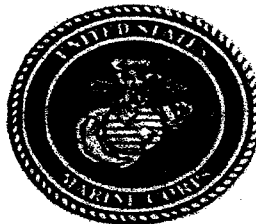


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## POST 416 INFORMATIONAL GUIDE

### 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

**NOVEMBER**

- 1<sup>st</sup> No Bingo**
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Bingo in Memorial Hall, 9:45am, Firing Squad**  
**Executive Board Meeting 7:00pm**
- 4<sup>th</sup> Vietnam Vets Meeting 6:30pm**
- 5<sup>th</sup> Badger Detachment Meeting 7:00pm**
- 8<sup>th</sup> Bingo in Memorial Hall, 6:00pm, Post**
- 10<sup>th</sup> Bingo in Memorial Hall, 9:45am, Firing Squad**
- 12<sup>th</sup> 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, Firing Squad**
- 18<sup>th</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> District Meeting 7:00pm, Post 120**
- 19<sup>th</sup> Post and Auxiliary Membership Meeting 7:00p**
- 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 Hall, 9:45am, Firing Squad**  
**40/8 Meeting 7:00pm**
- 29<sup>th</sup> Bingo in Memorial Hall, 6:00pm, Post**

## 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



## COMMANDERS REPORT

Before I start, I want to thank everyone for joining our organization, your participation, renewal, new members who just joined us and others who continue to give it their ALL! We need ALL of you! This is a TEAM, not an organization of "I".

With the virus doing its thing, most activities of whatever nature still manage to pop up. Some organizations continue to hold meetings without following protocols, so they continue to play with fire. As for us at the local level, we held a membership meeting to tie up loose ends. In the newsletter, we've asked for email addresses of members and also phone numbers in case we do a Zoom or conference call meeting. Some of you may not want to be bothered, while others are still interested. The biggest thing is YOUR HEALTH AND WELFARE! Watch the guidelines. If you don't agree or feel sick, stay home. If you have questions, my number is in the newsletter. My email is [fbaranzyk@wi.rr.com](mailto:fbaranzyk@wi.rr.com) We're living in explosive times, so everyone needs to be kept informed. The newsletter will not stop. We'll add email outpourings of Commander's Notes, plus have been looking at various communications strategies to help get the word out. As a

STRONG suggestion, don't believe everything you read on the internet, or read in the Journal. Look for other sources of information to back up what you may see or read. Please use some common sense. As of this writing, there are restrictions on room counts, etc. Things will change. If you don't feel comfortable, stay home or better yet, say something.

### Greendale Vets Memorial

Shortly, about 250 plus brick orders will be put out on the Memorial site. At the present time, the large 16x16 have to be taken back and done at the shop, correcting mistakes, changes, etc. With a three month delay or more of being a non-essential service, and with two workers getting very sick, action now is full steam ahead. We hope to have all or most of the remaining bricks and pavers done before Veterans Day at the latest, barring any more changes.

### Department Level

I took part in the Fall Meetings. As a recap, here goes.....

By the end of October or so, the 4<sup>th</sup> District needs to come up with a strategic plan for membership recruitment, something similar to revitalization. With people hard pressed for money and unemployment going up, spiking with the virus, we'll see what we can come up with. The event need not take place until after the first of the year, maybe January, February, or so. Stay tuned for a date. Again it depends on the status of the virus, laws, etc.

### Oratorical

The National date for this event has been scheduled for April 6-11<sup>th</sup>, 2021. This is tentative. We setting up a date at the Post

for our own contest, before the District comes up with theirs. So, stay tuned.

### **Mid-Winter Meetings**

During the first week of December, a decision will be made to make it a go or not in the Dells. It's possible that the DEC may meet at Department Headquarters instead. TENTATIVE!

### **Camp American Legion**

No decision has been made yet on opening up any cabins if the main cabin is shut down. This is still a work in progress! Some posts have lost a lot of money with these cabins closed. I'm not going to speculate on anything yet about the Camp.

### **Badger Boys State**

The contract for this event has expired and new costs have made this event an expensive one. Nothing firm has been decided yet, but it's possible that Oshkosh might be the new area of participation. This also is a work in progress.

### **State Convention 2021**

This is still scheduled for Middleton. It's still early on this decision.

### **National Convention 2022**

This is still on the calendar for Milwaukee and we will need about 1,000 or more volunteers to help stuff goody bags, take notables around town, etc. We're just one of several who will be asked to help out

### **Homelessness**

As some of you know, I'm the Department Chair for the Homeless Task Force in Wisconsin. I work with the Milwaukee County Veteran Service Officer helping vets in a lot of areas. We've been collecting all

sorts of items for distribution to needy vets. Other duties include: homelessness, rent, utilities, and whatever. I work closely with the State Service Officer of the American Legion, Jim Fialkowski, at the Regional VA with grants, information, etc.

I February 2021, there is a tentative dedication for the Old Soldiers Home residences behind the Zablocki VA for homeless vets. I believe there are over 110 units. More info to follow as it becomes available.

The Tiny or Little Houses idea on Green Tree Road has been postponed for now due to various problems that have been undecided by several parties, concerning veteran's preference, or homelessness among the population.

Within the country, a new concept popped up involving Stand Downs. The New Jersey Department of The American Legion came up with the idea of doing mobile stand downs with various National Guard units and the organizations who put all this together. This was due to the Covid and its restrictions of in-house gatherings. So the Mobile Stand Downs continue, but in a temporary way. Some of the Legion posts serve as drop off centers.

Recently I was appointed to the National Employment and Education Committee of the Legion.

### **Career Fairs**

All in-person career fairs scheduled for November at the National level have been cancelled. Please check your own areas, some may do a virtual career fair.

## **Education**

The Department of Veterans Affairs has lost the domain rights to the GI Bill.com, which some advocates fear could open the potential for scammers to target veterans. No one has control of the site and veterans have long been the target of aggressive recruiting from the for-profit colleges. The VA needs to step up and protect student veterans from predatory organizations taking advantage of the GI Bill domain. Of the roughly 200,000 veterans who enter the work force, only about 50,000 have the credentials to land good jobs. The Legion has been trying to turn military training and skills into civilian credentials to meet job requirements. This is especially true to service members of color who make up 43% of the active duty force. More than half of the Black, Hispanic and Native American service members are clustered into four occupations that lack clear paths. This is supported by Resolution No. 318: Ensuring the Quality of Service Member and Veterans Student's Education at Institutions of Higher Learning. (Reported by John Kamin, National.)

Tim Baranzky

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

Hello fellow legionnaires

First off I want to personally say Thank you to The Post 416 Funeral Honor Team. I am forever thankful for the honors you gave my Father Rick Barrington. And want to thank everyone for your thoughts and prayers during this time. This post is something very special we have going here.

At the present time we are 365 out of 658 to our Membership investment. That equals out to 55.48%. We have less than 300 to go to get to 100%. I am currently looking for 5 members that would be willing to help out on our MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE. There were some questions on the AMERICAN LEGION ACT 2019 and the National Guard, here are some answers to the questions that were asked.

### **What are the eligibility dates for membership in The American Legion?**

Thanks to the LEGION Act (Let Everyone Get Involved In Opportunities for National Service Act), Congress expanded the current eligibility period to cover Dec. 7, 1941, to the present, and includes the current war campaigns. Previously, there were seven declared war periods. Now there are two, the current war period dating back to World War II and another war era covering World War I. No other restrictions to American Legion membership changed.

### **I'm currently in the National Guard/Reserve. My unit was activated under Title 10 orders during a qualifying time period. Am I eligible?**

Yes, you are a veteran. Title 10 orders are issued by the Secretary of Defense and therefore are federal orders.

### **My National Guard unit was activated for crowd control under Title 32 orders during one of the qualifying periods. Am I eligible?**

No. Title 32 orders are issued under a governor's authority, whereas Title 10 orders are issued from the Secretary of Defense.

I served my entire military career in the National Guard/Reserves, and only have a DD214 from my Active Duty for Training that I was in during one of the qualifying dates. Am I eligible?

Yes, you are a veteran. In the mid-60s all basic training and occupational training schools were considered federal active duty service.

Key thing is what titles the orders are on the DD214.

We will be talking about new ideas on how to make the post more active again. There will be more to come on that and on the video conferencing

Thanks for serving

Terry Barrington



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

I wish we had news that we are in schools and having our programs going, but with this virus that's out of the question. Post 416 will still have an Oratorical contest this year. It would probably be a little different, but we will still have one. I received several interested inquiries about it. The assigned topics for the 2021 contest are: Article 1,

Section 7. Article II, Section 3, Article III, Section I, and Amendment XXII, Section 1.

The Middle school student can also get involved in the Oratorical, but they have to write on it. We need to get our youth involved in Government and to understand how it works.

If you know of a Scouting unit that needs help give us a call with their community service. We need to get out in the community and let them know we're here. It only takes a call, give us the opportunity to make Greendale a Great place to live.

On another note: anyone interested in youth programs such as shooting sports? We have all types of youth programs that have not been touched and we need to dust them off.

To the ones that give blood or plasma, mention the Post 416 so we can report it and you get credit for it. We all need to step up for this reason to help our fellow man.

Stay healthy and see you at our next meeting.

Tim Bellis

## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

For those of you who do not know me, let me introduce myself to you as your new Chaplain. I am Ted Gurzynski, and have been a Deacon at St. Alphonsus parish in Greendale for 36 years. I have been a resident of Greendale for 48 years, married



to Kathy for 54 years, 5 grandchildren plus 3 step grandchildren. I am a veteran of the US Army having served during Vietnam 1968-70.

My main goal is to be of support to not only Legion members, but their families as well. I would like to know when someone is hurting, hospitalized, or just needs someone to talk to ...call me and I will make sure contact is made. This also applies to members of the household...if you are in need of someone to talk to, call on me.

I will be in attendance at all funerals and/or memorial services...but then again please communicate with me. Lastly, let me know of other services you feel I should be doing for our members...I will try to be there for all of you. I consider it an honor to serve as your chaplain.

My contact points are: Ted Gurzynski...e-mail - theodore.gurzynski@gmail.com. My cell is (414) 852-6844

Blessings!!

Ted Gurzynski

## **SERVICE OFFICER**

We bid farewell for two members of our Post this past month Rick Barrington and Richard Lemanski.

Rick Barrington was a member for 18 years. He served as 3<sup>rd</sup> vice commander, member of the firing squad and was part of the Americanism Program.

Richard Lemanski was a member of our post for 16 years. He served in the Korean Conflict as a member of the United States Air Force.

A Thank you for their service and condolences to their families.

Bob Zolandz

## **FIRING SQUAD**

The Firing squad is doing Military Honors with restrictions. I want to thank the squad for your timely response time when called up to serve. As you know we are limited as to the number of members we can have at an outing.

Bob Kennedy is at home in Hospice. Bob served as Commander of Post 416 from 1996-1997. He has been a post member for 38 years and will continue to be a member, however due to health issues he has resigned from the firing squad. We wish him well and our prayers and wishes go out to him and his wife Janet. Bob was an asset to the firing squad and was not shy about praising folks for a job well done.

Bob Zolandz

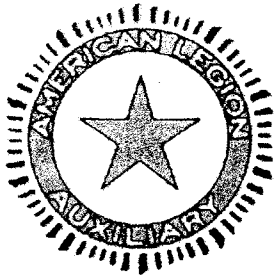
## **GREENDALE POST 416 HISTORY PROJECT**

We are putting together a history of the service of the veterans of our Post. We have so much rich history of our members that

we don't know about. I've had the opportunity to meet Elizabeth Dole, wife of Bob Dole (who designed the WW2 Memorial in DC); John Bradley, one of the Marines from Iwo Jima, and others.

I want our members to contact me, that's all of our members, to give me their history. We will compile a book of our Posts history. They can contact me via phone, email, or in person and we will set up a time to meet with myself, or the team to take down their history.

Tim Baranzyk



## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Thank You to our veterans for the time they served to protect our country. Remember to thank any veterans that you know this Veterans Day.

As we move into the holiday season, we must remember to help our veterans and homeless veterans. We have many ways that we, as members, can do that. We can host a food drive, clothing drive, host a fundraiser and donate to help our veterans, or their families.

We will be having a meeting on November 19<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. Please come to help us plan the next part of our year. We can always use new ideas on how to promote the American Legion Auxiliary programs. There are many to choose from and we would like some help as we move forward this Auxiliary year. We will be signing Christmas cards to send to Zablocki VA and framing certificates to give to area businesses for flying the American Flag.

Come to our meeting and safely help us work our mission for our veterans, the military, their families and our communities.

Laura Calteux

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

**deadline November 20<sup>th</sup>.**