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# GREENDALE AMERICAN LEGION POST 416 NEWSLETTER

GREENDALE AMERICAN LEGION POST 416 - AUXILIARY - SAL NEWSLETTER

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# POST 416 INFORMATIONAL GUIDE

## Post Officers 2025-2026

## Meetings

Commander	Ed King
Adjutant	Tim Bellis
Assistant Adjutant	Dave Pier
Finance Officer	Bob Vanselow
1st Vice Commander	Ted Gurzynski
2nd Vice Commander	Gary Parker
3rd Vice Commander	Rob Hamby
Service Officer	Tim Baranzyk
Asst. Service Officer	Bob Zolandz
Chaplain (Deacon)	Ted Gurzynski
Sgt. At Arms	Lyle Jackson
Sgt. At Arms	Jerry White
Historian	Tim Baranzyk
Captain Honor Guard	Bob Zolandz
1st Lt. Honor Guard	Bob Vanselow
2nd Lt. Honor Guard	Ed King

Exec Board
1st Tuesday
7:00 PM
Honor Guard
2nd Thursday
Jan, Mar, May
June, Sept, Nov
6:30 PM
Post Meeting
3rd Thursday
7:00 PM

## Auxiliary Officers 2025-2026

President	Kathy Baranzyk
1st Vice President	Carol Stephany
2nd Vice President	Jackie Tamsett
Secretary	Laura Calteux
Treasurer	Laura Calteux
Chaplain	Carrie Kleppin
Historian	Laura Calteux
Sgt. At Arms	Pat Kadlec

Auxiliary
3rd Thursday
7:00 PM

## SAL Officers 2024-2025

President	<i>Tim Bellis</i>
Adjutant	Terry Barrington

SAL
2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday
7:00 PM

6/23/25 Excel  
BZ

SEPTEMBER 2025

Sept.

- 2<sup>ND</sup> Executive board meeting 7pm.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Viet Nam Vets Chapter 1 meeting 6:30 pm
- 8<sup>th</sup> SAL meeting
- 7<sup>th</sup> Bingo in Memorial Hall 6pm
- 9<sup>th</sup> Bingo in Memorial; Hall 9:45
- 13<sup>th</sup> Monogram club Chicken for vets
- 14<sup>th</sup> Bingo in Memorial Hall 6pm
- 16<sup>th</sup> Bingo in Memorial Hall 9:45am
- 17<sup>th</sup> District 4 Meeting at 416 7pm
- 18<sup>th</sup> Post and Auxiliary meeting 7:00PM
- 19<sup>TH</sup> Life Line Screening 9AM
- 21<sup>ST</sup> Bingo in Memorial Hall 6pm
- 22<sup>nd</sup> VFW Meeting 6:30 pm
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Bingo in Memorial Hall 9:45am
- 27<sup>th</sup> Blood Drive
- 28<sup>th</sup> Bingo in Memorial Hall 6pm

## OCTOBER 2025

Oct.

- 5<sup>th</sup> Bingo in Memorial Hall 6pm
- 7<sup>th</sup> Bingo in Memorial Hall 9:45am
- 7<sup>th</sup> Executive Board Meeting 7pm
- 12<sup>th</sup> Bingo in Memorial Hall 6pm
- 14<sup>th</sup> Bingo in Memorial Hall 9:45am
- 14<sup>th</sup> SAL meeting 7pm
- 15<sup>th</sup> Dist 4 Meeting 7pm
- 16<sup>th</sup> Post and Auxiliary Meeting 7pm
- 19<sup>th</sup> Bingo in Memorial Hall 6:45pm
- 21<sup>st</sup> Bingo in Memorial Hall 9:45am
- 25<sup>th</sup> 4th District Fall Conference
- 26<sup>th</sup> Bingo in Memorial Hall 7pm
- 27<sup>th</sup> VFW meeting at 6:30pm



## COMMANDER'S REPORT

Post 416 family

A continued reminder of this year's  
Commander's theme:

### **Transparency, Service, Sustainability**

**Transparency** = Communication (Feel free to ask your questions, you deserve answers.)

**Service** = The core mission of the American Legion, seeing to the needs of our Veterans and their families.

**Sustainability** = Ensuring the Post and its programs are viable in the future.

Update, I have been digging into the books to become more knowledgeable about my responsibilities and adjusting my focus where necessary. Though progress is much slower than what I hoped for it is still progress. Our financial books are becoming more organized; our membership records are being closely reviewed with more to follow as you will see in the 1st Vice Commanders Report.

A few of us in partnership with the VFW scheduled and participated in a tour of the Milwaukee Homeless Veterans Initiative (MHVI) afterward all were impressed with the organization and its mission.

The MHVI mission fills a gap in serving Veterans that are not eligible for benefits under Federal guidelines. A gap that virtually all of us were not aware of.

It is my intention that as a Post we partner with the MHVI to support them as part of our commitment to Service.

In my last Newsletter report, some of the contact information for new ID cards did not print so the following is a 2nd attempt.

### **General Information**

#### **Military retirees**

A new White ID will be required starting January 2026

If you wish to gain access to military installations and try to use an old version (after Jan 2026), your ID card will be confiscated.

#### **Renew ID Online:**

<https://idco.dmdc.osd.mil/idco/Appt>.

#### **Online:**

<https://idco.dmdc.osd.mil/idco/locator?siteId=102348>

ID Card Office Hours: Tuesday - Friday 07:40 to 14:00

MSgt Penny Gnass - Military IDs

Phone: 414-944-8264

Mr. W. Joseph Olla - DEERS Updates

Phone: 414-944-8264

Thank you for your service.

Air Force Core Values, values for us all to emulate.

*Integrity First*

*Service Before Self*

*Excellence in All We Do*

Ed King

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

As your new membership person, I first have to apologize because as I learn the system of processing membership renewals, I made a mistake by sending some of your new 2026 membership cards without you having paid your \$40 dues....sorry about that. So please send your payment to : American Legion Post 416 6351 W Grange Ave., Greendale, WI, 53129. Please either put membership on the envelope or Ted.....Thank you.

Next, how do you want us to communicate to you?? 1. Newsletter (we will be working on a new format and maybe reducing it to quarterly. 2. Via the post website...or Facebook. 3. Via e-mail. Please get back to me on this. I will include my phone and e-mail at the end of this writing.

Last...a very important part of the American Legion Program is the Buddy System.

Where we call our fellow Vets, ask how they are doing, any needs or concerns that they have. This is an area that our new Commander is very strong about. This is a system that does not work without a lot of members helping. We have a lot of paid members that we do not know....this is a way to get to know them. I need to split up all these names so that the majority of them get a call. We will have a meeting in the future to talk about how we do this and what to cover when you call. But we need to know how many are willing to help call. Please call or e-mail me ....the more who say yes....more Vets will get a call!! Ted Gurzynski (414) 852-6444. theodore.gurzynski@gmail.com

Theodore Gurzynski

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

Post 416 volunteers coupled with and in conjunction with the Greendale Lions Club in planning and implementation of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Festival were quite a success. As many of you know, we were not involved in Village Days. Our next event is the Greendale October Fest. We will certainly need volunteers for that event.

As always has been the case, any festival Post 416 is involved with would not be as successful, if there were any success at all, without our many volunteers.

Again, thank you for your co-operation & courtesies. Your assistance certainly keeps Post 416 going.

Gary Parker

### 3<sup>rd</sup> VICE COMMANDER

Not much to report on my end yet. It's still a little early to contact the schools about our Americanism programs. That will happen in mid-September. I will also begin contacting the local nursing homes and assisted living centers to set up dates for the program. And will contact St. Alphonsus regarding the Adopt a Vet Program. If you weren't a part of that last year, I highly recommend being a part of it this year. The kids at St. Alphonsus are full of enthusiasm to hear our stories and it is a great opportunity to help shape these young minds. This is only my second full year in the Americanism team, and I'd like to say how impressed I am every time I hear the other members tell their stories. Some of the stories are fascinating and make mine seem a little dull. But I am reminded that it isn't what we did in our service but that we served. Willingly or not.

Remember, Honor, Courage, Commitment.  
Or as the Marines will say, Semper Fi -  
Always Faithful.

Rob Hamby

## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Hope all is well out there....please let me know if you know of anyone who could use a call or a visit...I would be happy to contact them....My phone is (414) 852-6844.

Here is a piece entitled ....What I have learned!

*I've learned that the easiest way for me to grow as a person is to surround myself with people smarter than me.*

*I've learned that when you harbor bitterness, happiness will dock somewhere else.*

*I've learned sometimes all a person needs is a hand to hold and heart to understand.  
I've learned being kind is more important than being right.*

*And finally, I've learned that love, not time, heals all wounds!!*

Take care, blessings to all, Deacon Ted



# BE THE ONE

## HONOR GUARD

Honor Guard Post 416 bid farewell with Military Honors to members of our Post. Robert Whalen – Korean Vet (Army), Leslie Moore – Korean Vet (Army), and Donald Almquist – Korean Vet (Army). The Honors were well attended with an excellent performance by our Honor Guard. The weather was not in our favor, but we accomplished the task with honor. Other activities included the Flag disposal ceremony at the Hartson Funeral Home, the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade, volunteering at the festival, and the Wreath ceremony at St. John the Evangelist festival (Tim Baranzyk). Cleaning our rifles program and Military Honors were performed between these events.

A salute to the members of our Post 416 Guard for your dedication to the Mission Statement.

*“Honoring our Vets”*

Proud to serve as your Captain

Bob Zolandz, Semper Fi



## PRESIDENT

Greetings!

Recently there have been hard times on some Auxiliary Members. I am including information about where you can go for help. AEF (Auxiliary Emergency Fund) is a National Grant Assistance Program that provides financial assistance up to \$3000 to eligible members of the American Auxiliary who have endured a significant financial setback as the results of an act of nature or



another personal crisis. If you have been impacted by the recent flooding in Wisconsin, you may qualify. The applicant must have either received damage to their primary residence, been displaced/evacuated from their residence or experienced basic out of pocket emergency expenses as a result of the disaster. The applicant must be a current ALA member. The applicant must have maintained annual membership for three consecutive years (2023, 2024 and 2025 dues must have been paid). The application must have been received within three months of the disaster, and the applicant must provide documentation such as photos of the damage to the primary residence, itemized receipts for emergency expenses, damage repair estimates, FEMA/insurance documents, current driver's license and other information as requested. To submit the grant application, go to AEF Information-application form.

Remember those of you who signed up for ALA in the Know in Beaver Dam on September 13th meet at the post at 7:15am to carpool to the event. If you have any questions, call me at 414-628-0360.

Our next Executive Board Meeting is September 10th at 6:30pm at the post. Membership Meeting September 18th 7:00pm at the post. See everyone then.

Kathy Baranzyk



**HONOR OUR COUNTRY,  
SUPPORT OUR VETERANS**

## **1<sup>st</sup> VICE PRESIDENT**

### **Auxiliary Membership**

We reached our 100% membership goal for 2025 of 107 members! The membership year is not over until 12/31/2025. I encourage any member who has not renewed to please send in your dues for 2025.

The focus is now on renewing for 2026 and building our membership. Our goal for 2026 is 101 members, set by the State Auxiliary leadership. Many of you have received an email regarding renewal for 2026. The easiest way to renew is by calling National at 317-569-4570 and paying by credit card. They will mail your membership card to you. If you prefer your card with local

officers' names listed, please let me know and I will send one to you. Direct payment saves the Unit time and postage and is very much appreciated. If you prefer mailing a check, that is acceptable too. Please follow the directions on your renewal slip which will be sent out in early September. Thank you to Pam R. and Janice O.-D. for being the first to renew by phone or online!

We enjoyed our Greenfield Farmers' market appearance in July, promoting our Unit and membership. It was a great Public Relations opportunity to make our community aware of our organization and to recruit new members.

Our membership roster is set as of April each year for the following year. If you have moved, changed your email or phone, please notify me as soon as possible. If you would like to be included in group emails regarding Unit activities, please consider including your email with your renewal slip.

Carol Stephany

### **PUBLIC RELATIONS ZOOM CHAT DATES FOR THE LEGION FAMILY**

**630 PM - 8 PM, Wednesdays**

**September 24, 2025  
October 29, 2025  
January 28, 2026  
February 25, 2026  
April 29, 2026**



## **POPPY**

### **THINK POPPIES**

November may seem far into the future, but it will be here in a blink of an eye. Unit 416 will again be distributing poppies for Veterans Day which is November 11th, 2025. If you are interested in helping out, please let me know and I will give you further details. For those who participated in the past, please watch for further details in coming newsletters. All profits go towards Veteran programs.

**REMEMBER TO ALWAYS THANK OUR  
VETERANS FOR THEIR SERVICE**

Jackie Tamsett

### **DIVA DAY at Zablocki VA**

In June, the VA Volunteer Services put on an event, called DIVA DAY, to celebrate, honor and thank our female Veterans. They requested our help in providing Raffle baskets for the ladies that were in attendance. Our Auxiliary provided a basket



with items to give the winner a Spa like experience with soft socks, candles, and tea among other items. Auxiliary member Jen M. also put together her own basket filled with hair products, body sprays, nail products and more to show appreciation for our female Veterans. The event was a great success with 120 Veterans in attendance. This 3rd annual event is a wonderful way to show love and support for their service. Looking forward to participating in next year's event.

Jackie Tamsett

### **SERVICE REPORT**

With many dealing with the results of flood waters, continue to check with resources that may affect you. Keep a notebook on all companies you deal with for reference. In case u need to go back. Watch the news and pay attention to resources. Each requires certain criteria, so don't get turned off if you don't qualify.

If you haven't already kept a list of everything you buy at the store, start doing it now. Again, this is burdensome bookkeeping. Some items you may need to reassess your buying.

If you have questions my number is in the newsletter.

Tim Baranzyk

### **GREENDALE VETERAN'S MEMORIAL COMMITTEE UPDATE**

Hi Everyone – Tim Baranzyk, Chairman of the Greendale Veteran's Memorial Committee, is inviting anyone who is interested to attend our meetings. The next two meetings are Monday, September 15<sup>th</sup> and Monday, October 20<sup>th</sup>. Both start at 6:30 pm and meet in the squad bay at the Post. All are welcome. Hosting possible upcoming events at the Memorial will be discussed.

We are also doing a survey to see if there is any interest in switching the usual meeting - third Monday of each month – to the third Tuesday of each month instead. If you are interested in attending the GVMC and this Tuesday date is better, please email Tim Baranzyk with your preference.

Thank you everyone – do take care.

Sally Chadwick, Committee Member

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

**Deadline September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025**