



# THE MIGHTY FOURTH

## DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

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### IMPORTANT DATES

#### ALL MEETINGS START AT 7:00 PM

2021 District Meetings  
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**September 15, 2021**  
**Light lunch at 6:30 pm**  
**Van Eimeren-Kolonka Post**  
**27920 Monroe Ave,**  
**So Milwaukee**  
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**FALL CONFERENCE**  
October 20, 2021  
Greendale Post 416  
6351 W Grange Ave, Greendale  
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November 17, 2021  
Tanner Paull Post 120  
6922 W Orchard St  
West Allis, WI 53214  
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**District Christmas Party**  
December 15, 2021  
Oelschlaeger-Dallmann Post 434  
9327 S Shepard Ave, Oak Creek  
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January 19, 2022`  
hosted by Hales Corners Post 299  
at Greendale Post 416  
6351 W Grange Ave, Greendale  
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February 16, 2022  
hosted by Milwaukee Post 400  
at Greendale Post 416  
6351 W Grange Ave, Greendale  
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March 16, 2022  
hosted by Milw Police Post 415  
at H. A. Todd Jr, Post 537  
9159 W Beloit Rd, Milwaukee  
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April 20, 2022  
Oelschlaeger-Dallmann Post 434  
9327 S Shepard Ave, Oak Creek  
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**SPRING CONFERENCE**  
Joint 4th & 5th District  
to be announced  
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**PRE-CONVENTION CAUCUS**  
June 29, 2022

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VA SUICIDE PHONE LINE **1-800-273-8255**

### COMMANDERS CORNER

As we begin a new Legion year, on behalf of Past District Commander Tim Baranzyk, thank you to all the Posts that completed and submitted their Post Consolidated Reports. We ended with 70% of our District getting the reports into Department. Not too bad. Hopefully we can improve that this next June. Again, thank you.

Thank you for electing me as your Commander.

Membership was down this past year sadly. We lost several members due to the virus, many due to other illnesses and many just due to their age. The hard part to admit, is that because we could not "meet and greet" and have activities, we lost renewals "just because". We, as your District Officers want to ask all Posts to contact the members who did not renew for 2021 and ask them if they would "return" to the American Legion. They are important to us. What can we do for them? That is always a question that we are asked. I remember the words of President John Kennedy, "Ask not what your Country can do for you, but what you can do for your Country." I was a freshmen in high school when those words were spoken (boy am I dating myself), but that was when I went home and told my Mom that I was going to go into the military after high school. Bet you would like to have heard that discussion.

Ask them what they are continuing to do for their fellow Vets, for their community, neighbors and friends. Not a political discussion, but how do they continue to serve our nation? Let them know that they are still volunteering and their time is of value to the Legion, to your Post, and to our Nation. If they say they are "homebound", then what can your Post do for them? This is what we are all about. Maybe you can help get them "meals on wheels". Maybe someone can get them to doctor appointments, grocery shop, or just talk on the phone (buddy checks). All these hours of conversation go on the CPR report, just in case you did not know. Their hours of volunteering go on the CPR. This may sound crazy, but let's start with how you can build your CPR to brag about your Post. The more your members do, the more you can brag about. And I will bet you can fill in a lot more lines on that report. Ask me and I will help you. Meanwhile, you may get them to renew their dues for 2022. That is the point of the phone call. Never hurts to try. Meanwhile, don't forget to ask if they have someone who can join the Auxiliary, Sons or Riders.

If you have been on MyLegion.Org and found that all is not all the same; join the club. National is slowly working out the bugs. It is getting better.

There is a PowerPoint Video Presentation (3 of them) on Registering an account, My account and My Groups. If this does not work. You will have to talk to your Adjutant or Post Commander for help, if you are the person who has previously managed the MyLegion.org site. Don't give up, please.

National Convention in Phoenix was a little warm. 111 degrees in the shade. It cooled off the day we returned. If you want to know about the resolutions that were passed, you can find out all this the National Website. Please note: National did NOT raise dues. That was a good thing. There were a lot of good speakers and if you were on Facebook you may have listened in on some of those speeches. Too much to type.

Now for my special request: Each post is allowed three (3) delegates to District meetings and three (3) alternates. Please try to have delegates or alternates attend the District meetings. We will do our best to have the meetings last only an hour. This is where you get to know who we are, and what we are doing. We are here to serve you. Bring flyers for your upcoming events, so that I can scan them for the next newsletter. Ask relevant questions if you need to do so. Again, we are here for you. If we don't have an answer, we will do our best to get one to you personally and then the body the next month. Department gives us information and we pass it down to you.

Each District Vice Commander is assigned Posts to visit and they will come and visit you at some point during the year. I plan to visit each of you this year, if possible also. This is to introduce ourselves and let you know that we are here to assist your Post as best as we can. Our contact information is on page three (3). Please call or e-mail us if you need us.

Our hearts and sympathy is extended to all the families who have lost loved ones over the summer months. Also, let us bow our heads for the 13 service members who lost their lives in Afghanistan.

Until the District meeting: God Bless each of you and your families. God Bless America.

Commander Linda Pfeiffer

**1ST VICE COMMANDER REPORT  
POST 434 Steve Kohnke**

Greetings to all the members of the Mighty 4th District of the Great Department of Wisconsin. It is an Honor to serve you these next two years as the District 1st Vice Commander. Please take a moment to remember the 13 Marines and corpsman that paid the ultimate price for our freedom as we evacuated the people out of Afghanistan. May they Rest In Peace. The National Convention is coming to Milwaukee in 2022 and I hope to see many of you there. There was a lot of Lobbying from members of The American Legion Department of Wisconsin including Members of the Legion Riders that Road their bike down to the committee hotel and escorted their bus to the Harley Museum for a meet and greet to get it here and it worked. Now let's do an Awesome Job Representing the Department.

I have been tasked by our Department Commander Greg Erich to serve as the Vice Chairman of the Departments Membership Committee. Let's get those renewals In now and beat the Last Minute Rush. If anyone needs help just reach out to me.

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**2ND VICE COMMANDER REPORT  
POST 400 Andy Minch**

Welcome back to all for a new year. The duties of the Second Vice Commander is to run the oratorical event. I am hoping that this year will bring a change from past participation with schools back in session. As soon as I find out where the District event will be held I will let you know. I will be looking for volunteers to help out with this event. Take care and stay safe.

**3RD VICE COMMANDER  
POST 120 Duane Oreskovic**

Please start working on all the awards submissions for the District. It is not too early. Americanism; Law/Order; Reservist/National Guard, EMT/ Firefighter Awards, Educator of the Year. It is not too early to start.

Tanner-Paull Post 120 now serves food, so come on down and have a good meal.

**DISTRICT OFFICERS**

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**ALL ARTICLES** for **ALL ISSUES** of the newsletter are due in my (snail mail) or e-mail box no later than **THE LAST DAY OF EACH MONTH**. Please note that if you have an event going on at your Post in the following months, that you want published it is ok to send ASAP. Pictures must be sent in J-peg format.



**MILW CTY COUNCIL  
MEETING**

**WAR MEMORIAL**

750 N LINCOLN MEMORIAL DR  
7:00 PM

Commander Paul McNally  
**There will be a  
MILWAUKEE COUNTY  
COUNCIL meeting  
September 22**

**PLEASE attend**  
executive bd mtg at 6 pm  
4th flr meeting room

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**FROM THE 40/8**

Linda Pfeiffer  
Correspondant  
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Our next Bingo for the 40/8, will be held on **Sunday October 10**, at Greendale Post 416, 6351 Grange Ave. Doors open at 5:00 pm, and Bingo starts at 6:00 pm.

Proceeds help to pay for the nursing scholarship program of the 40/8. The 40/8 sponsors 2 young nurses at Alverno College.

Help is needed, so if you can come out to help for a few hours please do so. Thank you.

For those of you who like to play Bingo, please come and join us for a fun evening.

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The 40/8 promenade is scheduled for Tuesday September 28, 2021, at 7:00 pm, at Greendale Post 416.

Dues will be collected for 2022. They are \$25.00 per person.

**4TH VICE COMMANDER  
POST 192 Gene Hembrook**

Hello Fellow Legionnaires. Hopefully the hot, steamy weather is over for the rest of this year, but then again September isn't over yet, so we'll see.

Just starting out this year as new 4th Vice for the District and trying to get my act together. Now that the national convention is over it's time to get to work here at home and get ready for this year's meetings and conferences. Looking forward to seeing all of you at the September meeting.

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**MILWAUKEE COUNTY  
COUNCIL MEETING**

POST 331 Commander Paul McNally

The next Milwaukee County Council meeting will be on Wednesday September 22, 2021 on the 4th floor board room of the War Memorial, located at 750 N Lincoln Memorial Dr, Milwaukee. The meeting will start at 7:00 pm.

Each Post in both the 4th and 5th District is requested to have at least one representative present please.

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**ADJUTANT  
POST 416 Terry Barrington**

Greetings mighty 4th District. My name is Terry Barrington. I am your new District Adjutant. I want to Thank Dave Pier for his many years as Adjutant. I have big shoes to fill. I am looking forward to this new position. With that being said I am learning this position and will take a little time to get up to speed.

A little about myself. I am the Post Commander for Greendale Post 416. I have been in the American Legion for 13 years and worked my way up the chairs. I am also a part of the 40/8 Voyageur 1519 where I hold the position of conductor. I am looking forward to working for all of the Mighty 4th.

Feel free to reach out to me with any questions.

## AMERICANISM AWARDS

### War Memorial Board

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The Milwaukee County War Memorial Board will be hosting it's Annual Americanism Awards Breakfast the last Sunday of October, at the War Memorial Center.

Each organization is allowed to sponsor two (2) individuals or groups for an award. We have one candidate at this time. If you have someone you want to nominate, we need to know by September 27th. Make a recommendation, and submit to Delegate Ray(Godfather) Pasbrig, or to Alternate delegate Linda Pfeiffer.

Veterans or organizations who have demonstrated Americanism in the Community, and who are deserving of should be recognized. We can't do this if we do not know about them.

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### POST MAILINGS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS

EVERYONE previously received correspondence that Post Mailings would be going virtual and bi-monthly. Post mailings can be viewed [athttps://wilegion.org/post-mailing/](https://wilegion.org/post-mailing/) You will have to download and print what you need and want for your Post.

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New Legion College Courses Announced - After several months to refresh and update course materials, the Wisconsin American Legion College announces virtual offerings for both the Basic and Intermediate Courses. The Cost to attend is \$10. The Advanced Course will be held in November and December, dates will be announced at a later date.

Basic Course: Registration  
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/legion-college-basic-course-tickets-167788053585>

- September 22-23 from 6-9 PM or
- Sept. 25-26 from 9 AM-Noon

Intermediate Course: Registration  
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/legion-college-intermediate-course-tickets-167801732499>  
October 13-14 from 6-9 PM or

- October 23-24 from 9 AM-Noon

You can do this from your home computer. We

encourage all members of the 4th District to go out and take these courses if you have not done it already.

It is a great way to learn about the American Legion and if you plan on being an Officer, or are already an Officer, it will help you to understand more about our great organization. Please take advantage of these opportunities.

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### 3rd Annual Celebration of Freedom

The Wisconsin American Legion announces the 2021 Celebration of Freedom event. This year's gala will be held on September 24 – 25, 2021, and will again take place at Department Headquarters at 2930 American Legion Dr., Portage. In the first 2 years, this statewide community event has raised over \$70,000 for Legion Wisconsin Programs. What can we do with \$70,000? It could sponsor over 140 Veterans to Camp, help thousands of Veterans and their families meet their financial needs during hard times, annually send 54 Legion All-Stars to play at American Family Field or send over 200 Boys to Badger Boys State to name a few.

This is a STATE-WIDE LEGION FAMILY community event that will feature New York's 9/11 Never Forget Mobile Exhibit, live entertainment, food and drink, obstacle course and more.

Help is still needed. Legionnaires are urged to sign up here.  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c44acac2ba1f4c61-2021>

For more information and a schedule of events, check out here.  
<https://wilegion.org/celebration-of-freedom/>

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I am going to "steal" from the 1st District and hope that they forgive me. If not, I will have to contribute to one of their fund raisers.

### GO RECRUIT THE NEXT YOU.

They are using this as a tool to find members. One day we will all want to sit back and watch others work, so how can we do that. Replace them with an ambitious you. Don't just sign up a member, turn them into you, and get them to work like you do.