



THE MIGHTY FOURTH

DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

October 2018

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IMPORTANT DATES

ALL MEETINGS START AT 7:00 PM

2018 - 2019 District Meetings

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FALL CONFERENCE

October 17, 2018

Greendale Post 416

6351 W Grange Ave, Greendale

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November 21, 2018

Tanner Paull Post 120

6792 W Orchard St,

West Allis

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December 19, 2018

Christmas Party

Oelschlaeger-Dallmann Post 434

9327 S Shepard Ave, Oak Creek

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January 16, 2019

at Greendale Post 416

hosted by Hales Corners Post 299

6351 W Grange Ave, Greendale

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February 20, 2019

at Greendale Post 416

hosted by Harley Davidson Post 400

6351 W Grange Ave, Greendale

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March 20, 2019

H. A. Todd Post 537

hosted by Police Post 415

9159 W. Beloit Rd, Milwaukee

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April 17, 2019

Election of Officers

Oelschlaeger-Dallmann Post 434

9327 S Shepard Ave, Oak Creek

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SPRING CONFERENCE

May 15, 2019

H. A. Todd Post 537

9159 W. Beloit Rd, Milwaukee

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PRE-CONVENTION CAUCUS

July 10, 2019

Van Eimeren-Kolonka Post 27

920 Monroe Ave

So Milwaukee, Wisconsin

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CONVENTION

July 17 - 21, 2019

Madison, WI

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TEAMWORK

October 2018

To The Mighty Fourth: Summer is gone and October is upon us. I want to share an event with you that I attended on September 9th; the 54th annual New Berlin Soap Box Derby. This is a huge event for the youth. Three participants were awarded scholarships by the Soap Box Derby Commission. A special thank you to Legion Family members Don Brockman and his wife from Milwaukee Police Post 415, for their donation to the scholarship fund. Perhaps this is something that the Mighty Fourth District should look at. Other Posts in the District can explore this, as well, under the Four Pillars of Children and Youth. The Brockman's are "Lifetime donors". The cars they sponsor are named the "Paddy Wagon" and the "Patch Mary". It was a great event to attend.

Sausage Fest was good, but more participation would have been better. September 15th, the AL Riders presented \$35,000 to Camp American Legion from all 12 Districts. \$6,500 came from the Mighty Fourth District for the needs of the camp. Fantastic job in raising funds Riders!

Please give your support to 2nd Vice John Edelblute with the Oratorical Contest. This is a great program for the High School Students. Talk it up. With the cost of college, all students should want to think about a scholarship. So wherever you see a High School Student, mention that they have a chance to win, not only here in Wisconsin, but at the National Level, with 14, 16, or 18 thousand dollars toward college.

I know that you are waiting for the "membership talk". We are currently in 10th place in Department standings. Please work on going up that ladder to 1st by June. We can accomplish that goal if we work on it. Vice Commander Dave Wischer is hoping that every Post will make 100%. Remember that 1st Vice Tim Baranzky, is pushing for that goal. All your Vice Commanders are willing to help you. All you have to do is ask them for that help. Let's not just grow the Legion, but the Auxiliary, and Sons of the Legion as well. Teamwork is our motto. Work together and we can achieve great success. We can be a 100% District.

We have been lax in support of the Milwaukee County Council. 4th District Vice Commander, Jim Waltich is the County Commander. We have 22 Posts in the 4th District, and he asks that each Post try to send one member to the County meetings each month. This would give him great support. Don't forget that this month is Post Everlasting for the County. It will be held at Post 434 on the Last Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm. Bring your list of deceased members for the last year to be read and honored.

Fall Conference is Wednesday, October 17, 2018, at 7:00 pm at,

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Greendale Post 416. Please have all your delegates in attendance.

If you have events going on at your Post, please be sure to notify our editor, Linda Pfeiffer, of that event. She will publish it (advertise it) for you. The more visible you are, the better the chance more Veterans will attend.

We have two events coming up at the War Memorial Center: October 18, 2018 is the Americanism Awards Breakfast. The flyer was in the September newsletter. If you know a Veteran who should be recognized for what they are doing for Veterans, or an Organization that contributes to the Veterans, please submit their names for an award. We should recognize those who serve and continue to serve. I am replacing Pat Romero, as he has moved out of Wisconsin, so I will be at this event. So, please let me know, if you have someone who needs to be recognized.

The other event will be held on Sunday, November 11, 2018, at 5:00 pm. This is the Annual Veterans Day Banquet. The flyer is included in this issue of the newsletter. Reservations are required.

As you drive around during Halloween, and “trick or treat”, please be careful of the little ones that are running around. The little goblins are not always watching where they are going.

Again, please work on your membership we are hoping for 100% membership in the District.

God Bless and Take Care.

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1ST VICE COMMANDER REPORT

Tim Baranzky - Post 416

As you know, every post needs members to survive. Many of us go out and get involved in a lot of activities to get that American Legion image out there. Some posts bust their behinds, while others can only make do with the people they have. I think we need to turn that Negative Feeling into something positive. We have tools at our disposal, but do we use them? For instance; when you or several members of your post engage in activities, does someone have membership card applications available? How about business cards? Does anyone do any followups? If prospective members say they don't have any money and you know they're a veteran, can you sign them up on the spot? Do you have a card reader or something like it? More people carry

plastic sometimes than cash. Or, they can go the normal route, and sign up on line.

Many veterans like the togetherness of doing several activities. Do you promote or listen to any of your members for ideas? Or, do you shut them off? As with most ideas, the ones who come up with the idea get stuck with it. So several keep their mouths shut. I see this time and time again.

With all of the different activities that are going on, does anyone keep a history of your events for the year? Some just shove it to Facebook. With news about accounts getting hacked on a frequent basis, how many still put items on it? When convention time rolls around, what evidence do you have of your activities? Do you think everyone looks on Facebook? I think not. This is my opinion. You need other forms of evidence. Without it, you may have a problem marketing your post. Membership recruitment then becomes a job. Do you attend sessions of the legion meetings at Fall Meetings or Mid-Winter? Do you take classes and get ideas? You need to get energized.

The time is NOW to get this membership drive in full swing. The longer you wait, the harder it becomes. The veteran population continues to shrink, but why don't vets join the legion? Is it indifference? Bad experiences? Too many loud mouths? Does anyone ever listen to me when I attend a meeting? Is there somehow, someone could write up questions before a meeting, and then have someone answer them at a meeting? We're going to continue to think outside the box, for now and in the future. Times are changing. What about a suggestion box? This sounds corny, but sometimes it works. I believe in networking, getting involved, observing new people who jump in to help out. I always manage to find someone who is a vet, who is not a legion member. Also, everyone talks about the 2930 list, but reject it as a waste of time. Mistake! You may find a few people that are waiting to get asked. So why not try it? New stream lined methods have come down to make it easier to input new members. Check with your Adjutant for the info. You'll be amazed. As for now, keep trying!

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2ND VICE COMMANDER

John Edelblute - Post 434

Greetings to all 4th District AL Family members. If you have not already started, it is once again that time of year. to look for contestants for this year's upcoming Oratorical contest. This years contest will be held on Sunday January 22, 2019. This year's location will be

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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. Flyers are also ok to send in J-peg



MILW CTY COUNCIL MEETINGS

Last Wednesday of the month**

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October 31- 7:00 pm
Oelschlaeger-Dallmann Post 434
9327 S Shepard Ave, Oak Creek

This is the Annual Post Everlasting for the County. All Posts are asked to bring their list of deceased members to this meeting.

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Four Chaplains Sunday
Sunday February 3, 2019 - 2:00 pm
Zablocki VA Medical Center

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January 30, 2019 -7:00 pm

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February 27, 2019 - 7:00 pm

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Please be sure to notify me when someone is in the hospital so I can send a get well card, OR in the event of an untimely death, so that I can send out a card of condolence. Thank you. Claire.

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UPDATES NEEDED

Adjutant
Dave Pier
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Both Linda and I need a listing of the delegates from each Post who should attend District Meetings. As of this mailing, we do not have a complete list from all posts in the District. You can mail them to me, or e-mail them to Linda and we will share with each other. Your delegates will not get newsletters unless Linda has their information.

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different then the past few years. The 4th District Oratorical contest will be held at HA Todd Post 537, located at 92nd St and Beloit Rd. The contest will start promptly at 11:00 am. Please have your students there by 10:15 am. so we can finish filling out paperwork etc.

I will once again be looking for Judges, Time Keepers, Escorts and Tabulators. Unfortunately last year I barely had enough help to get the job done. So, PLEASE if you have some extra time to give please consider helping out. Descriptions of each position are available for you to peruse at legion.org.

Please be sure your Contestants (students) are familiar with the Official Rules for the Oratorical Contest and are versed in the four Amendments of the Constitution chosen for this year. These to can be found at legion.org. also. Please also work with your individual that you are bringing to the "4th District Table "so to speak", so they are comfortably practiced, as they might be the chosen one to be representing the 4th District . The Department Contest will be held in Ripon on February 9, 2019. If you have any Questions or Concerns please reach out to me. Thank you for your continued support.

Boy Scouts

Eagle Scout of the Year submissions are due at Department Headquarters by March 1,2019. I will have more to discuss about the Boy Scouts of America after the Department Fall meetings. As you should have heard by now, Girls will now be allowed to join Boy Scout Troops. How this is being broken down I will be explaining later on in my articles. It is set to start as of March 2019, this I do know. More to follow.

3RD VICE COMMANDER

Linda Pfeiffer - Post 192

DISTRICT BOWLING TOURNAMENT

We are set with a date for the District Bowling tournament on March 3, 2019. We have reservation forms on the Website. They are also in Greendale Post 416. Please have all your delegates in attendance. this mailing. Please share with your Auxiliary, SAL and Riders at your Post.

Please get your teams together as soon as possible. We have 20 lanes to fill. This is for fun. Please be sure to check and see if any of the Junior members of our "Legion Family" wishes to bowl. They are welcome as well.

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FROM THE 40/8

Claire Ann Goodfellow - Correspondent
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On Sunday, October 14, 2018, the 40/8 will hold Bingo at Greendale Post 416, 6351 W 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 next Promenade will be on October 22, 2018, at post 416 at 7:00 pm. To the membership of Foiture 1519 it is that time of the year again to pay your dues. This is just a friendly reminder.

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DEPARTMENT VICE COMMANDER

David Wischer - Post 537
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Greetings fellow Legionnaire's. Well in typical Wisconsin fashion we are starting to see the temperatures drop along with the leaves. So, it is time to warm up with our Legion programs.

There were a number of interesting programs that were held within the County during the month of September that unfortunately were not given the proper attention or support as needed. Two of these were the Stand Down held at the Richard's St. Armory and Project 22. Project 22 helps to bring awareness to the issue of Veterans suicide. The American Legion had only two representatives present to support the program. The Stand Down while being held in the Fifth District needs further support of the Fourth. This is a responsibility that must be shared by the entire Milwaukee County Veterans Community. Thank you to all Posts and individuals for your contributions.

Once again, Cafe' Centraal and the Lowlands Group sponsored the annual Sausage Fest event. While I do not have the numbers as of yet, I am sure that they will be making a sizable donation to Camp American Legion. Thank You to all the volunteers for their time and energy.

We are now into October which is a very busy month, which brings up the subject of Membership.

We all know this is what drives the Legion programs, and is the reason the subject it is so often discussed. Our Department Commander along with the Membership Chairman have requested that Milwaukee County put together a Membership event. Transferring members from the Headquarters Post will be one of the objectives.

The National fall meetings will be held beginning on Tuesday the October 16th and concluding with Department meetings in Portage on Saturday the 20th. Please do not forget to have someone in attendance at the next Milwaukee County Council meeting, to be held at Oak Creek Post #434 which will host the Post Everlasting event. Doors will close promptly at 7:00 pm. If the Post Commander or their representative are unable to attend please provide a list of deceased Post Members to a District or County officer.

Information about the Mid-Winter Conference will be mailed out shortly so watch your mail boxes. valuable training will once again be provided on a number of programs along with various officers training. This is how "We" can become better, more informed Legionnaires.

Remember to wear your American Legion hat and apparel with Pride! Let's all be "Legion Proud"

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AMERICAN LEGION VAVS OFFICE

Dan Jakubczyk
American Legion Representative

If your post can make a donation to our office it would be appreciated. We use the income to make donations to areas in the hospital, and for Veterans within the VA. At this point, I am very limited in helping any one of the clinics or areas of the Hospital due to lack of funding.

To the Posts and Auxiliarys who have donated, thank you very much. Your support is very much appreciated.

Reminder: Whenever a Veteran from your Post is admitted as an "In Patient" at the VA, tell them that they must inform the people admitting "you" that "you" are a member of the American Legion, or any other Veterans Organization. We will then visit you.

Respectfully submitted, Dan