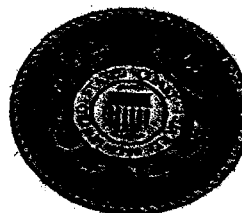
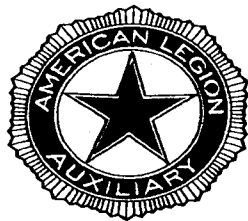


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POST 416 INFORMATIONAL GUIDE

Post Officers 2020-2021

COMMANDER

Adjutant
Asst. Adjutant
Finance Officer
1st Vice Commander
2nd Vice Commander
3rd Vice Commander
4th Vice Commander
Chaplain (Deacon)
Service Officer
Judge Advocate
Sgt. At Arms
Sgt. At Arms
Historian
Firing Sqd. Capt.
1st Lt. Firing Sqd.
2nd Lt. Firing Sqd.

Tim Baranzyk
Tim Bellis
Dave Pier
Leo Taylor
Terry Barrington
Darrell Klotz
Doug Phillips
Tim Bellis
Ted Gurzynski
Bob Zolandz
Stan Pinkowski
Dan Baker
Jerry White
Teresa Buffington
Bob Zolandz
Bob Vanselow
Ed King

MEETINGS

Exe. Board
1st Tuesday

7:00 PM

Firing Squad
2nd Thursday
Jan, Mar, May,
June Sept. Nov.
7:00 Post

General Post Mrg,
3rd Thur. 7:00

AUXILIARY OFFICERS 2020-2021

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

Laura Calteux
Carol Stephany

Kathy Zagar
Andrea Diamond

Florence Groth
Alexa Fryjoff

Auxiliary
3rd Thursday
7:00 PM

SAL Officers 2019-2020

Commander
Adjutant

Dave Bauer
Jerry Meyers

SAL
2nd Thursday
7:00 PM

BZ 10/12/20

APRIL

- 1st Badger Detachment Meeting 7:30pm
- 3rd Blood Drive 9am-1pm
- 4th HAPPY EASTER, NO BINGO
- 6th Bingo in Memorial Hall. 9:45am, Firing Squad
Post Executive Board Meeting 7pm
- 7th Vietnam Vets Meeting 6:30pm
- 8th SAL Meeting 7:00pm
- 11th Bingo in Memorial Hall, 6:00pm, 40/8
- 13th Bingo in Memorial Hall, 9:45am, Firing Squad
- 15th Post & Auxiliary Membership Meeting 7:00pm
- 18th Bingo in Memorial Hall, 6:00pm, Post
- 20th Bingo in Memorial Hall, 9:45am, Firing Squad
- 21st 4th District Meeting 7:00pm, Post 434, Oak Creek
- 25th Bingo in Memorial Hall, 6:00pm, Post
- 26th VFW Meeting 6:30pm
- 27th Bingo in Memorial Hall, 9:45am, Firing Squad
40/8 Meeting 7:00pm

MAY

- 2nd Bingo in Memorial Hall, 6:00pm, Firing Squad
- 4th Bingo in Memorial Hall, 9:45am, Firing Squad
Post Executive Board 7:00pm
- 5th Vietnam Vets Chapter Meeting 6:30pm
- 6th Badger Detachment Meeting 7:00pm
- 9th MOTHER'S DAY – NO BINGO
- 11th Bingo in Memorial Hall, 9:45am, Firing Squad
- 13th Firing Squad Meeting 7:00pm
SAL Meeting 7:00pm
- 16th Bingo in Memorial Hall, 6:00pm, Post
- 18th Bingo in Memorial Hall, 9:45am, Firing Squad
- 19th 4th District Meeting 7:00pm, Post 537 H.A. Todd 91st & Beloit Rd
- 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, Firing Squad
40/8 Meeting 7:00pm
- 30th Bingo in Memorial Hall, 6:00pm, Post



COMMANDERS REPORT

As we move into the summer and part of 2021, we wonder, "What next? ". Let's get a recap of everything.

Post Activities: bingo still continues on Tuesday am and Sunday pm, at the usual times, about 9:15am on Tues, and 5pm on Sunday. We need some help on Sunday, to assist others, and give some a break. Please consider joining with us.

Officer Nominations: April starts the process of who you want to run the post and oversee activities. We're in the process of re-writing the by-laws. We need your input. Many aspects of officer responsibilities have changed. We're getting bigger, and we need assistance. So consider joining in with your input.

Memorial Day: a short prayer service is being planned at the Greendale Memorial, remembrance of names we lost this past year, some prayers, 3 volleys, and taps. We will meet down at the site. There will be no parade, no pancake feed, bring your masks, keep your social distance, then we depart.

Greendale Vet Memorial: the Village controls the site for brick placement. We're waiting on word when more bricks will be placed. We have forms at the post, online, and various places around the village if you want to purchase bricks, etc.

Mid- winter: January has been rolled back to May, up at Ho- Chunk. The post will pay for registration, and rooms for those who attend. Many legion programs have been postponed not canceled. Costs for some have gone up.

Camp American Legion: Scheduled to open, but at a reduced level. All legion programs are in a wait and see mode.

Membership: If you haven't renewed, please do so. We need your continued support. Some Bills of importance are in the Governor's budget. This includes assistance in Outreach for the Guard and Reservists. Other items include Presumptive Conditions concerning Agent Orange. This is important, as it has helped some of our members get medical treatment.

Suicide Hotline: It will become operational very soon, with a 988 number. You'll need to use area codes very soon on your phones with the phone number.

Correspondence: Some of you have not responded to the kiosk for your biography. That's your choice, your history, your legacy. We received a large return on our request. Thank You!

Assistance: Many of us may have received stimulus checks for help. Use it wisely, because as you know, nothing is ever free. Take care of your bills, and watch where you put your money. You need some common sense here!

Safety and Well Being: Continue to follow safety precautions as you deem it necessary. Get out and walk, do some form of exercise, but do something! Just don't sit

home and watch TV. We've lost some familiar faces due to health conditions. We offer condolences to all of the families for their loss.

The VA: Shots have been given out. Get yours if you haven't already. Your choice! Continue to stay within post contact as benefits change for some.

Soldiers Home: Some vets are now in the remodeled quarters behind the hospital located in Old Main. Contact the hospital for info on criteria.

Poppies: The Brewers will not at this time, allow this event as in the past, so community stores maybe our only route. This may change later on in the summer. Stay tuned!

POW/MIA: The Governor's budget calls for allocating about \$450,000 to continue the program for the UW- Madison in locating remains.

Market Days- Downtown Greendale: Looking for volunteers to assist us for membership. Usually done on Saturday for a few hours, starting.

Funeral Honors: Reminder to contact the Funeral Home for this. We do not call! You need to get the ball rolling!

Tim Baranzyk



1st VICE COMMANDER

Hello all

As of our last meeting we have 491 out of 658 that have made their investment into our post and that is 74.6%. We are doing great. If you know anyone that is having difficulties with making their investment, please let me or any one of the officers know and we will work to find out a way to take care of our fellow legionaries.

A lot of people don't know exactly what each Vice Commander does. So I would like to share what 1st Vice does and is challenged to do. The following is from the American Legion Officer Manual.

First vice commander

In most posts, a first and second vice commander are elected, with membership and retention being the primary concern of the first vice commander. While each post is different, a membership campaign should cover certain fundamentals. Look at the methods used in the past. Develop new procedures to improve the methods being used. In a successful post, a new commander is going to contact the post officers and committee chairs immediately after election to schedule a meeting where they can lay out a general plan of operation

for the entire year. This is when the membership plan should also be decided. It is recommended that a vice commander execute a plan to conduct a Buddy Check twice a year at a minimum.

The four W's of planning

- WHO – Who's going to execute each step necessary to reach the goal?
- WHERE – Where do you want to go? What's the objective?
- WHAT – What steps are required to reach the objective?
- WHEN – When is the work going to be done?

The commander and post best know the membership potential in their community. The steps to get there are similar for every post. Answer the following questions for the post and community to outline your job and know how to reach goals:

- Mailed dues notices will bring in about 80 percent of current member renewals. Who is going to contact the remaining 20 percent who do not respond?
- How is the post going to contact and recruit prospective members? Who's going to contact them? How will new recruits be assimilated into the post?
- Who can be counted on to work at membership and how will they be organized?
- What awards or special recognition will be given?

- What special events can be tied in with membership, such as Veterans Day, team competition, contests with other posts, The American Legion's birthday, etc.?

Other duties

Membership may be the primary assignment of a first vice commander, but during a normal year, this person will have many other duties. The vice commander should be familiar with the ceremonial protocol for regular meetings, and will likely be called upon to conduct one or more meetings during the year due.

I hope this gives you insight into what 1st Vice does.

Respectfully,

Terry Barrington

Adjutant

Good news!! It's that time for nomination of officers. Yes, you could be sitting at the front table and talking about an office that you could hold. I know that there will be at least one position open. We need new ideas, someone, to think outside of the box. This is your Post why not get involved and speak up?

Now to Bingo, we still need HELP. We had two show up last month to help, it's a start. From selling papers, to calling back numbers, it's not that hard. WE only ask that you could give three (3) hours a month

for your post. We have openings on Sunday and Tuesday mornings. Free Coffee.

It's time for the different committees to hand in their CPR. Well, you say that's not me, but you're wrong. Did you volunteer your time for others? What about church, shopping for a Vet, taking someone for a doctor's appt. Did you help a vet in taking care of their home? All the hours that you gave in helping others can add up. This reflects on you and your post that we care about our community. Just think about it, and add up the hours that you volunteer and let us know.

Tim Bellis

3RD Vice Commander

I will continue with the short military biographies of the members of the Americanism Committee.

In February 1943, Bill Pekrul enlisted in the U. S. Army. His story is totally amazing, and a person could write a book about Bill. He began with his boot camp at Ft. Benning, Georgia and was then assigned to the Infantry. From Ft. Benning he traveled to New York, New York, where he boarded the Queen Mary (certainly not a pleasure cruise) and sailed to Scotland. Bill was assigned to the 29th Infantry Division, 116 Regiment and trained in England. The training took 3 months, and on June 3, 1944, he boarded the USS Thomas Jefferson for transfer to France for the invasion of

Europe. Early morning on June 6, 1944, D Day, Bill went over the side of the Jefferson and down the rope ladder into a Higgins landing boat. They were approximately 2 miles off shore. He was part of the second wave of troops that landed on Dog Red Beach, which was part of the Omaha Beach landing. Fighting was intense (see the beginning of the movie, Saving Private Ryan). He survived 42 days of combat. He continued his time in the Army in combat situations including such battles as Market Garden, Holland, Bastogne, Belgium and all the way up into Germany, where his unit crossed the Rhine River. After the victory over Germany, Bill remained in Dortmund, Germany as part of the occupational forces for approximately 3 months. Bill was sent back to the United States and traveled to Fort McCoy, Wisconsin where he was discharged in May, 1946. When speaking to groups, especially school children, he is always well received as he truly is living history.

The U. S. Army drafted our own Tim Bellis in September, 1965. He received free travel to Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri for his boot camp training. After his boot camp, Tim was sent to Ft. Ord, California for Infantry training. Upon completion, he was sent to Ft. Lewis, Washington. He had orders to go to Germany, but came down with pneumonia and could not make the trip. As he recuperated, his orders changed, and he was sent to Vietnam, serving in the Military Police unit in Nantrang, Vietnam. The duties were basically port security. In 1967 he was discharged from the service, but Tim

wasn't done with the Army. In 1969 he joined the Army Reserves. He received Non-Commissioned Officer training and later became a certified tank instructor. During this time, he worked his way up to be a Senior Drill Instructor and was in charge of approximately 250 soldiers. Many of the soldiers he trained went on to serve in Iraq and Afghanistan. Tim was discharged in the year 2007 and served a total of 27 years in the Army.

In next month's newsletter, I will continue with the last of the interviews. I always state that everyone has an interesting story. Please share it with your children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, etc. If you can, please share your story for the Greendale Memorial Kiosk. Forms are available in the Post lobby or just contact the Post and someone will gladly mail you the form. I thank Bill and Tim for sharing their military information with us.

Doug Phillips

4TH VICE COMMANDER

It's Scholarship time for our students. Again all forms must be returned by June 1 of this year 2021. One must have a letter of intent to the school one wishes to attend this fall.

Tim Bellis

CHAPLAIN

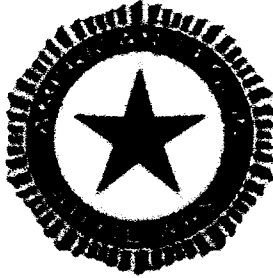
You are the only one in charge of your destiny. Unfair things may happen to you. Unfortunate times may come to you, but YOU always get to choose how you respond. You can hide in frustration and bitterness, or you can be the bigger person and just play the hell out of the cards you are dealt!! The truth is—that not a single person can choose the cards they receive—but everyone chooses HOW they play their cards.....by Nikki Banas———have good days all.

Deacon Ted

BLOOD DRIVE APRIL 3RD

We will be hosting a Blood Drive at the Post from 9 – 1 pm. Watch for a sign-up sheet at our next meeting. There is a waiting period between making blood donations of 56 days, so if you have donated recently, please confirm that you are able to donate. If you have received a Covid-19 vaccine, you must wait 2 full days to donate blood or platelets. This two day period must be adhered to after each dose of the Covid vaccine.

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY UNIT 416 NEWS



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Spring!

We draped the Charter for members we have lost this last year, Past Unit President, Helen Stark, Past Poppy Treasurer, Betty Unger and member, Karen Jorgenson.

If you have not paid your membership dues, you are delinquent and we want you back. Please take the time to either call the National organization (314-569-4570), go online (www.alaforveterans.org), or send your dues to the unit at 6351 W. Grange Ave., Greendale, WI 53129, attn.: Carol Stephany. We are close to being 100% on our membership, so get your dues in and continue to honor and advocate for your veteran and all veterans.

Our 4th District Spring Conference is on May 15th at Unit 434 in Oak Creek. It will start at 10 am, so please let me know if you would

like to attend. We will require that you wear a mask and continue to social distance.

We have had a couple of meetings so far, but not too many members attending. We are all wearing our masks and staying socially distant, so please join us at our April meeting on April 15th at 7pm.

Laura Calteux

MISSION DELIVERY

Our project for homeless veterans for the Milwaukee Homeless Veterans Initiative during the months of March and April has begun. We need your donations to help us make this project a success. You can make your checks payable to: ALA Greendale Unit 416 and send it to:

American Legion Auxiliary
Greendale Unit 416
6351 W. Grange Avenue
Greendale, WI 53129

If you have any questions, please call Laura at 414-379-2943.

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

lauracalteux@yahoo.com

Deadline April 21st

GREENDALE VETERANS MEMORIAL
APPLICATION FOR KIOSK SUBMITTAL

Name of person submitting this form: _____

Address, Phone, Email of person submitting this form:

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Name of Person for the kiosk: _____

Branch of the Service(s): _____

Dates Served: _____

Rank/rating: _____

War(s)/Conflicts/Battles (If applicable): _____

Tell story about him/her (150 to 200 word limit please-attach additional sheet if necessary)

Is picture of veteran/service person included? Circle: Yes or No

(Pictures cannot be returned – DO NOT SEND/GIVE original photos)

What is the Greendale Connection? (Example: I graduated from Greendale High School in 1992.)

Please submit to: Gr. Vets. Mem. Comm. – c/o Am. Legion Post 416 – 6351 W. Grange Ave. –
Greendale, WI – 53129

DECISIONS OF VETERANS COMMITTEE FINAL FOR ENTRY INTO KIOSK.

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