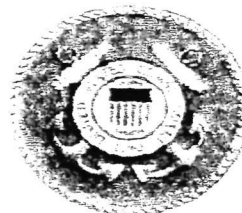


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Ed King

Commander



COMMANDER'S REPORT

My Theme of Transparency, Service, Sustainability, and Community Visibility.

Culture

Changing a culture is done one person at a time starting with ourselves. We see things through our lens of experiences that we have lived. Consider looking through a different lens.

Family Day

Held 19 Sept - My hope is that Family Day would become an annual event.

We had tremendous support from all participating organizations - American Legion Post 416 and Auxiliary Unit 416, VFW Post 10519 and VFW Auxiliary Post 10519, Riders, Scouts Troop 506 and Honor Guard Post 416 all helped to set up and take down displays. Attendance from public was limited. There were positive achievements. The Family Day committee will meet and recommend if we should go forward with the event next year.

By the time this newsletter is published our Post will have a new roof. Thank you, John

Southern, our Building and Grounds Chairman, for accomplishing this needed repair.

We are looking for ideas to increase membership and member participation. Let us know what you would like to see change or be added.

The General Membership meeting time is being changed to 6:30 and we will be serving a lite meal before the meeting at 6pm.

Buddy Check calls are starting to go out. If you are able to participate in making calls we could use the help.

Upcoming American Legion programs to plan for: More information is available on the Wisconsin Department website "wilegion.org"

Camp American Legion - A cost free cabin and lodge with meals and time to relax.

Badger Boys State (BBS). The 2027 Badger Boys State session will be held June 13 - 19 2027 at UW Eau Claire. It is for young men between their Junior and Senior HS year.

Wisconsin American Legion Law Enforcement Career Academy, WALLECA. The 2027 session will be held June 21 - 25. Applications for the academy will begin Jan. 4 - Mar. 12. Eligible applicants are sophomore and junior students interested in Law Enforcement careers.

Scholarships are available, ask for more information.

I look forward to meeting you and hearing about your American story.

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

The logo features the words "BE THE ONE" in a bold, sans-serif font. "BE" and "ONE" are in dark blue, while "THE" is in red. The word "THE" is positioned between "BE" and "ONE" and is slightly offset to the right. There are horizontal lines above and below the word "THE".

1st VICE COMMANDER

WHY DID YOU JOIN THE AMERICAN LEGION?

I joined over thirty years ago after I retired from the Air Force. Paid my dues never got involved. Then fate got involved. At the funeral of my Son in Law who served in the Air Force, the 416th Honor Guard conducted Military Honors as I held my 8-year-old Grandson. I will never forget when the folded flag was presented to him. It moved me to get involved in the Honor Guard; in the last 14 years I have probably participated in over 600 funerals. It is always a privilege to honor a Veteran and the family. Maybe you would feel the same way?

The Legion has many opportunities to get involved. We all have families and busy lifestyles. I ask you to consider taking part in some of the following opportunities; Americanism Program. Do you like to communicate your military experience to others? We have programs where we talk to grade school and high school classes. Often, we demonstrate how to fold the flag and discuss flag etiquette. Students enjoy hearing about our experiences, why we joined and how our service impacted our lives.

Community Activities: blood drives, food drives, Greendale 4th of July, marching in

parades, Veterans Posters on light poles in downtown over Veterans Day.

We also donate to many organizations, sponsor Eagle Scout projects, music performances in Greendale, etc. We are always open to new ideas to help Veterans and the community.

Programs also include Badger Boys and Girls, Camp American Legion, college Scholarships, etc.

The Legion is active in supporting and helping Veterans get the benefits they deserve. We have members who may be able to help you or know who to refer you to.

Bottom Line: The Legion and Legion Post 416 is only as good as the members make it. 20 or so members can only do so much. We need your help. Please seriously consider joining us. We meet on the third Thursday of the month. New for the meetings, light food will be available at 6 and meeting will start at 6:30.

If you have any questions my email is Firstvice@greendalepost416.org, or call me at 414 235 0906.

Final note: Dues are due for 2027, \$40 mailed to post or renew online.

Look forward to seeing you soon

Dan Crass

2nd VICE COMMANDER

First off, I want to thank everyone who helped at the 4th of July event at the village. We had to overcome challenges with the hot weather, low attendance, and equipment breakdown. Despite this, we had limited success, which we will attempt to rectify in the future.

This thanks also goes to the help at the Family Day event held on Saturday Sept 19. It was well attended and weather was also a factor. The setup, displays, and games were all excellent. Food service also received many compliments. The flag ceremony presenting the colors was excellent and showed the professionalism and patriotism the honor guard puts into their presentation. Salute.

Looking forward, the Christmas party is about 3 months away. Sign-up sheets will be available at the October and November meetings.

Thank you,
Fred Deuter Sr

ADJUTANT

Before I get into anything, I'd like to give a huge shout out to Tim Bellis for stepping up and making sure the last newsletter was printed and mailed out. The timing was bad

for me as it dropped into my email the day before I was leaving for a little R&R. Tim was gracious enough to volunteer his time to get the letter to you all. We need more of this from more of our membership. We can't keep thinking that someone else will take care of things just because someone always has. Reach out to see what you can do to help out with things. Or stop by and see what has been done to update the post.

If you haven't had the opportunity to stop in, you should come and see what we are doing to "spruce" the place up. We have been updating the entrance to the lobby and have added new mats that are more functional, safe and welcoming. The information table has also been updated to clean things up and be more organized. First Vice Dan Crass brought in an information stand where we can keep and more easily update information that you may be looking for. Lastly, our Building & Grounds manager John Southern worked to get us a new roof and gutters to protect our investment. A lot has changed and I think it's worth a look.

I've only been doing this job as Adjutant for a couple months and I'm always worried that I am missing something or not getting something done. I greatly appreciate all the help and guidance I have received from the past Adjutant Tim Bellis, Commander Ed King and our resident sage Dave Pier.

On a more personal note, I will be on medical leave for a while and am asking

that you reach out to Commander King to see where you can step in and help. We do a lot of rentals which generates a fair amount of revenue. For this to happen the post needs to be clean. I have been performing the duties as the janitor for the last 18 months. It would be great if some of you could help out with cleaning the post until I can return.

I appreciate you all.

Rob Hamby

SERVICE OFFICER

Have been busy making meals for some vets who can't cook. Besides doing buddy checks, why not try and visit some of these lucky vets? Maybe some of you may open your hearts and see what happens when a friendly face appears at their door step.

With changes in the weather coming, why not start going through your closets and pick out jackets, etc. that someone can use? Bring them to the post and we can get them to others who can use them.

With cold days ahead, we need to get together at some meetings to spread the word. Please join us. Take some pictures and renew old acquaintances!

Tim Baranzyk

HONOR GUARD

The family picnic was an excellent showing of the Post 416 Team, the Honor Guard along with the Auxiliary, VFW and the Greendale Scouts. The unserviceable flags were retired and new colors were posted on the large poles in front of our post. We did not have the ideal weather conditions but we accomplished the task on hand. The Honor Guard had a table presentation which stirred up some questions as to what was our function. (Tootsie Rolls) helped in the communication process. Thank you for your cooperation in the set-up, the presentation and take down.

Proud to serve as your Captain.

Semper Fi (Stay healthy) See you at our next Military Honors.

Bob Zolandz

HISTORIAN

Do you ever ask what does a historian do? Well, let me start.

Any questions on past ancestry, the post, how about historical events, how about your family tree? Not interested? Well, things are going on that have been written on several topics, such as: when vets pass, memories are left in letters, books, etc. Some of them have forecasted

several events, but as usual, no one pays attention.

Let's kick the can here a little bit.

Amelia Earhart. In October of this year, we should get an idea of her whereabouts. But some people state- who cares!

How about the Twin Towers! Is this as true as you saw on TV? Or was it planned! Do you trust your government?

Elections are coming. Who do you believe?

Until next month.

Tim Baranzyk

AMERICAN LEGION --- AUXILIARY



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy Fall Y'all!

Thank you to everyone that participated and attended the first Family Day the we had at the Post on September 19th. We had a slight issue with the weather, but moved everything inside and it went off without a hitch. For our first event, we did okay, with community members attending and seeing what we do for our veterans and community. We even got a new member. Can't wait for the second annual event!

Our National President, Coral Mae Grout, will be visiting Wisconsin on October 9th and



10th. She will be visiting Milwaukee Homeless Veterans Initiative and the Zablocki VA, then there will be lunch at the Sprecher Brewery with a tour afterwards. She will be on the Stars and Stripes Honor Flight on Saturday the 10th, so please come to the airport to welcome home the veterans on that flight. We will have a few of our members there, so join us and be part of the fun.

The 4th District Fall Conference will be held on October 31st at the H. A. Todd Unit 537. The unit voted to pay for members registration to the conference, so if you want to attend, please let me know so that we can get you on the list. You will get information and ideas on the programs that the Auxiliary does, meet other members and see what their units do for our veterans.

At our September meeting, we started discussing the many ideas that were given by our members on events and fundraising that our unit can do for the next year. We looking for ideas that we can work on for our veterans, military and in our community, so come to our October meeting and help us decide what we, as a unit, will be working on this year. If you have any ideas, please let me know. You can either call me or send me an email. My contact information is below.

On that note, the October meeting will be on October 15th at 6:30 with a lite dinner to be served before at 6 pm. Come and join us

for dinner and camaraderie with our Legion Family.

For God and Country
Laura Calteux
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1ST VICE PRESIDENT

Auxiliary Membership

2027 membership renewal is now active. Most of you should have received your notification in the mail in September. Please respond promptly by mailing your dues as soon as possible to the address on the slip. I will process your dues weekly as they arrive.

A more efficient and appreciated method is to renew by phone with a credit card to National Headquarters. The phone number is on your renewal slip. They will ask for your membership number when calling so have your renewal slip or membership card handy. You can also pay online at <http://www.ALAforVeterans.org> when you register for an account. The website is also a great resource for ALA members to explore all aspects of the organization. Thank you for following up promptly with the method best suited for you.

We had the privilege of appearing at the Greenfield Farmers Market on August 30th at their free community booth. It was a wonderful opportunity to showcase our ALA Greendale Unit 416 mission and activities. We had a free flag raffle and hopefully inspired interest in membership. Community outreach is a vital program within the ALA. This was our third appearance at the Market and we thank the city of Greenfield for this free service.

I would like to ask your help in determining the status of the following Honorary Life members, do you know where they are, or if they are still with us:

Patricia Mullaley
Helen Sandor
Sally Loper

We sadly announce the passing of the following members this past year. We are grateful for their dedication to the Auxiliary.

Shirley White, Karen Ureda, Angeline Mikolajczyk, Shirley Leinonen, Florence Groth.

Please notify me of any change in your address or phone number in order to keep our records current. We send out Birthday cards to members and will soon be doing "Ground Control Calls" this Fall. Our purpose is to make contact with members who may have lost touch with the unit or may need help. We would love to chat with you!

Our Department President's theme this year is WINGS OF HONOR - HELPING OUR HEROES TAKE FLIGHT.

Please join us in our efforts! Come to a meeting!

Carol Stephany
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CHAPLAIN

My name is Kathy Patterson and I am honored to share that I have officially stepped into the role of Unit Chaplain for our ALA Unit 416.

The heart of the Chaplain's mission is to offer comfort, care and spiritual fellowship to our members, veterans, and military families.

If you know of a unit member or a veteran who is currently sick, hospitalized, in distress, or grieving the loss of a loved one, please let me know so I can offer support.

You can contact me at 414-881-6857 or contact the post at 414-421-3371.

Kathy Patterson



POPPY

Watch for us in November for Veterans Day when we will be out 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

Have you noticed some work going on at the Greendale Veterans Memorial Park lately? Our committee is happy to announce that the recent activity was by Bluemels, who was hired to repair section 5 and do the slight expansion of that area. It really looks great and we hope you think so too.

Taking orders for engraved bricks is still on hold for right now. Our committee will let you know when we reopen orders. But when that happens, remember we will still no longer be accepting orders for 8 x 8 because the manufacturer has stopped producing that size. We will be revamping the order form and let all of you know when orders can be placed again. Our thanks to Bluemels for doing such a great job.

Thanks everyone for supporting the Memorial and don't forget to submit your story for the kiosk.

Sally Chadwick, Committee Member

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lauracalteux@yahoo.com

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