



COON VALLEY AMERICAN LEGION POST 116



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Commanders Message:

Greetings to everyone in our American Legion Family! We are half way through a busy couple of months and we have really been doing well. Our Chicken-Q was a rousing success, with us selling out of chicken within a few hours.

Thank you to everyone who helped out at this event! The chicken was delicious!

A big thank you is in order to everyone who showed up at Coon Valley Elementary School, Westby High School and Norseland Nursing Home for Veterans Day. We had a lot of participation and the Honor Guard performed with precision!

We have Night At The Races coming up on November 20th at the VA in Tomah and of course we have our December Raffle coming up. We have more tickets that need to be sold, so in order to maximize our success we need to get as close to 200 tickets sold as possible.

Once again, please look at your American Legion membership card. If it says 2014 on it, your dues are not current. Please renew your dues as soon as possible! Let's get to 100% before December 31st!

I look forward to seeing all of you at the meeting on the 19th!

Gary M. Hess
Commander Post 116

DATES TO REMEMBER

November 19th	Regular Post Meeting, 7:30pm meal and 8:00pm meeting Lunch Committee: S.A.L.
November 19th	SAL meeting after serving the Legion meal.
November 20th	Night at the Races - Tomah VA - meet at Legion at 5:00pm.
December 1st	Executive Committee Meeting, 6:30pm
December 3rd	Auxiliary Christmas Party at Stockyard - meet at 6pm and order food at 6:30pm.
December 6th	December Raffle - Coon Valley Village Hall - \$75/couple - Log Cabin catering
December 17th	Spouse Meeting, CANDY PACK at 6:30pm, meal at 7:30pm, social hour at 8pm Lunch Committee: Officers
December 19th	Santa Day! Shut-ins @ 9am and School @ 1:00pm (tentative)
January 5th	Executive Committee Meeting, 6:30pm
January 8th	Vernon County Meeting - Viroqua
January ??	Vernon County Oratorical Contest at the Coon Valley American Legion
January 16-18th	2015 Midwinter Conference - Ho-Chunk Hotel and Convention Center - Baraboo
January 18th	Chaseburg Trail Days Parade.
January 21st	Regular Post Meeting, 7:30pm meal and 8:00pm meeting Lunch Committee: Steve Nelson and Charlie Nelson
January 30th	Present Colors at Opening Ceremonies of the Westby Ski Jump
February 1st	Superbowl Sunday Breakfast
February 7th	Vernon County Banquet - Coon Valley Post 116 (tentative)
February 14th	Lion's Vegas Night at the Village Hall
February 21st	Baseball Association Chicken-q fundraiser

November Newsletter

2014-2015

Last Bugle:

James Miller*
Howard Holen

* Not a Post 116 member



BUCKET DRAWING

James Gustafson
Not Present

November
Drawing will be:
\$30.00

50/50 DRAWING
Viki Burgemeister
\$77.00
Legion \$78

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



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Membership Totals to Date

2015 Paid Membership - 152
2015 Membership Goal - 196

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From the Adjutants Desk:

Thanks to the large contingent from Post 116 that showed up for the Annual Veterans Day activities at the schools! Front: Gary Hess, John Thurk, Charles Nelson,



Wesley Guy
Middle: Stuart Peterson, Don Kammel, Phil Humfeld, Francis Mathison, Larry Hass, Rolv Ihle
Back: Viki Lyn Burgemeister, Rod Ofte, Dan Hofslie, Roger Mathison, Gordy Hellwig
Sherman and Lois Olson attended the Veterans Day ceremony at UW-LaCrosse.



Message from S.A.L. Commander:

The S.A.L. will be serving at the next Coon Valley Legion meeting on Nov. 19th. We will meet around 5:30 to prepare the meal. After serving, we will have our monthly meeting. Annual memberships are now due. If you haven't paid yet, contact me or Michael Miller.

Cal Manske, SAL Commander



Message from Auxiliary President:

We discussed many topics at our November meeting. Thanks to everyone who attended. Our chaplain read a special prayer in honor of our veterans. God bless all of our veterans and thank you for your service!

We spent time in the kitchen at our November meeting discussing some purchases for the kitchen.

While in the kitchen, we decided the Legion kitchen is in need of a thorough cleaning, from the inside of the cupboards out. Therefore, we scheduled a kitchen cleaning day for Thursday, January 8, 2015 at 9 a.m. Please come if you are able. Feel free to bring any of your favorite cleaning supplies, since there are lots of nooks and crannies to be cleaned and organized. This can be a wonderful new years resolution, so join us if you can.

We are meeting in December at the Stockyard for our annual Christmas party. We will meet on Wednesday, December 3rd at 6 and we'll plan to order food at 6:30. If you are able to go, please call Joyce Temp to reserve your spot. Joyce's phone number is 452 - 3198.

Hope to see there!

Julie Nelson, Auxiliary President

Work Schedule—\$75.00 Raffle—December 6th 2014

Set-up: 2:00pm: John Thurk Gary Grethel Roger Mathison
 Ron Miller Frank Mathison Mike Miller
 Steve Vance Gary Hess Charles & Devin Nelson

7-9 pm

Sign in/Meal Roster: Carl Holte
 Charles Servais

6-8 pm

Chuck-a-luck: Richard Brye
 Roger Hofslie
 Jim Padesky
 Mike Callan
 Mike Miller
 Wesley Guy

8-Drawing

Frank Mathison
 Jerry Dunnum
 Wally Cox
 Steve Vance
 Larry Hass
 Harlan Helseth

Drawing - 1:00 a.m.

Tipboards: Roger Mathison Roger Mathison Charles Nelson
 Dan Hofslie Ron Hoff Chad Hofslie

Poker: Larry Torgerson Bryan Berg Scott Berg
 Orlin Clark Calvin Manske Darin Berg

Beat the Dealer: Herb Cornell LaMont Hagen Gary Grethel
 Richard Zube Rolv Ihle Steven Larson

Black Jack: Steve Olson John Elsen Brad Role
 Steve Nelson James Elsen Gary Hess

Cashiers & Vegas: Jim Hammes Roger Starkey
 Chuck Lind John Thurk

Mini Raffles: Ron Miller Jeff Berg
 Tony Jefson Glenn Stakston

Clean-up :

Sunday 9:00am

Steve Vance Ron Miller Harlan Helseth Mike Miller
 Roger Mathison Gary Hess Charles & Devin Nelson

December Raffle, Saturday December 6th

Roger Mathison, Steve Nelson, and Michael Miller 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 will be the Log Cabin this 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.

Service Awards

It is once again time to begin thinking about who we can nominate for the Service Awards from our community. A First Responder of the Year award and the Teacher of the Year award will be recognized at the Post and the County Level. The other awards that can go all the way to the National level are EMT of the Year, Firefighter of the Year, Law Enforcement Officer of the Year, and Legislator of the Year.



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2015 Vernon County Banquet

The 2015 Vernon County Banquet will be held at Coon Valley American Legion Post 116. We need to verify the date but it may be February 7.

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

WASHINGTON – The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) today announced that the “Road to Veterans Day” initiative, announced on September 8th by Secretary Robert A. McDonald, has resulted in significant progress for Veterans over the past 3 months. During that time, VA has taken deliberate actions to improve service delivery for Veterans, rebuild trust, increase accountability and transparency and put the department on the path to long-term excellence and reform. For access to the full “Road to Veterans Day” report, see:

http://www.va.gov/.../publ.../RoadtoVeteransDay_ActionReview.pdf

Please contact Jim Young or Tami Saleska with any VSO questions at 608-637-5323.

Vernon County Youth Government Day - November 5th



Thanks to all of the members that showed up for the Vernon County Youth Government Day! American Legion members from throughout Vernon County recite the Pledge of Allegiance, Wednesday, Nov. 5, with students participating in the 50th annual Vernon County American Legion Youth Government Day. The day began with students observing proceedings in the circuit courtroom and ended with lunch at the Viroqua Legion Hall, which was followed by Judge Michael Rosborough, Sheriff John Spears and District Attorney Tim Gaskell talking about their duties. High school students from Viroqua, Westby, La Farge, Brookwood and Hillsboro participated

Veterans Day Chicken-q - November 9th

Thanks to everyone who came and made the Veterans Day Chicken-q such a great success! Preliminary figures showed we made roughly \$1,200.00.