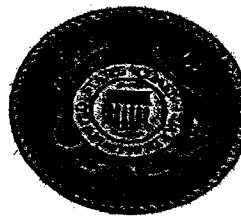


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# POST 416 INFORMATIONAL GUIDE

## 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 Baranzky  
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

JANUARY

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Bingo in Memorial Hall, 6:00pm, Firing Squad
- 5<sup>th</sup> Bingo in Memorial Hall, 9:45am, Firing Squad  
Post Executive Board Meeting 7:00pm
- 6<sup>th</sup> Vietnam Chapter 1 Meeting 6:30pm
- 7<sup>th</sup> Badger Detachment MCL Meeting 7:00pm
- 10 Bingo in Memorial Hall, 6:00pm, Post
- 12<sup>th</sup> Bingo in Memorial Hall, 9:45am, Firing Squad
- 14<sup>th</sup> SAL Meeting 7:00pm
- 17<sup>th</sup> Bingo in Memorial Hall, 6:00pm, Post
- 19<sup>th</sup> Bingo in Memorial Hall, 9:45am, Firing Squad
- 20<sup>th</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> District Meeting 7:00pm, post 299 @post 416
- 21<sup>st</sup> Post Membership Meeting 7:00pm
- 24<sup>th</sup> Bingo in Memorial Hall, 6:00pm, Post
- 25<sup>th</sup> VFW Meeting 6:30pm
- 26<sup>th</sup> Bingo in Memorial Hall, 9:45am, Firing Squad  
40/8 Meeting 6:30pm
- 31<sup>st</sup> Bingo in Memorial Hall, 6:00pm, Post

## FEBRUARY

- 2<sup>ND</sup> Bingo in Memorial Hall, 9:45am, Firing Squad  
Post Executive Board Meeting 7:00pm
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Vietnam Vets Chapter 1 Meeting 6:30pm
- 4<sup>th</sup> Badger Detachment MCL Meeting 7:00pm
- 7<sup>th</sup> Bingo in Memorial Hall, 6:00pm, Firing Squad
- 9<sup>th</sup> Bingo in Memorial Hall, 9:45am, Firing Squad
- 11<sup>th</sup> SAL Meeting 7:00pm
- 14<sup>th</sup> Bingo in Memorial Hall, 6:00pm, 40/8
- 16<sup>th</sup> Bingo in Memorial Hall, 9:45am, Firing Squad
- 17<sup>th</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> District Meeting 7:00pm, Post 18 @ Post 416
- 18<sup>th</sup> Post & Auxiliary Membership Meeting 7:00pm
- 21<sup>st</sup> Bingo in Memorial Hall, 6:00pm, Post
- 22<sup>nd</sup> VFW Meeting 6:30pm
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Bingo in Memorial Hall, 9:45am, Firing Squad  
40/8 Meeting
- 28<sup>th</sup> Bingo in Memorial Hall, 6:00pm, Post



## **COMMANDERS REPORT**

With a new dawn approaching, I hope we might be able to start seeing some daylight at the end of the tunnel. Where to start?

**The Post:** If groups meet, they meet on their own liability. With the CDC guidelines, everyone has decided on their own merits to do what they think is best. Enough said on this topic.

Even though you may get a newsletter and events may be scheduled, they can be canceled. That has happened. Whether you value your health and well-being, is YOUR choice.

I started sending out forms for the memorial kiosk, with a return envelope. We're collecting an historical legacy of members who may want to have their history in the kiosk. It's FREE! I've been enclosing a letter asking for current email addresses, phone numbers, etc. Send that info back so we can get a data base for future mailings. We can check on your status for assistance, member benefits, news, etc. For some, the newsletter can be sent out that way also, up to a certain

extent. If you want to be reached by phone, let us know. But if you do not have an answering machine, what's the sense? We have not done any Zoom or Microsoft team meetings yet, or even a conference call, but this may be coming. Please help us with this info. If you don't get a letter from me, send me an email, phone call, or text, which ever works for you. Be prepared for new changes and we can all go with the flow. Please continue to watch the news. If you have a question, call me. Don't believe everything you see on Facebook, or otherwise. Get it confirmed before you start going off.

We'll have a membership meeting to finish our renewals. We're almost there now. If you need assistance, or something, please call me, and leave a message. My number is: 414-628-7081. I won't bite. With this virus going on, we have all sorts of different situations going on. Make sure you keep a level head before contributing money, or making decisions. I noticed through the months a lot of different scenarios. This includes the wellness of our members, food, no jobs, divorce, kids taking classes and displaying a pistol while involved in a lesson, deaths of past members, collection of furniture, clothes, wheelchairs, walkers, etc. Please keep me posted. We have rents getting ready to expire, stimulus checks possibly coming, other helpful aids popping up. Be careful of what you do, what you spend, etc.!

Questions at the State and National level are still in a flux. There are possible

solutions, but the virus holds the cards!  
Remember that!

Tim Baranzyk

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

Hello fellow legionnaires

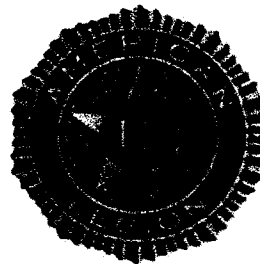
What a year we have had. I wanted to bring you up to speed with our Membership. We are 432 out of 658, that is 65.0% members that have renewed their investment into our great post. As I write this I have another batch of renewals I will be putting in. That should put us over 70% to goal.

On Dec 15-16 2020, I took part in American Legion College intermediate level training via zoom. It covered all our programs, how to fill out the consolidated post report, how to use social media to get the word out in the world we live in now. The classes were very interesting and the two days equals 6 hrs. total. I have the advance level yet to go and I have new ideas and new Opportunities for us as a post to make a difference for our fellow vets. I will share what I learned at our January meeting. I highly encourage everyone to go thru the college and learn about The American Legion and learn how it started, to what is there and how it's going in the future.

Please reach out to your fellow comrades and do a buddy check. See if there is

anything you can do to help. We are our first line to help each other. I know many people wanted to have meetings the last few months. We have to be thinking of our fellow comrades. We will be starting them here soon I promise. We have and will get thru this together. In closing, I want to say Seasons Greetings and wish everyone here a happy and safe New Years. Let's hope for a better 2021.

Terry Barrington



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

In last month's issue of this newsletter, I mentioned that I would be doing short biographies of the members of the Americanism Committee. I will begin with myself:

Doug Phillips enlisted in the U. S. Navy right after his Custer High School graduation and was sent to Great Lakes Naval Station for boot camp in October of 1967. After camp graduation, I stayed at Great Lakes for 8 weeks of electronics school and was then sent to Bainbridge, Maryland for 16 weeks of Radioman "A" School to be trained in communications. My first duty station was

Sidi Yahia, Morocco, Africa for 12 months. My next communications station was for approximately 22 months on the Admiral's Staff for the Commander of the Caribbean Sea Frontier, San Juan, Puerto Rico. I was discharged in Washington DC in August, 1971. From 1976 – 77, I was in the Naval Reserve Unit based in Milwaukee, Wis., and occasionally served on the ship, the U. S. S. Milwaukee, AOR-2 stationed out of Norfolk, Virginia.

Commander Tim Baranzky enlisted in the U. S. Marine Corps and served from 1966 – 69. After doing his boot camp in San Diego, California, Tim was sent to Camp Pendleton where he was working in the kitchen when he came down with pneumonia. After regaining his health, Tim was sent to Camp Lejeune, North Carolina where he received artillery training. Once out of training his next duty station was Vietnam. While in Vietnam his job was to work with 8 inch artillery. Upon completion of this tour, Tim was sent to San Diego, California to serve out his military career as an MP (Military Police).

I will continue next month with two different members of the Americanism Committee.

Speaking of this committee, I have started to contact schools and senior centers to just keep in contact and to begin working on a few programs for the fall of 2021. I will keep our members posted on my success. Thank you for reading my article and please, stay safe.

Doug Phillips

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

Do you know a student who needs SCHOLARSHIP money? The American Legion brings to you the Americanism and Government scholarship program open to all Grades 10-12. The students can be in public, private, parochial or home school within the state of Wisconsin. Questions are on the U.S. flag, country, and government. This test will consist of 50 questions, true/false, multiple choice, and an essay question in order to qualify for the scholarship.

This year the ORATORICAL final contest will not be at Ripon College due to the COVID19 virus. This year the Regional will be at American Legion Post 70 in Oshkosh.

To everyone, PLEASE BE safe, see you in the NEW YEAR!

Tim Bellis

## **CHAPLAIN'S CORNER**

Given all that we have been through in 2020 many are feeling pretty low, missing the ability to socialize and to be with family especially during the Holidays. This piece from Nikki Banas I share with you....

HOPE: If you only carry one thing throughout your entire life, let it be hope. Let it be hope that better things are

always ahead. Let it be hope that you can get through even the toughest of times. Let it be hope that you are stronger than any challenge that comes your way. Let it be hope that you are exactly where you are meant to be right now, and that you are on the path to where you are meant to be...Because during these times, hope will be the very thing that carries you through.  
Blessings

Deacon Ted

## **SERVICE OFFICER**

**We bid farewell to Post 416 members**

**Ricky Webb - 17 year legion member,  
Vietnam 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 your service and condolences  
to the Families**

**PS If you are aware of a member that is in  
need especially during this Covid-19 season  
or a member that has passed please keep  
us informed.**

**Bob Zolandz**

## **FIRING SQUAD PRESIDENT**

Hello my fellow veteran's, for those of you who know and those of you who don't know, I suffered a stroke on November 17th 2019 and am still recovering. The therapist said I'll never be 100% but should recover 90% of my old self. I was asked to be your president of the Firing Squad again and I said humbly yes and feel honored to do so. Also, if and when, we get back to roast corn I may need some help but time will tell. I hope to make better progress in the future but time will tell. Your health is so important so please take care of yourselves. I'm wishing all of you my best wishes for a safe and healthy New Year and it should be interesting to say the least. God Bless.

**Michael D Matusewic**

## **FIRING SQUAD**

A Thank you for your response in meeting the changes and challenges of the past year. The limited numbers that could participate along with all the procedure changes. The call backs in a timely manner when called upon to serve. Who would have ever thought that the flag and rounds fired could not be presented directly to the immediate family? The wearing of masks as we look like surgeons in training.

Our squad will grow in numbers in the coming year. We have candidates on hold due to the Covid-19.



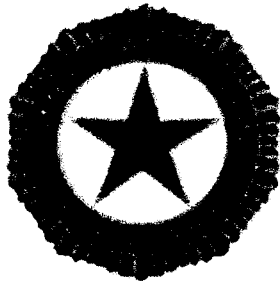
Folks you deserve a salute for your attendance and performance. You are truly appreciated. We hope and pray to return to the normal times again.

Wish you and yours a healthy new year.

Proud to serve as your Captain.

Bob Zolandz

## **AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY UNIT 416 NEWS**



### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Hello and Happy New Year!

The start of the New Year hopefully brings with it some in person meetings, of course, socially distanced and with face coverings. Our meeting will be held on January 21<sup>st</sup> at 7pm, as long as the Post is going to meet also. Hope to see you there.

On December 13th, we lost one of our long time members, Helen Starck. Helen was one

of our Past Unit Presidents, long time bingo kitchen worker, Firing Squad member and she set up many bingo lunches for veterans from Zablocki VA, where they came to our post, had lunch and played bingo for prizes. She was also involved as a Deputy at the Zablocki VA and involved in our 4<sup>th</sup> District Auxiliary as Chaplain. Helen will be greatly missed because of her love for our veterans and the fun and laughs that she brought to of those of us who knew her and will miss her.

Then on December 21<sup>st</sup>, another long-time member, Betty Unger, passed away after a long battle with Alzheimer's. Betty was our Poppy Treasurer for many years. She was a very close friend with Helen, so we lost them both at the same time.

With the restrictions that we have had for the last, almost year, we haven't been able to drape the Unit's Charter for those that we have lost. I am hoping that we will be able to do that at our January meeting.

The 2021 Oratorical Regional Contest this year will be held at the Oshkosh Post #70 on February 13<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in helping, or in just coming up to hear the contestants, please look on the Legion website for more information.

The Milwaukee Soldiers Home at the Zablocki VA will be opening in March to help homeless, or those of imminent risk of becoming homeless. There will be 101 units for veterans and their families and this gives our unit an opportunity to support veterans. The Wish List is not yet available, but I will keep watching for it, so that we can decide how we can best help this great cause.

If you haven't been able to pay your 2020 dues, please give me a call (my number is in the front of the newsletter), I would like to help you out. We would love to help you continue to honor the veteran in your life.

Please stay safe and healthy.

Laura Calteux

## **AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP**

Attention Readers:

The American Legion Auxiliary (ALA) is for the spouses (male and female) of a veteran OR the veteran's daughters, granddaughters, mothers, grandmothers, or sisters. We welcome new members and I encourage anyone interested in joining to call me for more information. Thank you!

Current ALA Unit 416 members whose dues were not received by the end of November will receive a final renewal notice from NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS in January. We have about 15 unpaid members. Your dues must now be remitted directly to them, not the Unit. It's as easy as calling 317-569-4570 and paying the \$32.00 by credit card. Please call me with any questions. This method of payment and number is for ALA Unit members only.

Thank you to the 90 members who have renewed their membership and commitment to help the Military, Veterans and families in 2021. You also honor your family member with your membership and we thank you for their service. We are 86% compliant with our 2021 goal! We have

done well considering the challenges of 2020.

We hope to see more members and activities in 2021 as life returns to normal. We have a ways to go yet, but in the meantime, Peace and Goodwill towards all as we heal our country and the world!

Carol Stephany

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

**[lauracalteux@yahoo.com](mailto:lauracalteux@yahoo.com)**

**Deadline January 22<sup>nd</sup>** .