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POST 416 INFORMATIONAL GUIDE

Post Officers 2019-2020

COMMANDER	Tim Baranzyk
Adjutant	Dave Pier
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3rd Vice Commander	Rick Barrington
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Sgt. At Arms	Jerry White
Historian	Tim Baranzyk
Firing Sqd. Capt.	Bob Zolandz
1st Lt. Firing Sqd.	Bob Vanselow
2nd Lt. Firing Sqd.	Dan Baker

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 2019-2020

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

Auxiliary
3rd Thursday
7:00 PM

SAL Officers 2019-2020

Commander	Dave Bauer
Adjutant	Jerry Meyers

SAL
2nd Thursday
7:00 PM



2019 Christmas Party

December 14, 2019
cocktails 5:00-6:00
6:00 dinner
Cost is \$20.00 per person

*Don't be a Scrooge,
come and enjoy good food,
friendship and fun
with our Legion Family*

If you have any questions, please call:
Lyle Jackson 414-587-7638,
or Dave Pier 414-421-3371

Reservations due by December 6th

Name(s): _____

of guests attending _____ X \$20 = _____

send reservation and payment to:
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NOVEMBER

- 3RD Bingo in Memorial Hall, 6:00pm, Firing Squad
- 5th Bingo in Memorial Hall, 9:45am, Firing Squad
Executive Board Meeting 7:00pm
- 6th Vietnam Vets Meeting 6:30pm
- 7th Badger Detachment Meeting 7:00pm
- 8th Legion Auxiliary Anniversary Post 416
- 10th Bingo in Memorial Hall, 6:00pm, Post
- 12th Bingo in Memorial Hall, 9:45am, Firing Squad
- 13th Firing Squad Meeting 7:00pm
- 14th SAL Meeting 7:00pm
- 17th Bingo in Memorial Hall, 6:00pm, Post
- 19th Bingo in Memorial Hall, 9:45am, Firing Squad
DAV Meeting 7:00pm
- 20th 4th District Meeting Post 120, 7:00pm, 70th & Lapham
- 21st Post & Auxiliary Membership Meeting 7:00pm
- 23rd Pancake Breakfast 8am – Noon, Montage Color Guard
- 24th Bingo in Memorial Hall, 6:00pm, Post
- 25th VFW Meeting 6:30pm
- 26th Bingo in Memorial Hall, 9:45am, Firing Squad
40/8 Meeting 7:00pm



Commander's Corner

As we move into November we think about fall, the changing of the trees, deer hunting for those who go, and even turkey hunting. But before Thanksgiving, other events start to occur. They are: Marine Corps Birthday, Veterans Day, A Parade of some sorts, Veterans programs, a Remembrance of those who are not here with us anymore, and Thanksgiving. But as these events begin to unfold, so does the weather. Start thinking about taxes of items to want to deduct. But above all, don't forget Election Day. Many politicians have decided not to run. So you're going to see new faces. How much experience do they have? Do you vote because of appearance? Issues? Family? Party? You better start trying to get some info on any of them. Your vote counts.

The week before Thanksgiving is National Education Week. This is the week we honor teachers. Believe it or not, the American Legion, way back around 1929, championed public education. Why? Many WW1 vets were illiterate and so the Legion teamed up with the National Education Association to champion the cause of public

education. So every day in a few weeks, we'll do something, to honor teachers. The Friday before the weekend of Veterans Day, Canterbury School will place about 150 American Flags at the Greendale Memorial to honor veterans. We'll be there on a Friday to assist with the flags, probably along the lighted sidewalk. These kids will also write letters to vets for the Honor Flight, and some others on homelessness among the veteran population. Then after everything is said and done, essays from their experiences will be collected and shared as to what they may have learned. On the last Monday of November, I hope to throw a dinner at Pallas, and thank the teachers, plus some librarians, for their help in working with our kids. The dinner will be free. If anyone wants to help me, let me know. Nowadays, we don't thank teachers enough for all of the stuff they have to put up with. It's our way of saying Thank You. Again, let me know if you want to help me. This is being set up through the Legion, Auxiliary, 40& 8, Marine Corps League, and others who want to help. Let me know.

I just got back from the Fall Meetings and wound up getting sick. This was a trip in itself. These are interesting times, and we need some people with level headed sense. Along with these events, we continue to monitor membership. Some vets have filed claims and are waiting for word from the VA on your efforts. Don't wait, but ask what is going on?

We're also going to take some time to help vets who need some sort of assistance. This we will deal with on a one to one basis.

I'm collecting wheelchairs, walkers, etc. More are coming in. Added to these items will be tables and chairs, sets good enough for up to 8 people. They're beautiful. I may need some help in putting them into a truck and into storage. Again, let me know if you can help. Everything is ground level, no stairs, elevators, etc.

November is the time to remember vets and their sacrifices. Make us aware of anyone who needs assistance. Every year we do a program at the VA Zablocki. I don't expect this to change. We have a lot to be Thankful for. Remember all of the free meals coming up, programs in high school, or any school. Ww'll be in demand for appearances.

We need some help in areas for a little bit to help the post function. Maybe some assistance helping with the newsletter. Rick will be out for a bit, on the mend. Doug jumped in to help with the Chaplain's duties, as the Chaplain also is on the mend. Anyone interested in helping us out, period? Any ideas that you can think of for Christmas at our party? I'm all ears. Speak up. Mid-Winter is not far ahead. That means training, or just staying home. Am setting up trips to the Veterans Museum in Madison, and elsewhere. When I get the word, you'll hear about it. This will be on a first come, first serve basis.

We hope to get some interest in creating a Legion Rider element also. We'll look for interested parties.

Until next time, hope to see you at the next meeting or before.

Tim Baranzyk

1st Vice Commander

As I am writing this, I am processing more post members investments. As of October 25th, we are 63% to goal that's 407 out of 646 members that have made an investment into this 2020 year. We are over half way to our goal.

We will be getting the membership team together to look at and figure out how we as an American Legion family can achieve 100%. I will be reaching out at next meeting with more info on the LEGION ACT. That was signed on July 30 2019. So far I was able to get some new application forms with the new info on them. We still will use the old forms until we get a supply of new forms.

In closing I want to take a moment and say Happy Veterans Day. And leave everyone with this quote.

"As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them." -- John F. Kennedy

Terry Barrington

2nd Vice Commander

LEGION FAMILY

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Please save the date, December 14th, for our American Legion Family Christmas Party!!! The details are in this newsletter and at our General Meeting on November 21st. Make sure you send in your reservation and join our American Legion Family, as we celebrate the holiday.

Lyle Jackson

Firing Squad Captain

November is a month in which we give special honor to our Vets. We are going to participate in a couple of events during the month. Monday, 11/11/19 we will be going to the VA for a program and on Saturday, 11/16/19 Bill Pekrul will be the Grand Marshal in the Honoring Our Vets from WWII parade. Details TBA.

Again, thank you for your attendance at Military Honors.

Proud to serve as your Firing Squad Captain.

Bob Zolandz

**Spinal Cord Unit at VA
Fischer House**

Please save the date: Saturday,
December 7th 12:00-1:00 p.m.

This year we will be going to the VA hospital to visit the men that are unable to be with their families over the holiday season. We have done this in the past and received a cheerful reception from the veterans that we met.

As mentioned above, we plan to meet on December 7th at noon and visit them after their dining hour. We will stop in their rooms, talk about their families, their service to our country and anything they want to discuss with us. We will give them a gift of tickets which they can use at the PX in the main hospital.

After the visit, those that wish can tour the Fisher house.

Place: Spinal Cord Unit (located behind the main hospital)

Time: noon till 1:00p.m.

Date: December 7th (Saturday)

If interested, please contact:

Stan Pinkowski

414-545-8449



President's Corner

Happy Fall!

We had a fun meeting in October. We got the business end of the meeting done in record time and then did a project for our veterans at the Zablocki VA. We decorated Ball jars with snow and tied some holiday decorations around the top. We will put some flameless candles in them and get them delivered in time for the holidays.

At our next meeting, we will finish signing Christmas cards that will also go to Zablocki. If you haven't signed them yet, please make sure you come on November 21st and get that done!

Our American Legion Auxiliary 100th Anniversary is on November 8th. If you haven't sent in your reservation, please do so right away. The flyer is in this newsletter and make sure that you have your dues paid and send in the reservation.

A little more history on our unit. We have had many volunteers at Zablocki VA, from Christmas Gift Shop, Fisher House and Bingo, to daily volunteers. We also have had veterans come to our

post home to play bingo. Helen Stark set up those bingo days with the VA and we hosted many veterans for bingo and lunch 4 times a year. This was a Legion Family undertaking and was always a welcome outing by those that attended.

I hope to see many of you at our next meeting on November 21st at 7pm.

Wishing every one of you a very blessed Thanksgiving.

Laura Calteux

Membership

I would like to thank all of our members who have taken the time to renew their memberships for 2020. As of October 9th, we have 85 members renewed. That gives us a percentage of 75.22% toward our unit goal of 113. We were among the 70 units across the state that qualified for the Persistent Pilots award drawing, which was won by Wilmot Unit #361. It was great to be in the running.

I would like to encourage all members who have not renewed to please do so promptly. The easiest way to renew is to call directly to National at 317-569-4500 and pay with a credit card. As the Unit Membership Chairperson, I will also be happy to accept your check through the mail. My address is on your renewal notice. Please feel free to call me with any questions, 414-321-3714.

Our efforts going forward will focus on reaching our goal of 113 members through renewal and recruitment. If you have a friend or relative who might be interested in joining, please let us know!

Thank you all for honoring your loved one's service with your continued membership.

Carol Stephany

Auxiliary Minutes 10/17/19

Meeting was called to order by President Laura, opening ceremonies proceeded without interruption.

We had a motion and second to approve the minutes as printed, motion passed.

There was no Treasurer's report as Kathy Zagar was home sick.

President's Report – Our 4th District meeting will be held here next Wednesday at 7 pm. November 23rd the MCCU will be hosting a Membership Rally starting at 9 am and going to 2 pm here at our post. We will have a Chili Dump for lunch and doing a project.

November 8th is our Membership Dinner and Birthday celebration. If your dues are paid, you eat free and it is \$10 per guest.

Membership Report – Carol Stephany. Our membership is at 75% and I just received (12) more renewals.

There was no correspondence

Unfinished business - none

New business – The Sons of the American Legion sent us a request to place an ad on the placemats that they print. A motion was made and seconded to purchase an ad and was passed.

A Certificate of Recognition was given to Lori Knodl that recognized her dad Norm for his 7 years on the Firing Squad.

We adjourned at 7:30pm

The project for the Zablocki VA was started.

Kathy Baranzyk

Newsletter articles are due to Laura Calteux by November 19th. Please send via email to: lauracalteux@yahoo.com

100th BIRTHDAY & MEMBERSHIP DINNER

***Thank you for paying your 2020
Membership dues!***

Please join us for a birthday party to celebrate our
100 years of serving our veterans, our military and their families

If your 2020 dues are paid, you can attend for free. If you would like
to bring a guest, the cost is only \$10 per guest

This is for our entire American Legion Family!!!!

Friday, November 8, 2019
5:30 cocktails (beer & soda provided)
6:00 dinner

*******Reservations due by November 1st*******

Name(s): _____

Address: _____ Phone # _____

of Members attending _____ # of guests attending _____ X \$10 = _____

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