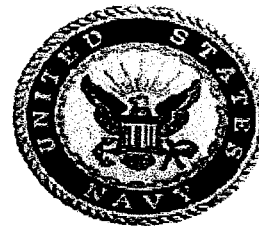
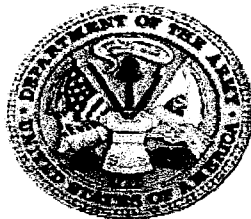


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## POST 416 INFORMATIONAL GUIDE

### Post Officers 2019-2020

#### COMMANDER

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

Tim Baranzyk  
Dave Pier  
Leo Taylor  
Terry Barrington  
Lyle Jackson  
Rick Barrington  
Tim Bellis  
Leon Zalewski  
Bob Zolandz  
Stan Pinkowski  
Dan Baker  
Jerry White  
Tim Baranzyk  
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 2019-2020

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

DECEMBER

- 1<sup>st</sup> Bingo in Memorial Hall. 6:00pm, Firing Squad
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Bingo in Memorial Hall, 9:45am, Firing Squad  
Executive Board Meeting 7:00pm
- 4<sup>th</sup> Vietnam Vet Meeting 6:30pm
- 5<sup>th</sup> Badger Detachment MCL, Meeting 7:00pm
- 7<sup>th</sup> VFW Xmas Dinner
- 8<sup>th</sup> Bingo in Memorial Hall, 6:00pm, 40/8
- 9<sup>th</sup> Veterans Memorial Committee Meeting 6:30pm
- 10<sup>th</sup> Bingo in Memorial Hall, 9:45am, Firing Squad
- 12<sup>th</sup> SAL Meeting 7:00pm
- 14<sup>th</sup> Post 416 Xmas Dinner
- 15<sup>th</sup> Bingo in Memorial Hall, 6:00pm, Post
- 17<sup>th</sup> Bingo in Memorial Hall, 9:45am, Firing Squad
- 18<sup>th</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> District Meeting, Post 434, Oak Creek, 7:00pm
- 19<sup>th</sup> Post Only Membership Meeting 7:00pm
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Bingo in Memorial Hall, 6:00pm, Post
- 24<sup>th</sup> Bingo in Memorial Hall, 9:45am, Firing Squad  
40/8 Meeting 7:00pm
- 29<sup>th</sup> Bingo in Memorial Hall, 6:00pm, Post
- 31<sup>st</sup> Bingo in Memorial Hall, 4:30pm, Firing Squad

## JANUARY 2020

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Badger Detachment Meeting 7:00pm
- 4<sup>th</sup> Oratorical Contest 10:00am
- 5<sup>th</sup> Bingo in Memorial Hall, 6:00pm, Firing Squad
- 7<sup>th</sup> Bingo in Memorial Hall, 9:45am, Firing Squad
- 8<sup>th</sup> Vietnam Vets Meeting 6:30pm
- 9<sup>th</sup> Firing Squad Meeting 7:00pm  
SAL Meeting 7:00pm
- 11<sup>th</sup> District Oratorical Contest 11:00am, Post 434, Oak Creek
- 12<sup>th</sup> Bingo in Memorial Hall, 6:00pm, Post
- 14<sup>th</sup> Bingo in Memorial Hall, 9:45am, Firing Squad
- 15<sup>th</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> District Meeting,
- 16<sup>th</sup> Post & Auxiliary Membership Meeting 7:00pm
- 19<sup>th</sup> Bingo in Memorial Hall, 6:00pm, Post
- 21<sup>st</sup> Bingo in Memorial Hall, 9:45am, Firing Squad
- 26<sup>th</sup> Bingo in Memorial Hall, 6:00pm, Post
- 27<sup>th</sup> VFW Meeting 6:30pm
- 28<sup>th</sup> Bingo in Memorial Hall, 9:45am, Firing Squad  
40/8 Meeting 7:00pm



## Commander's Corner

With Thanksgiving behind us, we still must maintain some level of consciousness in helping vets who still need some sort of assistance. If you hear of someone, let us know. We're here to help. For the past several weeks, we've been busy collecting items of all sorts for veterans who need them. Along with these furniture items comes clothes. Some of the agencies who collected clothes before, now want money, or brand new items. Some outreach non-profits have reached a full capacity where they can't take anymore items at the moment. Call me if you have questions. My number is: 414-628-7081. You can call or text me. If you email me, I should get it pretty quick. My email is: [tbaranzky@wi.rr.com](mailto:tbaranzky@wi.rr.com). Please verify that I received your email. Don't assume I got it.

Coming up in Mid-January is Mid-Winter. Now is the time to get your questions set up, and look at some of the classes being offered. There should be some classes on suicide if you need some tips. Other classes include the Legion College, Funeral Honors, plus many more. A schedule is on the table

in the east entrance. Get someone to go with you. You still must sign up for the registration. This is the time to get your questions brought up, whether it's Camp American Legion, etc.

As you know, December 7<sup>th</sup> is slowly creeping up. A Memorial service will be conducted down at The Milwaukee War Memorial at 2pm, hosted by Amvets. Next comes the Legion Post 416 Christmas Party. This is the second Saturday of December, the 14<sup>th</sup>. I'm not going to mention other events as some of these flyers are at the Post on the tables.

We completed a session with a National Vice Commander in calling up vets for what you would call a Buddy Check. This was done to see how some of you are doing. The response was OK. I guess many Americans are getting sick of robot calls, so if you call, you'd better leave a message. This applies to me also. No message, no call back, unless I know your number.

Our membership renewals continue to come in at a steady clip. I'm asking several of you to get them in before the end of December, because right now you're behind. The Post has helped many of you in different areas, so maybe it's about time to reciprocate. Our monthly meetings are on the Third Thursday of the month, at 7pm. Our Executive Board meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month at 7pm. If you have any questions call me. I'd like to welcome many new faces to our Post, and I hope we can live up to your

expectations. Remember, we're trying to get these vets off the sidelines and into our Post, for their well-being in veteran affairs. The cost is only \$40 per year unless you want a lifetime membership.

A few of our officers have been sick, and we need some more vets to step up, and help us. We can always use help with Sunday night bingo. Come on in, and check it out for yourself. Bingo is also offered on Tuesday am. Remember, this bingo helps pay for rooms at the State Convention, plus other items. So, most of this, if not more, doesn't come out of your pocket.

Our Greendale Veterans Memorial is up and running. We're still getting the kinks out. I believe the next bunch of bricks to be placed will be in the spring when the weather is better. If you have a question, if you can't find your brick yet, you can call Sally Chadwick, one of the Trustees of the Village. Contact the Village for her number. We still continue to take orders for bricks and pavers, don't wait until Spring. Forms are online, at the Post, Welcome Center, the Memorial itself, and the Greendale Library.

We continue to OutReach Vets and various sections of the communities around us. At our membership meeting, it was brought up about two students who committed suicide at Greenfield High School. We have yellow ribbons outside of the Post trying to bring awareness of this concept to all of you. This affects everyone. We're also reviewing the idea of CPR, 1<sup>st</sup> Aid, and

other classes in case some of us need to use it. We have an AED Unit in the Post, and am planning on several to learn how to use it.

Aside from Mid-Winter, we're examining areas for vets to get engaged in with the spinal cord unit at the Zablocki VA. They may need some support, plus some of you may want to try it out. More to come on the various sports. Get your bowling and golf exercises going, it's about that time.

On January 1<sup>st</sup>, a new Director of the Milwaukee War Memorial will take over. His name is Dan Buttery, spokesperson for the Fisher House several years ago. Many of you know Dan. Dave Drent, the out-going Director will have his going away party on December 12<sup>th</sup>.

I'd like to see if any of you are interested in CB Radio, fishing, and other sports to get a feeling of some things that may peek your interest.

Before I end this article, please try and renew your membership, and get it out of the way. Continue to recruit, renew some of our past members to get them back with us. If you want change, you need to be involved.

On behalf of the Post and its Officers, we'd like to wish everyone, Happy Holidays to all. Make it safe and rewarding.

Tim Baranzyk

## 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander

Hello fellow legionnaires!

Hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving. As we move into December, I am looking at our membership investment and as of Nov 26th we have 445 out of 646 members invested into this current year. We are only 201 away from being fully invested into this year's goal.

At last general meeting, I put a request for help with the membership investment Committee. I am happy to report we have had six members step up and are helping us to achieve 100% investment. With that will be some challenges, we may have some legionnaires and their families on hard times. Please think of a pick me up to make their Christmas a little brighter by making an Anonymous investment to their 2020 membership. If you come across a fellow legionnaire on hard times feel free to reach out to Commander Tim or our Service Officer or myself. We will do whatever we can within our range of programs to help. We will not leave a Family member behind.

Also Remember:

THE LEGION ACT: signed into law by President Trump recognizes those who served and either died or were wounded in previous undeclared periods of war. It also allows those veterans who served during those times to be able to join the American Legion. Congress has reduced the number of eligibility periods

from 7 to 2. Those periods are from April 6, 1917 to Nov 11, 1918 AND Dec 7, 1941 TO CURRENT. Eligible veterans may invest into our post by talking to any of our post members since we should have a couple membership investment forms in our wallet. Any questions feel free to reach out to me.

And in closing here is a great quote

**“The strength of the team is each individual member. The strength of each member is the team” -- Phil Jackson**

Terry Barrington

## Firing Squad Captain

The Month of November is one of the busiest months of the year for our Firing Squad. The Visitation and participation on Veteran's Day at the Zablocki Center, the Presentation of Colors by Our Commander Tim Baranzyk, Jim Cook and Ed King, our Firing Squad did an excellent Job when firing.

We presented colors at the Greendale Library when the quilts were presented to our deserving Vets. Al Behling, Hugh Evens, Richard Barrington and Don Almquist were so honored.

On Saturday Nov. 16<sup>th</sup> we participated Veterans Day of Honor, which entailed a logistics challenge.

From the Post to Potawatomi Center, board the bus to the War Memorial Center, the Firing squad did the firing when the wreaths were presented. Parade over the bridge, board the busses going down Wisconsin Ave. to the Potawatomi for lunch and to honor Bill Pekrul, WWII Vet. Find our cars and return to the Post. We had no injuries considering the activity and we did not lose any rifles. (Great Job Guys)

We also participated in Military Honors throughout the month. We are an active Firing Squad.

A Thank you and have a Merry Christmas and a Healthy New Year.

Proud to serve as your Firing Squad Captain.

Bob Zolandz

#### **4<sup>th</sup> Vice Commander**

Hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving and now on to Christmas.

January 4<sup>th</sup>, Post 416 will be hosting the Oratorical here at 10am, with the District contest on January 11<sup>th</sup>. We possibly have two students for the Oratorical, both from Franklin High School. The Regional and State Finals will be at Ripon College on February 8, 2020.

The Americanism and Government Scholarship Test will be from March 9-20 2020. This is a timed test and is available to all students that

have access to the internet. They're tested on their knowledge of the U.S. Government, Wisconsin Government, County Government, the Constitution and flag etiquette. The students are also required to answer an essay question to qualify.

Badgers Boys State will run from June 13-June 20, 2020.

Wisconsin American Legion Law Enforcement Academy is June 22-June 26, 2020.

That's it for now. I WISH EVERYONE A MERRY CHRISTMAS.

Tim Bellis





## President's Corner

Winter has arrived!

The weather leaves a lot to be desired these days, but our members are not letting that stop them from carrying out our mission. We finished signing the cards and making the Ball jars for Christmas. They will be taken to Zablocki VA and given to our veterans to light up their holidays.

We do not meet in December, so our next meeting will be January 16<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. Don't know what our project will be for that meeting, so I guess you will have to come to find out!

Our history is varied and vast. Working with our Legion Family has always been a part of our Post family. There have been quite a few of our members that belonged to the Firing Squad Honor Guard. Working with our Legionnaires to honor our veterans and march in the parades, is a very worthwhile endeavor. If you are interested in joining, let me know and I can hook you up. Our biggest adventure every year, is of course, our Corn Roast booth. I don't even know when that started, but we have been doing it as long as I can

remember and that is over 30 years. Thanks to everyone that has helped and will continue to help in the coming years.

We had a new member join us at our meeting, Kathy R. Her husband is a member of our Post and we are so glad to have you honor his service with your membership in our Unit.

On that note, if you have not renewed your membership for 2020, please make sure that you get that taken care of as soon as possible. We make it easy to do, by phone, internet, in person, or my mail.

Don't forget to join us at our Christmas party on December 14<sup>th</sup>. Get your reservation in as soon as possible, we need to get a head count to the caterer.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all our Legion Family!

Laura Calteux

## Membership

As we wind down our 2019 year of membership, I would like to remind any un-renewed member to please join us again for 2020. Membership is a great way to honor the veteran in your life. We currently stand at 89.38% renewed and need just 11 members to reach 100%. The National membership office will be sending out final renewal notices on January 16, 2020 to those of you who are unpaid by November 27<sup>th</sup>. I have reached out by phone or email to most

of the outstanding renewals and will continue our efforts into the New Year. You can call National directly to renew with a credit card at (317)569-4500 or call me at 414-321-3714 for more information. We have some exciting new ideas in the works to benefit our veterans in 2020. We could use more participation from members, so please plan on attending a meeting in early 2020 to hear all about it. Lastly, I'd like to welcome new members Matty A. and Kathy R. Both have already expressed an interest in donating desserts for Sunday night bingo. That's a great start and much appreciated!

Wishing everyone a Blessed and Happy Holiday.

Carol Stephany

### **Auxiliary Minutes 11/21/19**

Meeting was called to order by President Laura, opening ceremonies proceeded without interruption.

Roll call was taken and we did not have a quorum.

We did have a potential new member with us, Kathy, and we welcomed her to our Unit meeting. She did join us at the end of the evening, so welcome and we are glad you joined us!!!

There was no other items that we were able to act upon.

We adjourned and finished the project that we had started for Zablocki.

Laura Calteux

**Newsletter articles are due to  
Laura Calteux by December  
23rd. Please send via email to:  
lauracalteux@yahoo.com**