



COON VALLEY AMERICAN LEGION POST 116



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Commanders Message:



The changes of fall have started, and so has new construction to the Legion Hall.

With the body approving to spend up to \$60,000 to get the hall ready for winter, the furnace/ air conditioner is now being installed by Carey Air Conditioning. Carey is doing a great thing for a lucky vet family, their donating a new furnace free. The Vernon County Service office has been notified and probably will help find a family to donate this too. The hall doors are ordered and should be coming in next week, Stephan Dickman is handling this work. We will be deciding next week who will be placing the windows and working on getting some ideas on who and how we will be insulating the hall.

We are still seeing personal donations coming in for our legion hall, thank you for your support!

A great event is happening October 29th, at 9am, Youth Government Days at the Vernon County Courthouse. About 3 area High Schools will participant, just Senior students attending. Vernon County 3rd Vice Commander Gary Gilbertson is handling all the details. All veterans are welcome to attend and learn with the students what's going on in the county courthouse.

I have a project for someone who wants to build new sliding doors at the charcoal pit storage room entry, is this for you, let me know and I will show you wants' needed.

Work schedule is enclosed for the Nov. 11th Chicken Q, The serving and cooking will be at the village hall starting at 10:30. Beans and coleslaw will be the side dishes.

We will be handing out December Fund Raffle tickets (see Charlie) at our October meeting, so we can get people entered into the early bird drawing held at our November meeting. Bring chairs and clear head to the October meeting, dinner at 6:30pm, meeting at 7pm, more decisions have to be made, and a big surprise will be presented by Ron Hoff.

Steve Nelson, Commander Post 116

DATES TO REMEMBER

- October 16th** Vernon County Meeting in Stoddard, meal at 7:30pm, meeting at 8:00pm
- October 17th** Regular Post Meeting, 6:30pm meal, meeting at 7:00 pm
Lunch Committee: Fishin' Crew! We will have dinner!
- October 17th** SAL Regular Meeting at 8:00pm
- October 27th** SAL Spook Night and Village Pub Crawl
- October 29th** Youth Government Days, Vernon County Courthouse, 9am
- 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 11th** Annual Veterans Day Chicken Q, at Village Hall
- November 12th** Veterans Day Observance at C.V. Elementary, Westby H.S. and Norseland Nursing Home
- November 15th** Night at the Races, Tomah VA
- November 21st** Regular Post Meeting, 6:30pm meal, meeting at 7:00 pm
Lunch Committee: SAL if we have a kitchen, tables and chairs
- December 1st** Annual Building Fund Raffle, at Village Hall

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Last Bugle:

Rueben Johnson

Douglas Sveum

* Not a Post 116 member



BUCKET DRAWING

September Drawing Was \$10 WINNER
October Drawing Will Be

50/50
Not Done in
August



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Membership Totals to Date

2019 Paid Membership - 133

2019 Membership Goal- 195

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Message from S.A.L. Commander:

Hello everyone,

We will have a meeting on November 17th at 7 pm, at the legion hall . We will discuss the Halloween party on October 27th and memberships.

Cal Manske

S.A.L. Commander

Message from the Auxiliary:



Our Oct. meeting was held at the Coon Valley Lutheran Church and will be held there again in Nov.

It was decided that the \$557 profit we received from poppy sales will go toward repairing the Legion kitchen.

So far, 27 of our 54 members have returned their re-enrollments. Please get these in asap.

Once again our Auxiliary members will travel to Tomah with the Legion members to assist them at the "Night at the Races." This will be held on Thurs., Nov. 15.

At our Nov. meeting, we will finalize plans for our Christmas party. It will be held at Timmers on Wed., Dec. 5, 5 pm.

Next meeting - Wed., Nov. 7 - 6 pm potluck; 6:30 pm meeting. We hope to have Alia Hendrickson, our BGS rep, come to the meeting.

Ellie Brye, Secretary

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

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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.

Summary of Long Range Planning Committee meeting 8/20/2018

The long range planning committee met August 20 collectively agreeing in asking Post 116 to devote attention to three areas. Of most urgency is the need to fill the Auxiliary President position. Our Auxiliary has a strong & healthy membership. We are asking our Legion members for ideas to help promote and identify candidates for leadership in our Post's Auxiliary.

Next, at last month's regular meeting Legion member, Ryan Chambers, presented a strong case to create mentorship position(s) to help in the retention of new members and get them involved. The committee is on board with the retention ideas and welcomes a member or two who has interest. Please contact anyone on the executive committee for more information.

A recurring theme from last year's surveys dealt with the length of the Legion regular monthly meetings. Respect is given to all those who prepare & submit the reports. At this point may we initiate conversation with a couple questions? Can the meetings start earlier? Can the serving of lunch start half hour earlier?

Work Schedule for Chicken Q on November 11th

Cooks: 7:00am Paul Kendall, Fuzzy, Ron Miller, Brain Janes, Charlie Nelson, Carl Holte

Bartender: 11:30am-1:30pm Rod Ofte

Tipboards: 11:30am-1:30pm Ron Hoff

Cashier & Tickets : 10:15am-1:00pm Charles Servais & Herb Cornell
1:00pm Frank Mathison & Steve Vance

Kitchen Servers : 10:15am-1:00pm Jody Kliszcz, Stuart Peterson, Wally Cox, and Rolv Ihle
1:00pm Linda Berg, Daryl Brye, Rhonda Brye, Wes Guy, and Richard Zube

Dining Room: 10:15am-1:00pm Mike Callan, Gary Grethel, and Mary Schmidt
1:00pm Harlen Helseth, Bernie Roesler, Orlin Clark

Clean-up: Tom Sharratt, Matt Semke, Ryan Chambers



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