



COON VALLEY AMERICAN LEGION POST 116



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Commanders Message:



Just incredible storms we've just experience in our community, flooding never seen like this before and hopefully never again. Just for some of you that haven't heard; our legion hall recently suffered severe damages to the hall and grounds. Our hall had 5.5-ft of water and mud going thru it in one storm and then a few days' later 6-inches. The water levels are down to normal levels now and a God sent of dry weather was upon us this week. Thankful no one was killed in these storms, if you seen what flooding did to our community and the coulee region, you won't believe no one was scathed.

Where we go from here is up to you! For starters, the community and legion family has spoken; by cleaning the hall and doing whatever we need to get us back on our feet again. I'm deeply touched and thankful for the people who have helped us so far! Thank you!

To ask for money and donations is not in me to do, I know other people need it more than we do, I'm telling you and other people to take care of family and friends first, and the legion will be ok. I've estimated costs up to \$200,000 dollars in damages to our legion and we did get \$25,000 from our insurance company. We have a 25,000 loan from the bank and might get another \$10,000 from the National American Legion. I've estimated it will take about \$60,000 to get the hall ready for winter, and for now that will be our focus.

Our first income event will be the Nov. 11th Chicken Q, I feel confident that will happen. If you want to donate Sam Club Gift cards for paper products that would be helpful.

Please look at our schedule of events (we're jammed packed till the end of the year), and pay attention to our next week's meeting time at our legion hall (bring your own chair). You might want to come to these meetings, a lot of big decisions will be made and information given out.

Strangely, this flood has made my focus on our country and great veterans ever more so! Family, God, and Country!

Steve Nelson, Commander Post 116

DATES TO REMEMBER

September 19th	Regular Post Meeting, 6:30pm - NO MEAL! Bring your own chair.
September 19th	SAL Regular Meeting, 8:00pm in the bar
October 1st	Legion Executive Committee Meeting, 6:30pm
October 3rd	Auxiliary Regular Meeting, 6:00pm potluck meal, 6:30pm meeting
October 16th	Vernon County Meeting in Stoddard, meal at 7:30pm, meeting at 8:00pm
October 17th	Regular Post Meeting, 7:30pm meal, meeting at 8:00 pm Lunch Committee: Fishin' Crew if we have a kitchen, tables and chairs
October 17th	SAL Regular Meeting at 8:00pm
October 27th	SAL Spook Night and Village Pub Crawl
November 5th	Legion Executive Committee Meeting, 6:30pm
November 7th	Auxiliary Meeting with pot-luck meal at 6:00pm and meeting at 6:30pm
November 9th	Veterans Day Observance at C.V. Elementary, Westby H.S. and Norseland Nursing Home
November 11th	Annual Veterans Day Chicken Q
November 21st	Regular Post Meeting, 7:30pm meal, meeting at 8:00 pm Lunch Committee: SAL if we have a kitchen, tables and chairs

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Last Bugle:

Rueben Johnson
Douglas Sveum

* Not a Post 116 member



BUCKET DRAWING

Not Done in August

September Drawing Will Be \$10

(If we can find the Chip Bucket)

50/50
Not Done in August



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Membership Totals to Date

2019 Paid Membership - 126

2019 Membership Goal- 195

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Message from S.A.L. Commander:

Hello Everyone,

Hello everyone,

We will have a meeting on Sept. 19th at 8 pm. Location to be determined. I will notify everyone next week. We will discuss the Halloween party and memberships.

Cal Manske
S.A.L. Commander



Message from the Auxiliary:

We did not have a meeting in September due to the flooding situation. We will plan to meet on Wed., Oct. 3, 6 pm potluck, 6:30 pm meeting.

Throughout this difficult time, a lot can be said for the resilience of those directly affected by the flood and it has been heartwarming to witness the goodness of all who have volunteered to help in so many ways. God bless our community.

Ellie Brye, Secretary

A Word of Thanks

There have been a lot of people who have pitched in to help with clean-up and recovery efforts around the Legion Hall since the August 28th flooding and the subsequent September 4th flooding. Many members and people with compassion and willing hands who have no affiliation with the American Legion Family have shown up and have done what they could to help out. Just about everyone who lives in the area have had their own issues to deal with, and yet people show up and lend a hand. The road to recovery is a seemingly overwhelming task, but with everyone's effort, and good old Coon Valley determination and persistence, we will overcome this. Just thank God that nobody was killed or severely injured from this flooding.

Vernon County Veterans Service Office (Jim Young & Crystal Knoll) 608-637-5323

(veterans@vernoncounty.org)

<https://www.facebook.com/Vernon-County-Veterans-Service-Office-244550219077062/>

If PTSD has a presence in your life, there are many options, including the Veterans Crisis Hotline at 1-800-273-8255 (Press 1), your County Veterans Service Office or the VA. The Tomah VA has a Combat Veteran PTSD Residential Program for veterans to stay at the VA to receive counseling and treatment. To inquire more about this program or to sign up for this program, please contact your CVSO or the VA at 608-372-1758.

If anyone has need of disaster relief, the American Legion has a Disaster Relief Fund that is available for members in good standing, to include Auxiliary members. Since most everything at Post 116 was destroyed, applications are available at the Vernon County Veterans Service Office.

American Legion National Legacy Scholarship Run

The National Legacy Scholarship Run rolled into Onalaska Post 336 on Wednesday, August 22nd after a stop in the Onalaska Cemetery to lay wreaths at the graves on Post 336's namesakes, Otto W. Struck and August B. Klandrud, both of whom were died during World War I. There were check presentations at Post 336. The Westby/Coon Valley Legion Baseball Team donated \$250. The District 7 American Legion Riders presented checks totaling \$11,790.

Wisconsin American Legions contribution to the Legacy Scholarship Fund totaled \$45,000 and nationally, \$1,256,930 was the final tally!

Sparta American Legion Baseball Team Helps Fundraise For Coon Valley Legion Baseball Team

On Sunday, September 16th the Sparta American Legion baseball team is hosting a fundraiser to raise money to repair the Coon Valley baseball field. Coon Valley is scheduled to host the 2019 State Legion Baseball Tournament and Sparta is making a beautiful gesture. There will be meat raffles and other raffle items at the event. It will take place from 3:00pm to 6:00pm. For more information, contact Tim Hyma of Sparta Post 100 at timhyma@yahoo.com.



Since high waters rushed through the legion hall and storage shed, our chicken pits were heavily damaged and pretty much everything was damaged or destroyed. The unserviceable flags that get deposited in the drop box were swamped so they were literally hung from the rafters to dry out so they could be retired at Chaseburg Post 202 on 9/11/18. Does anyone know whose snowblower that might be in the lower right corner?



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September 11th Chaseburg Post 202 Flag Retirement

Title 36, Chapter 10 of US Code covers Patriotic Displays and includes the “Flag Code” which prescribes how the US Flag is to be displayed. The flag, when it is in such condition that it is no longer a fitting emblem for display, should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably by burning.

Usually there is a dignified ceremony for flag retirement and every year Chaseburg Post 202 hosts such a ceremony on September 11th. This year was no different and we brought our flags to Chaseburg to take part in this event.

The flags that we had to hang up in the rafters of the chicken pits were dry enough to be brought over, so that was good. Chaseburg Auxiliary provided an excellent meal and there was much camaraderie in the Legion hall.