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# GREENDALE AMERICAN LEGION POST 416 NEWSLETTER

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#### **POST 416 INFORMATIONAL GUIDE**

#### Post Officers 2022-2023

#### **Meetings**

| Commander           | T                   |
|---------------------|---------------------|
|                     | Terry Barringtor    |
| Adjutant            | Tim Bellis          |
| Assistant Adjutant  | Dave Pier           |
| Finance Officer     | Leo Taylor          |
| 1st Vice Commander  | Dave Pier           |
| 2nd Vice Commander  | Gary Parker         |
| 3rd Vice Commander  | Ed King             |
| 4th Vice Commander  | Kim Stuart          |
| Chaplain (Deacon)   | Ted Gurzynski       |
| Service Officer     | <b>Bob Zolandz</b>  |
| Judge Advocate      | Stan Pinkowski      |
| Sgt. At Arms        | Dan Baker -         |
| Sgt. At Arms        | Jerry White         |
| Historian           | Tim Baranzyk        |
| Assistant Historian | Denise Northwa      |
| Captain Honor Guard | <b>Bob Zolandz</b>  |
| 1st Lt. Honor Guard | <b>Bob Vanselow</b> |
| 2nd Lt. Honor Guard | Ed King             |
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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 2022-2023**

| President          | Kathy Baranzyk |
|--------------------|----------------|
| 1st Vice President | Carol Stephany |
| 2nd Vice President | Jackie Tamset  |
| Secretary          | Laura Calteux  |
| Treasurer          | Laura Calteux  |
| Chaplain           | Carrie Kleppin |
| Historian          | Laura Calteux  |
| Sgt. At Arms       | Florence Groth |
| Asst. Sgt. At Arms | Pat Kalec      |
| Sgt. At Arms       | Florence Groth |

Auxiliary
3rd Thursday
7:00 PM

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#### **SAL Officers 2022-2023**

| Commander | Dave Bauer   | 2nd Thursday |
|-----------|--------------|--------------|
| Adjutant  | Jerry Meyers | 7:00 PM      |

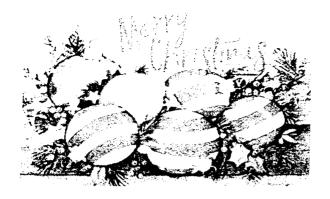
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### DECEMBER

| 3''              | Post & Auxiliary Xmas Dinner                                |
|------------------|---|
| 4 <sup>th</sup>  | Bingo in Memorial Hall, 6:00pm, Honor Guard                 |
| 6 <sup>th</sup>  | Bingo in Memorial Hall, 9:45am, Honor Guard                 |
|                  | Post Executive Board Meeting 7:00pm                         |
| 7 <sup>th</sup>  | Vietnam Vets Chapter 1 Meeting 6:30pm                       |
| 8 <sup>th</sup>  | SAL Meeting 7:00pm  |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> | VFW Xmas Dinner   |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> | Bingo in Memorial Hall, 6:00pm, 40/8                        |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> | Bingo in Memorial Hall, 9:45am, Honor Guard                 |
|                  | Membership Committee Meeting 6:30pm                         |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> | Post & Auxiliary Membership Meeting 7:00pm                  |
| 18 <sup>th</sup> | Bingo in Memorial Hall, 6:00pm, Post                        |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> | Bingo in Memorial Hall, 9:45am, Honor Guard                 |
| 21 <sup>st</sup> | 4 <sup>th</sup> District Meeting 7:00pm, Post 434 Oak Creek |
| 27 <sup>th</sup> | Bingo in Memorial Hall, 9:45am, Honor Guard                 |
| 31 <sup>st</sup> | New Years Eve Bingo 4pm, Honor Guard                        |
|                  |   |

#### JANUARY 2023

| 314              | Bingo in Memorial Hall, 9:45am, Honor Guard          |
|------------------|--|
|                  | Executive Board Meeting 7:pm                         |
| 4 <sup>th</sup>  | Vietnam Vets Chapter 1 Meeting 6:30pm                |
| 8 <sup>th</sup>  | Bingo in Memorial Hall, 6:00 pm, Honor Guard         |
| $10^{\text{th}}$ | Bingo in Memorial Hall, 9:45am, Honor Guard          |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> | Honor Guard Meeting 7:00pm                           |
|                  | SAL Meeting 7:00pm                                   |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> | Bingo in Memorial Hall, 6:00pm, Post                 |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> | Bingo in Memorial Hall, 9:45am, Honor Guard          |
|                  | Membership Committee Meeting 6:30pm                  |
| 18 <sup>th</sup> | 4 <sup>th</sup> District Meeting Post 299 @ Post 416 |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> | Post & Auxiliary Membership Meeting 7:00pm           |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> | Post Fish Fry 4:30pm – 7:30pm                        |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup> | Bingo in Memorial Hall, 6:00pm, Post                 |
| 23 <sup>rd</sup> | VFW Meeting 6:30pm                                   |
| 24 <sup>th</sup> | Bingo in Memorial 9:45am, Honor Guard                |
|                  | 40/8 Meeting 7:00pm                                  |
| 29 <sup>th</sup> | Bingo in Memorial Hall, 6:00pm, Post                 |
| 31 <sup>st</sup> | Bingo in Memorial Hall, 9:45am, Honor Guard          |



## **COMMANDERS REPORT**

**Greetings All** 

Hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving. We are doing outstanding with all aspects of the Post and family. We are over 50% to goal on membership investment. Let's keep the eye on that prize we are on our way to be number 1 again.

Another successful fish fry was had on Nov 16th great work to all that were there and for all that came to support the post. Keep up the great work!!

We are getting ready for Mid Winter. The dates for Mid Winter are January 13th thru 15th. This year we will be at the Radisson Hotel & Conference Center in Green Bay (not the same as convention). The Radisson is connected to the Oneida Casino.

#### **SATURDAY JANUARY 14, 2023**

Motivational Leadership/Membership Engagement Interactive Suicide Prevention

Be The One by National Staff Member Henry Howard

**County Commander Course** 

Generational Leadership Issues

Public Relations Toolkit-How To

**Wisconsin Gaming Commission** 

Mylegion.org/Recruiting and Retention

Updates from the Department Service Officer James on all changes affecting veterans' health care

That is just some of the classes, there is something for everyone there.

4th District will be Having a hospitality room for District Commander Linda Pfeiffer as she is Running for the high office of State Vice Commander. This is a great Honor and great time to show the Department all about 4th District.

I want to wish everyone in our Greendale Legion Family A safe and very Merry Christmas and Happy New Years!!

**Terry Barrington** 



# **1ST VICE COMMANER**

Our paid membership stands at 303 out of 639. The membership committee will start contacting members who have not sent in their dues so far. For those who haven't sent in their dues, as the old saying goes the sooner the better. If you are having financial problems in paying your dues, please let me know, we have members who have given the post extra money to help those members in need of a little help. So, if you need help, please don't be bashful let us know that is what we are all about. For those who have paid thank you. If you like to be on the membership committee let me know can always use the help.

**Dave Pier** 

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

Just a reminder that the December Fish Fry will be Friday December 15<sup>th</sup>, 4:30 thru 7:30 PM. The Fish Frys are going along without any problems or complaints so there are no changes. If you have any ideas, etc. please let us know. The 2023 scheduled Frys are on the third Fridays of the month, i.e., Jan 20; Feb 17; March 17; April 21; May 19 and June 16. Any changes will be posted in the newsletter.

Also, we will again be sponsoring a New Year's Eve Bingo. Information on that activity may be obtained directly from the Post or by giving me a call, 414-421-0314 (leave a message) or, as I prefer, emailing me at gjparker@wi.rr.com.

We wish to thank you for supporting the Fish Frys and other Post activities and wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

**Gary Parker** 

## **CHAPLAIN'S CORNER**

As we prepare for the Christmas Season, let us look at it as such...as SEASON, not just a day. Let's enjoy this time especially as we are surrounded with such negative news on a daily basis.

I share this with all of you...

He was born in an obscure village, a child of a peasant woman.

He worked in a carpenter shop until He was thirty.

He became an itinerant preacher
He never wrote a book.
He never held an office
He never did one thing that usually
accompanies greatness (in our society)
He had no credentials BUT....HIMSELF!!!!

Merry Christmas to each and every one of you.

Deacon Ted

#### **ADJUTANT**

First thing, I wish everyone a Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year. As you know sometimes the newsletter gets to us after we promote an event so we miss going to said event. This happens because we use a bulk mail rate and we are on the bottom of the mail bag. Once it's put together its taken to the Greendale post office which in turn goes to the Franklin post office, then to Milwaukee and off to your home. With the Christmas rush it is unknown how long it will take.

It's time for your checkup! No not your health but your retired pay account with

the Defense Finance and accounting service (DFAS).

- 1. Is your mailing address current?
- 2. Do you have a current email address in myPay?
- 3. Are your allotments correct?
- 4. Have there been changes in your family? Married, loss of spouse
- 5. Is your Arrears of pay (AOP) beneficiary, correct? Who is your beneficiary? Check on the Beneficiary for Arrears link under pay Changes
- 6. Is your Survivor Benefits Plan (SBP) coverage and beneficiary(ies) correct? If you need to change your SBP coverage, DFAS needs a copy of the official documentation (marriage license, divorce decree, death certificate or birth certificate, along with the Survivor Benefit Plan Election Change form, DD Form 2656-6 to update your account.

Always notify DFAS as soon as possible about life changes.

Now the good news, don't forget about your Christmas party the first Saturday of Dec. See Gary, \$15 per person for the event.

Don't forget your New Year's party. See Dave

Again, MERRY CHRISTMAS to everyone and a HAPPY NEW YEAR

Tim Bellis

#### **AMERICANISM TEAM**

Americanism Team Presentation Report: Since the last report the Team has presented to:

- Boy Scout Troop 506 with 28 Scouts and Leaders attending
- Fairview Middle School with the entire school attending a Flag ceremony number about 300 afterwards 60 students plus teachers attended an Americanism presentation
- Greenfield Middle School classes totaling 240 students plus teachers.

It has been a great start to the year. Thank you to our presenters.

In a continuation of articles from members of the Americanism Team the following is in part what you would learn from one of our esteemed team members about one of our American symbols of freedom if you were to attend a presentation. I like how he signed the article, but I would add "American Patriot". A heart felt thank you for your continued service Harry.

#### Statue of Liberty

The Statue of Liberty in New York Harbor is one of the greatest symbols of freedom we have in our country. It was built in Paris, France and was a gift from the people of France to the people of America for the 100th anniversary of our independence.

It arrived in 1885 and was dedicated on Bedloe's Island on October 28, 1886. It is located on the New Jersey side of the harbor, close to Ellis Island, and stands on a 154-foot-tall foundation and pedestal. The statue is 151 feet tall, the distance from the ground to the top of the torch is 305 feet.

The Statue of Liberty was designed by sculptor Frederic Auguste Bartholdi. Gustave Eiffel designed the framework that supported the copper sheeting that made up the body of the statue. Later Eiffel designed and built the Eiffel Tower in Paris for the 1889 World's Fair.

The statue has a crown with seven spikes that represent the seven continents and the seven seas. Visitors can climb up to the crown of the statue and look out towards Manhattan, Brooklyn and Staten Island. Emma Lazarus's poem is inscribed on a plaque in the pedestal and reads "Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free."

Millions of immigrants coming from European countries saw this statue as a symbol for freedom and opportunity. I saw the Statue of Liberty for the first time as a six-year-old when my mother and I sailed into New York Harbor on the French ship SS Champlain. I've seen it three additional times - traveling on a troop ship going to and returning from Europe, and later on vacation in New York.

We are a nation of immigrants, enjoying the freedoms found in our Constitution and the

Bill of Rights. We are the envy of the world, many still come.

When we observe Memorial Day and Veterans Day, let us remember the sacrifices made by thousands of men and women in the past so that we continue to enjoy the freedoms we have in our wonderful country.

I'd like to say thanks to all freedom loving members of Post 416 for serving in our military.

Harry Koroghlanian (Immigrant)

Aim High
That Others May Live.

**Ed King** 



# **POST 416 HONOR GUARD**

Our founders of Post 416 had the foresight to form a squad known as the Firing Squad. This was the start and now we are known as the Honor Guard. We owe a great gratitude to these members who had that foresight, and we must and will continue this tradition.

Our mission statement is "Honoring our Vets" thus Veterans Day is a special day for our squad. We have a team that attends military honors seven days a week when called upon. Thank you for your loyalty and cooperation.

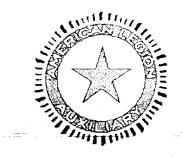
The Stars and Stripes Honor Flight was very rewarding. It was a day in my life, which I will always cherish. The Honor guard greeting on the return flight was emotional. A warm thank you for the greeting and all the very thoughtful cards and letters. Again, thank you for all your support and comradeship.

Merry Christmas and a Healthy New Year.

Proud to serve as the Captain of the 416 Honor Guard

Bob Zolandz

# AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY UNIT 416 NEWS



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings,

I want to thank everyone who volunteered for our Spaghetti Dinner, you did a great job and helped make it a successful event. I also want to thank everyone who provided desserts, they all looked delicious. I want to thank Rolando and Cliff for helping me in the kitchen, Rolando for dicing the green peppers and onions and Cliff for helping me with the spaghetti noodles. I also want to thank those that volunteered to cook spaghetti noodles at home, it sure made my job much easier.

I also want to express my gratitude for everyone who took the time out of their Saturday to make 6 tie blankets. Laura thanks for picking up the material, great choices they turned out great. The next Fish Fry is December 16th, they are always looking for volunteers. Just a reminder that our Christmas Party is December 3rd, hope to see everyone there.

There isn't a December meeting, our next meeting is January 19th at 7pm see you there. I want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Kathy Baranzyk

## **1ST VICE PRESIDENT**

GNOME "Getting New and Old Members Excited"

GNOME. This is the State Membership
Theme for 2023! Anyone who recruits a
new member for 2023 will receive a cute
Gnome pin for the first member they
recruit. We need new members every year
to help our organization maintain and grow
membership. New members can bring new
enthusiasm and ideas to help keep us
engaged and successful. Here are some
ideas from the National Membership Team
to help inspire all of us to be involved with
membership recruitment:

- 1. Attend a meeting and bring a friend
- Reach out to former members, let them know they are missed!
- Read and Share the Newsletter. It's the best way to get the word out of

what events are coming up and the outcome of recent events.

- 4. Invite your families to events
- Volunteer as a group. You'll get to do good as well as meeting other volunteers. Make sure to brand yourself with the ALA logo.

We currently have 84 of 98 members renewed for 2023. A big thank you to the members who have renewed! I have reached out by email, phone or mailing to those of you who have not renewed. Please consider joining us for 2023 as we continue our efforts toward our goal of 106 members. We have recently added two new members and two more are in process. Great work by their recruiters who will each receive their gnome pin award.

It is my hope that we can conclude the 2023 membership renewal drive by the end of the year. Please call 317-569-4570 to pay direct to National via credit card or mail \$32 to me as directed on your renewal notice. We can then focus our efforts on recruitment of new members and getting all of us engaged and excited as we enter 2023.

Happy Holidays!

Thank you Carol Stephany

## **Veterans Day**

Unfortunately, \*this article\* was missed from the last newsletter. Although the Poppy dates for distribution for Veterans Day have passed, the message remains an important one. WE NEED YOUR HELP.

\*Veterans Day is November 11th and members of the Legion and Auxiliary will be out distributing Poppies and reminding the community of the sacrifices Veterans-of our country have made to keep us safe. The importance of distributing poppies is to use the donations received to help Veterans who may have some difficulties and have immediate needs. The donations can go a long way in getting a Veteran back on his/her feet and becoming a member of the community at large.

We can't provide this service without your help. The commitment in distributing poppies is really very minimal. It consists of 2-3 hours at a local business handing out the poppies. Notifying the businesses and preparing the poppies is done by others prior to the day of distribution. Communication takes place regarding where and when you have an interest to distribute poppies at a certain business. The legwork is done for you.

Our current dates of distribution for Veterans Day are November 10, 11 and 12. In the spring we will once again distribute for Memorial Day when distribution dates are the week prior to the Holiday as well as Memorial Day if we have enough distributors. WE NEED YOUR HELP! If you are available and would like to help out ensuring that we can continue our Mission to help our Veterans, please contact me at 414-651-7353 and leave a message. A Brewer Game distribution could be in our future if we have enough help.\*

Thank you to the Auxiliary and Legion members who have stepped up to distribute this year. Shirley Meyer, Carol Stephany, Pat Kadlec, Stan Pinkowski, Tom Tamsett and me. Without you we couldn't help others.

#### **REMEMBER TO THANK A VETERAN**

Jackie Tamsett
Poppy Chairperson

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

Deadline December 18th, 2022

#### **From Denise Northway**

Free stroller and Pack and Play with sheets, to a veteran or their family. Call 414-416-7600 for more details.



# GREENDALE AMERICAN LEGION

# POST 416

# FRIDAY FISH FRY



DEC 16th 2022 4:30 PM - 7:30 PM

6351 WEST GRANGE AVE. GREENDALE, WI 53129

2 PIECE MEAL - \$12.00 OR 3 PIECE MEAL - \$15.00

**FRIED OR BAKED FISH** 

**MEALS COME WITH** 

FRENCH FRIES or BAKED POTATO, COLESLAW AND RYE

**BREAD** 

REFRESHMENTS AND DESSERT AVAILABLE CARRYOUTS AVAILABLE

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT: AMERICAN LEGION POST 416 414-421-3371