



COON VALLEY AMERICAN LEGION POST 116



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Commanders Message:

Fall has arrived! There is a crispness in the air, the leaves are changing color, the farmers are in the fields harvesting their crops and Highway 33 is still under construction. We have had a lot going on around the Legion, so to everyone who has been helping out with all of our functions I extend a huge THANK YOU! Our post runs on volunteers to make things happen and you all are doing just that!

We have several events coming up in the next month that will require a lot of membership participation. Our Veterans Day Chicken Q is November 6th, so please check the work schedule in this newsletter. If you are on the work list and can't make it, please help us out by finding a replacement. If you are not on the schedule and are able to help out just drop on in and we will find a spot for you to help out.

On November 11th, which is Veterans Day, we will be visiting the schools and Norseland Nursing Home. We meet up at the Legion at 8:00am and we can use all of the participation that we can get!

Our December Raffle is coming up on the 3rd and Mike Miller has tickets! We are selling only 200 tickets, but it takes maximum effort to get those sold, so if you have not gotten your tickets, please come to the October meeting and hook up with Mike to get some tickets to sell. Remember, our early bird drawing will be at the November meeting.

Membership renewals are coming along nicely, but we are only at about 61% right now, so if your membership card says 2016 it is expired and you need a new card that says 2017 on it. Please take care of this right away.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the meeting on the 19th!

Gary M. Hess, Commander Post 116

DATES TO REMEMBER

October 18th	Vernon County Meeting, Stoddard at 8:00pm
October 19th	Regular Post Meeting, meal at 7:30pm, meeting at 8:00pm Lunch Committee: Fishin' Crew
October 19th	SAL Regular Meeting at 8:00pm
November 2nd	Auxiliary Meeting, Pot Luck Meal at 6:00pm, Meeting at 6:30pm
November 6th	Annual November Veteran's Day Chicken Q
November 7th	Legion Executive Committee Meeting at 6:30pm
November 9th	Vernon County Youth Government Day at the Vernon County Courthouse
November 11th	Veteran's Day Activities at CV Elementary, Westby HS and Norseland Nursing Home
November 16th	Regular Post Meeting, meal 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 21st	Family Night: CANDY PACK at 6:30pm, meal at 7:30pm, socializing until the cows come home Lunch Committee: Officers

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Last Bugle:

Larry Torgerson
John Sisbach, Jr

* Not a Post 116 member



BUCKET DRAWING

\$40

Dan Hofslie
Present

October Drawing will be:
\$10

50/50 DRAWING
\$55

Matt Semke
\$60 to Legion



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Membership Totals to Date

2017 Paid Membership - 122
2017 Membership Goal-197

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Message from S.A.L. Commander:

Hello Everyone,

Fall is here, another fast summer. During the last meeting, it was decided to send out self-addressed envelopes for memberships. Start looking for them in the mail. Our next meeting is on Oct. 19th at 8 pm. We are having our 2nd annual Halloween party with the Coon Valley establishments. Flyers are posted with more details.

Thank You,

Cal Manske,
SAL Commander



Message from Auxiliary President:

There was no October meeting. Our next meeting is Wednesday, November 2nd, with Pot Luck at 6:00 p.m. and our Meeting at 6:30. We will have many items to discuss, so please attend. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Julie Nelson
Auxiliary President

Commander's Special Message

A huge thanks to Legionnaire Viki Burgermeister and SAL member Alan Burgermeister for the nice letter. The Burgermeister's also donated \$50 in remembrance of Larry Torgerson to be used appropriately. Rest assured, this was used in just such a fashion and many memories of Herman were shared.

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.

Barroom Entrance to Legion Hall

A committee is actively seeking ideas from contractors on design ideas for an entrance to the barroom. The body will then vote on one of these ideas or decide to leave the entrance as it is currently. Wes Guy has been spearheading this effort and will be presenting our options to Commander Hess be read at the October meeting.

Long Range Planning Committee

Many of you may know but some of you might not know that we are establishing a Long Range Planning Committee. This committee will comprise of three Legionnaires, one Auxiliary and one SAL member. None of the committee members may be officers in their respective organization. The goal is to help provide a comprehensive vision for the future of Post 116 as an organization and for the building and grounds. So far we have our three Legionnaires who have volunteered to be on this committee. We are looking for one from the Auxiliary and one from the Sons. Please contact Commander Hess or Adjutant Nelson if you are interested in being on this committee.

Pursuant to that, Matt Semke has been looking into options for replacing the walk-in cooler. He was given more concise direction at the October Executive Committee meeting and will be presenting those findings when he has results. A special thanks to Matt for this effort!

New Flag Pole for Westby High School Football Field

The new 50 foot tall flag pole was installed in time for the September 16th football game, which Westby won against Viroqua. Dan Hofslie and the Coon Valley Post 116 Honor Guard along with Honor Guard Members from other organizations presented the Colors. Gordy Hellwig and his son Jason were the first to hoist the Ensign up the flagpole. A special thank you to all that participated on behalf of Post 116. This got quite a lot of good press in the Westby times.

Bid to host the 2017 Vernon County Banquet

At the September regular post meeting, we voted for Post 116 to place a bid to host the annual Vernon County Banquet. We will do this at the Vernon County Meeting in Stoddard on October 18th. Please show up in force so that we have maximum support for this bid. There will be a meal at 7:30pm and the meeting starts at 8:00pm. We hope to see a lot of Post 116 Legionnaires there!

Military Uniform Retirement

How many of us have old military uniforms that we will never use again? How many of us have old military uniforms that will be left behind when we die? While there is no prescribed measure to dispose of old military uniforms, it was brought forth at the last meeting to come up with some sort of ceremony similar in nature to the flag retirement ceremony as a way to respectfully dispose of old, unserviceable military uniform items. A big thanks to Ryan Chambers for researching this subject! We will be crafting such a ceremony in the near future. If this is something that you would be interested in being a part of, please let Commander Hess or Adjutant Nelson know.

