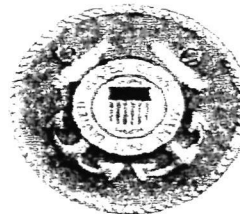
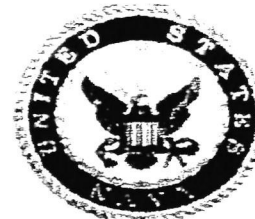


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October 2026

- 03 Monogram Club Chicken Dinner - 11:00am-2:00pm
- 04 Bingo – 6:00pm - Honor Guard (Doors open at 4:00pm)
- 06 Bingo – 9:45am (Doors open at 8:00am)
- 07 Viet Nam Vets Meeting - 6:30pm
- 11 Bingo – 6:00pm – Post (Doors open at 4:00pm)
- 12 SAL – Squad Room 7:00pm
- 13 Bingo – 9:45am (Doors open at 8:00am)
- 14 Fraternal Order of Police – 6:30pm
- 15 Post & Auxiliary General Membership Meeting – 7:00pm
- 18 Bingo – 6:00pm (Doors open at 8:00am)
- 20 Bingo – 9:45am (Doors open at 8:00am)
- 21 4th District Meeting Hosted by 416 - 7:00pm
- 25 Bingo – 6:00pm (Doors open at 4:00pm)
- 26 VFW General Membership Meeting – 6:30pm
- 27 Bingo – 9:45am (Doors open at 8:00am)
- 27 40/8 General Membership Meeting – 7:00pm
- 31 VFW Blood Drive

November 2026

- 01 Bingo – 6:00pm – Honor Guard
- 03 Bingo – 9:45am (Doors open at 8:00am)
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- 26 Thanksgiving – Office Closed
- 29 Bingo – 6:00pm (Doors open at 4pm)



COMMANDER'S REPORT

My Theme of Transparency, Service, Sustainability will continue this year with the addition of Community Visibility.

June was a new beginning, with elected Officers that are stepping up in their positions with enthusiasm and new perspectives. I am encouraged and strengthened by their positiveness and believe that we will continue our journey moving the Post Forward.

Update

-Since the last Newsletter our G.I. Joe statue has been installed and it looks great.

-We have a new Portico

-A concrete slab has been installed to position the dumpsters on.

-The Post's aging Roof is scheduled to be replaced in September

-A new lease with Ray and Dot's has been finalized and signed. We are thankful for the years partnering with Marc Koepsel the past owner and look forward to our partnership with the new owner Tristan.

-A final review of an updated Post By-Laws is being accomplished.

-Our Post was highlighted in the Greendale "Life in the Village" magazine.

- The Post sponsored and had a booth for the Village Garden Walk, Village Days, Green Market and the Gazebo Concert

Some of my messages will appear repetitive in nature as I believe it often takes hearing a message more than once for it to sink in as well as some may not see it the 1st time.

Our mission and priorities remain the same. There are many national programs to assist Veterans that we will use as a resource but my focus is on what we as a Post can do locally for our Veterans and their families. Through our Buddy Check program, I want to know what our members and other local veteran's needs are, and then attend to them the best we can.

As stated in the past I intend to continue my effort to improve the Post Culture by emphasizing the **values we espouse**. We need to know who we are and boldly move forward. A life lesson learned during my career came through one of my duties as Chairman of the Senior Enlisted Promotion Board. One of the questions I would ask was "What are your strengths and what are your weaknesses". Not surprisingly what I would get was what seemed to be an endless list of technical accomplishments. As a would be Senior Enlisted person the needed skills were to change from technical to supervisory, management and leadership.

When I pushed for what their weaknesses were and what they were doing to improve on those weaknesses, the response would be a blank stare or "I had not thought of that." Without recognizing strengths and weaknesses we limit ourselves.

To move our Post forward we need to be open and honest with ourselves and help each other to see and **take action** to improve both our strengths and weaknesses.

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

**BE THE
ONE**

1st VICE COMMANDER

I look forward to assuming my position as Vice Commander this coming year. I intend to keep the positive actions Ted has started this past year.

The Buddy Program is an invaluable tool to stay in touch with our members and their needs. I will be sending out the current year membership cards. If you have not renewed your membership, call me (414 235 0906) or email (dcrass70@gmail.com).

Membership is important for several reasons;

- 1) More members the State and National politicians will listen to the needs of veterans and their families.
- 2). Membership involvement in the post is key to a successful Post, your input and attendance is needed to start new programs with your ideas.
- 3). Fund raising is needed to carry out our goals. Join in the fun and camaraderie!

See you at the next meeting.

Dan Crass

ADJUTANT

A couple of reports to make.

First, my last report on the Americanism program for the 2025-2026 period. The team consisted of Ted Gurzynski, Doug

Phillips, Dan Crass, Ed King, Gary Steinbach and myself and I would like to say thank you to all who participated in the presentations. I am inspired by your dedication in passing on the Honor, Commitment and Courage of your military training and hoping to make the following generations aware of who we are as Americans and a Country and what it took to get us here. We presented to 8 schools and 2 senior living centers this past year. I hope we can continue this schedule next year as well.

Now, as I transition into the position as Adjutant, I hope I will be able to keep up the level of dedication that the past Adjutant(s) had. Thank you for putting your trust in me to do this job. It seems that it will be manageable but I am sure I will have periods where I am overwhelmed, where I will need direction from Tim and Dave Pier. They both have been kind enough to offer wisdom that they have garnered in their many years of service at the post.

We are at a point where we quit looking back and just move forward.

Rob Hamby



SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION COMMANDER

To my Legion members, This has been some year with two conventions, Department and National. It's time to refresh oneself and start again. Let's start with Department Convention. Your Squadron 416 received an award for "Best Children and Youth" program. At the convention I was nominated to represent the 4 District at the National convention in Louisville, Ky. That was an honor but that was the start of everything.

I was chosen to be a judge for year book and scrapbook at National, that was an honor I will always remember. Next, on the last day of the convention the Squadron received a National award, "SNAPSHOTS OF SERVICE". This was appreciation of your support of the American Legion Programs.

This has been the first National award the squadron received in its history. Hats off to all our squadron members.

I have been busy as District 4 Adjutant, traveling and seeing other squadrons in the state. But first we have Family Day at the post, hope to see everyone there and at the post meeting. At this the time please consider joining the SAL for \$~~30~~. it would make you a dual member.

Tim Bellis



AMERICAN LEGION

AUXILIARY



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Members!

The new auxiliary year is beginning and I am super excited to see what we can do for our veterans, military and our community.

We have new leadership on both the National and Department levels and I am looking to incorporate their projects into what our unit is working on. National President Coral M. Grout has a few projects this year. They are working the Education program, scholarships and Honor Flight. Our Department President, Amy Luft's project is Honor Flight. You can see what her pin

looks like at the beginning of this article. If you want to purchase one, they are \$3 and I will have them at the meeting. We will be working on all of those projects this year.

Please let me know if you have any ideas for projects or fundraising that our unit can work on. The more ideas and input from our members, the more visible we can be for our veterans and community. All ideas will be considered and please don't think your idea isn't a good one, every thing we do started with just an idea from a member.

There is so much more that I have to say but that will come in our next newsletters, so watch for them.

Our first meeting is on September 17th at 7pm. Can't wait to see you there!

For God and Country
Laura Calteux

1ST VICE PRESIDENT

We have begun the process of 2027 membership renewal. You should be receiving your 2027 renewal notice mid-September. Please consider a prompt payment response via the National Headquarters phone line at 317-569-4570, M-F, 7-3:30. Pay with a credit or debit card. You may also mail your renewal check as directed on your renewal slip. Membership

runs from January 1 to December 31. Dues are collected early to ensure all members are current at the start of the membership year.

Our Unit membership goal for 2027 is 110. I encourage each of you to recruit one new member for the Auxiliary. We achieved 100% in 2026 and I hope we can do it again with your help. Membership applications are available at the Post, at meetings or online at the Auxiliary website. (www.amlegionauxwi.org.) You will receive an ALA leather luggage tag if you recruit a new member.

Please consider enhancing your membership with participation at our monthly meetings. We have many projects in the planning stage for this Fall and 2027. We need your help! Call if you have questions regarding our Unit. Officer's numbers can be found in the newsletter. Please notify me if you have a change in address or phone number.

Thank you,

Carol Stephany
414-803-2431
Kstephany@att.net



POPPY

Memorial Poppy Distribution days were May 21st through May 26th, 2026. Once again, our dedicated volunteers took time out of their days to gather donations to help our Veterans and their families in need. The businesses that continue to support our mission and allow our volunteers to hand out Poppies include Speedway 76th and Grange, Festival Foods Hales Corners, and Metro Market 76th and Coldspring. Also deserving thanks are the men and women who distribute the Poppies or are willing to take them to meetings and their place of business to collect donations. Ted G., Jerry W., Carol and Ken S., Debbie B. and Terri, Alexa F., Jenny, and Laura C., collected just over \$1,800 to help continue with our mission.

Watch for us in November for Veterans Day when we will be out again distributing our Poppies. Your donations are put to good use. PLEASE consider joining us in our

distribution and donation raising efforts. All Legion and Auxiliary members are welcome. Contact me for further information.

REMEMBER: ALWAYS THANK A VETERAN

Jackie Tamsett

GREENDALE VETERANS MEMORIAL

The Greendale Veterans Memorial is happy to announce a new fund raiser. We are selling T-shirts or Sweatshirts with our design showing the new entrance stones that will be coming soon. Please check it out at the Post at the table near the office. A sample of the T-shirt with order forms is located there. So please lend your support and order the new T-shirt or Sweatshirt. Profits from the sale will be going to help support the Memorial.

Another piece of news is that the committee is suspending selling any bricks for the memorial for a short while. We will let you know when we resume sales of the bricks.

Thanks everyone for your continued support.

Sally Chadwick, Committee Member

If you want to put an article in the next newsletter, please email to:
lauracalteux@yahoo.com

Deadline September 22nd, 2026

ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS!!!!

Currently, it costs the Post between \$600 and \$1,000.00 per month to mail out our newsletter. It is our intention to decrease that cost and put those funds to better use.

With that said we want every person that needs a hard copy to receive one. Going forward, we ask for you to Opt In if you want a hard copy sent to your home by leaving a message on the Post phone (414) 421-3371. Ensure that you state your name and address. We ask that you also leave your phone number in case there are questions. If you would prefer an email copy, please call the number and indicate your preference.

As of 1 January, 2027 only those who have Opted In will receive a hard copy of the Post 416 newsletter.

Newsletters are available on the Post website www.Greendalepost416.org.

Ed King

Commander