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Post 416 Holiday Dinner Scheduled for Dec.12th!

The annual holiday dinner for Post 416 is set to happen on Tuesday, December 12th starting at 6pm. This year's meal is from Golden Corral, and the menu will be:

Turkey
Ham
Buttered Corn
Sweet Potato Casserole
Green Beans
Rolls
Dressing
Gravy
Mashed Potatoes
Banana Pudding
Sweet Tea

As is customary, brief business meetings will follow for our TAL/SAL and ALA membership starting around



7pm. This will be our final opportunity to see each other in 2023, as our next gathering is not scheduled until Tuesday, January 9th. Please join us for our annual holiday dinner and start celebrating the season right with your friends at Lowe's Grove American Legion Post 416!



UPCOMING ACTIVITY REMINDERS

Tuesday, Dec 12 - Post 416 Holiday Dinner, 6pm, 5419 S. Alston Avenue

Tuesday, Dec 12 - TAL/SAL and ALA Membership meetings, 7pm, 5419 S. Alston Avenue

Tuesday, Jan 9 – TAL/SAL Membership meeting (no dinner, meeting @ 7pm), 5419 S. Alston Avenue

Tuesday, Jan 23 - TAL/SAL Membership meeting (no dinner, meeting @ 7pm), 5419 S. Alston Avenue

Tuesday, Feb 13 - TAL/SAL Membership meeting (no dinner, meeting @ 7pm), 5419 S. Alston Avenue

Tuesday, Feb 27 - TAL/SAL Membership meeting (no dinner, meeting @ 7pm), 5419 S. Alston Avenue

TAL – The American Legion ALA – American Legion Auxiliary SAL – Sons of The American Legion

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Post 416 Sponsored Veterans 5K Walk

- Written by Bill Granger, Post 416 Adjutant

Lowe's Grove American Legion Post 416 once again served as a sponsor of the Morrisville Veterans Memorial Foundation 5K Walk, held on Veterans Day 2023 (November 11). This was the second consecutive year Post 416 has sponsored the event, as we continued our partnership providing financial services as a pass-through agent with our credit card capability to benefit the creation of a future Morrisville Veterans Memorial.

This year we helped raise \$1,600 towards construction of a future Morrisville Veterans Memorial. For anyone interested, you can learn more about the planned memorial at https://www.morrisvilleveteransmemorial.com/



Post 416 Serves Local Veterans at Benefits Fair



Lowe's Grove American Legion Post 416 partnered with the Durham County Veterans Affairs Office to hold a Veteran's Benefits Fair on Saturday, November 4th. This outstanding effort for our community was led by our own 2nd Vice-Commander Leo Scrivner, and witnessed other assisting agencies such as the VA-Durham Healthcare System, Durham County Veterans Services office, and the Durham County Register of Deeds to help connect local veterans with the benefits to which they are entitled. Well done to everyone who volunteered that day to connect veterans with our local supporting agencies. Let's hope we get the opportunity to do this event next year!



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2024 Membership Drive Update

- Written by Bill Granger, Post 416 Adjutant



As a reminder, the Post's goal for the 2024 membership drive is a total of 51 TAL members by May 1, 2024. We now have **50** members "on the books" for 2024. There's still room for improvement as there are 3 TAL members who have yet to renew. If all 3 of those existing members renew today, we will have exceeded our 2024 membership goals!

Thank you to the following members who joined or renewed during November:

TAL – David Hutson TAL – Alvis Tinnin TAL – Ken VanDine

TAL - David Young

To the lower right of this page is our thermometer graphic for the Post's goal to standup a new Sons of the American Legion squadron in 2024. To charter a new squadron, the Department of North Carolina

requires 10 eligible members (all male descendants adopted sons, and stepsons of veterans) as a minimum. November saw our SAL membership stagnate at 4 members. Annual dues are set at \$25 annually, and enrollment can be done easily on the Post website at https://al416nc.wixsite.com/al416nc.

For the remaining 3 Post 416 TAL members who renew annually, \$35 payment is due before December 31. You can renew the following easy and convenient ways:

- Pay via check or cash in person at any membership meeting
- Mail in a check to: American Legion Post 416,
 P.O. Box 12202, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709.
- Pay via credit card at https://mylegion.org/PersonifyEbusiness/Home using your MyLegion login information
- Pay via credit card at https://al416nc.wixsite.com/al416nc

