

POST 416 INFORMATIONAL GUIDE

Post Officers 2023-2024

Commander Adjutant **Assistant 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 **Captain Honor Guard** 1st Lt. Honor Guard 2nd Lt. Honor Guard

Auxiliary Officers 2023-2024

President 1st Vice President 2nd Vice President Secretary Treasurer Chaplain Historian Sgt. At Arms Asst. Sgt. At Arms

Sal Officers 2023-2024

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Kathy Baranzyk Carol Stephany Jackie Tamset Laura Calteux Laura Calteux Carrie Kleppin Laura Calteux Florence Groth Pat Kadlec

Tim Baranzyk Terry Barrington

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 Thursday 7:00 PM

Auxiliary 3rd Thursday 7:00 PM

Sal 7:00 PM 2nd Monday

NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2024

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- 1st HAPPY NEW YEARS
- 2nd Executive **Board Meeting 7:00pm**
- 3rd Vietnam Vets Chapter 1 Meeting 6:30pm
- 7th Bingo in Memorial Hall, 6:00pm, Honor Guard
- 8th SAL Meeting 7:00pm
- 9th Bingo in Memorial Hall, 9:45am, Honor Guard
- 11th Honor Guard Meeting 7:00pm
- 14th Bingo in Memorial Hall, 6:00pm, Post
- 16th Bingo in Memorial Hall, 9:45am, Honor Guard
- 17th 4th District Meeting, 7:00pm, Post 299 @Post 416 Greendale
- 18th Post & Auxiliary Membership Meeting 7:00pm
- 21st Bingo in Memorial Hall, 6:00pm, Post
- 22nd VFW Meeting 6:30pm
- 23rd Bingo in Memorial Hall, 9:45am, Honor Guard 40/8 Meeting 7:00pm
- 28th Bingo in Memorial Hall, 6:00pm, Post
- 30th Bingo in Memorial Hall, 9:45am, Honor Guard

FEBRUARY

- 4th Bingo in Memorial Hall, Honor Guard, 6:00pm
- 6th Bingo in Memorial Hall, Honor Guard, 9:45am Executive Board Meeting 7:00p
- 7th Vietnam Vets Chapter 1 Meeting 6:30pm
- 11th Bingo in Memorial Hall, 40/8, 6:00pm
- 12th SAL Meeting 7:00pm
- 13th Bingo in Memorial Hall, Honor Guard, 9:45am
- 18th Bingo in Memorial Hall, Post, 6:00pm
- 20th Bingo in Memorial Hall, Honor Guard, 9:45am
- 21st 4th District Meeting hosted by Post 400 @ Post 416 Greendale
- 22nd Post & Auxiliary Membership Meeting 7:00pm
- 25th Bingo in Memorial Hall, Post 6:00pm
- 26th VFW Meeting 6:30pm
- 27th Bingo in Memorial Hall, Honor Guard 9:45am

40/8 Meeting 7:00pm

LEGION

COMMANDERS REPORT

Greetings Post 416 Family

It's hard to believe we are almost done with this year. We have had a great year, and a lot of great things happened. Couple of things that have happened, the parking lot has been sealed and painted . The trees will be worked on here in January. We are going to replace the front entrance enclosure here in the near future. That was approved back in 2022. We will most likely match the front. And the Biggest Change, we will have a new Bingo machine by the start of 2024. We did all we could with the old machines we had. All parts we were able to use for the machine we have, have now been used. Look forward to seeing the new machine and more changes to your building yes, your building.

Now continuing the learning of the Legion, here is one of the major programs we use to help.

Temporary Financial Assistance

Since its establishment in 1925, The American Legion Temporary Financial Assistance (TFA) program has awarded cash grants to minor children of current active duty or American Legion members. These grants help families in need meet the cost of shelter, food, utilities, and health expenses, thereby keeping the child or children in a more stable environment.

Who is eligible for a grant?

The minor child must be under the age of 18 and still in high school, however TFA may be extended until the completion of high school provided the child has not reached the age of 21. The minor child must be the biological child, stepchild, or in the legal custody of, a qualifying veteran. A qualifying veteran is defined as a member of the United States Armed Forces serving on federal orders currently under Title 10 of the United States Code, inclusive of all components, OR any veteran possessing an up-to-date membership in The American Legion. Active-duty applicants can be considered without being a member of The American Legion. A single onetime nonrepayable Temporary Financial Assistance grant of up to \$1,500 will be permitted for the minor child(ren) of a qualifying veteran.

No child is considered eligible for Temporary Financial Assistance until a complete investigation is conducted at the post or department level, a legitimate family need is determined, and all other available assistance resources have been utilized or exhausted. Additionally, the TFA application must originate and be filled out by someone at the local level.

How to Apply

Contact your local American Legion post or department (state) headquarters.

We have a committee at the ready and are ready to help. If anyone has any questions, feel free to call me or Big Tim we are always willing to help anyway we can.

One last thing REMEMBER WE HAVE NEW YEARS EVE BINGO come into the post to get the info.

And from my family to yours.

Happy holidays and have a safe New Years

Terry Barrington



1st VICE COMMANDER

As of 12/21/23 our paid membership stands at 368, so we are getting there slowly, anyone who hasn't sent in your dues please get them in asap. Keep in mind that if you are having financial difficulties, please let us know so we can help you out. The help call only goes out to me and the Commander.

Thanks for your support.

Dave Pier

2nd VICE COMMANDER

I wish you a happy, healthy, and prosperous 2024. Once again, your Legion Christmas Party was enjoyable with the socialization, food, door prizes, etc. Essentially, a good time was had by our Post 416 members and guests. Follow that with the New Year's Eve Bingo Bash and we could not go wrong closing out the old and welcoming the new.

At this time, future event planning is to continue, the first being our 2024 Officer Installation. There are a few tours, mainly historical military facilities, that are being discussed. However, nothing is "written in stone" at this point.

As I have previously stated and, in my favor is the fact that I am fortunate to be involved with a group of dedicated members who have agreed to serve on the Entertainment Committee. We will attempt to get some social activities "off the ground," so to speak.

Follow your Newsletter for any events that may be scheduled. If you have any ideas, for future events please feel free to contact me.

Gary Parker

4TH VICE COMMANER

With the Oratorical Contest drawing near, testing on government, plus Badger Boys Info, I start to wonder how much of any items relating to the Constitution, history of our country, etc. even goes on anymore in our schools. These are troubling times within education, but maybe some sort of change is needed. Elections are not far ahead. Start looking at your representatives and the way they vote. If as parents, items are never discussed at home, or even in a school setting, we have a problem. Democracy will be gone before you know it.

Good luck to any of the students who want to give it a shot. January 13th, a Saturday, is rapidly approaching. Somebody needs to step up.

Tim Baranzyk

ADJUTANT

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

Tim Bellis

HISTORIAN

As I review 2023, I can't help but think of all the news that goes on within the area, and it seems to pass everyone by. How does it affect the post in its relationship to its veterans? Community? Welfare? The Young and Old?

History affects us all. We have historical literature in the cabinet within the Honor Guard Room, that many people don't realize is there. You need not go around the world to find it; we have a lot of it in our own back yard of Greendale. Enough said.

Continue to get me info on your activities for our book, otherwise, it appears we do nothing.

One big area is Historical Archaeology. Going after artifacts and stories of by gone eras. For example: How many veterans from the Civil War have a Greendale identity? How many Missing in Action veterans have a Greendale connection from all Wars? Do they have stories to tell? Yes! Their families can keep their memories alive! Let's concentrate on Greendale. Anybody ever visited a cemetery in Greendale, or close to it? If not, take a walk or connect with a cemetery office and do some investigation.

One area we never investigate is the area of the Chaplain Corps. These ministers of God go unnoticed.

I can go on and on, but until next issue, more info to follow. Contact me if anyone is interested in any of these topics.

Tim Baranzyk

SERVICE OFFICER

Members of the Legion Post 416 went to Woods Medical Center to meet and greet vets that are housed in 3 units. Each house has the capacity of 12 vets. Stan Pinkowski spear headed the outing. Members included Tim Baranzyk, Ed King Denise Northway, Kimberly Stuart, and Bob Zolandz. Canteen booklets were distributed to the vets. We received many thanks and handshakes from the vets. The appreciation was very rewarding.

Bob Zolandz

HONOR GUARD

This past year we gave a farewell salute to many of our veterans by your attendance at military honors. Your attendance and performance were appreciated by the family.

Our Mission statement is "Honoring Our Vets". Post 416 Honor Guard has certainly fulfilled that mission statement.

Thank you and stay safe, wishing you a healthy new year. "Honoring our Vets: Our mission statement that was repeated many times this past year. The services that were attended this past year is a testimony of our commitment to our Honor Guard.

The depth of our squad if appreciated and we need to continue to grow in this area. A sincere thanks goes out for the individuals that came forward.

Presentation skills are very military, yet they are presented in a gracious manner. The firing has been on timely manner. Someday I will find out who did the firing since I only hear one shot.

Wishes for a recovery for the members on sick leave. Jim Cook, Rob Hamby, and Kimberly Stuart. Harry Koroghlanian, who has been a loyal long-time member of the squad, has retired from the squad, but not the Legion. (Thank you, Harry, for your years of service)

Wishes for a healthy New Year.

Proud to serve as your Captain.

Bob Zolandz

PAST POST COMMANDER

Information is coming out now about America Climate Corps. There will be internet hosting of information. By the time this newsletter comes out, these sessions may have been shown. These sessions get into areas we're looking at. Some of you don't bother to read this newsletter. I hope that changes. More info will be sent out via email, also some on the SAL and POST web site. So, stay tuned!

- Donated over \$400 to orphans. involving Toys for Tots
- Collected and distributed food supplies to homeless vets- \$450.

Many of these contributions have been done by anonymous donors.

My Thanks to All of You!

Tim Baranzyk

Tim Baranzyk

HOMELESS VETERAN TASK FORCE

As we complete 2023, let's review some of the things that this Post has done to help veterans.

- 416 has supplied over \$200 in hygiene items to Union Grove;
- \$300 in coupon books to veterans in the Zablocki Greehouses located on the east side of the VA hospital
- Collected over 350 pounds of clothing sent to the area around Clarksville, Tennessee, for people ravaged by the tornadoesanonymous donors

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings,

Hope everyone had a Merry and blessed Christmas with their family. I hope my surgery goes well on December 21st so I can start the new year healthy and energetic. Have a blessed and prosperous New Year. I know the Auxiliary will have a great year ahead of us.

Our next Membership Meeting is January 18th at 7pm, I am looking forward to seeing everyone then.

Our Executive Board Meeting is January 10th at 6:30 pm.

Sincerely,

Kathy Baranzyk



1st VICE PRESIDENT

Auxiliary Membership

The New Year is upon us. We have reached out to those who have not renewed their membership via email or telephone if listed. Members not renewed will be receiving a final notice from our National Headquarters February 1st for a last appeal to join us in 2024. I would also consider it a professional courtesy to hear from you if you have decided not to renew. This will help us maintain proper records and to also work on better methods of retaining our valued members. Please share your thoughts and concerns along with your name so we can follow up with you if requested. You can find our officer listing in the newsletter. Thank you.

To the 85% of members who have renewed for 2024, we thank you and value you. Our membership goal is always 100% (achieved in 2023!) but our unit is currently above the National average. Please consider coming to our meetings and sharing your thoughts, ideas, or concerns for how we can better serve Veterans in our community. WE are a service organization. Our mission statement begins with "In the spirit of service, Not self, the mission of the American Legion Auxiliary is to support The American Legion and to honor the sacrifice of those who serve." We can only be as strong as our members in contributing to this mission. Let us begin 2024 with a positive, patriotic, and creative outlook. Becoming an active member also provides an opportunity to socialize and make new friendships. Membership is an opportunity for growth!

Wishing all our members a Happy, Healthy and Patriotic New Year!

Carol Stephany

GREENDALE VETERANS MEMORIAL

Our THANKS TO ALL who participated on Veterans Day, plus those who assisted. THANK YOU

Tim Baranzyk, President Greendale Veterans Memorial

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SAL COMMANDER

Hope everyone within the SAL Ranks is safe and doing well.

The past several weeks has been one of exploration, evaluation, and experimentation. Besides experimenting with magnetic fishing, we managed to get some airplane drones for pictures above anything we do. Also collected has been some hydroponic equipment.

Some time has been spent examining sonar equipment, for underwater visuals, plus some other water equipment to measure plastics in water. You may ask- how does this help vets? It may produce jobs and careers of the future. Areas that have not been explored yet. Many vets suffer from all sorts of trauma from combat and other events. This is another example of trying some fits for veteran personnel.

Above all of this, we've been assisting homeless vets and their families; providing clothes and other essentials that are always needed; plus, we've been investigating areas of historic archeology.

If anyone is interested in any areas of research, etc., plus some of the things I've mentioned here, let me know. Whether we get one to two people or, a larger crowd, we're moving.

Above all, start putting into practice some exercise, proper nutrition, and sleep. We' re on the move.

Until next issue, you'll be hearing from me beforehand.

Tim Baranzyk, SAL Commander 416.

If you want to put an article in the next newsletter, please email to: lauracalteux@yahoo.com

Deadline January 20th , 2024