

POST 416 INFORMATIONAL GUIDE

Post Officers 2023-2024

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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

OCTOBER 2023

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OCTOBER

1 st	Bingo in Memorial Hall, 6:00pm, Honor Guard
3 rd	Bingo in Memorial Hall, 9:45am, Honor Guard
	Post Executive Board Meeting 7:00pm
4 th	Vietnam Vets Chapter 1 Meeting
8 th	Bingo in Memorial Hall, 6:00pm, 40/8
9 th	SAL Meeting 7:00pm
10 th	Bingo in Memorial Hall, 9:45am, Honor Guard
15 th	Bingo in Memorial Hall, 6:00pm, Post
17 th	Bingo in Memorial Hall, 9:45am, Honor Guard
18 th	4 th District Meeting 7:00pm, Post 416
19 th	Post & Auxiliary Membership Meeting 7:00pm
22 nd	Bingo in Memorial Hall, 6:00pm, Post
23 rd	VFW Meeting 6:30pm
24 th	Bingo in Memorial Hall, 9:45am, Honor Guard
	40/8 Meeting 7:00pm
28 th	Auxiliary Rummage & Bake Sale 8:00am – 2:00pm
29 th	Bingo in Memorial Hall, 6:00pm, Post
31 st	Bingo in Memorial Hall, 9:45am, Honor Guard

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 GuardExecutive 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
- 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

- AMERICAN LEGION

COMMANDERS REPORT

Greetings Post 416 Families

I would like to thank everyone that came to our September meeting. We had a good meeting. Thank you all that helped set up for Hay-Days I hear it was a success.

On Sept 20th we had the honor to be asked to host Gary Sinise Foundation with A HEROS JOURNEY PRODUCTION with the cast of

LAST OUT ELEGY OF A GREEN BERET

Luncheon was hosted at our post, and the cast invited Greendale Police and Fire department and veterans, this was a war memorial function. Thank you to the group that help get the post deep cleaned and ready hats off to you all.

Starting this newsletter and going forward, I want to highlight programs of The American Legion and what our post is doing. But to start this we need to start with the National American Legion Mission Statement. It's a great refresher to get back to the basics and also help teach other what we are.

The American Legion's mission statement, as adopted by the National Executive Committee in October 2020, is:

To enhance the well-being of America's veterans, their families, our military, and our

communities by our devotion to mutual helpfulness. The American Legion's vision statement is "The American Legion: Veterans Strengthening America."

The American Legion's value principles are as follows:

A VETERAN IS A VETERAN - which means The American Legion embraces all current and former members of the military and endeavors to help them transition into their communities.

SELFLESS SERVICE - which means The American Legion celebrates all who contribute to something larger than themselves and inspires others to serve and strengthen America.

AMERICAN VALUES AND PATRIOTISM - which means The American Legion advocates for upholding and defending the United States Constitution, equal justice and opportunity for everyone and discrimination against no one, youth education, responsible citizenship, and honoring military service by observing and participating in memorial events.

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT which means The American Legion meets the unique needs of local communities.

ADVANCING THE VISION - which means The American Legion educates, mentors, and leads new generations of Americans.

HONOR THOSE WHO CAME BEFORE US - which means The American Legion pays perpetual respect for all past military sacrifices to ensure they are never forgotten by new generations.

The American Legion's motto is "Veterans Strengthening America."

This year we will get more into the CPR and the inner working of the legion and what WE AS A POST DO TO HELP.

Building the foundation for the future of our post is key, we have to keep this in our mind when we are out in the community.

And remember the 4 pillars of the Legion:

Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation

National Security

Americanism

Children & Youth

We will start talking more on this starting in October's meeting.

Terry Barrington



CHAPLAIN

As we enjoy the fall season, my favorite time of the year, we have the opportunity to see God's beautiful work around us. When I went to graduate school in Arizona, I truly missed the fall season. As I reflected on what I wanted to say this month, I looked through some material that I have saved over the years that was particularly meaningful to me. I share such a piece this month entitledREMEMBER THIS......

REMEMBER THIS: God won't ask what kind of car you drove, but He WILL ask how many people you helped get where they needed to go.

God won't ask the square footage of your house, but He will ask how many people you welcomed into your home.

God won't ask about the clothes you had in your closet, but He will ask how many you helped to clothe!!

God won't ask how many friends you had but He will ask how many people to whom you were a friend.

God won't ask in what neighborhood you lived, but He will ask how you treated your neighbors.

And finally, God won't ask about the color of your skin, but He will ask about the content of your Character.

Enjoy the beauty of the fall colors.....call a buddy and let them know you are thinking about them.

Blessings,

Deacon Ted

2ND VICE COMMANDER

The first issue I wish to cover is that of the cancellation of the monthly Fish Fry. I, and several of our committee members have received several phone calls and spoken to many folks. I will state that at this time there are no future plans to begin serving fish dinners. There were a number of factors (none negative) leading to this decision but you will certainly be notified if the dinners "get started." One thing in our favor if the dinners are started, is the equipment is paid for and we have experience in doing the job. We also know who to contact relative to non-Legion related volunteers. Once again, thank you for supporting us in this endeavor. It was a great ride.

As with the 4th of July Festival and the Village Days Festival, the recent Hay Daze Festival also was successful. Again, the Post 416 volunteers coupled with and in conjunction with the Greendale Lions Club volunteers in planning and implementation of the events certainly made for a successful, and, in most cases, enjoyable outing.

Again, thank you for your co-operation & courtesies.

Gary Parker

3RD VICE COMMANDER

As the new fiscal year is in full swing our Americanism Team looks forward to sharing and encouraging the Americanism message. As a reminder, there is an Americanism drop down link on the Post 416 web page were information and articles are posted. A recent article by Harry Koroghlanian who himself is an immigrant, speaks from personal experience about Ellis Island, you may find the article as interesting as I did.

As Americans we have opportunity and resources for personal growth, opportunity to strengthen ourselves in mind and spirit. When we take advantage of those opportunities, we also strengthen our families, community, and country. As citizens of this great country "WE the People" have a responsibility to be informed and engaged using our talents and abilities to serve.

"The most reliable way to predict the future is to create it" Abraham Lincoln

"Aim High"

"That Others May Live"

Ed King

ADJUTANT

Welcome back everyone, it's great to see everyone back. This fall will bring new ideas to the table to discuss. With this we need your help. To open the hall for parties, we need beverage servers with a license to serve . Ray & Dots cannot help us because they are shorthanded. With that, one would have to take a class for your license, with the possibility that the post would pick up the tab. Our rental fee will be changing to cover our server.

Everyone has a special gift in what they can do, with that would you be interested in

helping? There are many small projects around from the outside to inside, and Building and Grounds could use your help.

It's been talked about, so I want to hear from you. How would like to go to the HIGH GROUND for an outing? To rent a bus for 50 people this would cost us about \$2000 for a 12hour day, that would be about \$40 per person. Let's show interest in and not talk about it. Date and time would be when we have numbers to back it up. We could have a lot of fun, there is an American Legion post in Neillsville we could visit. Should we plan for it?

Tim Bellis

HONOR GUARD

Thanks for your attendance at our last meeting in which we honored Dan Baker for his years of service and retirement from the Squad. (He is still a member or our Post).

Also, Thank you members of our Honor Guard for Honoring Vets. It is truly appreciated by the family members. Your attendance and performance exceeds expectations.

Proud to serve as your Captain.

Bob Zolandz

HISTORIAN

SERVICE OFFICER

The restrictions remain in place when doing military honors. Our squad consists of 3 Rifles,1 Caller and 1 up front. When called to serve it is important that a commitment be made at the time of the call, or a call back in timely manner. Thank you for your cooperation.

John Cermirys, who was a WWII veteran, and a marine was a member our post for 56 years. He also served in the firing squad. His memorial service was held last month. We thank him for his service to the post and especially from the Squad. Semper FI

Bob Zolandz

As the Post continues its FORWARD MOVEMENT, things may change a little bit. Don't get nervous but look at the bigger picture.

Events are occurring at a rapid pace. Get an Email address to us. As news breaks, you should know. This will take time. If you don't have email address, regular mail is choice number 2.

Any events that occur, please get info on it. You need names, event, etc. Make sure you get me your phone number, in case I have questions. Before an event starts, get there earlier to take a picture, get a flyer, before it gets too busy. Then get me the info. If you don't want your name mentioned, let me know, in case people ask me.

Thanks... Your Post Historian

Tim Baranzyk

RUMMAGE SALE

AND BAKE SALE

SPONSORED BY



Unit 416 6351 W. Grange Ave. Greendale <u>October 28th, 2023 8a.m. - 2p.m.</u> <u>All Proceeds to benefit Veteran Tiny Homes</u> <u>In Milwaukee</u>

If you have Rummage items you would like to donate

They will be accepted at the Post on October 16, 18, 23, 25 -- 10a.m. to 2p.m.

****<u>NOT ACCEPTING THE FOLLOWING ITEMS****</u> <u>Electronics, Large Furniture, Clothing.</u>

Unsold items donated to Salvation Army

of society. All funds raised in Milwaukee will stay in Milwaukee!

At our sale you can browse the variety of items for sale and take home some treasures, purchase some delicious bakery items, or come and support this project by making a donation to help our Veterans in need.

If you are interested in learning more, come to the sale and review the display that will have more detailed information. Or you can visit VCP.ORG. and see the Milwaukee Project.

Thank you for your support.

This sale is sponsored by The American Legion Auxiliary

SEE YOU AT THE SALE

Jackie Tamsett

GREENDALE VETERANS MEMORIAL

We just received the MIA-POW Plate which will be dedicated on November 11th, at 10am. It will be down by the Memorial, rain or shine. All parties are in the process of being contacted, etc. Coffee, donuts, and cookies may be available, before the service starts, and if the food runs out- it runs out. You'll hear more about this as we get closer. The whole service should last 1/2 hour or so. Don't quote me on this.

Tim Baranzyk, President Greendale Veterans Memorial

SUMMER RECAP

Many of you did not have the opportunity to attend any meetings up at this year's State Convention. Post 416 was responsible in many ways for the distribution of hygiene items, like over 14, 000 cases. Over \$40,000 was saved at Camp American Legion. An untold number of veterans, families, and those in need got help. My THANKS to the many volunteers who assisted in this effort. I' m not mentioning any names, as this was a WE EFFORT. We were the Ones who helped make a difference in many veteran lives, and their families. THANK YOU AGAIN.

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, Past District 4, and Past Post Commander 416.

AROUND THE TOWN

Some of our trees have been decorated with yellow ribbons. September is a reminder of the importance concerning Suicide Awareness and also Mental Health.

We were not in session to remember some items of interest-

Air Force - Navy Birthdays Gold Star Families Remembrance of the Beirut Bombing V-J DAY, 1945 PATRIOT DAY STAR - SPANGLED BANNER DAY POW-MIA DAY US CONSTITUTION APPROVED VFW ORGANIZED- VFW DAY Beginning of Afghanistan War Grenada Campaign United Nations Day Just a few!

WE REMEMBER!

Tim Baranzyk

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

Deadline October 22nd, 2023

HOMELESS VETERAN TASK FORCE

We continue to correspond with classes from the Medical College of Wisconsin in regard to suicide info, mental health situations, veteran assistance in several forms, funeral protocols, buddy checks, food and energy assistance. First off, if you have or know of someone who is experiencing any situations as noted above, 988 is the number. IS ANOTHER AVENUE.

For any sort of questions dealing with some benefits, check with your County Veteran Service Officer. The State has run out of some funding, and the same goes with heat assistance. Pretty soon, the moratorium will take effect, and you should be OK for a while. This doesn't mean, go gambling and blow whatever money you may have.

As far as the Salute Program goes, it's been extinct for just under a year. The Hunger Task Force has been doing it, and as far as I know, your guess is as good as mine.

Tim Baranzyk, Dept. Chairman





PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings,

Just a reminder, October 28th is our Rummage/Bake sale from 8am-2pm. BAKERS BAKERS BAKERS get out your recipes and donate a dessert for our Bake Sale. All proceeds will go to Tiny Homes for our Homeless Veterans.

October 16th and 18th we will be accepting donations for the Rummage Sale, also October 23rd and 25th from 10am-2pm. Thank you in advance.

Our Executive Board meeting will be October 11th at 6:30pm. Our next Membership Meeting is October 19th at 7pm we will be finalizing our plans for the Rummage/Bake Sale, see you then.

Sincerely,

Kathy Baranzyk

1st VICE PRESIDENT

It's renewal time for 2024! All members should have received their renewal notices from National Headquarters. Notices were mailed out the week of September 15th.

Our Unit goal for 2024 is 107. We were able to achieve 100% for 2023 by adding new members. Let's do it again! We welcomed Deborah, our first new member for 2024 at our September meeting. That's a great start. Please encourage qualifying family and friends to join us. Applications are available at the Post, online at www.amlegionauxwi.org or from me.

GROW OUR MEMBERSHIP, POPPY UP FOR A

VETERAN. All who sponsor a new member are eligible for a Poppy Pin.

Please renew your membership promptly by mailing your dues to me, as directed on your renewal notice. To save time and postage, you may call or renew online directly to National. Call 307-569-4570 or www.alaforveterans.org. Thank you!

Carol Stephany

POPPY

Happy Fall Y'all - It's POPPY TIME

I hope you are able to get out and enjoy all the colors of the season. Before you know it, the only color will be WHITE! However, before that happens, we need to see the color RED...as in Poppies. Veterans Day is fast approaching and distributing poppies to the community is a way of reminding Americans that our Service members continue to protect our Freedoms every day. It is a way of honoring them for their love of country and to thank them for their willingness to serve to keep us safe.

The funds we raise continue to allow us to provide support for our Veterans in need. If you are interested, and willing to distribute poppies on Veterans Day, November 11th, please contact me. I will contact those who have helped in the past to again ask if they will assist in poppy distribution. If there are any questions regarding distribution. Please call the number below and leave a message.

REMEMBER: THANK A VETERAN

Peace, Jackie Tamsett 414-651-7353 Poppy Chair

RUMMAGE and BAKE SALE SAVE THE DATE: OCTOBER 28TH, 2023

8a.m. to 2p.m.

Please join us as we help to raise funds for the VETERANS COMMUNITY PROJECT, which is a Village of Tiny Homes being built on Milwaukee's Northwest side. 49 tiny homes are planned to help homeless Veterans become successful members of our community. Every penny collected at this sale will be used to help support those who have served our country and find themselves struggling to restore their dignity and find their place as an active member