



COON VALLEY AMERICAN LEGION POST 116



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Commanders Message:

A happy and joyous New Year to everyone! 2017 is off to a great start with quite a few events coming up with much for everyone to participate in. We have our regular post meeting on the 18th followed by Mid-Winter Conferences from the 19th to the 22nd. Honor Guard marching in the Chaseburg Trail Days Parade and presenting colors at the opening ceremonies at the Snowflake Ski Club annual Ski Jumping Tournament. Both are excellent events to participate in if you are able to do so.

Also coming up is the annual Super Sunday Breakfast. We will need all the help we can get at this event, so please check the work schedule published in this newsletter. If your name is on the list but you can't make it, please find a replacement. If your name is not on the list but you are able to contribute, please call me, Adjutant Charlie Nelson or just show up and we will find a place where you can help out!

We are currently at 81.7% membership renewal. There are quite a few of you who have not renewed your membership for 2017. Now is an excellent time to take care of that! Those who have not renewed already have received notifications from the Post and from State. We will be making phone calls soon to try to bring everyone possible current on their membership.

It has been a great honor to serve with all of you as Commander of this amazing Post. So many people do so much that goes unseen to keep this place functioning like a well-tuned clock that there isn't room to thank each and everyone of them properly. Just know that these efforts are greatly appreciated and you have everyone's eternal thanks.

Gary M. Hess, Commander Post 116

DATES TO REMEMBER

- January 14th** Westby Booster Club Fundraiser at the Legion Hall
- 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
- February 1st** Auxiliary Meeting, 6:00pm Potluck and 6:30 meeting
- February 3rd** Present Colors at Opening Ceremonies of the Westby Ski Jump
- February 5th** Superbowl Sunday Breakfast
- February 5th** Four Chaplains Sunday
- February 6th** Executive Committee Meeting, 6:30pm
- February 15th** Regular Post Meeting, 7:30pm Meal, 8:00pm meeting
Lunch Committee: Ron and Michael Miller
- February 18th** Present Colors at Timber Coulee Thunder Snowmobile Races
- February 26th** Coon Valley Area Baseball Association Annual Chicken Q

January Newsletter

2016-2017

Last Bugle:

Larry Torgerson
John Sisbach, Jr
Leo Lusk*

* Not a Post 116 member



**BUCKET
DRAWING**

\$20

**Tune in Next
Month
January**

**Drawing will be:
\$20**

**50/50
DRAWING**

**Tune in Next
Month**



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Membership Totals to Date

2017 Paid Membership - 161

2017 Membership Goal-197

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Message from S.A.L. Commander:

Hello Everyone,

Our next meeting will be on January 18th at the Legion at 8:00 pm. We will talk about the 2017 Brewers bus trip and other various topics so please try to attend.

Thank you!

Cal Manske,
SAL Commander



Message from Auxiliary President:

We hope to see you at our February meeting on February 1st at 6:30 pm, with potluck at 6:00 pm. We will have a lot to discuss.

Thank you for your membership!

Julie Nelson
Auxiliary President

Ole The Famous Painter

Ole, while not a brilliant scholar, was a gifted portrait artist. His fame grew and soon people from all over the place were coming to Spring Coulee to have portraits done. One day, a beautiful woman showed up and asked Ole if he would paint her in the nude. This was a first for Ole, and the woman assured him that money was no object. Not wanting to get in trouble with his wife Lena, Ole asked the woman to wait awhile so he could discuss this with his wife. In a few minutes, Ole returned to and said to the lady "Ya, shoor, you betcha, I can paint you in da nude, but I'll have to leave my socks on so I'll have a place to wipe my brushes."

Vernon County Veterans Service Office (Jim Young and Tami Saleska) 608-637-5323

Tomah VAMC Notifies 592 Veterans of Screening

TOMAH, Wis. - The Tomah VA Medical Center is notifying 592 Veterans they are eligible to obtain free screenings for possible infections due to lapses in established infection control procedures that occurred in the Dental clinic with a single provider from October 2015 through October 2016.

The infection risk is low and limited to patients of a single clinician. VA is contacting potentially affected Veterans by phone and mail to explain the situation. Screenings for Hepatitis B, Hepatitis C and HIV are being offered at no cost to the Veteran. Should an affected Veteran test positive, VA will provide the necessary care and treatment without charge.

A Communication Center is available to enable Veterans to ask questions. Those dental patients affected may call 1-888-598-7793 seven days a week, 24 hours a day. Special arrangements have been established to provide notified Veterans with a safe, easy, and private environment to obtain follow-up testing. The Clinic is in Building 400 Room # 1054 on the Tomah VA Medical Center Campus and will be open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to noon (excluding holidays). This clinic will be open until December 22, 2016. Notified Veterans are requested to call the number above for an appointment.

The Tomah VA Medical Center emphasizes that screening is strictly precautionary. There is no indication any patients have contracted an infection.

After discovery of the risks taken by a single clinician the clinician was immediately removed from patient care. A fact-finding was ordered by the Acting Medical Center Director, which was completed on October 31, 2016, Clinical staff at the facility continues to review relevant patient records and will conduct validation studies to ensure all Veteran records are thoroughly inspected and verified.

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.

E-Mail Receipt of the Coon Valley American Legion Newsletter

As always, we are trying to find ways to be economic with our expenses and one way that all of us can contribute to that is to have the newsletter e-mailed to you instead of receiving it via US Mail. This saves us costs in publishing as well as in postage costs. If you would like to have your newsletter delivered to you via e-mail, please send your e-mail address to Commander Hess at garyhess@centurytel.net and you will be added to the e-mail roster and taken off of the mailing roster. Thank you!

Long Range Planning Committee

Many of you may know but some of you might not know that we have established a Long Range Planning Committee. This committee comprises of three Legionnaires, one Auxiliary and one SAL member. The goal is to help provide a comprehensive vision for the future of Post 116 as an organization and for the building and grounds. All positions have been filled on this committee and we look forward to receiving some outstanding ideas for the long-range plan.



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Super Bowl Sunday Breakfast - Sunday, February 5th

	7:00-10:00am	10:00am-1:00pm
Cooking Scrambled Eggs	Roger Mathison Charles Nelson	Steve Vance Dennis Kammel
Cooking Pancakes	Charles Lind Ron Miller	Carl Holte Michael Miller
Cooking Sausages	Harlan Helseth Dan Hofslie	Rolve Ihle Gary Hess
Window Servers	Steve Nelson Wesley Guy	Ron Hoff Wally Cox
Tables, Beverages, Coffee	Mary Schmidt Sherman Olson Roger Starkey Tom Elsen Richard Zube	Don Salter John Thurk Reuben Stark Don Kammel Bernie Roesler
Cashier	Frank Mathison	Mike Callan
Bartender		Rod Ofte (9am to noon)

Clean up (12:00—1:00) The late shifts will clean up from noon to 1:00pm. Anyone else is also welcome!