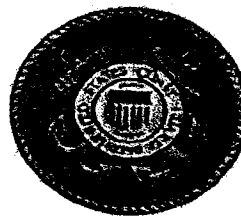


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Sgt. At Arms	Jerry White
Historian	Tim Baranzyk
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1st Lt. Honor Guard	Bob Vanselow
2nd Lt. Honor Guard	Ed King

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 Officers 2023-2024

President	Kathy Baranzyk
1st Vice President	Carol Stephany
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Historian	Laura Calteux
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Auxiliary
3rd Thursday
7:00 PM

Sal Officers 2023-2024

President	Tim Baranzyk
Adjutant	Terry Barrington

Sal 7:00 PM
2nd Monday

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NOVEMBER

- 1st Vietnam Vets Chapter 1 Meeting 6:30pm
- 5th Bingo in Memorial Hall, 6:00pm, Honor Guard
- 7th Bingo in Memorial Hall, 9:45am, Honor Guard
Executive Board Meeting 7:00pm
- 9th Honor Guard Meeting 7:00pm
- 10th Presentation of Quilts to Veterans 6:30pm
- 11th Program at Veterans Memorial 10am
- 12th Bingo in Memorial Hall, 6:00pm, Post
- 14th Bingo in Memorial Hall, 9:45am, Honor Guard
- 15th 4th District Meeting 7:00pm, Post 434, Oak Creek
- 16th Post & Auxiliary Membership Meeting 7:00pm
- 19th Bingo in Memorial Hall, 6:00pm, Post
- 21st Bingo in Memorial Hall, 9:45am, Honor Guard
- 26th Bingo in Memorial Hall, 6:00pm, Post
- 28th Bingo in Memorial Hall, 9:45am, Honor Guard

DECEMBER

- 2nd Post Christmas Party 5:30pm, Dinner 6:30pm
- 3rd Bingo in Memorial Hall, 6:00pm, Honor Guard
- 5th Bingo in Memorial Hall, 9:45am, Honor Guard
Executive Board Meeting 7:00pm
- 10th Bingo in Memorial Hall, 6:00pm, 40/8
- 12th Bingo in Memorial Hall, 9:45am, Honor Guard
- 17th Bingo in Memorial Hall, 6:00pm, Post
- 19th Bingo in Memorial Hall, 9:45am, Honor Guard
- 20th 4th District Meeting 7:00pm, Post 434, Oak Creek
- 21st Membership Meeting Post & Auxiliary 7:00pm
- 26th Bingo in Memorial Hall, 9:45am, Honor Guard
- 31st New Years Eve Bingo, 6:00pm, Honor Guard

AMERICAN LEGION

COMMANDERS REPORT

Greetings Post 416 family!

Hope everyone is doing well and is healthy. We were very busy last month. We completed the security upgrades, and we also completed the parking lot upgrade as well. Great improvement to the building. We will be doing some more tree work and cleanup of our property.

This time of year is where we have to have a closer eye on our legion family members. We need to make sure we do our buddy checks and make sure we look out for each other. Also, we are coming into the coldest time of year. Veterans sometimes have too much pride to ask for help, we need to know. We have our homeless and at-risk veterans committee that has key items that people might need at the ready. Please reach out to me or Mr. Bellis and/or Big Tim and Laura C for questions or help, we are there for you.

In continuing the learning I started last month, let's look at BLUE STAR FLAGS

➤ The Blue Star Service Banner was designed and patented in 1917 by World War I Army Capt. Robert L. Queissner of the 5th Ohio Infantry who had two sons serving on the front line. It quickly became the unofficial symbol of a child in the service.

➤ On Sept. 24, 1917, an Ohio congressman read the following into the Congressional Record: "...The mayor of Cleveland, the Chamber of Commerce and the governor of Ohio have adopted this service flag. The world should know of those who give so much for liberty. The dearest thing in all the world to a father and mother - their children."

➤ During World War II, the Department of War issued specifications on the manufacture of the flag as well as guidelines indicating when and by whom the Service flag could be flown, or the Service Lapel button could be worn. The Department of Defense updated the guidelines on December 1, 1967, with DoD Directive 1348.1, which implemented an Act of Congress authorizing a service flag and a service lapel button (U.S.C. 179-182). The directive was cancelled by DoD in 1970 and folded into DoD Instruction 1348.33-M, Manual of Military Decorations and Awards Program, transferring cognizance to the Dept. of the Army. It provides current guidance for the manufacture and display of both the service flag and service lapel button under the

authority of federal law. (36 U.S.C. 179 – 182).

➤ The Blue Star Service Banner typically displayed in windows is an 8.5 by 14-inch white field with a blue star(s) sewn onto a red banner. The size may vary but should be in proportion to the size of the U.S. Flag.

➤ The banner displayed in the front window of a home shows a family's pride in their loved one serving in the military and reminds others that preserving America's freedom demands much.

➤ The blue star represents one family member serving in the armed forces. A banner can have up to five stars, signifying that five members of that family are currently in military uniform on active duty.

➤ If the individual symbolized is killed or dies while serving, the star representing that individual will have superimposed on it a gold star of smaller size so that the blue forms a border. On flags displaying multiple stars, including gold stars, when the flags are suspended against a wall, the gold star(s) will be to the right of, or above the blue star(s) a place of honor nearest the staff.

➤ Blue Star Mothers and Gold Star Mothers organizations were established during World War I and remain active today.

➤ Blue Star Service Banners, while widely used across America during World Wars I and II, were not embraced during the Korean or Vietnam wars with nearly the same enthusiasm.

➤ The American Legion rekindled the spirit of pride in our military men and women following the horrific terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001. The American Legion continues to provide banners to families in communities across the nation. Free color downloads are available at www.legion.org of the banners and static cling versions for home and automobile, as well as lapel pins, are available from The American Legion National Emblem Sales.

➤ The American Legion also has a special Blue Star Corporate Flag for government and corporate America to show their support for employees called to active duty in the war against terrorism.

The Service flag is an official banner authorized by the Department of Defense for display by families who have members serving in the Armed Forces during any period of war or hostilities the United States may be engaged in for the duration of such hostilities.

President Wilson became part of this history when in 1918 he approved a suggestion made by the Women's Committee of the Council of National Defenses that mothers who had lost a child serving in the war wear a gold gilt star on

the traditional black mourning arm band. This led to the tradition of covering the blue star with a gold star on the Service flag to indicate that the service member has died.

During WWII the practice of displaying the Service flag became much more widespread. Most flags were hand made by mothers across the nation. One of the most famous flags was that of the five Sullivan brothers who all perished on the U.S.S. Juneau.

The Blue Star Mothers was founded as a Veteran Service Organization and was part of a movement to provide care packages to military members serving overseas and also provided assistance to families who encountered hardships as a result of their son or husband serving in the war.

In 1960 Congress chartered the Blue Star Mothers of America as a Veterans Service Organization and in 1966, the Department of Defense revised the specifications for design, manufacture, and display of the Service flag.

The Department of Defense specifies that family members authorized to display the flag include the wife, husband, mother, father, stepmother or father, parent through adoption, foster parents, children, stepchildren, children through adoption, brothers, sisters and half brothers or sisters of a member of the Armed Forces of the United States. The flag should be displayed in a window of the residence of persons authorized.

The Service flag may also be displayed by an organization to honor the members of that organization serving during a period of war or hostilities.

The Service Flag is an indoor flag and should be flown facing out from the front window of the home or organization.

If the U.S. flag is also displayed with the Service flag, the U.S. flag should be of equal or greater proportions and should take the place of honor above the Service flag.

Each blue star on the flag represents a service member in active duty. A gold star is displayed if a service member is killed in action or dies in service. If several stars are displayed by one family the gold star takes the honor of being placed at the top. The gold star should be slightly smaller than the blue star to create a blue border surrounding the gold star.

Display of a Service Star Banner is done during times of war. Once again families are displaying banners at home. Blue Star Flags may be purchased through the internet, at stores, or made by hand.

Thank you for all your doing for the post and our community.

Terry Barrington



1st VICE COMMANDER

Keep those membershipS coming in, they have slowed down in coming in, but that is not uncommon. Currently our membership stands at 250 paid out of 609. As we have every year there are members out there who are unable to pay their membership, so if you are able to pay for some extra members to cover their dues it would be greatly appreciated. If you know of anyone who hasn't paid their dues give them a call and see how they are doing.

I will be having a committee meeting within the next couple of weeks, to hand out membership cards to the committee members, so sometime during the month one of the committee members will be getting in touch with you.

Thank You

Dave Pier

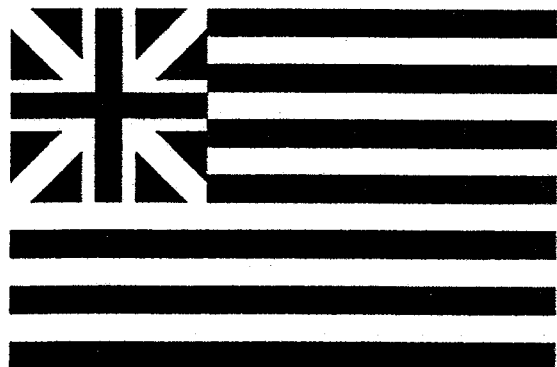
3RD VICE COMMANDER

Our Americanism Team gave a presentation to an eager Cub Scout Pack, their families, and leaders. We are looking forward to 3 presentations in November to young school students.

When preparing for Americanism Presentations, I came across some interesting facts about our country's Flag history that I wish to share.

The current flag of the United States is the twenty-seventh version of the national flag. When the Thirteen Colonies were seceding from the British, there became a necessity for a flag to symbolize the patriot cause and rally individuals for the Revolution.

The first "official" flag was "the Continental Colors," also known as the "Grand Union Flag," which consisted of thirteen red and white stripes and the United Kingdom's flag in the upper-left-hand corner, also known as the canton.



I will be submitting an expanded history of the American flag to be posted on our website. Check it out you may find it interesting and surprising.

If you know of an organization that may be interested in an Americanism Presentation let me know. We would gladly add them to our list.

"I am not a product of my circumstances. I am a product of my decisions." Stephen Covey

Aim High
That Others May Live

Ed King

4TH VICE COMMANNER

Oratorical Contest

Greendale has responded so far to this contest. Still working on Greenfield High School and Martin Luther High School. So far, no home schoolers. Get the word out. The post will set a date for its competition, prior to the district competition.

Tim Baranzuk

ADJUTANT

To everyone, that is even you, that sit on the side and complain how your post is doing or not doing, we need to have your thoughts on the business at hand. This goes for help in different programs, Honor Guard, Bingo, kitchen, etc./ etc.

I would like to thank everyone for their help on the rummage day. It's one way for us to be known in helping our community.

Last month I asked who was interested in The High Grounds , so far, I have about a dozen people that are interested. This site serves multiple conflicts while moving forward in the Global War on Terrorism. This site opened in 1984. The park is free and open to the public year-round.

In Spring I would like to have a general membership meeting at a different place. We hear so much about TEFFER FARMS known as SHANGRI-LA which is at 124th and Grange. Let's have our meeting outside and enjoy what nature has to offer.

Don't forget it's YOUR Post, love to see everyone at the HONOR FLIGHT for several of our members, also the QUILT OF HONOR coming up at the Village Library. See you there.

Tim Bellis

HISTORIAN

If you participate in any activity, take a picture, get a flyer. And explain what you did. Put it in my post mailbox, or send me the info via text, or email.

On another note. You hear info on the POW/MIA issue, but recently coming to light we have info not only on the Blue Star but also the Gold Star. My concentration will be on the Gold Star.

Briefly speaking, the Gold Star designation came from WW 1. A flag or banner was created with a Gold Star to represent a family member, relative, etc., killed while serving. At first it was a Gold Star Mother, but later was designated Gold Star Family. Either designation of the Blue or Gold Star can be obtained at the post or Emblem Sales.

Part 2: During the invasion of Normandy, many paratroopers overshot their drop zone, and landed farther inland. As they descended, some landed on a church while others were caught in trees. All of them were cut to pieces by Nazi machine gun fire. One lady called the Mother of Normandy, Simone Renaud, promised to take care of the graves of all soldiers at the Normandy cemetery.

Another person, thankful for the Allies trying to defeat the Germans, witnessed the landing. Several years later, Frenchy would

prepare a special French meal at his restaurant by Hartford. Everything was in French. Bill Pekrul, Karl Horn, and I had the opportunity to attend one of these. Frenchy passed away several years ago of bone cancer. Thank you, Frenchy, for remembering.

Even today, as many say, but can't understand the statement, Freedom is not Free. You pay a price. Our THANKS TO ALL OF YOU, BUT ESPECIALLY TO THE MANY WHO COULD NOT BE HERE. YOU WILL NOT BE FORGOTTEN. WE REMEMBER!

Tim Baranzyk

HOMELESS VETERAN TASK FORCE

If you have questions, call me. My number is: 414- 628- 7081. If I don' t answer, leave a message. If you don' t I will not return your call.

Tim Baranzyk, Dept. Chairman

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings,

We had our Rummage/Bake Sale and had a fairly good day. I want to thank everyone for all their hard work to make this happen. I want to thank everyone who baked items for our Bake Sale, we had a wide variety of baked goods. I greatly appreciate all your help and for everyone stepping up making awesome desserts. I am proud to be your President and all you do for me and the Auxiliary.

November 18th is our District Mid-Winter at Brookfield American Legion Auxiliary. Registration is 8:30am, meeting starting at 9:00am. If you're interested in attending let me know, I need to respond by November 12th. This event is free, with food being served. Mark your calendar for December 2nd, American Legion County Conference, more details later.

Executive Board Meeting is November 8th, 6:30pm at the post. Next Membership

Meeting is November 16th, 7:00pm at the post. See everyone then.

Sincerely,

Kathy Baranzyk



1st VICE PRESIDENT

The clock is ticking with only 2 months left before the official start of the 2024 membership card year.

Thank you to all the members who have already renewed. We have 81 members paid for 2024 with 2 more pending and 3 transfers from Unit 180. Our percent currently is about 77%. That's great! We are striving for 100% again for 2024!

To the 25 members who still need to renew, please do it as soon as you can. Mail to me or call 317-569-4570 to pay by phone to National. Have your member number handy when you call. We appreciate all members making a commitment to our organization every year.

Welcome to our newest member Kathy P. who did a great job helping out at the Rummage/ Bake sale, along with all the other hard-working members. Let's keep recruiting more new members! Earn a Poppy Pin!

For your information, the \$38 in dues are divided as such: \$4 to our Unit, \$16 to Dept. of Wisconsin, and \$18 to our National Headquarters.

Take a look at the New and Improved Department of Wi. website for all your needs. WWW.AMLEGIONAUXWI.ORG. The National website is WWW.ALAFORVETERANS.ORG.

Don't forget to also check out Nationals 4 pages of member benefits! They can be found on the Department website under the Programs tab, then Membership.

Remember our 2024 slogan: Grow our Membership, Poppy up for a Veteran.

Carol Stephany

RUMMAGE SALE

Rummage Sale Results are in!

A special thanks to all of you who worked to make this event a great success. From accepting donations, sorting, marking, boxing, hauling, set-up, unpacking,

organizing items for sale, encouraging sales, wrapping purchases, collecting money, and cleaning it all up at the end of the day.

Did I miss pushing and pulling?

At the end of the day a goal I looked forward to was \$1,000. I am happy to say we exceeded that goal by a few hundred dollars. It could not have happened without the dedication of everyone involved. A special thanks to everyone who donated items to sell. Your generosity helped us reach our goal. Thanks also to those who purchased the items. Know your dollars are going to a great cause for our Veterans in need.

To those who went the distance to pull off this huge sale, MANY THANKS. I may miss a name if I tried to thank individuals: YOU know who you are.

Please watch for future notices about the TINY HOMES: COMMUNITY VETERAN PROJECT MILWAUKEE to which all proceeds will be donated!

Jackie Tamsett

VETERANS DAY

Veterans Day is November 11th.

Some of our Veterans and Auxiliary Members will be out distributing Poppies at various businesses around town. Please encourage everyone to go out and support not only those handing out poppies but the

businesses who so generously allow our members to distribute them.

Speedway, Metro Market and Festival in Greenfield; Speedway, National Bakery and Sugar and Flour Bakery Cafe in Greendale; and Festival in Hales Corners.

They all help support our mission. A special Thank You to them for their continued support of Veterans.

ALWAYS REMEMBER TO THANK A VETERAN

Jackie Tamsett, Auxiliary

GREENDALE VETERANS MEMORIAL

Nov. 11th at 10am, down at the Memorial, rain, or shine, chair you bring, donuts and coffee will be offered- first come, first serve. We run out, we run out, prior to the ceremony. Dedication of the POW/MIA Plaque will be presented.

Everyone is welcome.

Tim Baranzyk, President
Greendale Veterans Memorial

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

SAL COMMANDER

Hello to all. Membership continues to inch up. Plans and names have been collected for a trip to the High Ground. Others also include the Civil War Museum, Soldiers Walk in Arcadia, the Sub up in Manitowoc, the telescope in Williams Bay, etc. We're starting a Food Drive for the Hunger Task Force. A receptacle will be placed in the East entrance. Also, another drum will be displayed for a collection of Toys for Tots. These toys are collected by the Salvation Army and distributed at one of their distribution Centers .

Next comes the drones and underwater rovs. Let me know if any of you are interested. We'll be busy.

Don't forget the magnet fishing. Depending on time and weather conditions, I have some spots to visit. Take care.

Last year over 1200 pounds of items were sent to areas in the south because of tornadoes and hurricanes, next came the flood waters. My THANKS TO YOU AGAIN! Without your efforts, none of this would have been possible!

People wonder what we do to help veterans!
Only if they knew!

416 has been there!

Numerous funerals protocol, clothing for the deceased, etc. was also provided, not just in Wisconsin, but also California, and Illinois. Just because WE Don' t appear on Facebook, WE DO CARE!

Tim Baranzyk, SAL Commander 416.

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

lauracalteux@yahoo.com

Deadline November 22nd , 2023

PAST POST COMMANDER

Looking to the future, we have Tiny Houses coming to Milwaukee. These will be on the North side around 60th and Green Tree.

By the time this newsletter comes out, we'll see if the War Memorial will be granted some extra consideration to keep it going.

Are any of you contacting any of your buddies- buddy check- to see how any of them are doing. This is everyone' s job, not just a few! This will get more attention as the holidays approach. Also comes the attention of those who might be expediting bouts of mental illness, etc. Let someone know. It takes a team to make it happen.

Tim Baranzyk

GREENDALE AMERICAN LEGION POST 416

CHRISTMAS PARTY!!!

Saturday, December 2nd

*5:30 Cocktails & Appetizers
6:30 Dinner*

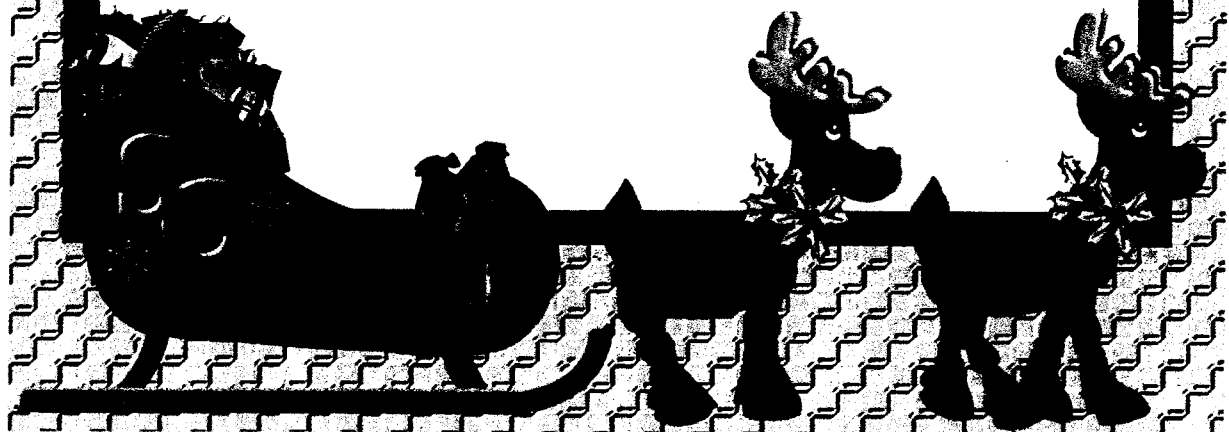
\$15.00 per person

Reservations can be sent to:

*American Legion Post 416
6351 West Grange Ave.
Greendale, WI 53129*

*Include name and how many are attending
by November 26th*

There will be absolutely no walk-ins allowed



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**AMERICAN
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**VETERANS
DAY**

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HONORING ALL WHO SERVED

This Veterans Day, November 11, support the Veterans Day of Giving by donating in honor of the sacrifices of our nation's heroes. Your gift to the ALA Foundation's Veterans Project Fund makes a direct impact on the lives of veterans.

Text VETERAN to
1-844-940-3450 or
scan the QR code to
make your gift today!



To learn more about the ALA Foundation's Veterans Project Fund visit: www.alafoundation.org/grants