



# COON VALLEY AMERICAN LEGION POST 116



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## Commanders Message:



Greetings all! Summer is over, fall is here, the leaves are turning color and falling to the ground, the deer are getting crazy and the Legion is about to get really busy for awhile! We have many events coming up in the next couple of months, so please pay particular attention to the Dates to Remember below.

I want to congratulate Legionnaire Donald Langarrd for not only going on the Freedom Honor Flight, but for doing it under the radar without any of us knowing about it until the day of the flight! I hope you had an awesome day in Washington DC!

This year we are having a Chicken Q on Sunday, November 9th in honor of Veterans Day and the work schedule is posted in this newsletter. We need many hands to make light work of this event, so if you are not on the work schedule and can help out, please come on over to the event on Sunday and lend a helping hand!

Our Annual December Raffle is rapidly approaching, so if you have not purchased your tickets, or if you have not gotten your tickets to sell to your friends, seek out Roger Mathison and he will hook you up! We need to sell all 200 tickets to this event in order to avoid having numerous other fundraisers that have marginal profits.

Membership renewal is humming right along. We are at approximately 67% right now and remember, if we hit 100% by December 31st, I am throwing a party! So, help the Commander get rid of some of that moldy money in his wallet and get your membership renewals in! If you want to save yourself a stamp, you can conveniently renew online through [mylegion.org](http://mylegion.org)! I can't wait to see everyone at this month's meeting! Remember, the fishing crew is serving up dinner, so you know it will be awesome!

**Gary M. Hess**  
**Commander Post 116**

### DATES TO REMEMBER

<b>October 15th</b>	Regular Post Meeting, meal at 7:30pm, meeting at 8:00pm Lunch Committee: Fishin' Crew
<b>October 17-18th</b>	State Fall Meeting in Portage
<b>October 18th</b>	Legion Riders stop at Post 116
<b>October 21st</b>	Vernon County Meeting at the Stoddard Legion
<b>October 25th</b>	Legion Membership Drive @ 10am at the Legion Hall - Come and help if able!
<b>October 25th</b>	SAL 5th Annual Halloween Party starting @ 7 pm
<b>October 27th</b>	SAL Regular Squadron Meeting, 7:30pm
<b>November 1st</b>	Coon Valley Fireman's Dance
<b>November 3rd</b>	Executive Committee Meeting, 6:30pm
<b>November 5th</b>	Vernon County Youth Government Day
<b>November 9th</b>	Veterans Day Chicken-q at the Coon Valley Legion
<b>November 11th</b>	Veteran's Day Program at Coon Valley Elementary and Westby H.S.
<b>November 19th</b>	Regular Post Meeting, 7:30pm meal and 8:00pm meeting Lunch Committee: S.A.L.
<b>November 20th</b>	Night at the Races - Tomah VA - meet at Legion at 5:00pm.
<b>December 6th</b>	December Raffle - Coon Valley Village Hall - \$75/couple - Log Cabin catering
<b>December 17th</b>	Regular Post Meeting, CANDY PACK at 6:30pm, meal at 7:30pm, meeting at 8pm Lunch Committee: Officers
<b>January 16-18th</b>	Mid-Winter Conference in Baraboo.

# October Newsletter

2014-2015

Last Bugle:

James Miller\*  
Howard Holen

\* Not a Post 116 member



**BUCKET  
DRAWING**

**Rodney Berg  
Not Present**

**October  
Drawing will be:  
\$20.00**

**50/50  
DRAWING  
Steve Nelson  
\$52.00**

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



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### Membership Totals to Date

2015 Paid Membership - 133  
2015 Membership Goal - 196

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### From the Adjutants Desk:

- ◇ The VA Medical Center in Tomah will be hosting two drive through flu shot clinics in October. Veterans, VA volunteers and VA employees are invited to attend the event on Oct. 8 and 9 from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. If you do attend the event, don't forget your VA identification card. You will be able to stay in your car but make sure you wear clothing that allows you to expose your upper arm. For more information about the Tomah VA drive through flu shot, call Cindy Clay at 608-372-3971, ext. 64454.
- ◇ We have a new cleaning person for the Legion. It is Pauline Aspenson, who along with her daughter Thea are members of the Coon Valley Auxiliary. Welcome! Pauline also runs *Chances Are* flower shop in Coon Valley and has taken good care of our needs for many years.
- ◇ A thank-you was given to Larry Torgerson for providing the nice decoration of pumpkins around the Legion Hall.
- ◇ There will be **FREE TAP BEER** at the October membership meeting for anyone who shows!



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

Fall is finally here. That means that the annual Coon Valley S.A.L. Halloween party is coming up! The party will be on Sat. Oct.25th starting @ 7 pm. The costume contest will be @ 10:30 pm. Come out, dress up and help celebrate. Our next meeting will be Oct. 27th @ 7:30. Cal Manske, SAL Commander



### Message from Auxiliary President:

Thanks to everyone who attended the October meeting. We are very excited to have a new addition to our Auxiliary unit. We would like to extend a warm welcome to Bernie Gerke, who is joining our Coon Valley American Legion Auxiliary. Welcome Bernie!

We discussed updates to our Auxiliary by-laws at the October meeting. Although this will take some more work, it was great to have so many suggestions from our members who were present. More to come on this topic later.

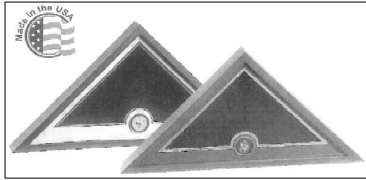
We also briefly discussed formally recognizing Auxiliary members by their years of membership with the Auxiliary. More to come on this topic as well.

Starting in November, we will meet an hour earlier. Therefore, our next meeting is on Wednesday, November 5th: 6 p.m. for potluck and 6:30 for the meeting. All Auxiliary members are welcome, and we hope this new time may be convenient for more people. We plan to have all of our future meetings/potlucks at these new times.

Thank you to all of our members. All of you play a very important role in the success of our Auxiliary. God Bless.  
Julie Nelson, Auxiliary President

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

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

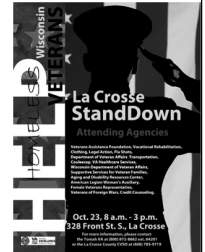


Constructed of rich mahogany colored hardwood and inserted with thick glass each display case holds up to a 5' x 9.6' cotton flag. A die-cast, gold-plated United States Armed Forces medallion is centered on a bevel-cut double-mat. Easy open back panel and felt lined, scratch resistant bottom. Available 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.

**The La Crosse Stand Down** will be a one day event which will be held at the Logistics Health Incorporated (LHI) 328 Front Street South, La Crosse, Wisconsin. We are hoping to have about 20-30 booths/tables for local community agencies. We will have a room with "give away" items for low income or homeless Veterans; this will include personal hygiene, clothing, shoes/boots, and jackets.

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



**Vernon County Youth Government Day - November 5th**

Vernon County Vice Commander, Gary Gilbertson, has announced that the 2014 Vernon County Youth Government Day will be held on Wednesday, November 5 from 9am to 12:30pm at the Vernon County Courthouse in Viroqua.

**Veterans Day Chicken-q - November 9th**

Please come and support this fundraiser. The Legion is running lower on funds than it has for many years and it really needs this to be successful.

**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.

**M-1's**

The Westby Legion is turning in their old M-1's. Apparently after the Army inspects them people can place a bid for them. Talk to Tom Sharratt if you would like more information.

**DNR salutes our veterans!**

Resident Purple Heart recipients can purchase a Conservation Patron license at a reduced rate (Resident - \$10, Nonresident - \$161). In addition, a non-resident Purple Heart recipient may receive hunting, fishing and trapping approvals at resident rates. They also offer returning Wisconsin resident veterans a one-time free small game, archery, gun deer or annual fishing license.

**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.

<b>COON CREEK AREA VETERANS MEMORIAL</b>	
PO BOX 24	
COON VALLEY, WI 54623	
Serviceperson's Name:	_____
Branch of Service:	_____
Dates of Service:	_____
Contact Person:	_____
Address:	_____
City/State/Zip:	_____
Phone:	_____



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**Work Schedule for Chicken-q on November 9th:**

<b>Cooks:</b>	<u>7:00am</u>	Mike Miller	Ron Miller	Steve Nelson
		Larry Hass	Charles Nelson	Carl Holte
<b>Potatoes, etc.</b>	<u>7:00am</u>	Roger Mathison (could use help washing & wrapping potatoes on Nov 8)		
<b>Bartenders:</b>	<u>10:30am</u>	Gary Grethel	<u>1:00pm</u>	Rod Ofte
<b>Tipboards:</b>	<u>11:30am to 1:30pm</u>	Dan Hofslie & Ron Hoff		
<b>Cashier &amp; Tickets:</b>	<u>10:30am</u>	Charles Servais	<u>1:00pm</u>	Frank Mathison
		Herb Cornell		Steve Vance
<b>Kitchen Servers:</b>	<u>10:30am</u>	Tom Sharratt	<u>1:00pm</u>	Harlan Helseth
		Bernie Roesler		Wesley Guy
		Wally Cox		Richard Zube
		Rolv Ihle		Stewart Peterson
<b>Dining Room:</b>	<u>10:30am</u>	Mike Callan	<u>1:00pm</u>	Dennis Kammel
		Sherman Olson		Ken Kammel
		Don Salter		Jim Hammes
		Mary Schmidt		Don Kammel

**Cleanup:** Chairman-Gary Hess

Charles Nelson, Gary Grethel, Michael Miller, Larry Hass, and others PLEASE!