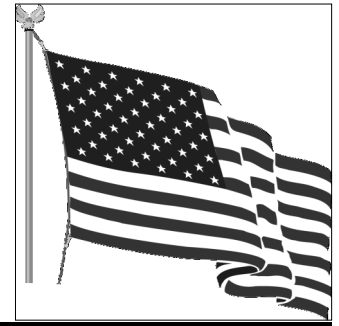




# COON VALLEY AMERICAN LEGION POST 116



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## Commanders Message:

I need to start my message out with a bit of an apology to Richard Reget, for I failed to mention last month that he was on the Freedom Honor Flight with our other three members. From all reports, the day was pretty awesome for everyone involved.

At the September regular post meeting, Elnor Haugen stunned all in attendance with his generous donation of \$10,000 to go towards the roof loan. I am still in awe of his generosity. Thank you so very much, Elnor!

As always, the next couple of months are very busy for Post 116. Please pay close attention to the Dates to Remember section below. We need everyone's help to make our mission a success, and that starts with the many events, programs and fundraisers that we have coming up.

Our membership renewal numbers continue to improve, we are over 50% right now, but we would like to be at 100% before the end of the year, so if you have not renewed your membership dues yet, please do so. Every member counts when it comes to going before Congress for support for all of the Legion and other veteran's programs.

**Gary M. Hess**

**Commander Post 116**

<b>October 15th</b>	Vernon County Meeting - Stoddard - meal about 7:30pm - meeting about 8:00pm
<b>October 16th</b>	Regular Post Meeting, 7:30pm meal and 8:00pm meeting Lunch Committee: Fishin' Crew
<b>October 21st</b>	SAL Meeting - 7:00pm
<b>October 26th</b>	SAL 4th Annual Halloween Party at the Coon Valley Legion, doors open at 6:00pm.
<b>November 1st</b>	Pork Feed and Fun Night at the Coon Valley Legion, serving starts at 5:00pm. \$8.00/adult and \$4.00/children 12 or younger
<b>November 4th</b>	Executive Committee Meeting, 6:30pm
<b>November 6th</b>	Auxiliary Meeting - 7:00pm pot luck, 7:30pm meeting
<b>November 11th</b>	Veteran's Day Program at Coon Valley Elementary and Westby H.S.
<b>November 20th</b>	Regular Post Meeting, 7:30pm meal and 8:00pm meeting Lunch Committee: S.A.L.
<b>November 21st</b>	Night at the Races - Tomah VA - meet at Legion at 5:00pm.
<b>December 2nd</b>	Executive Committee Meeting, 6:30pm
<b>December 7th</b>	December Raffle - Coon Valley Village Hall - \$75/couple - Pogy's catering
<b>December 18th</b>	Regular Post Meeting, CANDY PACK at 6:30pm, meal at 7:30pm, meeting at 8pm Lunch Committee: Officers
<b>December 20th</b>	Santa candy delivery to Coon Valley Elementary School (tentative)
<b>January 6th</b>	Executive Committee Meeting, 6:30pm
<b>January 16th</b>	Regular Post Meeting, 7:30pm meal and 8:00pm meeting Lunch Committee: Steve Nelson and Charlie Nelson

# October Newsletter

2013-2014

Last Bugle:

John Nerison  
Willfred Bushek  
Jacob Ward\*

\* Not a Post 116 member



**BUCKET  
DRAWING**

**Tony Manske  
Not Present**

**October  
Drawing will be:  
\$40.00**

**50/50  
DRAWING  
Charles Nelson  
\$60.00**

\* The Legions portion of the drawing is put towards the building fund\*



## COON VALLEY AMERICAN LEGION POST 116

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(608) 452 - 3018  
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Coon Valley, WI 54623  
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Legion: (608) 452-3179

### Membership Totals to Date

2014 Paid Membership - 122  
2014 Membership Goal - 200

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### From the Adjutants Desk:

The Post 116 Constitution and By-Laws committee presented a rough draft of the Constitution and By-Laws at the September meeting that members in attendance were asked to review and provide feedback. The committee has since spent some more time refining the rough draft which will again be presented to the members for input at the October meeting. Please come to the October meeting and provide your input into this very vital piece of our organization.

### Message from S.A.L. Commander:



It is hard to believe, but October is already here! Our annual Halloween party will be on Oct. 26th @ the Coon Valley Legion Hall. The bar opens @ 6pm with music starting @ 7:00. The costume contest is at 10:30. Everyone come down and enjoy the evening.

Our next meeting will be on Monday Oct. 21st @ 7pm at the Coon Valley Legion Hall. Topics to discuss are 1) Finalize Halloween party 2) Memberships and 3) S.A.L. serving at the next Legion meeting in November.

Cal Manske, SAL Commander

### Message from Auxiliary President:



A warm hello to all of you. Thanks to everyone who attended the October meeting. For those of you who couldn't make it: we hope to see you next month!

We discussed our Auxiliary Unit By-Laws, which need to be updated. The last time they were updated was over 30 years ago. We will be discussing the by-laws in detail at our November meeting, so please join us and help with this task.

Please remember to pay your 2014 dues, if you haven't already done so. **Each and every one of you is an important and essential member of the Auxiliary.** We need to remember that we have a special veteran that ties us to our membership. In the spirit of service, not self, the mission of the American Legion Auxiliary is to support The American Legion and to honor the sacrifice of those who serve by enhancing the lives of our veterans, military, and their families, both at home and abroad. For God and Country, we advocate for veterans, educate our citizens, mentor youth, and promote patriotism, good citizenship, peace and security. Your membership helps us achieve these goals.

Our 2013 Badger Girls State Delegate, Emma Frydenlund, has been invited to our November meeting to discuss her experience at Badger Girls State this summer.

Our next meeting is on November 6<sup>th</sup>. Pot luck starts at 7, and the meeting begins at 7:30. Hope to see you there!

Julie Nelson, Auxiliary President

## Active Duty Map

We are looking for names and information to update our active duty map hanging in the banquet hall. Please help us with this!

## Tree Trimming

Mike Schedivy was present at the October Executive meeting and explained what his thoughts were in regards to the tree trimming on the Legion property back by the Veterans Memorial. Mike will perform the tree trimming, but members will need to perform the clean-up.

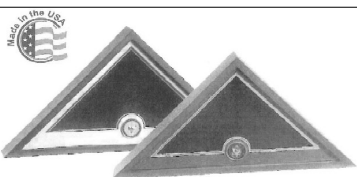
## Freedom Honor Flight - September 21, 2013

Post 116 had 4 members who took part in the Freedom Honor Flight: Dick Reget, John Thurk, Ken Kammel, and Don Kammel. Thanks for the great showing of Post 116 members that sent them off and welcomed them back.

## Vernon County Veterans Service Office (Jim Young and Tami Saleska)

The address for the Veterans Service Office is 402 Courthouse Square, Banta Bldg. Suite 100, Viroqua, WI 54665. Office: (608) 637-5323 or (608) 637-5327. Fax: (608) 638-2327 Tami can also be reached via email at [tami.saleska@vernoncounty.org](mailto:tami.saleska@vernoncounty.org)

## *Flag Display Cases available at the Vernon County Veterans Service Office*



Constructed of rich mahogany colored hardwood and inserted with thick glass each display case holds up to a 5' x 9.6' cotton flag. A die-cast, gold-plated United States Armed Forces medallion is centered on a bevel-cut double-mat. Easy open back panel and felt lined, scratch resistant bottom. Available with or without a 5' x 9.6' embroidered cotton Interment flag which is identical to those manufactured for the Veterans Administration. Manufactured in the U.S.A. Outside dimensions: 26" x 13" x 3.5". The cost is \$30.00 for the regular ones and \$40.00 for Military specific ones.

## December Raffle, Saturday December 7th

Roger Mathison, Frank Mathison and Steve Vance will co-chair this event. The tickets are printed and Roger has been distributing the tickets which need to be turned in at the November meeting for a chance at winning the early bird drawing. The caterer and meal will remain the same as last year. I want to re-emphasize that *we need help from all of you!* This is our big fundraiser of the year and we need the money to pay off our loans and to keep improving our facilities. There are only 200 tickets sold at \$75/couple which should not be hard to do! Please let Roger know if you either need a ticket or can help sell a handful of tickets.

## Roof update

Wow! Post 116 is very fortunate to have members that give so much of their time, talent, and resources to further the good of the American Legion. With the recent donation that Elnor Haugen so graciously presented to Post 116, the loan currently stands at around \$5,500.00. Thanks to everyone who has contributed to paying down this considerable amount of debt.

## Vernon County Fair Flag Winners!

The winners of the flags at the Vernon County American Legion booth were: Florence Collins, Eric Sherry, Barry Christianson, and Luther Frilund.

## Veteran's Memorial Update and Information

The Coon Creek Area Veterans Memorial Committee is always looking for serviceperson's who may be eligible for inclusion on the Veterans Memorial. If you think you are eligible, or if you know of anyone who should be eligible, please fill out or have the person fill out the information below and return it to one of the members of the Coon Creek Area Veterans Memorial Committee. John Thurk, Don Kammel, Melanie Role, Rod Ofte, or Charles Nelson.

COON CREEK AREA VETERANS MEMORIAL  
PO BOX 24  
COON VALLEY, WI 54623

Serviceperson's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Branch of Service: \_\_\_\_\_  
Dates of Service: \_\_\_\_\_  
Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
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### Work Schedule for Pork Feed on November 1st:

<b>Cooks:</b>	<u>3:00pm</u> John Thurk, Ken Kammel, Don Kammel, Gary Hess	
<b>Bartenders:</b>	<u>3:00pm</u> Gary Hess	<u>7:00pm</u> Roger Mathison
<b>Tipboards:</b>	<u>5:00pm</u> Dan Hofslie	<u>7:00pm</u> Ron Hoff
<b>Cashier:</b>	<u>4:45pm</u> Charles Servais	<u>7:00pm</u> Frank Mathison
<b>Ticket Seller:</b>	<u>6:00 pm</u> Rod Ofte	
<b>Kitchen Servers:</b>	<u>5:00pm</u> Tom Sharratt	<u>7:00pm</u> Harlan Helseth
	Charles Lind	Michael Miller
	Ron Miller	Charlie Nelson
	Steve Vance	Rolv Ihle
<b>Dining Room:</b>	<u>5:00pm</u> Dennis Miller	<u>7:00pm</u> Dennis Kammel
	Mike Callan	Richard Zube
	Carl Holte	Larry Hass
	Jim Hammes	Wally Cox
	Don Salter	David Moilien

**Cleanup:** Charles Nelson, Gary Grethel, Michael Miller, Larry Hass

If you aren't on the list and are able to work please contact Chairmen John Thurk at 608-792-1440.

**DESSERTS:** We are asking members to please bring desserts. You can drop them off at the Legion sometime after noon on November 1st.