



Fall Chicken BBQ Coming Sunday, September 24

Written by Bill Granger, Post 416 Adjutant

This month marks the return of Post 416's twice-annual BBQ chicken dinner fundraiser to its traditional format: service offered both as dine-in or carryout on a Sunday. American Legion membership decided to shift the date back to our traditional Sunday offering to improve ticket sales. For past Saturday dinners we hovered around the 200-dinner mark, about a 100 ticket decrease from cooking on Sundays. However, even with this change back to Sunday ticket sales are lacking. Finance Officer James Snyder reports sales to date at about 50% of what we accomplished during our spring dinner, so we have some work to accomplish in the next 2 weeks.

These dinners are most important to the Post 416 American Legion Auxiliary, as this has served as their primary source of income over recent years. Advance tickets are required so we can purchase the correct amount of food for the event, and ticket sales end on **Friday, September 15th**. Tickets are available from James Snyder at jamesmsnyder@bellsouth.net, or online anytime on the post's website at <https://al416nc.wixsite.com/al416nc/>.



Tuesday, Sept 12 – ALA Membership meeting (no lunch, meeting @ 1:30pm), 5419 S. Alston Avenue
Tuesday, Sept 12 – BBQ Chicken Dinner planning meeting (no dinner, meeting @ 7pm)
Sunday, Sept 24 – Fall BBQ Chicken Dinner, carryout or dine-in (noon-2pm), 5419 S. Alston Avenue
Tuesday, Sept 26 – TAL Membership meeting (no dinner, meeting @ 7pm), 5419 S. Alston Avenue
Tuesday, Oct 10 - TAL Membership meeting (no dinner, meeting @ 7pm), 5419 S. Alston Avenue
Saturday, Oct 14 – Post Clean-Up Day, 9am-noon, 5419 S. Alston Avenue

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

Fall Post Cleanup Scheduled for Saturday, October 14

Plans are underway for our fall post cleanup, scheduled for Saturday, October 14th from 9am-noon. Tasks such as indoor cleaning, weed control, and roadside trash pickup will be accomplished, as well as any other chores that present themselves before the event. Light breakfast items will be provided. Please block your calendar now, as many hands make light work!



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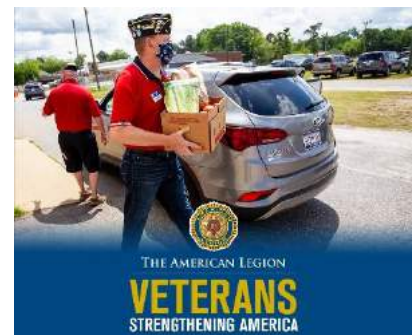
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Welfare Check Volunteers Wanted

Did you know that for those who served in Desert Storm or the Global War on Terror, 86% knew someone who was injured or killed? Furthermore, 75% reported a team member becoming a casualty, and 65% saw dead or seriously injured Americans during their service. It's not surprising to veterans, as we know firsthand the high personal cost of serving in the U.S. armed forces. For this reason, one of our Post goals this year is to focus more on providing support for our comrades in arms, whether they are current post members or veterans in our community.

Leo Scrivner is spearheading a Post initiative to reach 5 veterans a month with a welfare check. He has a script already drafted, so the action steps are pre-planned

and easy to follow. If helping other veterans is a passion of yours, he is in need of a few volunteers to make a few phone calls monthly to talk with veterans in our community. If this interests you, please contact Leo at leo.scrivner@gmail.com.



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2024 Membership Drive Update

- Written by Bill Granger, Post 416 Adjutant



As a reminder, the Post's renewal goal for the 2024 membership drive is a total of 51 members by May 1, 2024. We now have 37 members "on the books" for 2024. The good news to report is we have successfully reached the 'Cardinal Award' for 50% of the total goal reached by September 1, 2023, and we are ONE member shy of the total goal to reach by December 31, 2023. We'll be updating everyone monthly with the handy thermometer graphic to the upper left as we progress through the membership drive.

Thank you to the following 15 members who joined or renewed during August:

John Bennett
Bob Davis
Joe Dean
Manfred Emmrich
Doug Green
Rob Kaufman
Ricardo Lofton
Alan Mangum

Renaldo Ruybal (NEW)
George Scruggs
David Sellars (NEW)
Marshall Shipp
James Snyder
Larry Strickland
Jerry Vaughn

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. 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 12 Post 416 TAL members who renew annually, \$35 payment is due. 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>



Durham Habitat for Humanity Seeks Volunteers

- Written by Rich Kells, Associate Director at Habitat for Humanity of Durham

Durham Habitat for Humanity is hosting a 9/11 Day of Service event on September 7-9, and we are looking to partner with veterans to volunteer with us. As a Navy Veteran myself, I'm proud that Durham is a board-approved Habitat Veteran Affiliate. We have several veterans on staff and work with many volunteers and homeowners in Durham that have served. This event is one of several that we host each year to recognize members of our community who have served our country in uniform.



This event is in honor of those who died in the 11 September attacks of 2001 and our military veterans. Let's show the military community and their families they are never forgotten and that we appreciate their service to our nation! Our construction crews work rain or shine. In extreme conditions we may choose to close a construction site early to protect the safety of staff and volunteers. Should you be interested in volunteering, you can learn more at <https://durhamhabitat.volunteerhub.com/vv2/lp/911dos>. Volunteer spots for these shifts are limited and available until filled. Thank you very much for your consideration!

Post 416's Tarheel Boys State Scholarship Winner Visits

At our August 8 membership dinner, Rowan Hughes (the winner of Post 416's 2023 Tarheel Boys State scholarship) spoke briefly to thank the American Legion for the opportunity to attend this year's event.



From left to right: Post 416 Commander James Lowe is pictured with Rowan Hughes, winner of our 2023 Tarheel Boys State scholarship.

"As a rising senior at Jordan High School this year, I learned a lot about myself and our amazing system of government that will carry me forward into the future," said Rowan. "For example, I discovered at Boys State that I can achieve more success in my endeavors when I stay true to myself, as opposed to saying the politically-correct thing or what people may want to hear."

Rowan continued, "When I communicated open and honestly with others about actions I thought needed to happen, I wound up having a greater impact not only for myself but upon the larger groups which I was interacting with at Boys State. I am most grateful for the opportunity provided by Post 416 to participate in this amazing event."

The 2023 Tarheel Boys State was held in Salisbury, NC at Catwaba College from June 18-24.

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BBQ Chicken Dinner

\$12/meal

(Cash, check, or credit card)

Dine-In or Carryout from Noon-2pm

**Advance Ticket Purchase Required
Before September 15**

**SEPT
24**



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WHAT'S YOUR SUPERPOWER?

If you're ready to enhance the well-being of our community, help families, and support our military, we need you!

**THE AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY AT LOWE'S GROVE INVITES
ALL GRANDPARENTS, PARENTS, CHILDREN, SPOUSES, AND
DIRECT OR ADOPTED DESCENDANTS OF VETERANS
TO JOIN OUR RANKS.**



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Saturday, October 14
9am - Noon