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### GREENDALE AMERICAN LEGION POST 416 NEWSLETTER

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#### **POST 416 INFORMATIONAL GUIDE**

#### Post Officers 2022-2023

#### Meetings

Commander **Terry Barrington Adjutant** Tim Bellis **Assistant Adjutant** Dave Pier Finance Officer Leo Taylor 1st Vice Commander Dave Pier 2nd Vice Commander **Gary Parker** 3rd Vice Commander Ed King 4th Vice Commander Kim Stuart Chaplain (Deacon) Ted Gurzynski Service Officer **Bob Zolandz** Judge Advocate Stan Pinkowski Sgt. At Arms Dan Baker Sgt. At Arms Jerry White Historian Tim Baranzyk **Assistant Historian Denise Northway** Captain Honor Guard **Bob Zolandz** 

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 2022-2023**

1st Lt. Honor Guard

2nd Lt. Honor Guard

President Kathy Baranzyk
1st Vice President Carol Stephany
2nd Vice President
Secretary
Treasurer Laura Calteux
Chaplain
Historian
Sgt. At Arms Florence Groth

Auxiliary
3rd Thursday
7:00 PM

#### **SAL Officers 2022-2023**

Asst. Sgt. At Arms

Commander Adjutant Dave Bauer Jerry Meyers

Alexa Fryjoff

**Bob Vanselow** 

Ed King

SAL 2nd Thursday 7:00 PM

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#### **OCTOBER**

2 <sup>nd</sup>	Bingo in Memorial Hall, 6:00pm, Honor Guard
4 <sup>th</sup>	Bingo in Memorial Hall, 9:45am, Honor Guard
	Executive Board Meeting 7:00pm
5 <sup>TH</sup>	Vietnam Vets Chapter 1 Meeting 6:30pm
9 <sup>th</sup>	Bingo in Memorial Hall, 6:00pm, 40/8
11 <sup>th</sup>	Bingo in Memorial Hall, 9:45am, Honor Guard
12 <sup>th</sup>	Membership Committee Meeting 6:30pm
13 <sup>th</sup>	SAL Meeting 7:00pm
15 <sup>th</sup>	Auxiliary Executive Committee Meeting 6:30pm
16 <sup>th</sup>	Bingo in Memorial Hall, 6:00pm, Post
18 <sup>th</sup>	Bingo in Memorial Hall, 9:45am, Honor Guard
19 <sup>th</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup> District Meeting, 7:00pm, Post 416
20 <sup>th</sup>	Post & Auxiliary Membership Meeting 7:00pm
21 <sup>st</sup>	Fish Fry 4:30 - 7:30pm
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Bingo in Memorial Hall, 6:00pm, Post
24 <sup>th</sup>	VFW Meeting 6:30pm
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#### **NOVEMBER**

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#### **COMMANDERS REPORT**

**Greetings Post 416** 

Well, we are officially back from summer vacation. What a great summer for The American Legion Post 416 family. On September 10th, Post 416 was asked if they could help support the Greendale Lions Club at Greendale High School for an event to help cook and feed the marching band on their marching band show reveal for this year. We accepted and had 8 legionnaires step up and help. Thank you to Cliff, Rolando, Marvin (SAL), Denise, Kimberly, Big Tim, Little Tim, myself.

As you can see, we are being asked to be in the village more. This is something we been trying to do for a long time.

On Sept 17 we hosted West Allis West Milwaukee Monogram Club. For their annual chicken dinner. This year they cooked up 1000 chickens and donated almost all to veterans and general public.

On October 8th we have a STARS AND STRIPES HONOR FLIGHT

UPDATE
ON THIS FLIGHT WE HAVE 3 Post 416
Members Flying

Rodger Southern
John Southern
Terry Barrington

Information is still coming in, but we know that there is 3 Flights that day.

One Flight from Green Bay Two Flights from Milwaukee

The flights will be mission 65 flight of champions the Green Bay Packers, Milwaukee Brewers and Milwaukee Bucks will be the flights sponsors.

Please try to come and witness this firsthand. Alpha Flight arrives at 830pm Bravo Flight arrives around 930pm. Any questions feel free to reach out to me.

Please keep us posted on address, phone number, email changes, we want to tighten up email and get the new email database finished so we can send out Email blasts on current events or stuff that needs to be sent out quickly.

And in closing, we will be calling post members on membership. I will also be making random calls to members to do buddy checks. This is something we used to do before Covid. It's time to bring it back.

Thank you again everyone job well done

**Terry Barrington** 



#### **2<sup>ND</sup> VICE COMMANDER**

Your Entertainment Committee, along with other Legion Post members, have been busy over the summer. The two Milkmen Baseball Games were fairly well attended and those that did attend enjoyed a fun filled evening. Current plans call for that activity to continue in 2023. We, along with the Greendale Lions, will also be involved in the Village October Fest on September 24<sup>th</sup>. The only report I can give on that at the time of this writing is the corn roaster is to be our function for that venue.

The September Fish Fry was a huge success, particularly with the addition of the choice of the Baked Potato in lieu of the French Frys. I want to thank Rolando Flores and Cliff Stark for coming up with the idea and to Bill Haschker who baked the potatoes utilizing the corn cooker.

Our current plans call for the fish frys to remain scheduled for the third Friday of the month, i.e., October 21<sup>st</sup>, November 18<sup>th</sup>, and December 16<sup>th</sup>. As many of you are

aware, but a reminder anyway, that we also accommodate Charge Cards for meal payments. We will have our Legion Christmas Party on Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>. More info to follow on that event. As far as I know, that should wrap up the activities for 2022. If you have any ideas for the Entertainment Committee let me know.

I certainly wish to thank all the folks who volunteered and worked the past events. Believe me, the events are work, with a capitol W. But worth it in the end. Once again, we are fortunate to have these dedicated folks as Post and Auxiliary members and more important - friends. We should also not forget to thank those who attended the events and certainly made them a success. That is really what it is all about.

**Gary Parker** 

#### **CHAPLAIN'S CORNER**

I hope you all had a wonderful summer....it was great to get together to "work" the Fourth of July and Village Days. You know, when we come together and do things, it makes us a stronger organization. I want to say thank you for those of you who ARE letting me know when someone is not well or would need a call. Please keep it up....the people on the receiving end TRULY appreciate our thinking of them.

My sharing this month, again from Nikki Banas......You never really know the true impact you have on those around you. You never know how much someone needed that smile you gave them. You never know how much your kindness turned someone's entire life around. You never know how much someone needed that hug or the time you took to talk to them. So don't wait to be kind. Don't wait for someone else to be kind first. Don't wait for better circumstances or for someone to change. JUST BE KIND, because you never know how much someone needs it.

Finally, if you have not been to a Post meeting for a while, or if you have NEVER been....please come. We are only as strong as the members that come and share. We need you; your fellow Vet needs you. Take care.

Deacon Ted

#### **AMERICANISM**

Scheduled presentations are still being coordinated with nothing to add to the tentative Greendale schools and Berkshire senior living center.

With that said, it is my intent to share
Americanism principles with the community
to include Post 416. I realize that we all
have a knowledge of our American
principles, but I think that it is good to
review them and further recognize those

principles in action. We state our values in the preamble but where it really counts is in our actions. American Legion members continue to serve our families, participate in Legion functions and programs as well as being involved in our communities. Thank you for your continued service. Your service is an action that makes our America the beacon on the hill.

Aim High "That Others May Live"

Ed King

#### **ADJUTANT**

I wish to welcome everyone back from your summer break. There was no break for the executive board this summer as we made a name for ourselves with the National Convention here in Milwaukee. Your post was well known throughout the convention. Thanks to everyone working GREAT JOB.

It's time to get behind the plow and get to work. Membership is on the top of the list. Helping with Community service, Flag education, our schools need to be educated. See Mr. King, and Kim Stuart. Our Historians need stories and pictures for our yearbook, honor guard see Mr. Zolandz. All these positions cannot run by themselves, they need help, see what goes behind the BIG picture.

This fall try to get in the Legion college it's online. This fall I will be having a post operation training class.

This Oct 8th we will have several of your comrades on the HONOR FLIGHT. Let's get out and support them. Last, I would like to have an evening or Saturday for everyone who was on the HONOR FLIGHT, lets share our stories.

We still need HELP on bingo Sundays or if that doesn't work for you, we have Tuesday morning.

Tim Bellis

#### 4th VICE COMMANDER

#### Americanism Programs and Scholarships News

I'll be boots-on-the-ground in our local schools promoting the Legion's Oratorical Scholarship Contest. Regional and Department Finals at Ripon College will be February 11, 2023. District and Post Contest dates will be announced soon. The Oratorical Contest presents participants with an academic speaking challenge that teaches important leadership qualities, the history of our nations' laws, the ability to think and speak clearly, and an understanding of the duties, responsibilities, rights, and privileges of

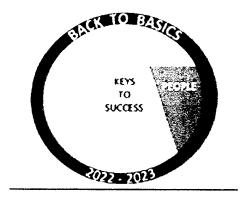
American citizenship. Each District winner will receive an Oratory Medal and young orators advancing to Regionals will earn a minimum of a \$600 college scholarship. Further advancement in the contest earns various scholarship amounts, up to the National Level in Indiana, where the winner earns a \$25,000 scholarship. Please spread the word in your community and with your neighbors, feel free to share my contact information below, so we can work with students to have representation at the District Level for Post 416.

In support of the Legion's #BeTheOne campaign, I took the free, local, R.A.C.E. Suicide Prevention Training (Recognize, Ask, Care, Escort), which originated in the Marine Corps. I also became a nationally certified Mental Health First Aider (MHFA) where I learned to be the first line of support for persons experiencing a range of mental health challenges and behaviors. Always keep in mind that the most important resource to combat the veteran suicide epidemic is our strength in membership as an American Legion Family; that means each one of YOU can be the hope a veteran needs to win their fight!

"Suicide Prevention is Not a Spectator Sport"

Get Informed! Get Involved! Save a Life!

**Kimberly Stuart** 



supporting info of the event, with your comments. Etc.

Thanks

Tim Baranzyk

#### **POST 416 HONOR GUARD**

The Honor Guard had several requests for Honors and the team responded with excellent attendance and performance, which included a parade in very warm conditions.

The agenda for Veterans Day has not been confirmed. Details to follow.

Thanks for helping out at the Sunday night Bingo that is the first Sunday of the month, which is Honor Guard Sunday.

Again, thanks for your cooperation. Our Mission Statement Says it all "HONORING OUR VETS"

Proud to serve as your Cpt.

**Bob Zolandz** 

#### **HISTORIAN**

To everyone! If you were engaged in legion activities, get us a picture, plus any

## MEANING OF THE PREAMBLE

For God and Country, we associate ourselves together for the following purposes ...

The American Legion recognizes the influence of Almighty God in all worthwhile endeavors and declares the allegiance of Legionnaires to both God and nation.

### To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America

The Constitution of the United States is the written bulwark of our free way of life and representative government. it is our guarantee of liberty, freedom, justice, and democracy. Members of The American Legion bore arms and went to war to defend and uphold this document of freedom.

#### To maintain law and order

Without law and order, liberty would become license. Law and order protect our pursuit of happiness, one of our God-given rights. Members of The American Legion served in wars to uphold law and order among nations. It is just as important to maintain the due processes of law in our domestic affairs. It binds Legionnaires to obey the laws of the land and to support the constituted authorities in enforcing those laws.

#### To foster and perpetuate a 100 percent Americanism

Americanism is the gist of the American ideals of freedom, justice, individual rights and unlimited opportunities. it embraces all the freedoms we cherish and all the rights that are guaranteed to us. it is the very opposite of hatred, bigotry and intolerance. Americanism is the creed that has blazed the world-wide trail for justice, fair play, decency, belief in God, private enterprise, universal education, and progress in all human endeavors. it puts a premium on the virtues of loyalty, patriotism, hard work and thrift.

## To preserve the memories and incidents of our associations in all wars

Service in defense of America is the greatest experience in the lifetimes of all veterans. Recalling the highlights of that service means more than flashbacks to tense moments of excitement and danger in battle: the grime of muddy trenches, the perils of sub-infested oceans and the combat in the wild blue yonder. it means also the inerasable recollection of the

comradeships, the bravery of pals, the teamwork, the sacrifices, the miseries and hardships of military campaigns shared in common. it means the bond that binds all ex-servicemen and women together in mutual affection, respect and gratitude. it also means keeping green forever the memories of the supreme sacrifices of gallant American patriots, sacrifices necessary to the winnings of wars. it means faithful annual observance of Memorial Day and Veterans Day.

## To inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state and nation

Always interested in building a better nation, the founders of The American Legion believed that such building must start first with the individual in their own community. So they made it one of the cardinal principles of The American Legion to inculcate that sense of personal obligation to the community, state and nation into the individual citizen. That means educating the citizen - young, old and future - in his and her responsibility to be active in making the hometown a better place in which to live, in discharging the duty of voting in elections, in paying taxes promptly, in contributing to community chest funds and to blood banks. The word "inculcate" means "to impress by frequent admonitions" and "to enforce by frequent repetitions." Like the duties themselves, the reminders that they remain to be carried forward are never

### To combat the autocracy of both the classes and the masses

This clause places the Legionnaire on the side of right in opposing autocracy by either class or mass

when this threatens. in a democracy such as ours, composed as it is of all nationalities, races, creeds and economic groups, there are bound to be both classes and masses. indeed, the masses are composed of classes — but all groups within the mass must feel assured that in this nation, reason and fairness will prevail in all human activities and relations.

#### To make right the master of might

Many wars have been started by dictators who wanted their might to be the right. if human freedom is not to perish from the earth, right must always be master of might. The rights of small nations must be protected against the tyranny that powerful neighbors may seek to impose on them, just as the rights of minorities in our society must be protected and respected. Legionnaires are pledged by this clause always to stand with the right, protect the weak and preserve the liberties of the individual. This concept is the basis of The American Legion's continued advocacy of a strong national preparedness so as to achieve the ideal situation that right will be backed by adequate might.

#### To promote peace and good will on earth

Until the entire world becomes a good neighborhood, Legionnaires must continue the effort to promote peace and good will on earth. it is in pursuance of this founding ideal that The American Legion has supported from the beginning and seeks to strengthen the United Nations organization. Obliquely, The American Legion also contributes to this ideal by firmly supporting a strong national defense to discourage breaking of the peace by aggressors.

## To safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice, freedom and democracy

On this ideal of safeguarding and transmitting the principles of justice, freedom and democracy, all of the youth-training programs of The American Legion are built. All Americans can be proud that in our international relations we have tried to live by the golden rule, the mark of justice. We have granted to others, as we prize it ourselves, the great boon of freedom. Through the Monroe Doctrine, we called a halt to foreign imperialism in the western hemisphere. We gave freedom to the Philippines. These principles are part of the American heritage. Legionnaires are pledged to protect and preserve that heritage.

## To consecrate and sanctify our comradeship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness

This is the most important ideal expressed in our preamble. We can hail The American Legion today as an unparalleled force in these United States for social betterment. American Legion concepts and its ideal of devotion to mutual helpfulness warmed the entire social climate of America. Today America is extending its helpful hands all over the world through our assistance programs of foreign aid. This all came about because the veterans of World War i came home enriched with wonderful ties of friendship and gave those ties meaning by consecrating them to the ideal of mutual helpfulness.

# AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY UNIT 416 NEWS



#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings,

Great seeing everyone, had a productive meeting. Our first project is making Tie Blankets for our Veterans at Zablocki VA for Christmas. We will meet at the post on November 12th at 9am, bring a scissors.

November 5th is our Spaghetti dinner 4:30 pm to 7:30pm, I have a sign-up sheet to work and a sign-up sheet for desserts. You can call me at 414-628-0360, for those that couldn't make our first meeting, I will have it at our next meeting on October 20th at 7pm. I will be bringing boxes of Spaghetti for those that would like to make some ahead of time for me.

On October 15th we will have our Executive Board Meeting at the Post 10am.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at our next meeting on October 20<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm.

Kathy Baranzyk

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

Deadline October 23rd, 2022

#### **1ST VICE PRESIDENT**

**Hello Auxiliary Members** 

The 2023 membership renewal season has arrived. Those of you who have submitted emails should have received a dues notice email from National. They have also mailed out notices in August and will again on September 15th.

Members may pay their dues over the phone by calling National at 317-569-4570 between 7:00 am and 3:30 pm. You will speak to a live person, and it takes less than 5 minutes. Please have a credit card and membership number ready when you call. This is by far the best and fasted way to renew. It helps us save postage and time on my part too. Of course, you can still send your check to me as directed on the renewal notice.

Our membership goal was set at 106 for 2023. We are currently at 98 members for 2022. Please help in the recruitment of new members.

Thank you
Carol Stephany

Frisky Fish Fry Post 416

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Feb 17th 2023

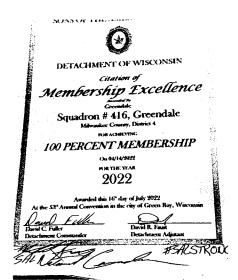
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### District Commander Pays Visit

Chris Dannenmann, Commander of District 4 of The American Legion Wisconsin detachment, paid a visit to the Greendale meeting Sept. 8 explaining some changes that are being made to the SAL constitution.

Dannenmann said every SAL squad needs to file consolidated monthly reports on its activities to fulfill federal government support to the Legion. He said the forms are available from Wisal.org.

The district commander also suggested fund raising activities such as a corn roast or meat raffle that other squads in the state have conducted to great success.

In response, SAL Commander Dave Bauer said with only a handful of active members, it is difficult to carry out such events. Dannenmann said the unit needs to recruit more member possibly working with the Greendale Legion Post to get their member's sons to join.

#### Letter for Honor Flights Being Prepared

Diane and Jerry Meyers were working on letters to be given to veterans on the next Honor Flight Sept. 22, followed by another flight Nov. 8 Bauer said he'll get signatures of new members to be included with the letters.

Meyers has been undergoing physical therapy at Aurora St Luke's hospital following surgery on his foot. "He's in good spirits and expects to return home soon," said Bauer who spoke with Meyers by phone.

September, 2022

Greendale Veterans Memorial Committee Update Newsletter

Hi Everyone,

The purpose of this newsletter is to give you a brief update on the activities at the Memorial for the last few years.

#### What's New:

The large clump of bushes and buckthorn on the east side of the Memorial that is shared ownership with the Greendale Community Church has been removed. With that removal, the drive going west on Southway, shows a very nice view of the Memorial.

The kiosk has been updated and repaired. You might also notice that it is accessible even in the winter. The website for access to what's on the kiosk is:

#### What's Coming:

Two granite stones will be placed at the entrance to the Memorial (one on each side of the walkway). One stone will be engraved with the words "Greendale Veterans Memorial" and the other stone will be engraved with the words "To Honor and Remember". The stones have been ordered and hopefully will be in place by May, 2023.

#### What's Still Needed:

- 1. We would like to have 6 granite benches at the Memorial. Two benches at the front on each side of the Memorial and 4 benches spaced down the main entrance to the Memorial walkway. Cement footings have been poured in those areas to accommodate the benches. For sure, we have one donation for a bench (the bench will have a plaque that states who donated it). The benches cost approximately \$2,500 to \$3,000 each.
- 2. We would like to have two plaques on the flagpole base with verbiage that would recognize POWs and MIAs. We do not have a cost for this yet as it depends on the size of the plaque.

- 3. We would like to enhance the current landscaping with more trees on the outer edge (behind the memorial berm), more bushes and perennial flowers in and around the wooded area. We do not have a cost for this as the price fluctuates with types of trees and plants selected.
- 4. We would like to enhance the viewing pleasure of the kiosk with soft patriotic music playing in the background as people view the various readings on the kiosk.

#### Ongoing projects:

- 1. The committee continues to sell bricks and pavers to raise money.

  Directions to get these forms are on the web site (

  (A reminder: Anyone can access where their brick is on this web site to see the location. Bricks to be installed will have an asterisk by the name.)
- 2. Limited merchandise is available for sale and found at some events like the J & J Summer Bash, Village Days, etc.
- 3. We continue to seek stories of our heroes to add to the kiosk. Directions to get forms for this are on the web site (

The committee continues to work on getting donations for the above wanted items. We are always open to comments and suggestions. Please feel free to contact Tim Baranzyk ( ) and/or Dave Pier ( ) with questions or thoughts.

The Greendale Veterans Memorial Committee continues to work on enhancing the memorial. We continue to seek your help and support for the various projects. But most importantly, we thank you for that continuing help and support.

Sincerely, The Greendale Veterans Memorial Committee