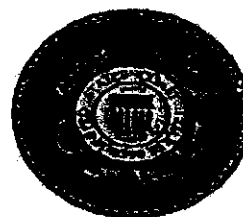


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POST 416 INFORMATIONAL GUIDE

Post Officers 2023-2024

Commander	Terry Barrington
Adjutant	Tim Bellis
Assistant Adjutant	Dave Pier
Finance Officer	Leo Taylor
1st Vice Commander	Dave Pier
2nd Vice Commander	Gary Parker
3rd Vice Commander	Ed King
4th Vice Commander	Tim Baranzyk
Chaplain (Deacon)	Ted Gurzynski
Service Officer	Bob Zolandz
Judge Advocate	Bob Vanselow
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

Exe. Board Mtg.
1st Tuesday
7:00 PM

Honor Guard Mtg.
2nd Thursday
Jan, Mar, May,
June, Sept, Nov
7:00 PM

General Post Mtg.
3rd Thursday
7:00 PM

Auxiliary Officers 2023-2024

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

Auxiliary
3rd Thursday
7:00 PM

Sal Officers 2023-2024

President	Tim Baranzyk
Adjutant	Terry Barrington

Sal 7:00 PM
2nd Monday

11/20/2024 Excel
BZ

DECEMBER

- 1st Bingo in Memorial Hall, 6:00pm, Honor Guard
- 3rd Bingo in Memorial Hall, 9:45am, Honor Guard
Executive Board Meeting 7:00pm
- 4th Vietnam Vets Chapter One 6:30pm
- 7th Post Christmas Dinner 5:30pm
- 8th Bingo in Memorial Hall, 6:00PM, 40/8
- 9th SAL Meeting 7:00pm
- 10th Bingo in Memorial Hall, 9:45am, Honor Guard
- 14th VFW Christmas Dinner
- 15th Bingo in Memorial Hall, 6:00pm, Post
- 17th Bingo in Memorial Hall, 9:45am, Honor Guard
- 18th 4th District Meeting 7:00pm,
- 19th Post Only Membership Meeting 7:00pm
- 22nd Bingo in Memorial Hall, 6:00pm, Post
- 24th No Bingo
- 25th MERRY CHRISTMAS
- 29TH Blngo in Memorial Hall, 6:00pm, Post
- 31st New Years Eve Bingo 4:30pm

JANUARY

- 5nd Bingo in Memorial Hall, 6:00pm, Honor Guard
- 7th Bingo in Memorial Hall, 9:45am, Honor Guard
Executive Board Meeting 7:00pm
- 8th Honor Guard Meeting 7:00pm
- 12th Bingo in Memorial Hall, 6:00pm, Post
- 13th SAL Meeting 7:00pm
- 14th Bingo in Memorial Hall, 9:45am, Honor Guard
- 15th 4th District Meeting Post 299 @ Post 416
- 16th Post & Auxiliary Membership Meeting 7:00pm
- 19th Bingo in Memorial Hall, 6:00pm, Post
- 21st Bingo in Memorial Hall, 9:45am, Honor Guard
- 26th Bingo in Memorial Hall, 6:00pm, Post
- 27th VFW Meeting 6:30pm
- 28th Bingo in Memorial Hall, 9:45am, Honor Guard
40/8 Meeting 7:00pm

AMERICAN LEGION

COMMANDERS REPORT

Hello fellow Legionnaires,

I want to thank everyone who was at the last meeting . It was one of the better meetings we had . I wanted to touch more in depth on Village Days. As it was discussed, we as a post will not be doing Village Days. One of the biggest issues we have is personnel to help set up, sell and tear down. It's just too much for the few that show up and help. Also, with all the equipment we must haul to the site and short selling time it just does not make business sense to set up for short possible gain.

We will be looking at some other options to do instead of Village Days . Couple of options is having a family event in the back yard. There are also ideas of maybe some other events, maybe a 5k walk for Greendale veterans . ALL OPTIONS ARE ON THE TABLE.

Please also think about Midwinter. The training will be on Saturday January 18th and the schedule of training is in the

newsletter The cost is \$25.00 before January 1st. After January 1st it goes up to \$30.00. There is some great training and always a great time.

And in closing, I hope everyone had a safe Thanksgiving and hope everyone has a safe and happy holiday season

Thank you everyone for all you do.

Respectfully,
Terry Barrington

1st VICE COMMANDER

Membership

We are at 352 paid members as of 11/20/24, 236 more to go. If you know of anyone who has not paid their dues, please remind them to get it sent in, it will be greatly appreciated.

If you move, please send us your new address, we get charged around five dollars for every newsletter that gets returned. If you don't let the post office know of your new address, we don't get the change from them.

Thanks for your help

Dave Pier

2nd VICE COMMANDER

We have enjoyed a quite successful 2024 Legion Year. We were involved with the Village Festivals, a number of festivities with the Greendale Lions and the West Allis-West Milwaukee Monogram Club. Also have a larger equipment trailer decked out with Legion, Auxiliary and SAL logos. So, generally, from my perspective, all has been well and will remain well thru 2025.

A reminder that the Post will again host the 2024 New Years Eve Bingo. The event has been quite successful due to good food, socialization and a great way to spend New Years Eve. As with all our events, the successes are due to the many volunteers who assist. Thank You.

With that, I wish you a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Gary Parker

3rd VICE COMMANDER

The Americanism team gave presentations during November to Stoney Creek Adult Center and 210 students and staff at Greenfield Middle School. There are schools that have asked for presentations but asked that we discuss scheduling a date after the Christmas/Winter break.

We have another new school request which has expanded into 2 programs thanks to Ted Gurzynski. One program will be an Americanism Presentation and the other, working through the school counselor will be a service project that we are calling "Adopt a Vet". More to follow as we develop the program.

I received another contact through our Commander Terry. The new contact is involved with a Home School program with about 85 students and wishes to have us share an Americanism Presentation. That makes 3 Home School programs that we are now involved with.

It is an exciting time seeing the Americanism program expand in our community. We are looking forward to meeting the youth as well as senior citizens and sharing our message.

As a reminder Badger Boys State will be held June 8 - 14, 2025 University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire. For more information see: <https://badgerboysstate.org/>

Additionally, if you know of a young man that may be interested in attending Badger Boys State and join them for a week to "Change a life":

Email info@badgerboysstate.org with your name, high school, phone number, and email address letting them know you would like to attend!

In regard to Camp American Legion, see their website

<https://wilegion.org/camp-american-legion/> for applications and dates

Please have applications turned into the office by January 1st, 2025.

I am grateful to have the opportunity to be a member of our Post and the American Legion. Its programs are in keeping with American Values and the spirit of the Holiday season. **Wishing all a Merry Christmas.**

Air Force Core Values and values for us all to emulate

Integrity first
Service before self
Excellence in all we do

Ed King



ADJUTANT

If you can spare a Saturday, come to the Dept. Mid-Winter in January at the Hilton Paper Valley Hotel January 16-19.

As you noticed we are looking for someone to manage the hall set up and clean up, if interested contact The Adjutant or the Commander for more information.

Merry Christmas to everyone and Happy New Year!

Tim Bellis

SERVICE OFFICER

On Sat. Nov. 16th, we bid farewell to our comrade David Birk, post member and Korean Vet. Services were held at St. Stephens Church.

Welcome back Ken Menting from serious surgery and rejoining our Bingo Squad.

If you are aware of someone sick or distress kindly let us know at the post.

Bob Zolandz 414-421-5394

HONOR GUARD

Thank you, Squad, for all the attendance and participation in the Veterans Day events, a presentation at the post lead by Tim Baranzyk, the Greenfield High School and then the Greendale Library.

At the Greendale Library, Honor Valor Quilts were presented to Jim Cook and Tim Bellis. The Honor Guard presented colors. The Team Consisted of Bob Zolandz Rifle, Ed King American Flag, Terry Barrington Post flag, Dan Crass rifle and Bob Vanselow taps. Ted Gurzynski the Invocation.

A Veterans salute to Members of our Squad, Our greeters up front Jim Cook, Ed King, Bob Clemens, our bugle man Bob Vanselow, and all the on time firing by the squad. Great job regarding the firing of rifles.

Then off to Sunday night Bingo and need not forget the Tuesday morning folks. Good to see all the Honor Guard Baseball covers.

Wishing you and yours a Merry Christmas. Proud to serve as your Cpt. of the Honor Guard.

Semper Fi Bob Zolandz

ANNOUNCEMENT

I will eventually be taking a leave of absence from cleaning and setting up all activities at the post. I have been doing this since Harold passed. I will step down in late December. My health is telling me to slow down. I have been working at the post almost every day or night. I want to thank the council and the post for letting me serve you.

Tim Bellis

 **AMERICAN
LEGION**

AUXILIARY

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings!

Hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving with their families. I want to wish everyone a Blessed Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Just a friendly reminder to those of you who signed up for Christmas Eve to hand out gift bags at Zablocki VA at 9:00 am. We will be carpooling, there were eight that signed up so we need two vehicles, if you would like to drive call me or Carol.

There will not be a meeting in December. Our next Executive Board Meeting is January 8th at 6:30 pm at the Post. Our Membership Meeting is January 16th at 7:30 pm, see you then. Enjoy the holidays.

Sincerely,
Kathy Baranzky



1st VICE PRESIDENT

Auxiliary Membership

Season's Greetings to all!

Our membership renewals are coming in slowly now as we near the end of 2024. 80% of members are now renewed with about 25 renewals to go. I have tried to reach out to all of you and hope to hear from you soon. The Holidays get busy with family and friends so please send in your dues now. Also, please consider gifting an Auxiliary membership to your sisters, daughters or grandchildren. It's a wonderful way to honor the Veteran in your family. Call me for an application. We've done some great projects this year for Veterans with more planned for 2025. Join us at our January meeting! Thank you!

Renew your membership by phone with a credit card by calling 317-569-4570 or send your renewal slip and check to me.

Carol Stephany

Veterans Day 2024 Poppy Distribution Success

The weekend of November 9th, 10th and 11th was the distribution days that our dedicated volunteers braved the cool and windy weather to gather donations to help our Veterans and their families in need. Businesses continue to support our mission

and allow our volunteers to hand out Poppies in return for generous donations. We are thankful for 2 Speedways, 60th and Layton and 76th and Grange, Festival Foods Hales Corners, Metro Market 76th and Coldspring, and National Bakery in Greendale. Also deserving thanks are the men and women who distribute the Poppies. Kathy B., Ted G., Lyle J., Jerry W., Carol S. Tom T., Greg K. Ed T. and Ken. I am lucky to have friends and neighbors that also support our cause. Along with me, we raised just over \$2,500, which is already accomplishing its' purpose. Watch for us the end of May 2025 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. Contact me for further information.

REMEMBER: ALWAYS THANK A VETERAN

Jackie Tamsett – Poppy Chair

Sock-it-to-me Result

In the month of October, a box in the American Legion entryway was there to collect socks to help keep our at risk Veterans warm as we head in to the cold weather season. We were very happy to have a community partner assist us in this worthy endeavor. In the end, from all sources, we collected 167 pairs of socks. These socks were already delivered to MHVI – Milwaukee Homeless Veterans Initiative who were grateful for the socks, since winter is already breathing down on us.

Thank You to all who contributed socks for our Veterans in need. There's nothing better than to have socks to keep the feet happy! AND to the Franklin Aurora Urgent Care Staff, you made our hearts happy!

****NOTE**** Please see the Franklin Aurora Clinic article.

Jackie Tamsett, Sock Drive Coordinator

**Franklin Aurora Urgent Care
Sock Drive Partner**

"Hello I'm Pamela Wilke.

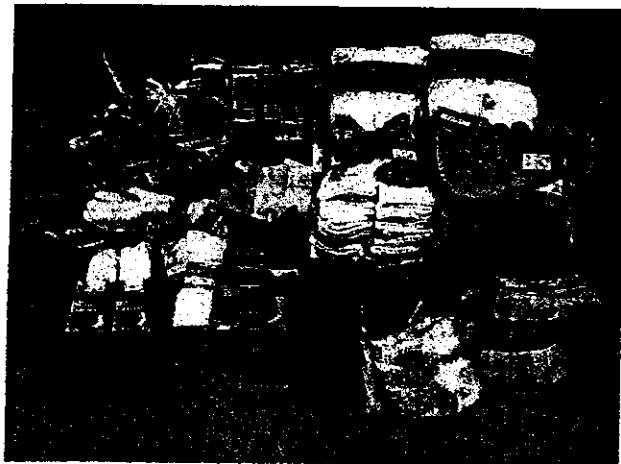
The Greendale American Legion Auxiliary is an organization near and dear to my heart. They are always finding ways to give back to our veteran community. When I heard about the Sock it to Me project to help homeless veterans, I knew that my Advocate Aurora Urgent Care teammates and I could support this project.

My coworkers at the Franklin Aurora Urgent Care were absolutely on board to help with the Sock Drive. The people of our community entrust us with their care, and we are always looking for ways to give back. When I heard about the project to collect socks for our homeless veterans that have given their all to defend our country, we were more than willing to help out. Not only did the Urgent Care staff donate to the project, other departments in our building also helped out such as the pharmacy, lab,

and physical therapy department. Boxes were displayed in our mail hallway and filled up quickly. It was heartwarming to have patients approach our front desk, and when asked how we could help them, their answer was, 'Oh, I only came in to drop off some socks.' Community at its' best!

We look forward to participating in future projects with the American Legion Auxiliary."

Pamela is an Auxiliary member and is dedicated to supporting our Veterans. Many thanks to her and her Urgent Care Clinic for Partnering with us on the Sock-it-to-me sock drive.



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

Deadline December 21st, 2024

2025 MIDWINTER CONFERENCE

January 16-19, 2025

Hilton Paper Valley ~ Appleton, WI

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

*All schedules are subject to change - *Indicates a change to previous versions.*

Saturday, January 18, 2025

7:00 AM-6:00 PM	Legion Office	Oaktag
7:00 AM-3:00 PM	Registration	Convention Lobby
8:00 AM-5:00 PM	Exhibits	Convention Lobby
9:00 AM-2:00 PM	Blood Drive	Salon C
7:30 AM-8:30 AM	Past Department Commander's Breakfast	Salon D
9:00 AM-3:00 PM	Auxiliary Session	Salon A
8:00 AM-10:00 AM	Post Adjutant's Course	Parchment/Crown
8:00 AM-10:00 AM	Generational Leadership	Rosewood/Linden
8:00 AM-10:00 AM	Funeral Honors	Lawrence
8:00 AM-10:00 AM	AL Programs Spotlight and Q&A	Redwood
8:00 AM-10:00 AM	Service Officer Training	Briarwood/Ebony *
8:00 AM-10:00 AM	Marketing Your Post, County or District	Salon B
9:00 AM-10:00 AM	How to start a Squadron	Evergreen *
10:00 AM-12:00 PM	How to Manage a Squadron	Evergreen *
10:00 AM-1:00 PM	Post Commander's Course	Rosewood/Linden
10:15 AM-11:15 AM	Consolidated Post Reporting	Bond
10:15 AM-11:15 AM	Marketing Your Post, County or District	Salon B
10:15 AM-12:15 PM	Funeral Honors	Lawrence
10:15 AM-12:15 PM	Service Officer Training	Briarwood/Ebony *
10:15 AM-12:15 PM	Be The One Training - Columbia Protocol	Pippin *
10:15 AM-11:15 PM	MyLegion.org	Parchment/Crown
12:00 PM-1:00 PM	National Appointment Luncheon	Salon D
12:00 PM-1:00 PM	Chaplain's Luncheon	Clubhouse Kitchen
1:00 PM-3:00 PM	AL Programs Spotlight and Q&A	Redwood
1:00 PM-2:00 PM	MyLegion.org	Parchment/Crown
1:00 PM-3:00 PM	M-1 Garand Training	Lawrence
1:00 PM-3:00 PM	Be The One Training - Columbia Protocol	Pippin *
1:00 PM-3:00 PM	Consolidate Post Reporting	Bond
1:00 PM-3:00 PM	PR & the Local Legion Family	Rosewood/Linden
1:00 PM-3:00 PM	SAL DEC	Evergreen *
3:30 PM-4:30 PM	UW-Madison MIA Recovery & Identification Program	Salon A
5:15 PM-6:00 PM	Catholic Church Services	Parchment/Crown
5:15 PM-6:00 PM	Protestant Church Services	Linden
5:30 PM-11:00 PM	Celebrate Your Heritage Banquet	Salon B

Sunday, January 19, 2025

7:00 AM-6:00 PM	Legion Office	Oaktag
8:00 AM-9:00 AM	Four Chaplain's Service	Salon C
9:00 AM	Department Executive Committee	Linden/Rosewood