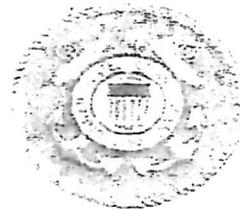


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Post Officers 2025-2026

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

Meetings

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	Jan Rivera
Treasurer	Laura Calteux
Chaplain	Carrie Kleppin
Historian	Laura Calteux
Sgt. At Arms	Pat Kadlec
Asst. Sgt. At Arms	Joanna Ledvina

Auxiliary
3rd Thursday
7:00 PM

Sal Officers 2025-2026

Commander	Tim Bellis
Adjutant	Terry Barrington

SAL
2 nd Monday
7:00 PM

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COMMANDERS REPORT

Transparency, Service, Sustainability

After a brief pause to assess, identify the source of problems and make necessary corrections, the Greendale Post 416 Newsletter is back. We are grateful to Bob Vanselow for initially identifying a connection to the Post printer not being used and then Rob Hamby with his professional background and showing initiative has corrected the process that has made it possible to improve our Newsletter. Thank you, Bob and Rob.

This was but a small example of a Culture within our Post of resistance to change that demonstrated issues can be resolved if there is a willingness to work together. Status Quo is not an option if we are to move Forward.

I will be addressing in more detail the Culture of our Post and how it is preventing us from moving forward in the April Newsletter.

It is important that our Post members be informed and make their voices heard on which direction they wish to go forward.

We are still looking to determine who wants a hard copy of the Newsletter. We have received very little feedback on how members would like the Post to communicate with our members. We want to ensure every member that wants a hard copy receives one. We also want to be good stewards and not pay \$350 - \$400 per month to send out 700 (this includes Auxiliary) Newsletters if only 50 members read a hard copy. Newsletters are posted on our website.

In addition to the activities mentioned in the 1st Vice article, the Post will have a display at the Greendale Green Market on 15 July, and we will participate in the Greendale Village Days with a display and currently planning to serve Corn Roast and Baked Potato.

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

Hoping you all had a wonderful Holiday Season enjoying family and friends. In this month's Newsletter I address two things....the Buddy System and Member involvement.

Buddy System. As I have said in the past the American Legion considers the Buddy System (where we call our members to see how they are doing, do they have any needs and just let them know we care). I am very pleased to share with you that over the past number of months we have made over 300 of these "calls". A number of vets have personally told me that it meant a lot to them to receive that call. I want to share with you those individuals who came forward to call these vets....they are Keith Acala, Jerry White, Rob Hamby, Doug Phillips, Paul Aker, Tim Baranzky, Bob Zolandz, Ed King and Judy French (and Judy isn't even a Legion Member!!). A sincere thanks to all. We will again be doing another round of calls in February/March, as we want to do these twice a year. If you would like to volunteer for the next round, please call me or e-mail me (contact points at the end).

The second item is that of needing more of our membership to A) come to YOUR meeting once a month so we can get your input on how to make us better and B) help your club by volunteering with whatever talents/knowledge you may have....is it writing skills (to help with the newsletter),

computer skills, finance knowledge, helping in building and grounds etc. etc. We really need help in all areas of the post. So I might suggest contact the following people to see if you can help in any way.....call...John Southern who is in charge of building and grounds ; Tim Bellis, who is our Adjutant and involved in the day to day activities of the club (he can always use help), Dave Pier who is in charge of Bingo (twice a week requires quite of few people...the more people involved here the less a burden it is for the group!. Lastly, call our Commander, Ed King, and ask him where you can help.

Last but not leastfor the next meeting...COME...AND invite another member to come as well. Take care all!!!

Ted (414) 852-6844. tgurzynski@wi.rr.com

The logo consists of the words "BE THE ONE" in a bold, sans-serif font. "BE" and "ONE" are in dark blue, while "THE" is in red. The words are stacked vertically: "BE" on top, "THE" in the middle, and "ONE" at the bottom.

4th VICE COMMANDER

By the time you read this it will be spring and we can say **SUCK IT WINTER!!**

The final Americanism dates have been set, and the team has been notified. We have five pending presentations from now to the end of our calendar year. There will be one each at the Greendale Elementary Schools, one at Harbour Village Assisted Living Center in Greendale and we will end the year out at Berkshire Assisted Living Center. I have contacted Greendale, Greenfield and Martin Luther High Schools regarding the Badger Boys State week. Their attendees have been set, and the sponsorship check has been sent in. (Thank you, David Pier.)

We say this a lot in our meetings, but it doesn't seem to be taken to heart; we need more volunteers with our operation. We need more people to help with Sunday and Tuesday bingo so maybe the same 5 people won't have to work every week. (I am guilty of this one. I never do Tuesdays.) We keep saying that "We're here for the veterans." So, let's be here.

"If not you, then who? If not now, when?"

(Attributed to Hillel the Elder. A first century Jewish scholar.)

Remember, "**Our oath never ends**"

Rob Hamby 🙌

HONOR GUARD

The weather this season has not exactly been a comrade to the Honor Guard; however, we did get the job accomplished "Honoring our Vets." It is an honor to be part of a squad that have the goal of honoring the vets that have served our country regardless of weather conditions.

The almost full complement of members attending is very rewarding. We have developed depth in our squad which is a great asset.

At times when we complete honors perhaps someone will admit who shot the three rounds. (In true military fashion)

Thanks for the cooperation and support at the last month's meeting bringing the issue of attendance to completion.

Thanks for all the increase of help at the Sunday night Bingo and a Thank you to our "Bread Man" for all the goodies.

Proud to Serve as your Cpt.

Bob Zolandz Semper FI



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings.

Well, it's that time of year again when I need your volunteer hours. Please send them to me via email, kbaranzyk@wi.rr.com. List the hours and a breakdown of what you did from April 1st, 2025, to March 31st, 2026. You can also bring them to our next Membership Meeting March 19th, 2026, at 7pm.

Elections are creeping up on us April is nominations, May is elections and June is installation at our June meeting. It will be a joint installation with the American Legion. If you're interested in an Officers position or have questions, call me at 414-628-0360. Positions needing to be filled are President I will work with you personally, making a smooth transition. Treasurer position is another possibility. Whatever position you might be interested in you will get training to make it a smooth transition for you. Change is good with new ideas in helping our Veterans and Community. We

are a family working for the same goal, our Veterans.

Our next Executive Board Meeting is March 11th at 6:30 pm at the Post. Membership Meeting March 19th 7pm at the post.

Sincerely,

Kathy Baranzyk



1st VICE PRESIDENT

Auxiliary Membership

Our current membership for 2026 is about 93, which is 8 away from our goal of 101. Our District #4 remains in first place at 94.04% at last report of 2/24. We have 10 members left to renew and 1 new member application is in progress. No further notices will be sent by National. Please consider calling your renewal in asap as your membership benefits have now expired.

You will be reinstated as soon as you renew. If you know of someone experiencing hardship in terms of membership, please let me know. We can sponsor such individuals if needed.

Call 317-569-4570 to renew at National Headquarters with a credit card.

All new memberships must be processed through the Unit. Contact Carol Stephany at 414321-3714

Thank you,
Carol Stephany

"Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success!"

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

lauracalteux@yahoo.com

Deadline April 16th, 2026

HAPPY
St. Patrick's
DAY

