th Bingo in Memorial Hall 9:45am
- 14th SAL meeting 7pm
- 15th Dist 4 Meeting 7pm
- 16th Post and Auxillary Meeting 7pm
- 19th Bingo in Memorial Hall 6:45pm
- 21st Bingo in Memorial Hall 9:45am
- 25th 4th District Fall Conference
- 26th Bingo in Memorial Hall 7pm
- 27th VFW meeting at 6:30pm

NOVEMBER 2025

NOV.

2 NOV Bingo in Memorial hall 6pm

4 Nov Bingo Memorial Hall 9:45 am

4 Nov Executive board meeting 7pm

5 Nov over the hill group 8:30 am (cards)

5 Nov Viet Nam vets chapter 1 meeting 6:30pm

9 Nov Bingo Memorial Hall 6pm

11 Nov Bingo Memorial Hall 9:45am

16 Nov Bingo Memorial Hall 6pm

18 Nov Bingo Memorial Hall 9:45am

20 Nov Post and Auxiliary meeting 7:00pm

23 Nov Bingo Memorial Hall 6:45 pm

24 VFW Meeting 6:30 pm

25 Bingo Memorial 9:45 am



COMMANDER'S REPORT

Transparency, Service, Sustainability

In support of the **Service** theme there are two programs that I want to ensure you are aware of and hope you will support and or participate in.

The 1st is the "Step Up to Better Health" Greendale - Fun Run/Walk to be held Sunday, October 19th at Greendale HS Football Field at 10:30 (Registration 9:30). The funds raised will go to the Greendale Schools. As a Post we will be there with a display supporting the Fun/Run Walk, but our display will also be sharing information about the 2nd program that we are supporting. The 2nd program honoring our nation's 250th birthday with a commitment to embracing physical activity, mental health and serving our community is the American Legion's USA 250 Challenge. The challenge runs until 4 July 2026 and is open to everyone. You can register as an individual or a team. Funds raised go to supporting the American Legion Veterans and Children Foundation. Besides getting a cool T-Shirt if you register the bonus part of

our participation in either the Fun Run/Walk or the 250 Challenge is to have a greater visibility in our community and show others that the American Legion Post 416 is part of the community and we care.

Check out the Post website for more details on both the "Step Up to Better Health" Greendale - Fun Run/Walk and the USA 250 Challenge or Google "American Legion 250 Challenge"

As a final note on Oct 22 at 7:00 at the American Legion post in Oak Creek they are having a Post Everlasting service for all members who passed last year.

Thank you for your service.

Air Force Core Values, values for us all to emulate.

*Integrity First
Service Before Self
Excellence in All We Do*

Ed King

1ST VICE COMMANDER

Greetings to all as we begin one of the more beautiful times of the year. Last month I covered a number of items regarding membership, and I wanted this

month to update you as to our progress with membership. Three things please:

1. I asked for your input as to how you would like us to communicate with you...newsletter, Facebook, email, etc. Unfortunately, to date I have only received 3 vets that have responded. Does this mean the newsletter is not read by more of you? PLEASE, we need to know IF we are reaching you!
2. We have started making our "Buddy" calls, so far, we have made about 50 calls (will update you monthly). At last month's meeting I asked for volunteers to call our vets, 3 of you stepped forward and one is not even a vet!!! I need more help here. I have the names and the questions to ask the vet when you call. Please let me know if you can help. Come to our October meeting and take a list of names. If you get this newsletter after our meeting date of October 16, call me at the number below.
3. Please renew your 2025 membership. Remember that 2025 membership is the for Legion year July 1, 2025 -July 1, 2026. So, dues are due now please. If dues payment is an issue, please call me, we can assist and will assist because that is what we do, help Veterans!

Theodore Gurzynski
(414) 852-6844

3rd VICE COMMANDER

Happy Autumn!

I have been sending emails to my contact for the schools and assisted living centers that we have been to in the past and have received some responses of interest, but nothing is scheduled as of yet.

In case you didn't know, our team is made up of six great presenters who are Ed King, Ted Gurzynski, Doug Phillips, Dan Crass, Joanna Ledvina and myself. The stories these people tell are very interesting and they all have great insight partially formed by their military experiences. All the people that attend our presentations are impressed by these presenters. The older folk in the assisted living centers relate to the stories. Many who have served themselves and many who were spouses of those who served. The younger children in the schools are very interested in the Vet's stories and always have great questions. Also, we are working with the St. Alphonsus staff for the "Adopt a Vet" program. Last year we had six vets that participated in the program. We would love to have more of you be a part of it. We each meet with a group of assigned students three or four times and explain our experiences in the military. At the end of the school year there is a presentation given by the groups of each vet. Last year we were each presented with a very nice handmade blanket made by students of each group. Please consider

being a part of this program. I'm sure you will enjoy it.

"Ninety-nine percent of the failures come from people who have the habit of making excuses."

George Washington Carver

Rob Hamby

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ONE

ADJUTANT

I would like everyone to return to work; spring vacation is over. We have several items that need your attention, and the only way things get done is if you stop in for your general membership meeting.

I would like to see everyone to check what your Vice Commanders do and help them. Membership takes more than one person to do it; it can be a headache. 2nd vice takes

care of social events, something we need to have more of. Did you receive your buddy check or make a buddy check? If not, why not? If you don't step up and wait for others it will never come. Just because you might have done something for the post before doesn't mean that's it.

To everyone who thinks that our coat room is their personal drop off, think again it will be cleaned out completely this month. It's a coat room, not a junk room

Tim Bellis

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PRESIDENT

Greetings!

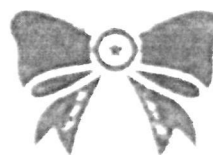
At our September meeting, I invited Randy Timm with the SAL who is in charge of running the Badger Youth Camp. We had a joint meeting with the American Legion. Randy explained at the camp that they talk about the history of the Star-

Spangled Banner, what the lyrics mean. They also talked about the history of the flag, and how the flag is properly retired. The importance of respecting the flag. At a parade if they March by with the American flag as it passes, they should put their hand on their chest. They show them how to fold the flag, and each child gets to participate in folding the flag. The camp is in Wautoma, WI. The cost is \$250 per child; the parents drop their child off and pick them up. Their goal is to be able to open a second camp, eventually all over the U.S. They send a Newspaper called The Millennium encouraging organizations to do the same. If you want to check it out, you can Google Badger Youth Camp. If you have any questions, please let me know, you can contact me at 414-628-0360

Mark your calendar for October 25th for District 4 Fall Conference. It's from 10-2, registration 9:30 and it's free. I encourage you to attend. You can contact me at 414-628-0360 for information on how to register with the cutoff date. They need a count as there will be food being served.

Our next Executive Board Meeting is October 8th at 6:30pm at the post. Our Membership Meeting is October 16th at 6:30 pm for dinner, see you then.

Kathy Baranzkyk



**HONOR OUR COUNTRY,
SUPPORT OUR VETERANS**

1st VICE PRESIDENT

Auxiliary Membership

Honor our Country, Support our Veterans

In celebration of the 250th anniversary of the United States, the Wisconsin Membership theme will highlight National Parks, with each District being assigned a park. Our District 4 has been assigned the Apostle Islands. Dist. 4 was in 1st place for renewals as of 9/23. Wisconsin is currently in 3rd place Nationally and 1st place in the Central Division. Each individual unit needs to contribute to the state goal of 15,860 members. Our Unit goal is 101 for 2026.

All members should now have received their renewal notices in the mail. Please call

In your renewals to 317-569-4570. The lines are busy so please be patient as this is still the most efficient way to renew. You may also send your renewal slip and check to me for processing. We have already had 57% of members renew, thank you!

The Department has received a donation to cover the costs of dues for the first 40 NEW JUNIOR members, (under age 18). If you have a daughter or granddaughter who would like to join, do it soon. 13 have already enrolled! Our Unit also pays the \$5.25 so it's a win either way!

Please also promote and recruit new members to join Unit 416. There are rewards for recruitment! If 10 members would recruit 1 person each, I think we could reach our goal of 101 and achieve 100% for the second year in a row.

All things membership are located on the Department website:

amlegionauxwi.org. under PROGRAMS/ MEMBERSHIP

I highly recommend exploring the entire website! Get to know your organization better!

Carol Stephany

PUBLIC RELATIONS ZOOM CHAT DATES FOR THE LEGION FAMILY

630 PM - 8 PM, Wednesdays

October 29, 2025

January 28, 2026

February 25, 2026

April 29, 2026



POPPY

POPPY DAYS are here again!

Veterans Day November 11th is approaching soon. It is the time of year we distribute poppies and help educate the community about our Veterans service to our Country. This year the dates for distribution are November 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th and 11th. I hope you will take part in our distribution days and help support our Veteran community by collecting donations for poppies. Everything is organized for you, all you need to do is show up on the day and time you choose. I will contact past

distributors to set up your dates. I appreciate any time you are able to give.

REMEMBER TO THANK A VETERAN

Jackie Tamsett

AUXILIARY MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 20205

News from Auxiliary Unit 416

It was a short summer and we're back at work for our veterans, their families, and our community!

At our meeting on September 18, 2025, we voted to make donations to the Badger Youth Camp, Camp American Legion, and the residents at Brookshire Retirement Home for their blankets for Vets project. The blankets they make with our donation will be given to Vets Place Central. For more information on these important facilities please visit www.cvivet.org and www.wilegion.org

If you're like me, you have books overflowing from bookshelves, in boxes in the basement, or stacked on the floor. But where do you take them once you're done with them? Bring them to the post, and we will deliver them to the VA for their library!

Lastly, 2026 membership is on the horizon. Don't forget to renew! As always, if you know someone eligible for membership, please tell them about the organization. We can only continue doing what we do through membership and volunteers!

May you have a wonderful and blessed month, and we hope to see you at our next meeting on Thursday, October 16th at 7pm.

Jennifer Marsh, Secretary

GREENDALE VETERAN'S MEMORIAL COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Greendale Veterans Memorial Committee will be hosting an event on Saturday, November 8th, 2025, at 10 am at the Memorial site on the corner of Broad Street and Southway. This is an earlier date in hopes that more people can attend on a weekend instead of in the middle of the week. Please mark the time and date on your calendar to attend – rain or shine that morning – Saturday, November 8th at 10 am. An outline of events will be posted before the November event so please check the Post web site for those details. If you need to sit, please bring your own chair to the site. Remember parking is available at Brinkman Field Parking lot right across from the Memorial. We are also hoping to dedicate the new entrance stones to the Memorial that day. So please attend the

ceremony to give our veterans, current
military personnel and our country support.
Thank you so much.

Sally Chadwick, Committee Member

**If you want to put an article in the
next newsletter, please email to:**

Deadline October 20th, 2025

GREENDALE AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY
POST 416 CHRISTMAS PARTY!

Saturday, December 6th

*5:30 Cocktails & Appetizers
6:30 Dinner*

\$20.00 per person

Reservations to be sent to:

*American Legion Post 416
6351 West Grange Avenue
Greendale, WI 53129*

*Deadline for reservations: November 23rd
Include how many are attending*

No walk-ins will be allowed