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SEPTEMBER

- 1st Vietnam Vets Chapter Meeting 6:30pm
- 2nd Badger Detachment Meeting 7:00pm
- 5th Bingo in Memorial Hall, 6:00pm, Firing Squad
- 7th Bingo in Memorial Hall, 9:45am, Firing Squad
Executive Board Meeting 7:00pm
- 9th Firing Squad Meeting 7:00pm
SAL Meeting 7:00pm
- 11th 9/11 at Post 9am
- 12th Bingo in Memorial Hall, 6:00pm, Post
- 14th Bingo in Memorial Hall, 9:45am, Firing Squad
- 15th 4th District Meeting 7:00pm, Post 27 South Milw, 920 Monroe Ave
- 16th Post & Auxiliary Membership Meeting 7:00pm
- 19th Bingo in Memorial Hall, 6:00pm, Post
- 21st Bingo in Memorial Hall, 9:45am, Firing Squad
- 26th Bingo in Memorial Hall, 6:00pm, Post
- 27th VFW Meeting 6:30pm
- 28th Bingo in Memorial Hall, 9:45am, Firing Squad
40/8 Meeting 7:00pm

OCTOBER

- 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
- 10th Bingo in Memorial Hall, 6:00pm 40/8
- 12th Bingo in Memorial Hall, 9:45am, Firing Squad
- 17th Bingo in Memorial Hall, 6:00pm, Post
- 19th Bingo in Memorial Hall, 9:45am, Firing Squad
- 20th 4th District Meeting 7:00pm, Post 416
- 21st Post & Auxiliary Membership Meeting 7:00pm
- 24th Bingo in Memorial Hall, 6:00pm, Post
- 25th VFW Meeting 6:30pm
- 26th Bingo in Memorial Hall, 9:45am, Firing Squad

ADJUTANT

I would like to thank those who attended the State Convention last month, the evening activities were great.

We tried something new here at the post, we used zoom for a conference call with the new State Commander. A BIG THANKS to Rolando Flores who set everything up for us. It took some time for Rolando to get everything working for the 4th District. He made the post an example on how we can lead in this new area.

We would like to know from all of our members what kind of job you had or have if you are still working include somekind of job description. Also if we don't have your email address please send it in to the post so that we can have it on file.

We can always use help at our bingos on Sundays and Tuesdays. Its not hard work and

can be fun. Positions include selling papers at the door, calling back the bingos, working the bar, office, kitchen or even call. This would help out those who are always there working that way they could have a day off from working bingo.

Let's keep those renewals coming in, without them we wouldn't have a nice building to call home. We are only one of five post that have our own building in Milwaukee County.

By next month we will try to have our meeting via Zoom for those who can't make it to the meetings. Will let you know by our next newsletter. Stay tune

Tim Bellis



COMMANDERS REPORT

Greetings all

I hope everyone is doing well. What a great summer we had. Let me recap what has been happening since last Newsletter. We had our Department Convention in Middleton Wisconsin. We had a great time networking. And team building with different posts and fellow 4th district posts. I myself learned a lot about department programs and the election process.

We are in the process and almost done with the rewriting of the post Constitution and Bylaws, the last time this was done was back in 1992. We will be presenting the revised Constitution and Bylaws at the September General meeting. As per Department, we must read them 3 times, then vote. If it passes, we then send Department of Wisconsin a copy of both to have them give us the ok. We have some changes in the Bylaws, to bring them up to current. Some new additions to the Bylaws are a social media officer that will be appointed by the commander. They will oversee all social media platforms we use at

the post. Another major change is the webcasting using zoom and other video conferencing tools we added in the Robert rule of order rules for that. We also will be sending every post member a copy of the Constitution and Bylaws in the near future per Department of Wisconsin rules. So, expect a healthy size newsletter coming soon.

This summer we took a step back and looked at what we as a post can do and after some heart felt conversation at the executive board, we decided not to be in the 4th of July village events or Village Days. We will be back doing the community events here soon. We are looking at a couple new events. And using our corn roster for making a return on our investment. More to come on that in the near future.

Now to the most current event. On August 17th we had a post commanders conference. I asked our IT team if they could set up the video conferencing equipment. Tim Bellis and Rolando Flores did just that and ran many test sessions before the conference. They did an outstanding job. I am proud to say that we had no big issues and we hosted for the 1st time ever a ZOOM conference that was attended by all 4th District commanders and or adjutants.

On that, GREAT JOB TIM AND ROLANDO! Thank you

On that we will be using zoom at our next meeting. If you can't make it, send me an email with your email address so we can send you an invite to the zoom meeting.

WE WILL BE HAVING A GRNERAL MEETING AS WELL, JUST GIVING YOU 2nd OPTION IF NEEDED.

One last thing....

Once again, we find ourselves in need of help here at the post. We need help from our members who can fix, or trouble shoot issues. We would like anyone who may have made a career or have skill in electrical, plumbing, A.C, woodworking or any other services you may be qualified to help with or repair. It does not mean you have to fix it just give us ideas and help troubleshooting the issues we might have. If you feel you could help your post, please call me or any of the officers we would be forever grateful

Please stay safe, see you soon

Terry Barrington



1st VICE COMMANDER

With the start of a new season, let's get these membership cards out and done with. The sooner, the better. We have other issues to deal with and as always, we know the routine.

I expect this aid money or whatever you may call it, will not last long. So, while you can, get your cards up to date, and be done with it. Enough said.

Tim Baranzyk

SERVICE OFFICER

Our prayers and good wishes have been sent to members of our post that are experiencing health issues and with loss of loved ones.

One member in particular, "Polish Bob" that is Bob Karnowski, a member that passed 8/9/21 . He was very helpful when working with the festivals. His specialty was stringing the yellow lights in our tent. Our prayers are with you and Karen. You will be missed.

If you know of someone that is in need, please let us know and we will respond.

Bob Zolandz

FIRING SQUAD

We have survived the heat, humidity and the rain. It is encouraging to see the large numbers of the firing squad members at military honors along with excellent performance. We have received thank you cards and we will read them at our Sept. meeting

Jim Cook was instrumental in changing the procedure as to bidding farewell to members of our post. With input from the

members, we adopted the change and it was well received by the folks attending the military honors. That being said, suggestions are always welcome and will be given consideration for adoption.

Also, good news, Bob Vanselow 1st Lt. Firing Squad, has received word that he will on the Honor Flight with this son as his guardian.

Proud to serve as your Captain

Bob Zolandz

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HOMELESS VETERANS

TO ALL CONCERNED!

If any of you have situations that require assistance, there are some avenues you can try for relief. In Milwaukee County. You have the 211 exchange, as a start. Pay attention to the numbers of the non-profits who can help. After that is exhausted, contact your CVSO (County Veteran Service Officer). After that, contact me. My number is in the newsletter.

We've spent 5 years and more, working with clothing and food collections, plus many other items. If the VA or other agencies don't need the clothes, we have people who may need them. So don't get excited. Any questions, contact me. Things may get dicey soon.

Tim Baranzky

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Well, the new year is beginning and I for one, can't wait to get started!

Our MHVI project was such a success (see articles below) that I know we can come up with another project and make it as big a success as that one. Let us know your ideas at our September meeting, so we can start working on it right away. There are so many ways we can help our veterans and active military, so put on your thinking caps and we'll see you at the meeting.

The Spaghetti Dinner is scheduled for November 4th 4:30 to 7:00. We will need your help that night. There are a few different jobs, taking and selling tickets at the front door, waiting tables, handing out the food, keeping the line filled and cleaning up after. Think about what position

you would like to work and let me know. And don't forget to invite everyone you know to come and enjoy a great dinner and get some great raffle prizes.

Our membership year runs from January 1st to December 31st. We are very close to reaching our goal of 114 members, so if you haven't renewed your dues, please do so as soon as possible. The renewal notices for the 2022 year will be going out in September, so watch for those and get them in early. If you have any questions, call either myself, or Carol Stephany with them.

Please look at the calendar of events in this newsletter and attend to support our Post. Our meetings are always the 3rd Thursday of the month at 7pm and we have Bingo on Tuesday mornings and Sunday evenings. Come support the post and have a good time doing it.

Our meeting is on September 16th at 7pm, so put it on your calendar and come to have some fun.

Laura Calteux

1ST VICE PRESIDENT

Auxiliary Membership

The 2021 membership year is not over yet!
The membership year runs from January 1st

- December 31st. We currently stand at 104 members which is 94.55% of the goal set by National leadership. If you have not renewed yet, 2021 dues must be paid before renewing in 2022. Thank you to all who have sent in their dues.

I received the 2022 Membership Packet in the mail the week of July 12th. Please watch for your 2022 renewal notice in mid-September from National. I will not be sending out earlier notices this year as I have in the past. Postage for this process costs the unit about a hundred dollars. Please be proactive and pay as soon as you are able. Dues are once again \$32.00. As always, there are 3 easy ways to renew and you can do it now! I did it by phone and it was so easy!

OVER THE PHONE - you can call National direct now @ 317-569-4570
Mon.- Fri. 7:00 - 3:30.

Use a debit or credit card and have your member number on hand. You can pay for multiple members, i.e., children and grandchildren.

ONLINE - www.ALAforVeterans.org. You will need to create a login ID.

BY MAIL - send your dues to me as indicated on your renewal notice in Sept. and I will process it. I will also be notified if you pay by phone or online. I will mail your 2022 membership card when your payment is received.

Thank you very much for your membership and commitment to Unit 416 and our Veterans and families!

Carol Stephany

The Auxiliary Rises to the Occasion

As the donations of cleaning items continued to arrive at the post, the Auxiliary agreed to add to the "haul" by purchasing items for our project. Carol Stephany and I went shopping at Walmart and acquired cleaning products from the list provided by MHVI. We then used our charm and explained our purpose to Anthony the manager who provided us with a \$50 gift card. Carol went online and purchased 7 large laundry baskets to use to carry our purchased supplies to MHVI when delivery time came. As luck would have it the baskets were on sale allowing us to get the 7 instead of 4 or 5. A great day for shopping indeed!

This project had many moving parts, but it all came together at the right moment in time thanks to many of the ladies from our Auxiliary. We are proud of our accomplishments in helping serve Veterans to get back on their feet upon returning home from serving our country.

REMEMBER: THANK A VETERAN

Jackie Tamsett

Milwaukee Homeless Veterans Initiative Project

There are many people to thank for making the MHVI project an enormous success.

Because of the generosity of so many of you, the Auxiliary collected close to 500 items, exceeding all of our expectations!

Thanks to Auxiliary member Alexa Fryjoff for bringing this project to the Auxiliary's attention. After explaining the list of possibilities, the consensus was to focus on cleaning supplies. A laundry basket was placed at the American Legion Hall along with an envelope listing "items needed". Then the items began to pour in. What a joy to see the outpouring of support from our friends and neighbors who attended Legion events. Our bingo patrons were particularly generous. So much so that the items had to be stored off site for lack of enough storage space. Special thank You to Tom and Jackie Tamsett who generously gave up their garage to store all the items for several weeks as the project progressed.

We also had support from the community. Thanks to Auxiliary member, Shirley Meyer, White Oaks Apartment Homes put a wonderful request in their newsletter advising their residents that "Our Homeless Veterans Need Our Help". 2 boxes and a bag were filled with items for our project. Their thoughtfulness and generosity made us very happy. Thank you to everyone at White Oaks who contributed.

Alexa's daughter Pam Wilke, also an Auxiliary member, who works with Advocate Aurora Clinics, spoke with her supervisor about the project and they jumped on board. 7 clinics collected items for Homeless Veterans. Mops, brooms, buckets, dishtowels and all varieties of cleaning products, along with some non-perishable food items, filled numerous

boxes and bags. What a wonderful surprise when a few of the Auxiliary members went to gather all the items. 2 cars were needed to carry away the countless things they collected from caring staff. A simple thanks seems hardly enough for their generosity. (See Advocate Auroras Community Support article, expressing their willingness to help, along with pictures at pick-up.)

Helping with this project was truly a heartwarming experience. Thanks also to the Auxiliary ladies, (you know who you are) and our junior helper Abby Brenic, who all joined in hauling, sorting, counting, organizing, separating and delivering to the Milwaukee Homeless Veterans Initiative warehouse. Upon arrival with 3 car loads fully packed with supplies, 8 of us were met by Wayne from MHVI. It was so nice to see a smiling face, willing to jump in and unload and haul supplies for us, one last time. Thanks Wayne, keep smiling!

With grateful appreciation to ALL of you who took part, in BIG and small ways, to make this Milwaukee Homeless Veterans Initiative project a success.

Alexa Fryjoff and
Jackie Tamsett



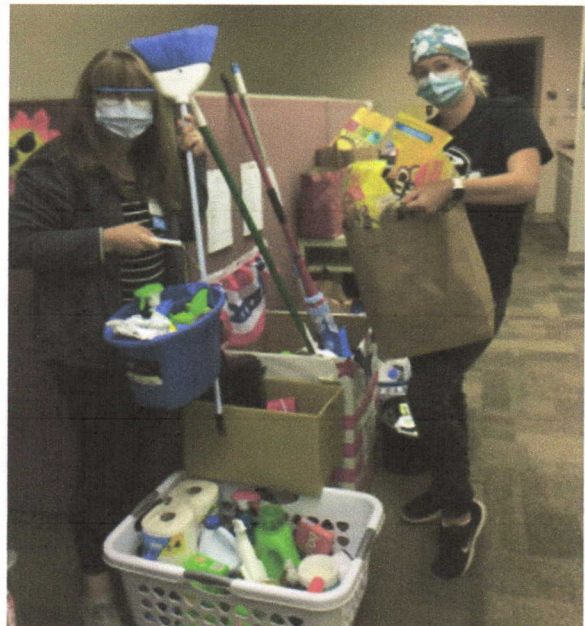


Advocate Aurora Community Support

Advocate Aurora, as a whole, tries to get involved and give back to the community. Here at the Franklin Urgent Care, we work together on various team building activities. When we heard about the American Legion Auxiliary's Milwaukee Homeless Veterans Initiative project, we saw this as a perfect opportunity to work together to support not only our community, but those who have already given so much of themselves to support our community.

The staff members were really excited to hear about the project. All of our Urgent Care Clinics located in the west region including our specialty departments in Ultrasound and Radiology jumped in to help with the project. Their enthusiasm showed through their generous donations. Our hope is that this donation makes a difference in the lives of every Veteran trying to begin a new adventure in their own home or apartment. We are grateful for their service. Please reach out to us in the future with any other projects you may need help with!

Thank you Advocate Aurora. We sure will!





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

lauracalteux@yahoo.com

Deadline September 19th, 2021



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9/11 Rememberance

Starts @ 9am

Everyone Is Invited

**COFFEE / DONUTS / BREAKFAST SNACK FOOD
FOR ALL THOSE ATTENDING THE EVENT**

