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# POST 416 INFORMATIONAL GUIDE

# Post Officers 2021-2022

#### **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 Thur. 7:00 PM

# **AUXILIARY OFFICE 2021-2022**

1st Vice President
2nd Vice President
Secretary
Treasurer
Chaplain
Historian
Sgt. At Arms
Asst.Sgt.At Arms
Laura Calteux
Carol Stephany
Florence Groth
Alexa Fryjoff

Auxiliary 3rd Thursday 7:00 PM

# **SAL Officers 2021-2022**

Commander Adjutant

President

Dave Bauer Jerry Meyers

SAL 2nd Thursday 7:00 PM

BZ 9/10/2021

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# **DECEMBER**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Vietnam Veterans Meeting 6:30pm
4 <sup>th</sup>	Post Christmas Dinner 5pm Social, 6pm Dinne
5 <sup>th</sup>	Bingo in Memorial Hall, 6:00pm, Honor Guard
7 <sup>th</sup>	Bingo in Memorial Hall, 9:45am, Honor Guard
	Executive Board Meeting 7:00pm
9 <sup>th</sup>	Fish Fry Members Only 5pm – 8pm
12 <sup>th</sup>	Bingo In Memorial Hall, 6:00pm, 40/8
14 <sup>th</sup>	Bingo in Memorial Hall, 9:45am, Honor Guard
15 <sup>th</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup> District Meeting Post 434, Oak Creek
16 <sup>th</sup>	Post 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, Honor Guard
25 <sup>th</sup>	MERRY CHRISTMAS
26 <sup>th</sup>	Bingo in Memorial Hall, 6:00pm, Post
28 <sup>th</sup>	Bingo in Memorial Hall, 9:45am, Honor Guard
31 <sup>st</sup>	NYE Bingo in Memorial Hall. 6:00pm

# JANUARY 2022

2 <sup>na</sup>	Bingo in Memorial Hall, 6:00pm, Honor Guard
4 <sup>th</sup>	Bingo in Memorial Hall, 9:45am, Honor Guard
	Post Executive Board Meeting 7:00pm
5 <sup>th</sup>	Vietnam Vets Chapter 1 Meeting 6:30pm
9 <sup>th</sup>	Bingo in Memorial Hall, 6:00pm, Post
11 <sup>th</sup>	Bingo in Memorial Hall, 9:45am, Honor Guard
13 <sup>th</sup>	Honor Guard Meeting 7:00pm
	SAL Meeting 7:00pm
16 <sup>th</sup>	Bingo in Memorial Hall, 6:00pm, Post
18 <sup>th</sup>	Bingo in Memorial Hall, 9:45am, Honor Guard
19 <sup>th</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup> District Meeting 7:00pm Host Post 299 @ Post416
20 <sup>th</sup>	Post & Auxiliary Membership Meeting 7:00pm
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Bingo in Memorial Hall, 6:00pm, Post
24 <sup>th</sup>	VFW Meeting 6:30pm\
25 <sup>th</sup>	Bingo in Memorial Hall, 9:45am, Honor Guard
30 <sup>th</sup>	Bingo in Memorial Hall, 6:00pm, Post



# **COMMANDERS REPORT**

Season's Greetings post 416

I would like to thank all that made the last meeting. We had a 2nd reading of the bylaws and edits were made from the general membership. We will be making changes to the bylaws for next membership meeting. With that being said, we have MIDWINTER coming up, it's in Wisconsin Dells at the Ho Chunk casino. With this, there is also Basic Training.

#### **BASIC TRAINING**

In 2017, The American Legion introduced an updated, online, self-paced course outlining American Legion history, values and programs. Previously known as The American Legion Extension Institute (ALEI), the course is now called BASIC TRAINING and is the first of many self-paced online courses to be offered under the training banner at legion.org/basictraining. The course is intended to educate and empower American Legion, Auxiliary and Sons of The American Legion members.

The 90-minute course has six modules: History and Organization, Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation, National Security, Americanism, and Children & Youth, plus a course wrap-up and comprehensive final exam. BASIC TRAINING centers on The American Legion's four pillars, which offer a variety of programs that benefit veterans, servicemembers, their families, America's youth and citizens.

To take the course, go to legion.org/basictraining.

The cost is free for American Legion and Sons of The American Legion members. I highly encourage everyone to take this.

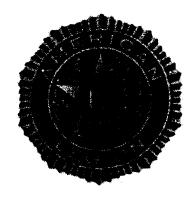
We also have Department of WISCONSIN Legion College. It takes about 20 hrs. and is 3 levels of training. I took the course and it was very good. And you get the WISCONSIN pin and keys for each level.

We have many functions we are planning. We will be giving more info when we have all T's crossed and I's dotted.

On a final note, from my Family to all Greendale 416 Family:

We wish you a Merry Christmas and a great New Year

**Terry Barrington** 



# 1st VICE COMMANDER

The results are in. My THANKS TO ALL OF YOU who jumped into this opportunity. The winners are as follows:

Paul Duncan- - \$500
Roberta Waddell- \$250
Timothy Savage- \$ 100
The following earned \$50 each;
Steve Slovinski, Ron Morrison, Jerome
Kunicki, Robert Jaeck, Rudy Miller, John
Bredberg.

The next group earned\$25. They are: Mark Ulmen, David Cyra, Robert Teska, Robert Michalski, DeAndre Scheerer, Sue Fetter, Robert Hamby, Allen Jelinek.

Our Thanks to ALL. This 416 Shuffle was a BIG SUCCESS!

This is an additional part to our results with the 416 Shuffle:

Every year we go down the path of getting the membership in as quickly as possible.

This Shuffle produced many inquiries about membership in the post, both the Legion, and also the Auxiliary. It's up to all of us to get new members, not just a few.

At the present, things are in motion for new things. Why not attend a meeting, help with bingo, and get involved with something? It's better to see the beginning of new ideas and know that you were in the group setting everything up, rather than sitting on the sidelines, waiting for things to happen, OR, complaining that the Legion is not doing anything for me. My suggestion is, get out and see what is going on around you. As we approach people with our programs, they will come to you. Depending on your PR skills, these people may join, or decline. It's up to you.

We still have members sitting on the fence to pay. My suggestion is send it in, and be done with it. Enough said.

If anyone has any concerns, please call me. My number is 414- 628- 7081.

Tim Baranzyk



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

Your Legion is again attempting to institute a Social Activity calendar. How and if this effort will continue will depend on the success of the activities as we progress. The first activity will be the Christmas Party planned for December 4<sup>th</sup>. A Christmas Party flyer has been included in this newsletter. It is (I hope) self-explanatory.

I am fortunate to be involved with a group of Legion dedicated members who have agreed to serve on the Entertainment Committee. There are many more dedicated members, however these folks, when asked, were available to serve on the committee.

**Gary Parker** 

# 3rd VICE COMMANDER

I am happy to report that after a long break due to COVID, the Americanism Committee finally got a chance to do programs.

Getting together on Wednesday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, we dusted off all of our supplies, gathered up our speaking skills, and drove over to Forest Ridge Senior Living Community located in Hales Corners. There we were met by a very enthusiastic crowd. It was nice to get out and meet the public. After our program, we were invited for snacks and shared a lot of individual conversations with some of those who live at this complex.

Next, it was on to Tuesday, November 16th. We did two programs at the Greenfield Middle School. The school has a very nice community room, but they have so many students that we need to do two programs as the room will not hold all the kids. Our group spoke to a total of approximately 240 children. I would venture to say these students were in the 11 - 12 age grouping. We left plenty of time at the end of our presentation to answer questions from our audience. This is the time we really enjoy, and so do the kids. At their young age, I am surprised at some of the questions that are asked. They take interest in what we have to say, and that is very encouraging. A wonderful group of staff, teachers, and students.

These will be our only outings for the end of 2021. We never did much in December as most senior apartments or centers are busy with craft fairs and Christmas programs. Schools have a shortened month due to the holidays, and the children get a bit excited and involved with other projects at this time.

So, beginning in early January 2022, I will begin making calls to get a schedule together. It is still a bit difficult. I know I made a lot of calls during the early fall season, and many times I got the answer to please call next year. Places are hoping the COVID figures are down before they commit to anything. I'll keep calling as your Americanism Committee really enjoys going out to talk to people, especially the children.

On behalf of the Americanism Committee, we wish you all a Merry Christmas, and a Happy Holiday season.

**Doug Phillips** 

To everyone, Carla and I wish everyone a MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Tim Bellis

#### **ADJUTANT**

Not much to say that already has been talked about. First and foremost, sign up for the Post Christmas party the first Saturday in December. This is a great way to meet your fellow legionnaires. All dressed up would you recognize them?

We are planning our own FISH FRY here at the post on December 9th. This will be for our members and their family. Come and enjoy something new added to your post.

With some families still at home, please give them a BUDDY CHECK, as the famous saying of ONE CALL THAT'S ALL applies to us. Your call could prevent a loss of life. We miss you and would help if we know what you need, let us know and don't keep it to yourself.

As mentioned last month, we need everyone to step up in the operations of your post. With 300 members we have only have a few to help maintain your post. This means BINGO on Sunday and Tuesday morning if we don't have the help we would not be able to run the post and help our fellow Veteran.

For our next membership meeting don't forget to bring your own personal copy of your post constitution.

#### **CHAPLAIN**

As we approach the Holiday season, let's put the negativity that surrounds us away and look at the "lighter, brighter" things around us.

Let's all be a little bit lighter, a little bit kinder, a little bit more compassionate... that is to say, let's be a little bit lighter.

Let's remember to keep looking for the light even with canceled plans and schedules turned upside down. Let's remember all of the things we still DO HAVE: our families, our friends, sunny days, laughs to be shared, games to be played, books to read, songs to be heard, and SMILES to be shared. Let's be a little bit lighter. Let's not forget to hold on tight for hope for all of the brighter days that will come once this storm passes. May you all have a blessed and peaceful Christmas...enjoy.

Blessings Chaplain Ted

#### **SERVICE OFFICER**

Memoriam of passing of one legion member, Mr. David Pollack. Prayers and thoughts are sent to the family.

Merry Christmas and Healthy New Year wishes to all members and their families of The American Legion Post 416.

If you know of someone who is in need, please contact the post. I am sure that they would appreciate our concerns. We do not want to leave anyone behind.

**Bob Zolandz** 

## **POST 416 HONOR GUARD**

Thanks for all the cooperation and attendance during veteran's week. The families certainly did appreciate the honor that was given to our veterans. It got a bit challenging at times, but we did adapt. Having depth is a great asset.

If you are reading this article, we should all be in our updated Honor Guard uniforms expect for the covers. They have a long lead time, but they are on order. We will address the white shirts in the new year. That being said let's get them laundered so the new patches can be applied so you can use them as a spare.

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Healthy New Year.

**Bob Zolandz** 

# **HOMELESS TASK FORCE**

We continue to collect clothes for the homeless, donations are always welcome. As a reminder, several agencies do not accept donations of clothes, only money. These include the VA and others. These other agencies I' m not going to name, as you will need to see for yourself. Have a Merry Christmas!

Tim Baranzyk

# EMPLOYMENT & TRAINING

For those of you contemplating job changes, you may want to seriously consider doing some testing to help evaluate your talents. Upward Bound out of University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee may be able to assist you. If you have any questions, call me at 414-628-7081, and I'll be happy to assist you. It's FREE!

Tim Baranzyk

# AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY UNIT 416 NEWS



# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

What an awesome Spaghetti Dinner fund raiser we had! We served over 120 people and they were asking when we were going to have our next one! Thank you to every one of our members and Legion Family that helped to make this dinner such a success. We have scheduled our next Spaghetti Dinner for April 30<sup>th</sup>, so mark your calendars, so that you can join us and the members of our community.

At our dinner, we had many raffle baskets/prizes, which helped to make this dinner a huge success. Thank you to everyone that donated items and Mary Zolandz and Jackie Tamsett for your hard work getting it ready and selling all those tickets!

If you attended the dinner, you would have seen the poppy ornaments that we made and sold. We put together 28 and sold all 28! We put together another 20 ornaments at our November meeting, so if you would like to purchase one for \$5, let myself, or Carol Stephany know and we can make plans to get one to you.



We are getting close to the end of the year and if you haven't sent in your dues renewal, please do so before the end of December. If you have already renewed, THANK YOU! Thank you for continuing to honor the service of that special veteran in your life. And if you still need to renew for 2020, it's not too late. Just give Carol Stephany a call and she can get that handled for you.



The last 4<sup>th</sup> District Auxiliary meeting for this year, is on December 4<sup>th</sup>, at 9am. It will be at Oak Creek Unit 434 in the lower hall. Please attend and see what we are all about and meet some other members in our area.

We will not be meeting in December, which puts our next meeting on January 29<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. If the weather is not good, please stay home that night. We do not want any accidents to happen.

From my family to yours, have a safe and Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Laura Calteux

# 1<sup>ST</sup> VICE PRESIDENT

Auxiliary Membership,

Happy Holidays to all Unit 416 Auxiliary members!

Your 2021 membership expires at the end of the year. Thank you to the 82 members who have renewed their commitment for 2022 to the Auxiliary. You honor your military family member by renewing. Our current total is at 75.24% of our goal of 105 members. We can do better!

To the 20+ members who have not renewed yet: please call or send in your \$32.00 dues as soon as possible. The organization needs your support!

Our spaghetti dinner was a great success thanks to the hard work of a core group of dedicated members. Make a commitment for 2022 to be a part of it all. We appreciate all members whose dues contribute to sustaining this organization.

RENEW BY PHONE with a credit card: it's easy, safe, fast and convenient!
Call National direct @ 317-569-4570. Mon.-Fri. 7am - 3:30pm and have your membership number at hand when you call. OR

Send your dues to me as directed on your membership renewal slip. Dues are \$32. Make your check out to ALA Unit #416. If you misplaced your slip that's fine. Send check to:

Carol Stephany 4212 S. 97th St Greenfield, Wi 53228 4143213714

Happy Holidays to all!
Our next meeting will be January 20th. Let's try to reach our goal of 105 by January!
Thank you!

Carol Stephany

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

lauracalteux@yahoo.com

Deadline December 20th, 2021