



THE MIGHTY FOURTH

DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

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IMPORTANT DATES

ALL MEETINGS START AT 7:00 PM

2019 District Meetings

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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
9327 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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September 6 -7, 2019

Centennial Celebration
Portage WI
All Legion Family Members are
asked to come and join in the
celebration of the
100th Anniversary the
Wisconsin American Legion

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Future Meetings

September 18, 2019, October 16, 2019
November 20, 2019, December 18, 2019
January 16, 2020, February 19, 2020
March 18, 2020, April 15, 2020
May 20, 2020, July TBA

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IMPORTANT NOTICE FROM THE DISTRICT ADJUTANT

Dave Pier - post416@att.net

Nominations for District Officers for 2019 - 2021 are due in March. All members wishing to run for District Commander, and the District Vice Commanders are asked to have their letters for nomination submitted in March. Elections of Officers will be held on April 17, 2019 at Oelschlaeger -Dallman Post 434. Nominations are accepted from the floor. Please note: if elected or appointed to a District Office, you must submit a copy of your Discharge Papers to the District Adjutant prior to being installed as a District Officer. All Officers take their new positions following the Department Convention in July of 2019. Following the May Spring Meeting there will be election of three (3) delegates, and three (3) alternates to National Convention. The incoming and outgoing District Commanders are automatic delegates, should they decide to attend National Convention.

I will also need the names of members who wish to be delegates to committees at the Department Convention. Please let me know at the April or May meetings.

By the July caucus, I will also need to know who the delegates are to Department Convention from each Post in the District. The number of delegates is determined by your membership 30 days prior to Department Convention. Each Post determines who their delegates are. Please have these names available for me at the July caucus, as only those members are allowed to vote at the caucus.

Also, in keeping with the Department Constitution and By-Laws, please note: when you have ballots at your Post level: "All tally sheets shall be delivered to the Post Adjutant and shall be retained by him for a period of thirty (30) days following the conclusion of the election. The same applies to the District and the County. So, when we have elections, the motion is "for the Adjutant to keep the ballot sheets for 30 days and then destroy them".

TEAMWORK

Hello Mighty Fourth District. We are hoping that everyone kept warm and survived the shatterness of the "real winter" at the end of January. Now that we are into February we hope the groundhog myth is truth and an early spring is upon us.

Last month, at the mid-winter many of the training sessions were well attended. For those of you that attended, we hope you benefitted from the programs. Sadly, no one from the 4th District won any of the sweepstakes prizes, darn it. *continued*

We have a candidate for the Oratorical Contest, who will participate at Ripon on Saturday, February 9, 2019. Thomas Quigly, from Martin Luther High School, sponsored by Greendale Post 416, will represent the 4th District. For those members who are able to go to Ripon and witness the event, you will see the "best of the best" in the state of Wisconsin, compete against each other. Thomas did a great job, and we feel he has a good chance at Ripon.

Membership: The district has slipped into 8th from 9th place on the ladder. We were moving up, and now we seem to be slipping. Please don't become discouraged. Let's keep pushing and give it our best effort to reach our goal of 100% at each post level. If you can renew members from 2014, 15, and 16, your post will receive a monetary reward for those members.

For everyones information, the merger of Post 203 into Post 416 is in the final steps of completion. It appears that both posts are working together to make this happen. This shows that the 4th District is strong in its support of helping each other.

As district elections are on the horizon, there are two chairs open for Vice Commander at the District level. Each post is asked to look at their membership and see if there is member who would like to occupy a Vice Commanders position. Also, if you are interested in being an Officer, or chairing a committee, please make sure you step forward and let the "newly elected Commander (in April) know what position you would like to hold. Offices such as: Sgt-at-Arms, Adjutant, Judge Advocate, Historian, Service Officer, Finance Officer, and Chaplain, are all appointed positions. If you don't tell the Commander you are interested he/she has no way of knowing you are interested. Elected Chairs open are 3rd and 4th Vice Commander. If you want to know what these Officers are expected to do, ask me, or one of the Vice Commanders who currently serve, or have served. The Mighty Fourth has maintained a strong influence in the American Legion of Wisconsin. Other Districts look to us for advice and leadership. It is great to know that we have earned that kind of respect. Let us continue down that path.

On a personal note: I want to extend a huge thank you to Walt & Linda Pfeiffer, Curtiss Peck, PDC Wayne Jensen, and a special thank you to MCC Commander Jim Waltich for their assistance with my hospitality room at mid-winter. Jim is most appreciated for all the physical help in unpacking and repacking my truck. Not to be forgotten, thank you to Miss Sue

Sandow for helping set-up the food, and Post 120 member Dale Slowick for his donation of food. Great job with the donation of cooking all the turkey, polish sausage, and all the rest of the goodies, to all. Oops, I almost forgot, a very Big Special Thank you my sweetheart Karen Nordby. Without Karen's help, I would not have been able to pull it off.

Now for some fun: we are down to the wire with bowling; Miss Linda tells me she has reservations for 13 teams, with two (2) more promised in the mail. That leave us with five (5) lanes open. So we have room for more members to bowl. We also have a few teams that could use a "spare person". So if you want to bowl and don't have a team, call Linda Pfeiffer, and she will add your name to a team.

No special clothes or uniform required, just bowling shoes, and comfy clothes. We have the promise of chocolate to raffle from Leo Taylor, a 12 cup coffee pot, bread board, a packer football and whatever other donations show up (I heard there were some bottles of something or another). Call Linda asap if you still want to bowl, or bring your forms to the next District meeting. She will gladly take your application and check. This is all for fun; your event. Team Captains must sign in with Linda the day of the event. The team can be all men, all women, or mixed. It will be held at Classic Lanes, at 7501 S. Howell Ave.

As you read your Badger Legionnaire, you will see that Department Commander Frank Kostka was quick and recruited a new member: National Country Recording artist and US Marine Josh Grocin. Josh and his group entertained the Legion Family on Saturday nite at mid-winter. Just goes to show that Commander Kostka is always on the lookout for members, and takes advantage of the moment.

As you should all know by now, Department Vice Commander Dave Wischer is running for Department Commander. Please give him your support.

I have put my name in for Department Vice Commander. We both hope to represent the Mighty Fourth District at the Department level in 2019-2020.

Valentines Day is just around the corner. Don't forget to let your "sweetheart" know you are thinking about her / him.



Drive safe in the ice and snow.

God Bless and Take Care

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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**
Next meeting is
February 27, 2019
at 7:00 PM at the
Milwaukee Cty War Memorial
750 N Lincoln Memorial Dr
Milwaukee, WI
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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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FROM THE 40/8
Claire Ann Goodfellow
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3916 North 30th Street.
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On Sunday, February 10, 2019 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. Help is needed, so if you can come out to help for a few hours please do so. Thank you.

Our next meeting will be held at Post 416 on February 26, 2019, at 7:00 pm.

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1ST VICE COMMANDER REPORT

Tim Baranzyk - Post 416

Mid-winter is now over, as well as, training. I hope that several of you took advantage of it. Starting in March or thereabouts, the Department may institute a "March Madness" for membership to try and jump start and keep membership recruitment, retention, etc on - going. Continue your efforts in this process.

Keep your eyes and ears open for veterans who may need assistance. Maybe we can help them. Stay warm and stay healthy.
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2ND VICE COMMANDER

John Edelblute - Post 434

Greetings. Oratorical Wrap Up: I would like to thank all of the 4th District Legionnaires who helped with the 4th District Oratorical contest on January 13th. It would not have been a success without your sincere help and commitment. I also want to give special thanks to the H.A. Todd Post 537 for hosting this year contest. Remember that next year we need to have a different location.

This years 4th District winner was Thomas Quigly. Tom is a Senior who attends Martin Luther High School. He was sponsored by Greendale Post 416. The title of his oration was "The Constitution: Great Power, Great Responsibility". Please support him as he represents us in Ripon on February 9th. If you have never attended a contest in Ripon, try to make a special effort this year.

It is not to early to start looking for next years contestants. The more time a contestant has to prepare the better it is for him or her.

Please see the insert on Scouting that I have prepared. This is something that each Post can keep on hand.

3RD VICE COMMANDER

Linda Pfeiffer - Post 192

DISTRICT BOWLING TOURNAMENT

The date for the District Bowling tournament is March 3, 2019. Please see Commander's article. We still have room for bowlers.

**Firefighter, Legislator, Law & Order,
and All other Awards of the Year**

Your Post should be looking now for all the awards for the year. The paperwork must all be correctly filled out. Department has the guidelines in your manuals. Please follow instructions carefully: number of pages, size of picture, etc. Everything must be done according to protocol. Start looking for your candidates now, please.

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4TH VICE COMMANDER

MILWAUKEE COUNTY COMMANDER

Jim Waltich - Post 537

Mid-winter was a great success, much training and Comeraderie. If you missed it you really missed out. Team 100 is in full swing.

The Department is holding a "Pass the Helmet" fundraiser for the National Commanders charity: the Veterans and Children foundation. The Children and youth Committee is asking all posts to "pass the helmet" at all meetings and functions to raise monies for this charity. Posts are asked to turn in these funds into the district to be presented at convention to the Department Commander.

The Milwaukee County has April 30, 2019 at Miller Park for Poppy distribution.

The 4th District has May 2, 2019 at Miller Park for Poppy distribution.

Let's coordinate our efforts and get out to the park to raise money for our programs. Please see me for questions and further information. Remember what YOU COLLECT your post keeps!!!

Thanks and stay warm

PAST DEPARTMENT VICE COMMANDER

Mark Sandow - Post 537

I attended the first time offered Post Commander's Course at Mid-winter. It was a three hour course condensed down from four hours. It was very informative as it covered things from what is a commander to the duties and responsibilities of a commander. to knowing your post officers and their duties and membership and public relations and more. There were some people who were newly elected Post commanders and some who were going to become Post Commanders in attendance, so this course provided valuable information on their role as a Post Commander. I recommend this course for anyone interested in moving up the American Legion leadership ladder.

I know it is early but I am looking for units to participate in the City of West Allis Memorial Day Parade. Last year we had only one American Legion Post participate in the parade, and that was Milwaukee Post 18. THANK YOU! Participation has dwindled in the last few years, but I'd like to see that turn around. Getting a few more color guard units and marchers would greatly enhance the meaning of the parade. That is remembering those men and women who served and gave their all for the freedoms that we take for granted. Of course, if you truly can't march, then please sign up to ride on of the trolleys that will be in the parade. Contact West Allis Alderman Dan Roadt at 414-321-7264 and tell him I told you to call for a trolley ride. I have asked Department Commander Frank Kostka to attend the parade and be the guest speaker at the program at West Allis Veterans Park. This year marks my 24th year as Parade Marshal and Program Emcee. I'm thinking of going one more year and then watch the parade from the curb. I would like to mentor someone from the Legion to continue the tradition but will ask someone from the VFW, DAV or AMVETS, to see if they are interested if I can't get someone from the American Legion to take the position. Let me know if you are interested.

We lost our musical accompaniment for this year as Julia Atkinson's daughter left for college. So we are looking for someone to sing and or play at the program as well. Do you know a talented high school student or Junior Member of the Auxiliary, who would share his or her talents with us?. Again, let me know asap. Thanks for all you do.