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#### POST 416 INFORMATIONAL GUIDE

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#### Post Officers 2023-2024

#### Meetings

Commander Adjutant Assistant Adjutant Finance Officer 1st Vice Commander 2nd Vice Commander 3rd Vice Commander 4th Vice Commander Chaplain (Deacon) Service Officer Judge Advocate

Gary Parker Ed King Ted Gurzynski **Bob Zolandz** Stan Pinkowski 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

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 1st Vice President 2nd Vice President Secretary Treasurer Chaplain Historian Sgt. At Arms Asst. Sgt. At Arms

Kathy Baranzyk Carol Stephany Jackie Tamset Laura Calteux Laura Calteux Carrie Kleppin Laura Calteux Florence Groth Pat Kadlec

Auxiliary 3rd Thursday 7:00 PM

Sal Officers 2023-2024

President Adjutant

Tim Baranzyk **Terry Barrington**  Sal 7:00 PM 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday

05/21/23 ΒZ

## MARCH

2nd	Bingo in Memorial Hall, 6:00pm, Honor Guard
4th	Bingo in Memorial Hall, 9:45am, Honor Guard
	Executive Board Meeting 7:00pm
5th	Vietnam Vets Meeting 6:30pm
9th	Bingo in Memorial Hall, 6:00pm, Post
10th	SAL Meeting 7:00pm
11th	Bingo in Memorial Hall, 9:45am, Honor Guard
13th	Honor Guard Meeting 7:00pm
16th	Bingo in Memorial Hall, 6:00pm, Post
18th	Bingo in Memorial Hall, 9:45am, Honor Guard
19th	4th District Meeting Post
20th	Post & Auxiliary Membership Meeting 7:00pm
23rd	Bingo in Memorial Hall, 6:00pm, Post
24th	VFW Meeting 6:30pm
25th	Bingo in Memorial Hall, 9:45am, Honor Guard
	40/8 Meeting 7:00pm



## **COMMANDERS REPORT**

Hello Post 416

Hard to believe we are coming into March; the time has flown by. The last couple of months a group was called to go thru the weapons and identify some and return them back to Aniston Alabama. As we did this, we found 8 more weapons that were loaned to our post back in 1996 or so. The weapons were in a safe that had not been opened in at least 20 years plus, we returned them as well.

I would like to thank the following people
Bob Z
Tim B (little)
Tim B (big)
Laura C
Bob V
Andy M (District )

And all of the Honor Guard as this was a huge change for them.

Thank you everyone, we are now the standard all American Legion posts across the United States will be using to get in

compliance with the DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE .

In March we will be taking nominations for officers, all positions are open, please look at them and think of what you would like to run for. The past 4 years have been great and interesting and a learning curve, but I loved every minute being your commander. So, with that let's see what happens next.

In March we will be having classes via zoom look at the legion website for more info. Also, March 3rd thru 14th is Americanism and Government testing for anyone in 10th thru 12th grade. This is an online test with an essay there are many scholarships available for this.

In April we have vets to capital day that will be on April 22nd more info to come.

Currently we are working on the Memorial Day program. That will be at Greendale Veteran's Memorial and will happen in the morning, and we will also have the pancake breakfast the same day as well.

There will be more info coming on that.

Also, we will be doing 4th of July in the Village .

Lastly, we are going to have an American Legion Greendale Post 416 Family Day at the post. With this we need a couple people to be on a committee to plan this, feel free to reach out to me.

Have a great month see you at the next meeting

Cheers

Terry Barrington

### 2<sup>nd</sup> VICE COMMANDER

A reminder to mark your calendar for the Officer Elections on the May 15<sup>th</sup> meeting. We will have sub-sandwiches prior to the meeting, starting around 6:30pm. Also, the Officer Installation is scheduled for Saturday June 14<sup>th</sup>. There will be a meal prior to the Installation. Follow your newsletter for further information. Again, follow your Newsletter for any upcoming Village events or other events that Post 416 will take part. If you have any ideas, etc. for future events please feel free to contact me.

**Gary Parker** 

## **3RD VICE COMMANDER**

The Americanism team gave 3 presentations 30 January at St. Matthews school which was after the last newsletter report. Always an enjoyable experience.

The first meeting with students in partnership with St. Alphonsus and Post 416 "Adopt a Vet" program was held 4
February. Post 416 volunteer members are Ted Gurzynski, Doug Phillips, Don Mumford, Rob Hamby, Bob Vanselow, Dan Crass and Ed King. As the initial part of the program, we were interviewed by the selected students who asked thoughtful as well as reflective questions.

The program will be followed up with the volunteers being introduced by the interviewing students to their classmates. The culmination of the 3-part program will be a presentation by the students. Again, the objective is intended to be a service project for the St. Alphonsus students and an opportunity for our Post to share our unique American values and be visibly involved in the community. A special thank you to the volunteers and their willingness to share experiences as well as be a positive representation of our Post.

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

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 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

<u>camp-american</u>legion/ for applications and dates.

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.

Air Force Core Values and values for us all to emulate

Integrity first
Service before self
Excellence in all we do

Ed King



#### **HONOR GUARD**

Post 416 Honor Guard is blessed to have a group that has taken that extra step to say farewell to our vets who have served this country with honor.

We have developed depth which is important to the survival in any organization. When the need was there to take different positions at the military honors you were there. At times it appeared to be quite challenging, but the mission was accomplished.

The latest update regarding the rifle's situation is that we are fully in comply with regulations set by the government. We have the proper number of M1 Garands which we will utilize for all Military events, which includes Farwell to our veterans, Flag dedications, Parades, along with presentations with our Americanism Program as requested.

Our Regular Honor Guard meeting is scheduled for Thursday 3/13/25 7:00pm.

Thank you for all your cooperation, proud to serve as your Captain.

P.S. This year is the 250<sup>th</sup> year of the Marine Corps. (Happy Birthday fellow marines)

**Bob Zolandz** 



Our next Executive Board Meeting will be March 20th at 6:30pm. Membership Meeting is March 20th at 7pm.

Sincerely,

Kathy Baranzyk

#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings,

Just a reminder to turn in your volunteer hours to me at our next meeting. You can use Jackie's report in last month's newsletter as a guide. Thank you, Jackie, for your detailed report of what we did this past year.

At February's meeting we discussed our plans for our Easter project. We will be making 25 gift bags at our next meeting in March for prizes at the Heritage Square Health Care Center Bingo. We will be signing 80 Easter cards for the residents there. Jackie will bring cookies and tissue paper, Deb will be bringing cards, bags and chips, Jen will bring puzzle books, Laura candy, Carol applesauce for our gift bags. Bingo will be April 18th at 1:30pm.

I want to welcome our newest member Jen Marsh, looking forward to working with you.



#### 1st VICE PRESIDENT

**Auxiliary Membership** 

We have now reached a total of 100 members, which is over 90% of our goal of 107. Thank you to those who have renewed and to all those who made an effort to recruit our 6 new members in the last 3 months. It's great to have new members interested in our Unit. We welcome Joanna, (a veteran) and Jennifer this past month.

As of January 31st, all member's dues should be paid. If you are not paid you are not a member until your 2025 dues are processed through Department or National. Unpaid members are encouraged to pay their dues via credit / debit card to the National call line 317-569-4570 Mon. - Fri. You may also send your payment to me for processing. If you need my address, please call me. 414-321-3714.

As always, we encourage attendance at our meetings and participation in our projects. We have an Easter basket project as well as our Spaghetti dinner and raffle fundraiser this Spring. Come join us if you are able. Thank you!

Carol Stephany

#### **COMMANDER**

It's up to all of you to keep a vigilant eye and presence on events unfolding around us. Bring out your best on behalf of veterans who continue to shoulder the circumstances to protect our Constitution, etc. We may be few in number, but it's the QUALITY THAT COUNTS!

KEEP IT UP!

Thank you, Tim Baranzyk





# GREENDALE VETERANS MEMORIAL

We continue to look for input of veteran stories into our Memorial Kiosk. Please consider adding some info to your loved one who you honored by purchasing a brick or paver. Help them tell their story.

Memorial Day will only showcase a tribute at the Memorial site. Based on numerous variables in today's world, let's honor the Men and Women, plus their families who gave some, and others gave all. The ceremony will start around 10am with the Pancake Breakfast at the post.

Thank You,

Tim Baranzyk, President, Greendale Memorial Committee.

## GREENDALE VETERANS MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

Spring isn't too far away and we at the Greendale Veteran's Memorial Committee are excited to see it coming. The new brick area will be started and the placement of the two new entrance stones for the Memorial will be planned and laid out. We received one new story for the kiosk, and we encourage all of you to add to that number. The stories are always well received, and we look forward to reading more.

A new or repaired flag is also in the works at the Memorial. The next committee meeting will be on Monday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 pm at the Post. All are welcomed.

Memorial Trivia: Less than 5 percent of the green area went to putting in the Memorial.

### HOMELESS, LITTLE FOOD

I represent the Legion Department involving homelessness, as a Task Force Chairman.

I want to thank all of you for silently helping many out, without mentioning your name. Please continue to operate in the silent majority. IT WORKS!

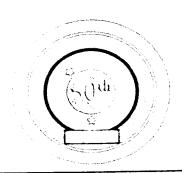
Many have thanked me on your behalf for remembering them!

Tim Baranzyk Homeless Task Force Chairman Department of Wisconsin

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

Deadline March 23rd, 2025

In honor of all who served, there will be a special showing of "Welcome Home", an Emmy Nominated Broadcast Production of a live concert performed in May 2023. This concert and multimedia show was filmed in recognition of veterans of the Vietnam War Era and the families who supported them.



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