



COON VALLEY AMERICAN LEGION POST 116



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Commanders Message:

November has arrived with a flourish as we prepare for the Holiday Season, Gun Deer Hunting season, and all that comes with those events. We are about half way through an event-filled few months and we have been doing extremely well.

Our Veterans Day Chicken Q was a large success, selling out in only two hours. That was outstanding! We had a pretty minimal crew who came together and accomplished much! So thank you to all those who worked so hard to make that event a success.

A big thank you is in order also for everyone who participated in the Veterans Day events on November 10th at Coon Valley Elementary School, Westby High School and Norseland Nursing Home. We had awesome participation and as always, the Honor Guard performed with great precision!

We have Night At The Races coming up on November 17th at the VA in Tomah, so we need participation in that event. The Veterans who reside there really appreciate the interaction and company of those who go there for these events!

Of course, we have our December Raffle coming up. We still have quite a few tickets available, so if you haven't gotten any to sell to your friends and neighbors, please come to the meeting and get some.. For those who have tickets out there to sell, remember that we have our Early Bird Drawing at the November Regular Post Meeting. We need to get all 200 tickets sold, so please help with this vital fundraising effort!

Hope to see a lot of you at the November Post Meeting!

Gary M. Hess, Commander Post 116

DATES TO REMEMBER

November 16th	Regular Post Meeting, meet at 7:30pm, meeting at 8:00pm Lunch Committee: SAL
November 17th	Night at the Races - Tomah VA. Meet at the Legion at 5:00pm
December 3rd	Annual December Raffle - Coon Valley Village Hall \$75/couple - Premier Catering
December 5th	Executive Committee Meeting 6:30pm
December 7th	Auxiliary Christmas Party at Stockyards. Cocktails at 5:30pm, sit down at 6:00pm
December 21st	Family Night: CANDY PACK at 6:30pm, meal at 7:30pm, socializing until the cows come home Lunch Committee: Officers
December ??	Santa Day! Shut-ins @ 9:00am and School @ 1:00pm (tentative)
January 2nd	Executive Committee Meeting 6:30pm
January 12th	Vernon County Meeting - Viroqua
January ??	Vernon County Oratorical Contest (if candidates are available) at Stoddard Post 315
January 18th	Regular Post Meeting, 7:30pm Meal, 8:00pm meeting Lunch Committee: Charlie & Steve Nelson
January 19 - 22	2017 Mid-Winter Conference at Ho Chunk Convention Center - Baraboo
January 22nd	Chaseburg Trail Days Parade

November Newsletter

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Last Bugle:

Larry Torgerson
John Sisbach, Jr

* Not a Post 116 member



**BUCKET
DRAWING**

\$10

**Sylvester King
Not Present**

**November
Drawing will be:
\$20**

**50/50
DRAWING**

Not Held



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2017 Paid Membership - 130
2017 Membership Goal-197

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Message from S.A.L. Commander:

Hello Everyone,

The S.A.L. is serving lunch at the next Legion meeting. We will probably meet at 5:30 to prepare the meal, with a meeting afterwards. Membership cards were sent this week to all members. Please send back the \$10 membership fee in the enclosed envelope.

Thank You,

Cal Manske,
SAL Commander



Message from Auxiliary President:

A warm welcome to all of you. At the November meeting, our Badger Girls State delegate, Danielle Knight, spoke about her experience at this year's Badger Girls State. Plans were also discussed for next year's events.

We will meet on December 7th at Stockyard for our annual Christmas Party. We will meet for cocktails at 5:30 and plan to order at 6. If you plan to attend, please call Lenore Henley.

This month we lost a dear, lifetime member of the Auxiliary, Audrey Nelson. She was a wonderful member who embraced the Auxiliary's mission and treasured her Auxiliary, Legion, and SAL family. She will be missed. On behalf of her family, thank you for the beautiful flowers and memorials.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving. Remember to be thankful for the important things in life, especially your loved ones.

Sincerely,
Julie Nelson
Auxiliary President

Work Schedule - \$75.00 Raffle - December 3rd, 2016

<i>Set-up: 2:00pm</i>	Gary Hess	Gary Grethel	Roger Mathison
	Ron Miller	Mike Miller	Frank Mathison
	Steve Nelson	Steve Vance	Charles and Devin Nelson

7-9pm

Sign in/Meal Roster: Carl Holte
Charles Servais

6-8pm

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

8-Drawing

Frank Mathison
Jerry Dunnum
Wally Cox
Steve Vance
Harlan Helseth
Matt Semke

Drawing - 1:00am

<i>Tipboards:</i>	Roger Mathison	Roger Mathison	Charles Nelson
	Dan Hofslie	Ron Hoff	Chad Hofslie
<i>Poker:</i>	Orlin Clark	Ryan Chambers	Scott Berg
	Bryan Berg	Calvin Manske	Darin Berg
<i>Beat the Dealer:</i>	Herb Cornell	LaMont Hagen	Gary Grethel
	Richard Zube	Rolv Ihle	Steven Larson
<i>Black Jack:</i>	Steve Olson	John Elsen	Brad Role
	Steve Nelson	James Elsen	Gary Hess
<i>Cashiers & Vegas:</i>	Charles Lind	Roger Starkey	
	Bernie Roesler	John Thurk	
<i>Mini Raffles:</i>	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 3rd

Roger Mathison and Michael Miller are co-chairing this event. The tickets have been printed and many have been distributed. All chances for the early bird drawing need to be turned in before the November meeting. Our meal this year will be provided by Premier Catering. It is very important to emphasize that we need help from all of you to make this event a success. This our big fundraiser of the year and we need the money for our facilities improvements and maintenance. We are only selling 200 tickets at \$75 per couple which should not be hard to do. Please let Roger or Michael know if you either need a ticket or can help sell a handful of tickets.



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VA to expand coverage for contaminated Camp Lejeune drinking water

The Department of Veterans Affairs expects up to 15,000 seriously ill veterans who served at Camp Lejeune, N.C., before 1988, when base drinking water was contaminated, to be helped by a faster-track compensation process proposed last month. Eight medical conditions afflicting vets who served at Lejeune from Aug. 1, 1953, through Dec. 31, 1987, are to be presumed the result of exposure to carcinogens and other harmful chemicals that fouled base water systems. The proposed "presumptive" diseases are: kidney cancer, liver cancer, non-Hodgkin lymphoma, leukemia, multiple myeloma, scleroderma, Parkinson's disease and aplastic anemia/myelodysplastic syndromes.

More information for Camp Lejeune veterans and survivors is online at: Caution-www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/camp-lejeune/. VA continues to review Camp Lejeune claims. However, for claims that would be denied under current regulations, decisions are being stayed until new regulations are made final.

American Flags for sale from the Legion

Don't forget that Post 116 has flags available for sale to any member as well as anyone in our Community or beyond. This can be a great fundraiser for the American Legion so spread the word and don't forget the Legion when you need to order a flag. The 3' x 5' flags are \$25.00.

Long Range Planning Committee

The Long Range Planning Committee will meet on November 10th, which will be after publication of the newsletter. We await their report soon! Thank you to everyone who have volunteered to serve on this committee.