

POST 416 INFORMATIONAL GUIDE

Post Officers 2025-2026

Commander	Ed King	262-395-6413
Adjutant	Tim Bellis	414-235-3243
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Finance Officer	Bob Vanselow	414-282-1074
1st Vice Commander	Ted Gurzynski	414-852-6844
2nd Vice Commander	Gary Parker	414-421-0314
3rd Vice Commander	Rob Hamby	414-559-6096
Service Officer	Tim Baranzyk	414-628-7081
Asst. Service Officer	Bob Zolandz	414-421-5394
Chaplain (Deacon)	Ted Gurzynski	414-852-6844
Sgt. At Arms	Lyle Jackson	414-587-7638
Sgt. At Arms	Jerry White	414-545-8725
Historian	Tim Baranzyk	414-628-7081
Captain Honor Guard	Bob Zolandz	414-421-5394
1st Lt. Honor Guard	Bob Vanselow	414-282-1074
2nd Lt. Honor Guard	Ed King	262-395-6413

Meetings

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	414-628-0360
1st Vice President	Carol Stephany	414-321-3714
2nd Vice President	Jackie Tamsett	414-651-7353
Secretary	Jan Rivera	
Treasurer	Laura Calteux	414-379-2943
Chaplain	Carrie Kleppin	414-433-9462
Historian	Laura Calteux	414-379-2943
Sgt. At Arms	Pat Kadlec	414-640-4352
Asst. Sgt. At Arms	Joanna Ledvina	262-312-8600

Auxiliary
3rd Thursday
7:00 PM

Sal Officers 2025-2026

Commander	Tim Bellis	414-235-3243
Adjutant	Terry Barrington	414-607-2751

SAL
2 nd Monday
7:00 PM

12/30/25 Excel
BZ



COMMANDER'S REPORT

Transparency, Service, Sustainability

The end of my year as Commander is fast approaching, let's finish strong.

Update on some of the issues being addressed:

Progress is being made with our attorneys in regard to the Post's lease with Ray and Dot's and the transfer of the business from the current owner to his son.

We are starting another Buddy Check. This is one of the most important Post programs as it gives us insight into the wellbeing of our members.

We are still having issues with messages left on the Post phone. If you do not receive a response within 1 day, call me.

The replacement of the damaged G.I. Joe statue should be completed soon.

Finance records are being corrected and controls are being implemented.

Clarification on the Post's oversight responsibilities of the Sons of the American Legion (SAL) program received from the Department (State) Adjutant which read as follows: "The post has approving authority for all SAL functions, to include approval of leadership and financial matters... Basically, SAL Squadrons are not autonomous. The Post needs to maintain oversight and authority as the SAL is a program of the Legion"

As a reminder we will be having elections at our May General Membership meeting. It is very important that you make your voice heard as it will determine what our Post **Culture** will be as well as our direction.

As an American Legion Post and as individuals we have a Righteous and Honorable Mission which primarily is to help Veterans.

I ask that as members of faith and as former military service members where core values were taught, when we pledge allegiance and recite the Preamble that we Remember and Recommit to those values and principles. I ask that we internalize and ask ourselves what **action** will we take?

Post 416 has a very good foundation with an opportunity to improve on our Outreach to Post members and the Local Veteran Community.

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



1st VICE COMMANDER

Two short items. 1. Hopefully you will get the mailed copy of the newsletter before the May 21st general meeting. (it will be on the Website as well). We will have elections -- we NEED a good attendance please. We also need people to step forward to say yes to an elected position. We will explain each position and the responsibilities involved BEFORE each

nomination. People, it is time for you to help with your post and to say yes. 2. I have asked before and I ask again, do you read the Newsletter? If so, do you read it from the website or the mailed copy. Please let me know. I have asked this in the past and only 3 people have ever replied!! It doesn't take that long to respond; my contact points are at the close please. Thank you and hope to see you at the May meeting.

Ted (414) 852-6844. tgurzynski@wi.rr.com

3rd VICE COMMANDER

At the risk of repeating myself, these are the activities of the Americanism Team. There were no activities in April. We have 3 activities in May. On May 6th we will meet at Canterbury Elementary School in Greendale at 2:45 for a 30-minute presentation. May 19th is at College Park Elementary from 2:30 to 3:30 and then finishing up in May at Harbour Village for a 12pm lunch and a 1:30 presentation. There is one scheduled presentation in June, at Berkshire at 10am and this will be our last presentation until the fall. I really need to thank everyone involved with the Americanism Program. I am inspired by your stories and how you communicate to the community. Especially the kids at the schools.

Now, again at the risk of being repetitive, I urge each of you that can, to come out to the May Post Membership meeting. We did make some position nominations at the last meeting but there are still positions to be filled. If you are interested in holding a position in the post, then you need to be present to be nominated. And obviously you need to be present to nominate someone else. It's been a learning experience for me, but I have enjoyed being a part of the leadership team. As has been stated many times, we need your input to make this your post.

Navy motto - Semper Fortis ; Always Courageous, Always Strong

"Peace is not the absence of conflict, but the ability to handle conflict by peaceful means."

Rob Hamby 🙌

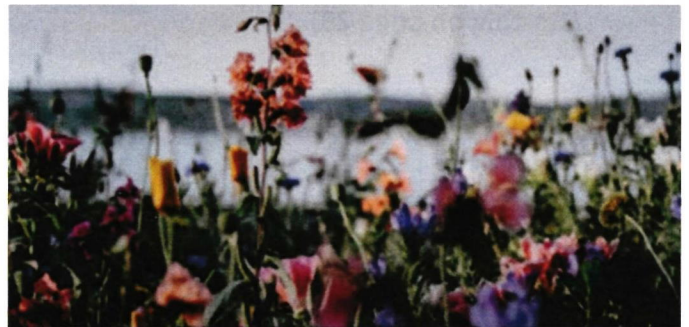
ADJUTANT

It's that time of the year you say let the other guy do it, I did my time, or I don't have time for this, but you say everything is wrong. It's your time to speak up . I would like to thank everyone who stepped up last year and tried their best in their positions. As you know, I will not run for your Adjutant this year but would run for Assistant Adjutant.

In looking over the past years, it was an honor to serve you as your Adjutant. The only thing I wish there were fewer false lies spread around, just to make themselves look good in their own eyes.

BLESSINGS TO EVERYONE

Tim Bellis



SERVICE OFFICER

No requests were received for assistance.

Tim Baranzyk

HONOR GUARD

A Military Honors program honoring our vets that have served is truly appreciated by the families. Your attendance and performance are appreciated especially on Saturdays.

We have events on the calendar. Our regular squad meeting is set for Thursday May 14th starting time 6:30. The Greenfield Veterans ice cream social and presentation is May 21st. Memorial Day service 5/25/26, post time 9:30, Pancake breakfast to follow. Flag disposal at Hartson funeral home is scheduled for June 13th post time to follow.

The American Legion May issue has an interesting article regarding Military Honors (starting on page 29)

Proud to serve as your Captain

Bob Zolandz Semper FI

HISTORIAN

Blast from the Past!

In Sept of 1938, a group of 18 World War I veterans set forth on a mission to organize an American Legion Post in the New Federal Government Housing Project that was incorporated as the Village of Greendale on Nov.1, 1938. On Nov 18, 1938, a special meeting was held in the Community Building for the purpose of organizing Greendale American Legion. January 12, 1939, was the first organizational meeting of Post 416. March 17, 1939, organizers submitted the Application for Charter to the National Adjutant H.L. Plummer. A

temporary Charter was granted on March 27, 1939.

July 24, 1939, a special meeting was called for the purpose of nomination and election of officers including Commander.

MAY 18, 1942, the permanent Charter was received by Frank Stark, Adjutant, under cover letter from the Department , Adjutant, G.H. Stordock.

On December 8, 1939, a motion was approved to begin organizing a Sons of the American Legion unit. On June 25, 1941, Fabian Strong was Appointed acting chairman of the SAL.

More to come later!

Tim Baranzyk



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello!

Thank you to everyone that helped to make our Spaghetti Dinner a huge success! The

advertising that we did brought in many new faces from the community and all enjoyed the meal. We had many raffle baskets, and one 28" Blackstone griddle (thanks Jen!) to raffle off and boy did our customers come through. The numbers are still coming in, but this was one of our best events! Thank you again!

Our next meeting will be on May 21st at 7 pm and we will be having our election of officers. Please attend so that your voice can be heard on next year's leadership team.

WOO HOO!!!! Our membership goal has been met and exceeded! Thank you to everyone that renewed their membership, and those that joined our organization. We look forward to what next year will bring and what we can do for our veterans, active military and their families with your help.

We will have installation of officers on June 18th the night of our general meeting at 6:30pm, dinner and installation after.

Sincerely,
Laura Calteux for Kathy Baranzyk



1ST VICE PRESIDENT

Auxiliary Membership

CONGRATULATIONS TO US!!!

We have once again achieved our 100% goal of 101 members for 2026! Thank you to all who have joined, renewed and recruited. We did it! Please keep up the recruitment efforts throughout the year. 2027 dues collection will begin in September!

Welcome to our newest member Mary Kay R. You helped us cross the line to 100%. We also voted on two honorary members this year. Congratulations to Shirley L. and Mary Ann H.

REMINDER:

Please notify me of any change in address.

Renewal notices, newsletters, magazine and Birthday cards all require your current address to be received. Call or email me with changes so I can send the information to our Department of Wisconsin in Portage. Thank you.

Please join us if you are able as we continue our efforts to support Veteran and community projects. Our fundraisers and activities need your input and participation.

I hope you enjoyed our annual Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser. Were you there? Thank you.

Come to CULVERS at Layton and 60th St. for our Share Night May 18th 5-8pm. They donate to us based on sales so come for dinner or a custard treat!

We will have a booth at the Greenfield Farmers Market on August 30th to promote our organization. Stop in and say hello! We are doing a free flag raffle.

Sunday evening bingo concession is an important source of income. We can always use more help!

To learn more, see you at the next meeting!
Thank you,

Carol Stephany
First Vice President
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Kstephany@att.net

POPPY

POPPY DAY and Distribution

National Poppy Day is observed on the Friday before Memorial Day. This year the date is May 22nd and Memorial Day is May 25th. On Memorial Day we Honor those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice. Wearing a red Poppy helps us remember our men and women who died fighting for our country.

This year, distribution days will be May 21st through May 25th. If you are interested in distributing Poppies, or have questions regarding distribution, please contact me, leave a message and I will return your call. I will once again reach out to those who have helped in the past. ALL money raised is used to support our Auxiliaries many Veteran directed specific causes.

REMEMBER: ALWAYS THANK A VETERAN

Jackie Tamsett

GREENDALE VETERANS MEMORIAL

Happy Spring Everyone - While you are out and about and want to check on your Greendale Veterans Memorial Brick but forgot where it is, go to: greendalememorial.org to check out the section it is located in. Also take time to read or reread some of the stories that are

listed in the kiosk under the heading "View Our Heroes". The Veteran's Committee is always looking for new stories to add to our story base in the kiosk. Simply write your story and submit it to the Veterans Memorial Committee for their review. Enjoy the Spring.

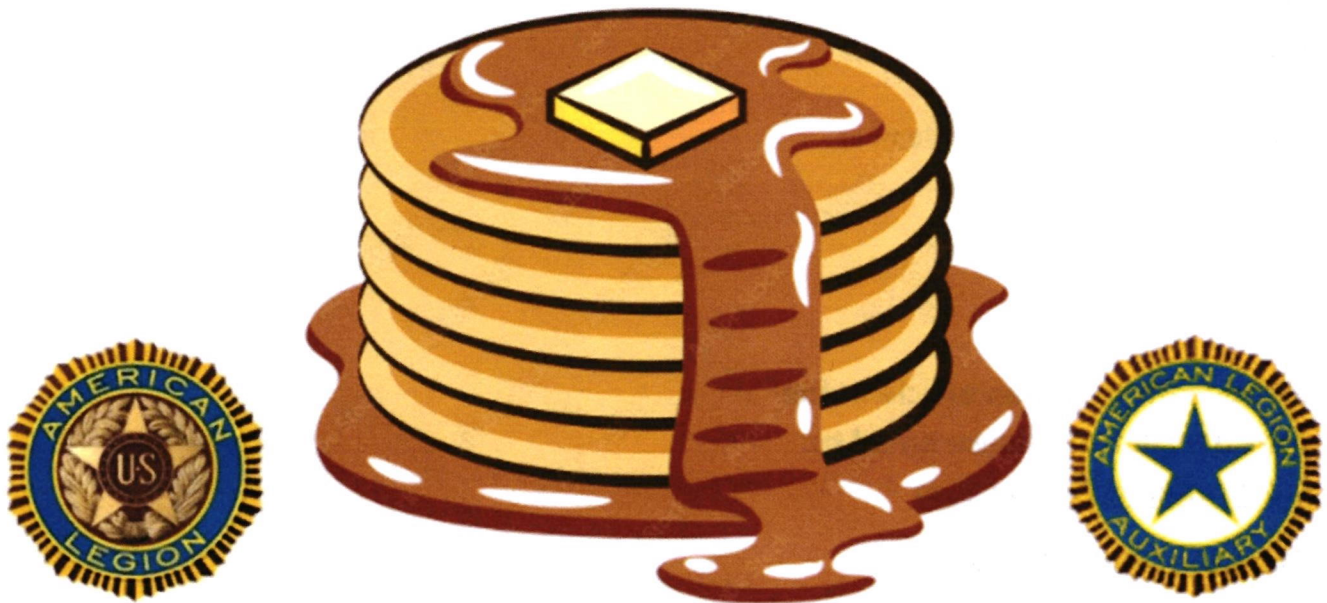
Sally Chadwick, Committee Member

If you want to put an article in the next newsletter, please email to:
lauracalteux@yahoo.com

Deadline May 16th, 2026

GREENDALE AMERICAN LEGION POST 416

PANCAKE BREAKFAST



Monday May 25th

8AM to NOON

6351 WEST GRANGE AVE. GREENDALE, WI 53129

ADULTS \$15 KIDS 15 and under \$10

PANCAKES – WAFFLES – FRENCH TOAST

SAUSAGE – JUICE – COFFEE

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT: American Legion Post 416 414-421-3371