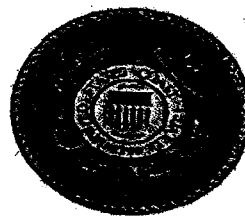
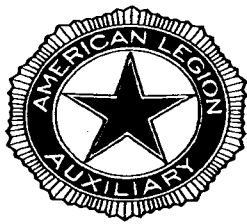


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# POST 416 INFORMATIONAL GUIDE

## 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

DECEMBER

- 1<sup>st</sup> Bingo in Memorial Hall, 9:45am, Firing Squad  
Executive Board Meeting 7:00pm
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Vietnam Vets Meeting 6:30pm
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Badger Detachment Meeting 7:00pm
- 6<sup>th</sup> Bingo in Memorial Hall, 6:00pm, Firing Squad
- 8<sup>th</sup> Bingo in Memorial Hall, 9:45am, Firing Squad
- 13<sup>th</sup> Bingo in Memorial Hall, 6:00pm, 40/8
- 15<sup>th</sup> Bingo in Memorial Hall, 9:45am, Firing Squad
- 17<sup>th</sup> Post & Auxiliary Membership Meeting 7:00pm
- 20<sup>th</sup> Bingo in memorial Hall, 6:00pm, Post
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Bingo in Memorial Hall, 9:45am, Firing Squad
- 25<sup>th</sup> MERRY CHRISTMAS
- 27<sup>th</sup> Bingo in Memorial hall, 6:00pm., Post
- 29<sup>th</sup> Bingo in Memorial Hall, 9:45am, Firing Squad
- 31<sup>st</sup> New Years Eve Bingo 4:30pm Dinner, Bingo 6:00pm  
Reservations Required



**MERRY  
CHRISTMAS**

## **COMMANDERS REPORT**

My last article had said enough on different topics. Now we finish 2020 and get ready for 2021.

Any Post activities depend on a lot of variables. These include the virus, CDC Guidelines, and YOUR safety and health. As you know, many activities have been cancelled or postponed until a later date. Sooner or later, things will change. I'm not going to mention any schedule of events as they constantly change. The Post is still there. Nothing new to report. As we move along, it's a good time to catch up on items that we've been putting off for some time. Do it now. If you've been sitting too much, get out and start walking or getting some exercise. Continue to monitor your health and well-being. I still think that more events will get cancelled or postponed to a later date. Our kids and grandkids may still be on a virtual training program for school. So now you have a chance to know each other a little better.

Some of us had some classes in suicide awareness, and judging from the TV, I see that the Milwaukee VA and War Memorial may do the same. As a reminder, besides

putting attention on the veterans, continue to monitor any strange or different behavior within your own family with everyone. This includes the kids.

In just a few months, nomination of officers will take place. I expect some movement to occur at all levels. Between now and the middle of January, anything can happen. As I mentioned in last month's newsletter, the Old Soldiers Home tentatively will dedicate Old Main for Homeless Vets, with a possible move in occurring maybe in March. Stay tuned for that. As I found out, the VA will not accept donations, but a private concern will handle the transformation. If you decide to donate monies to anything, PLEASE check where this or YOUR money is going. Remember that at the end of December, I don't see any checks from Uncle Sam coming, or any record of employment to surge the job market. Things may be getting tight, if some of you have not experienced it yet.

As for legion events, here goes: Oratorical, yes or no? National has it scheduled in April. Will it still happen? Badger Boys State: Monetary donation has gone up to about \$350 per student, subject to change. Instead of Ripon, it may take place in Oshkosh. Yes, you heard me right. Camp American Legion: This is a question. Some speculation going around hints at a cost per vet for sponsorship, instead of going up for FREE. I wonder what cleaning company will clean the cabins?

We have Mid-Winter, Spring meetings, and not too far away, the State Convention. This year in just a few months, my two year term as District Commander will be over. 12

District Commanders will be up for change. Who will move up for a shot at State Vice Commander? God only knows. It will get interesting.

One thing I haven't mentioned is membership. Before I finish this report, I'd like to THANK EVERYONE for their support to the Legion, YOUR POST, and its officers, me included. Without your support, none of everything we do would have ever happened. We're in the process of trying some new things, so please be patient and let's see if it works.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Tim Baranzyk

## **1<sup>ST</sup> VICE COMMANDER**

Hello fellow legionnaires

I hope we all had a good thanksgiving. This has been one heck of a year. We have been thru a lot. Let me start with the membership side. We are at 414 out of 658 that have renewed their membership. That is 63.37% to our 100% goal. Of that we have 4 new members that were signed up. That's awesome and we will be welcoming them at our next in person meeting. Speaking of meetings, due to the nature of covid and spikes we have put a pause on all activities at the post. We are hoping to have activities happening again here in early December.

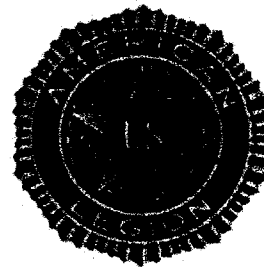
At our executive board meeting we had the zoom program started and working. We will be using this program starting in the New Year. It is a major learning curve for all

of us. I want to thank Commander Tim , adjutant Tim B and IT chair Tim Savage for coming together and looking at what we can do to make our post ready for online meetings to help with our fellow legionaries that are either homebound or are not comfortable coming to the post. We will be sending out emails to the people we have on file. This is why I was requesting emails from everyone. Please bear with us as we are learning as we go as well.

Also at the last executive board meeting we have brought up the square app. It is a device that will allow us to take credit cards at Village Days and 4th of July events and also will be able to be used for post related functions. It was passed and we will be rolling that out also in January as we need to work on the background shop for it.

I want to thank everyone, as we are in uncharted waters here and we are doing everything possible to keep every member safe and yes we will be meeting again here soon enough. Until then please be safe and healthy.

Terry Barrington



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

Greetings everyone, Lyle Jackson and I are working on getting the "Family" together to take some trips or doing something close around the post, as a Spring Clean-up, picnic, or potluck. How about an early morning trip to the "High Grounds". This all depends on the virus that we are all having to live with. We want to have the Whole Family in this. Hopefully, I'll have more information by next month.

Darrell Klotz

## **3<sup>rd</sup> VICE COMMANDER**

Rick Barrington did a fine job as our 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Commander for a number of years. It has been a pleasure to work and get to really know Rick during our time spent with the Americanism Programs. May you rest in peace, Rick Barrington.

**What are the Americanism Programs?**  
Greendale American Legion Post 416 has a committee of members dedicated to these programs. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Commander is responsible to set up a series of programs at local schools, senior centers, and senior living residences. The programs generally run from September thru June. The committee goes to schools, 5<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grades, and gives a 1 to 1 ½ hour program speaking about each members service time, respect for the flag, what is a veteran, and respect for teachers, each other, and the importance of education. At meetings with seniors, the idea is to develop a program tailored to their needs. Each program ends

with Taps being played, folding of the Flag, and a question and answer period. Our committee does approximately 22 – 26 programs each year.

This year is totally different as we cannot get out to give programs due to the COVID 19 virus. Prior to Rick Barrington as the committee leader, I held this position for a number of years. When Rick was in failing health, he gave me all of his notes and schedules. He was very organized, and this is a great starting point for me. I have been reviewing his folder and making plans. I am trying to get in touch with each contact person located at the various schools and centers. It is difficult now as most schools are closed (or closing), and the senior centers have minimal staffing. I want to inform them to call me for questions or appointments, and to let them know we are still here. I have been in contact with members of the committee and will continue to do so.

Thanks you for reading my article. As months go by, I will be featuring information on the different committee members. Everyone has a story to tell, and let me just say that I have heard many interesting facts about each individual on our committee.

Doug Phillips

## 4<sup>th</sup> VICE COMMANDER

With the season changing, so is everything around us. I believed I had a person for our Oratorical this year, but said no due to the virus. Under the pressure to keep safe and one's family from the virus, I understand the purpose of staying safe. With that we all have to look at yourself and ask if this is the right thing for me and my family.

I like to thank Terry and Tim, the other Tim, for starting to put it together so we may go virtual here at the post. We have to move forward with the times and this is the way to keep everyone informed. I know Terry will have more news to come. If you have a smart phone, tablet, or computer, please let Terry know so he can gather the info so we can send out rapid information to you in a timely manner.

For every one, I wish you a HAPPY THANKSGIVING and a MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

Tim Bellis

## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

As we advance in years, sometimes it is good to reflect on the GOOD memories—so I share.

### REMEMBER

I remember the times when my heart felt carefree and young. I would leap into

causes that seemed to be a way to make the world a better place.

I remember people who would be so enthusiastic about a project, that I would be soon be right in there with them, working towards a common goal.

I remember all the people I have worked with in the past some are still here, and some are home with the Lord

I remember their smiles, memories are a gift. Help me to realize that I have done some good in this world...THANK YOU FOR MY LIFE!

Deacon Ted

## SERVICE OFFICER

We bid farewell to Post 416 members:

Ricky Webb	17 year legion member
Vietnam Vet	
Arthur Zylka	22 year legion member
WWII Vet	
Michael Chobanian	40 year legion member
Korean Vet	
Leon Zalewski	66 Year legion member
USN/ Post 416 Chaplain	
Donald Lirette	39 year legion member
Korean Vet	
Gene Sorenson	30 year legion member
WWII Vet	

Thank you for service and our condolences to the Families.

PS: If you are aware of a member that is in need, especially during this Covid-19

pandemic, or a member that has passed, please keep us informed.

Bob Zolandz

## **FIRING SQUAD**

Due to COVID-19 and restrictions for Military Honors, the post firing squad is going to limit our participation. We will do honors only for members of our Firing Squad, Post members and special requests from the state. The welfare and health issues are a priority for our squad.

As you know by our outing's procedures change from one service to another and I want to thank for your cooperation and response when call upon to service. The call backs are appreciated.

Wishing you a MERRY CHRISTMAS and a healthy New Year.

Proud to serve as your Captain.

Bob Zolandz

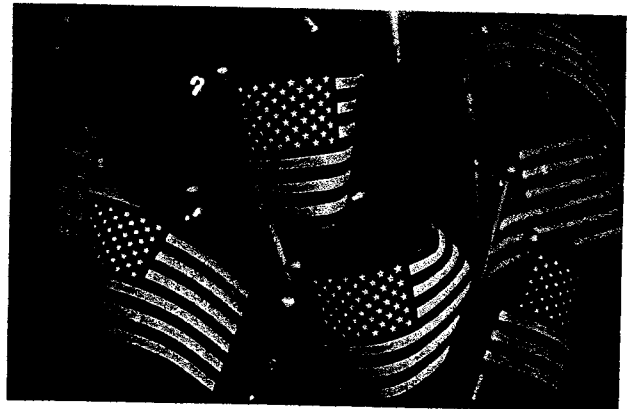
## **HISTORIAN**

Hello from your new post historian! We are lucky enough to be included in a post that has been part of Greendale since Greendale village itself began in 1938. For over eighty years those that have served their country have been influencing and helping the community around them. Every individual has their own unique set of skills and way of looking at things. We can all get together and enjoy the camaraderie of our brothers

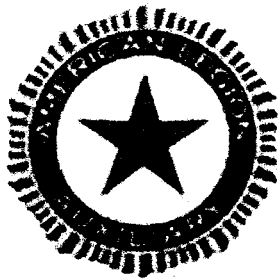
and sisters in arms while changing this community for the better. Let's make this the greatest post in the country! Together we can make our community a place we can be proud to tell our children we were part of influencing to become the way it is. But first, let's find out about our past and bring it with us through to our future. What we do now, and what we do into our future eventually *becomes* our history. Let's work together to make it something to be proud of. If anyone is willing to share any stories or memories you have about how the post has influenced you in any way, or the community, reach out and let me know.

Every single veteran can make a difference to another veteran. Not one of our brothers or sisters should face a single demon alone, no matter what they face. We are stronger together, even if it simply means sending a random text to someone to ask how they're doing and invite them to the post. Get the communication started, make this a post we can be proud to say is a place people feel they are accepted. Let's build this post into an unshakable force of positive change and strength of stability. Contact me any time, I look forward to hearing from you all.

Teresa Buffington







## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Well, Covid-19 has stopped events at the Post, so I hope that everyone is staying safe and healthy. Remember to always wear a face mask and social distance whenever you have to go out.

But, this doesn't mean that we stop working the mission of the American Legion Auxiliary! There are programs that we can work on from home.

**National Security** – you can cut coupons to be sent to our military overseas. Shirley Meyer is the person handling that for our unit, so if you have any ready to go, let me know and I can come pick them up!

**Americanism** – Fly a flag at your home.

**Auxiliary Emergency Fund** – this fund helps fellow Auxiliary members that need temporary help in time of financial crisis. A donation can be made directly to the National organization, or send one to my attention at our Legion Post, 6351 W. Grange Ave., Greendale, WI 53129

**Community Service** – volunteering in your community and wear your Auxiliary

branded clothing to let others know that we are supporting our communities.

**Education** – promote the many scholarships that the American Legion Auxiliary has with juniors in high school in your family. Go to [www.amlegionauxwi.org](http://www.amlegionauxwi.org) to see what scholarships we have available.

**Juniors** – get your Junior members involved with any community service projects you work on, or have them make cards to send to our veterans. If they want, they can do crafts to send to our veterans. Any questions, let me know.

**Legislative** – to work this program, you only need to contact our Senators and Representatives and our state representatives on issues that concerns our veterans and active military. You can find out what these issues are by going to [www.legion.org/legislative](http://www.legion.org/legislative).

**Poppy** – learn about the history of the poppy, so that you can tell people the significance to the American Legion Auxiliary and our veterans. We will be distributing poppies in the spring and we would love to have many Legion Family members helping out. If you want to make a contribution to our local Poppy Fund, you can send a donation to my attention at the Post. Make the check out to Greendale Unit 416. This fund helps out veterans in need. If you know of a veteran that needs to help, let me know.

**Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation** – VA&R for short is the program that helps our veterans that are in our VA facilities and in their homes. You can help with taking a veteran to the doctor, yard clean up, or making a meal and dropping it off. There is

one caveat to this volunteering and that is that the veteran cannot be a family member. If you knit or crochet and make blankets, hats, mittens, scarves, or other items that can be used by homeless veterans, or for donation to a VA facility, let our unit know and maybe we can start a "club" that meets to work together on projects.

I have one request and that is that you keep track of any projects that you work on, so that we can keep Congress, yes that Congress, updated on what we as an organization are doing for our veterans, the military and our communities.

Our next meeting will be held on February 18, 2021 at 7pm, hopefully we will be able to meet and see each other again.

Have a safe and wonderful holiday season.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Laura Calteux

## **MEMBERSHIP**

As 2020 draws to an end, we are grateful to those of you who have renewed your membership for 2021. We know that it's been a difficult time for all and appreciate your commitment and loyalty to the organization and our veterans.

Our unit goal for 2021 is set at 110. We currently have 92 members renewed which is about 84% of our goal. We are a part of District 4 in Wisconsin, whose overall % for

renewal is at 66%. We are one of the leading units. This year our unit graciously paid for all 14 junior members as well as 17 honorary life members. We also have 11 Paid up for Life members who deserve our gratitude.

Please consider renewing your commitment to Greendale Unit #416 by sending in your dues of \$32.00 to me or call 317-569-4570 for easy credit card payment. I will continue to reach out to members if I have an email or phone number.

As always, we welcome new members.

Happy Holidays to all!

Carol Stephany

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

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