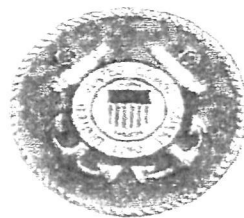


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## Meetings

### Auxiliary Officers 2025-2026

President	Kathy Baranzyk	Auxiliary
1st Vice President	Carol Stephany	3rd Thursday
2nd Vice President	Jackie Tamsett	7:00 PM
Secretary	Laura Calteux	
Treasurer	Laura Calteux	
Chaplain	Carrie Kleppin	
Historian	Laura Calteux	
Sgt. At Arms	Pat Kadlec	

## SAL Officers 2024-2025

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## JANUARY 2026

- 1 Jan NEW YEARS DAY
- 4 Jan Bingo in Memorial Hall 7pm
- 6 Jan Executive Board meeting 7pm
- 6 Jan Bingo in Memorial Hall 9:45am
- 8 Jan Honor guard meeting 6:30pm
- 12 Jan SAL meeting 7pm
- 13 Jan Bingo in Memorial Hall 9:45 am
- 14 Jan District 4 meeting TBA
- 15 Jan Post and Auxiliary meeting 7:00pm
- 18 Jan Bingo in Memorial Hall 7:00pm
- 20 Jan Bingo in Memorial Hall 9:45 am
- 25 Jan Bingo in Memorial Hall 7:00 pm
- 27 Jan Bingo in Memorial Hall 9:45 am



## COMMANDER'S REPORT

Transparency, Service, Sustainability

Tis the Season to reflect on our gifts of family and purpose. We can all be grateful for what we have and able to share.

During our Buddy Checks we did receive some positive feedback on the Post Newsletter and other feedback from those disappointed in the quality. I apologize for the lack of quality. It is one of the issues I am working to correct. As stated in the previous Newsletter I plan to halt the printing of our Newsletter until I am assured that a quality product will be published at a frequency that is cost effective. I did not see a significant improvement in the November Newsletter so after the December Newsletter the printing of the Post Newsletter will be stopped for 2 months.

At our last General membership meeting we received Thank You letters from Ms. Vincent's 5th grade class. It was very much appreciated and always encouraging to see

the next generation and the values they are being taught.

The Financial Officer and I drove to and gave the previously approved \$1,000.00 check to the Milwaukee Homeless Veterans Initiative (MHVI). They are a well-run Veterans organization with minimal administrative costs. Because they do not accept Federal funds they are not restricted by Federal guidelines and are able to help Vets that fall through the bureaucratic cracks. Our Post's donations were very much appreciated.

Nov. District meeting:

They ask for our support of the Department Raffle - \$146K was raised last year after prize money was disbursed. I have tickets for you to purchase. Support the District Bowling Tournament Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> of March, see the Post website for more details Oratorical to be held 24 January 2026 at Post 537 HA Todd Post.

Information is still available on the Post website, [GreendalePost416.org](http://GreendalePost416.org)

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

## HONOR GUARD

Actions speak louder than words as Post Honor Guard 416 can attest to by their attendance and performance. We go well beyond "Honoring our Vets".

Since this print is going on a hiatus, I would like to give recognition as to the activities our squad participates in. The parades, the festivals, Vets' Day, Greenfield ice cream social, flag raising at Harbour Village, Flag retirement at Hartson Funeral Home, Memorial Day honors in Greendale.

We have been at the Greendale Library for the quilts for many years. This year two of our members received this honor, Bob Vanselow and Doug Phillips.

In addition to all of the above activities we perform weekly military honors to the vets that have passed and special tribute if they are member of our post 416.

Thank you, Honor Guard Post 416

Proud to serve as your Captain. God Bless-  
Semper FI

Bob Zolandz

## ADJUTANT

Let it snow, that's what we say when we don't want to go out. That is an old copout in doing things at home and at the post, someone else will do it. We have to get out and HELP our neighbor in every way we can. Several months ago, I handled out a sheet

that you could fill out to show what you did over a period of time. I hope you keep track of your time so I can record it on our CPR report. I have to turn it in by March so the Department can do their thing by April.

I wish everyone a MERRY CHRISTMAS AND  
HAPPY NEW YEAR.

Tim Bellis



## PRESIDENT

Greetings!

Our Membership is at 89 of our 101 goal, we're at 88%. District 4 is #1 in the state at 80%.

We donated \$500 to the Christmas Gift Shop, we also purchased (4) \$50 Kwik Trip Gift Cards from the Juniors fundraiser, to use as raffle items. We also donated \$1000 to Milwaukee Homeless Veterans Initiative for their food bank.

The George Washington Luncheon is coming up in February, if you would like to attend let Laura know.

The Executive Board Meeting will meet on December 17th to discuss our needs. We need to cover another Sunday Bingo, if you're interested and would like to volunteer you can call me for details at 414-628-0360. We will not have a Membership meeting in December.

Kathy Baranzyk



**HONOR OUR COUNTRY,  
SUPPORT OUR VETERANS**

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

Auxiliary Membership Report

Unit 416 has a membership renewal rate for 2026 of 88.12% as of 11/18. We have 89

renewed with a goal of 101. Unpaid members total 22. Thank you to those who have extended their support through 2026.

Members not renewed by 1/1/2026 will be considered delinquent and suspended from holding office or chair positions. They will also not be eligible to apply for AEF financial assistance, lose voting rights and other member benefits.

National has just finished sending out "we want you back" notes to former members. E- NOTICES will be sent out on December 9th and mailing renewal notices February 1st, 2026.

Please consider calling National to renew by credit card. 327-569-4570 or send your renewal to me as directed on the renewal slip.

We have several activities planned for December and some great ideas for the New Year. Your participation is needed and welcome. Happy Holidays!

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Thank you,  
Carol Stephany

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

**6:30 PM - 8 PM, Wednesdays**

**January 28, 2026  
February 25, 2026  
April 29, 2026**



## **POPPY**

### **2025 Veteran Poppy Days**

Distribution for Poppy Days was held from November 7th through November 12th at Festival Foods, Metro Market and 2 Speedways. Despite very windy conditions, our wonderful Legion members braved the cold and collected donations for our Veterans in need. I am very Grateful for their dedication to spreading awareness of our Mission. A heartfelt thank You to Jerry W., Lyle J, Ted and Kathy G., My neighbor and Veteran Ed T., Carol and Ken S. who stepped in to fill a cancellation, and to my Husband Tom who braved the cold with me. Some were lucky to have an indoor

area, and a few were not, so hats off to all of you for helping raise over \$2,400. Milwaukee Homeless Veterans Initiative Food Bank has already benefited from some of the money raised.

I hope more of you will join us in the Spring when we once again go out and work the Mission of helping Veterans. Poppy distribution will take place the week leading up to Memorial Day.

Until then:

**REMEMBER TO THANK A VETERAN**

Jackie Tamsett

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

Thanks to all who attended the Greendale Veterans Memorial Ceremony to honor our veterans. The Greendale Veterans Memorial Committee wishes all of you a wonderful and happy upcoming holiday. Enjoy the time with your family and friends. The GVM Committee will not be meeting in December or January. We will post when our next meeting is. Again, thanks to all of you for what you do.

Sally Chadwick, Committee Member