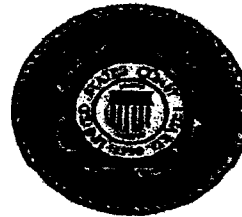
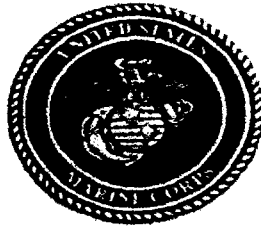


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1st Lt. Honor Guard	Bob Vanselow
2nd Lt. Honor Guard	Ed King

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 Officers 2023-2024

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

Auxiliary
3rd Thursday
7:00 PM

Sal Officers 2023-2024

President	Tim Baranzyk
Adjutant	Terry Barrington

Sal 7:00 PM
2nd Monday

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JANUARY

- 5nd Bingo in Memorial Hall, 6:00pm, Honor Guard
- 7th Bingo in Memorial Hall, 9:45am, Honor Guard
Executive Board Meeting 7:00pm
- 8th Honor Guard Meeting 7:00pm
- 12th Bingo in Memorial Hall, 6:00pm, Post
- 13th SAL Meeting 7:00pm
- 14th Bingo in Memorial Hall, 9:45am, Honor Guard
- 15th 4th District Meeting Post 299 @ Post 416
- 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
- 27th VFW Meeting 6:30pm
- 28th Bingo in Memorial Hall, 9:45am, Honor Guard
40/8 Meeting 7:00pm

COMMANDERS REPORT

Greetings

Would like to say first off Happy New year to all of Greendale 416 Family. It was like yesterday we had our Holiday party. Great time was had by all.

At our last meeting I could not attend I asked 3rd Vice Ed King to step in to run the meeting Thank you Vice Commander Ed for this.

Now we look towards the dog days of winter. We have Midwinter January 16-19 up in Appleton Paper Valley Inn. Then in March we have the 4th district Bowling Event. I would love to see at least 3 teams one from each pillar of the legion inside our post to be present. The event is March 9th at Classic Lanes Oak Creek 7501 s Howell Ave. Bowling starts at 1pm. Great times are always had at this event.

On the Legislative front, here is current issue:

Richard Star Act or concurrent Receipt

BACKGROUND

Currently, some 50,000 military retirees with combat-related injuries qualify for retirement pay for their service from the Department of Defense, and for compensation for service-connected disabilities from VA. However, those forced to medically retire under Chapter 61 and those with a 40% or lower VA disability rating will have their military retirement pay reduced by the amount of VA disability compensation received. Retirement benefits and disability compensation are two separate benefits, provided for two separate reasons and should never be conflated. The American Legion stands with disabled veterans and urges Congress to lift this denial of retirement benefits. The Major Richard Star Act would repeal this draconian offset for those veterans who are medically retired due to injuries sustained in combat allowing them to receive both their retirement pay and their disability compensation.

KEY POINTS

- Servicemembers who retire after 20 or more years with at least a 50% disability receive both DOD retirement pay and VA disability compensation. Servicemembers who retire after 20 or more years with less than 50% disability, as well as Service members medically retired under Chapter 61 have their military retirement reduced.

- Despite bipartisan support in both the House and Senate, the Major Richard Star Act was not brought to a vote in the 117th Congress.

WHAT CONGRESS CAN DO

- Mandate Pass legislation that will provide offset relief to veterans retired from the military (the Major Richard Star Act).

RELEVANT RESOLUTIONS

- Resolution No. 224 (2016): Support for Concurrent Receipt of Military Retirement Pay and VA Disability Compensation.

- The American Legion Resolution No. 118 (2016): *Support for Concurrent Receipt of Military Retirement Pay act*

Please get this passed out to all veterans.

Thank you everyone for what you do around the post and the community, it is great to see us out and about Greendale.

It's an honor to serve you all.

Respectfully,
Terry Barrington

1st VICE COMMANDER

We have 370 paid members out of 588. If you haven't paid your dues yet, please get

them in ASAP. Remember if you have moved, please send us your new address also your phone number and email address.

If you don't want to receive the newsletter also let us know, you can get the newsletter off our web site.

For those Individuals who have been coming in to help at bingos, thank you for your help, it is greatly appreciated.

Thanks

Dave Pier

2nd VICE COMMANDER

Your entertainment committee hope that your Merry Christmas was indeed Merry and likewise the same for your New Year. I do not see how it could be any different due to our being members of a great organization and group of people such as is Post 416. With that in mind it is practically guaranteed that 2025 will have the same reflections.

The Post 416 Christmas Party was once again enjoyed with socialization, good food, and door prizes. The prizes are "a great hit", especially for the winners. There were plenty of prizes to go around for all the attendees to receive one. A sincere thank you to the Auxiliary for their assistance and door prize donations. I still do not know how our Auxiliary manages to grow those

lovely poinsettias. Inner magnetism, I guess. The New Year's Eve Bingo was, as always, quite a success. Once again, a great crowd, great food and mucho fun.

As I have stated many times, I am fortunate to be involved with a group of dedicated members who serve on the Entertainment Committee. The dedicated group of Post 416 and outside volunteers' assistance in these events certainly makes life easier. And Thank You to those who attend the functions.

Although 2024 was a good year, I have no doubt that 2025 will be "gooder". Follow your Newsletter for any events that may be scheduled. If you have any ideas, etc. for future events please feel free to contact me.

Gary Parker

3rd VICE COMMANDER

The Americanism team gave 1 presentation in Dec. to a Christian Home School group, and we are scheduled to give a presentation to a Cub Scout Pack and their parents in January. Thank you, Commander Terry, for the contact. It is exciting time seeing the Americanism program expand in our community. We are looking forward to meeting the youth as well as senior citizens and sharing our message.

As a reminder Badger Boys State will be held June 8 - 14, 2025 University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire. For more information see:

Additionally, if you know of a young man that may be interested in attending Badger Boys State and Join them for a week to "**Change a life**":

Email _____ with your name, high school, phone number, and email address letting them know you would like to attend!

In regard to **Camp American Legion**, see their website

[_____ /camp-american-legion/](#) for applications and dates.

Please have applications turned into the office by January 1st, 2025.

You are still able to apply for a cabin after the 1st of January it is just that the availability of desired dates becomes more limited.

The following is a continuation of a series of excerpts from a talk given by Theodore Roosevelt:

"...All of us, no matter from what land our parents came, no matter in what way we may severally worship our Creator, must stand shoulder to shoulder in a united America for the elimination of race and religious prejudice.

1st VICE PRESIDENT

Auxiliary Membership

Happy New Year 2025!

As we all enter the New Year with great expectations, I am hopeful that our Unit will meet or exceed our membership goal of 107 members. This can only happen if every member renews and recruits. We currently have 91 members paid for 2025. For those members not renewed, please send your dues to me or call 317-569-4570 to pay with a credit card.

For members who have renewed please RECRUIT. Please take every opportunity with family, friends and in other social engagements to promote our organization. Familiarize yourself with the eligibility requirements and make sure that you have access to a membership application. Tell your prospects about our fundraising activities like the Spaghetti dinner, Poppy promotions, bingo activities, etc. Let them know the many contributions we make to

Veteran centered causes like the VA volunteer services, Homeless Veterans Initiative, Operation Grateful Giving, Healing Warriors Hearts, Operation Home Baked, as well as State and National Auxiliary projects to name a few. Explore the website at amlegionauxwi.org for information and applications. We also have eligibility sheets and applications at the Post on the bulletin board. Please contact me for any questions or for assistance. All new applications need to be processed by me. We can do this! Please make a pledge to recruit at least one new member in 2025.

Thank you!

Carol Stephany



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

Deadline January 19th, 2025

We must stand for a reign of equal justice to both big and small. We must insist on the maintenance of the American standard of living.”

I am grateful to have the opportunity to be a member of our Post and the American Legion. Its programs are in keeping with American Values.

Air Force Core Values and values for us all to emulate

Integrity first
Service before self
Excellence in all we do

Ed King



ADJUTANT

What happened to 2024? We made some friends and lost some this year. Your Honor Guard is always in need for their

attendance. Well done HONOR GUARD. To all of our officers, if it wasn't for you to keep the post moving in a positive direction, I Thank You.

We still need you to step up and help from all the vice commanders in the everyday programs here. You learned to teach the person ahead of you and behind your job, if we don't, we won't be able to survive as a post. As everyone knows by now that I will be stepping aside from the everyday cleaning and set up. The Post needs you; it doesn't have to be just one person for this.

From my Family to Yours MERRY CHRISTMAS & A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

Tim Bellis