



COON VALLEY AMERICAN LEGION POST 116



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Commanders Message:

Seasons Greetings to everyone in our Legion Family! Winter is here in full force. The ground is covered in snow and Old Man Winter has settled into the region with some mighty cold temperatures, driving many of us indoors. We have had the usual busy November and early December, and I want to thank everyone for all of their hard work in executing our events.

Thank you so much to those of you who went to the VA for the Night At The Races. Thanks also to Roger and Sandy for making the sandwiches and preparing the food!

Thanks also to those of you who pitched in at the December raffle. We had some pretty low numbers, but we made the best of it. I am certain that everyone who was there had a good time. Too bad the Badgers lost the Big 10 Championship.

Speaking of football; Congratulations to Army for holding off Navy in their annual rivalry. It was a well deserved win.

The December meeting will be very informal, if we have a meeting at all. We have our Candy Pack at 6:30, with a meal at 7:30 and socializing mostly after that. We'll have to do the bucket drawing, so that might be the one order of business. So bring your spouse or significant other and join us in a nice meal and sociable evening.

We have several membership renewals that are still outstanding, so if you have not renewed your membership, please attend to this matter as soon as possible.

Thank you all for your service to our country, our communities and our Legion Family. It is through this involvement that we fulfill our duties of citizenship. **Gary M. Hess, Commander Post 116**

DATES TO REMEMBER

- December 21st** Family Night: CANDY PACK at 6:30pm, meal at 7:30pm, socializing until the cows come home
Lunch Committee: Officers
- December 22nd** 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 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 6th** Executive Committee Meeting, 6:30pm

December Newsletter

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Last Bugle:

Larry Torgerson
John Sisbach, Jr

* Not a Post 116 member



BUCKET DRAWING

\$20

Roger Starkey
Present

December
Drawing will be:
\$10

50/50 DRAWING

Frank Mathison
\$55

Legion - \$60



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2017 Membership Goal-197

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Message from S.A.L. Commander:

Hello Everyone,

First, I want to thank everyone that helped with the Legion's fundraiser. Your support for this event is invaluable and greatly appreciated.

Second, we won't have a meeting this month. Instead, come and have a meal and a good time with the Legion on the 21st. Refer to the Dates to Remember on Page 1.

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Cal Manske,
SAL Commander



Message from Auxiliary President:

Here's wishing all of you a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. The Auxiliary had our annual Christmas party on December 7th. We had a very nice time at the Stockyard with good food and great members, including some of our Junior Auxiliary Members. Thanks to all who attended.

As usual, we will not have a meeting in January, so our next meeting is Wednesday, February 1, 2017. We will have a lot to discuss, including the Legion Birthday Party and Memorial Day. The poppies have already arrived. Please attend this meeting. Potluck will be at 6 and the meeting begins at 6:30.

To all of our Auxiliary members: Thank you for all that you do: your loyal membership, working at events, coming to meetings, donating your time and talents, honoring veterans, supporting veterans, and everything else that you do. I am thankful for another year of being a member of such an important group. I look forward to serving with each of you in the New Year.

Julie Nelson
Auxiliary President

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.

2016 December Raffle Winners

\$2500	Coon Valley SAL Squadron 116	\$1000	Steven Clemment, Westby
\$500	David Bean, Westby	\$250	Susie Wedwick, Westby
\$150	Charles Burke, Westby	\$150	Paul & Ann Larson, Viroqua
150	Jason Melde, Coon Valley	\$150	Roger & Nancy Peters, Chaseburg
\$150	Bryan Berg, Coon Valley	\$75	Paul Hofslie, Shakopee MN
\$75	Buzz & Becky Schroeder, Coon Valley	\$75	Josh Bendel, Westby
\$75	Brian Olson, Chaseburg	\$75	Cal Manske, Chaseburg
\$75	Kevin & Rhonda King, Westby	\$75	Steve & Sally Miller,
\$75	Clarice Manske, Chaseburg		
\$150 Early Bird Drawing	Brian Rude, Coon Valley		
50/50	Nancy Peters, Chaseburg		
Redneck Cooler	Dawn Haakenson, Westby		
Cooler & Beer	Tom Saxton		



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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 great big THANK YOU goes out to Wes Guy for running this issue to ground, including getting options and bids to construct a vestibule to the barroom entrance. Ultimately, the issue that initiated this research was ice damming up on the roof over the door and dripping water on the sidewalk and after Wes presented all of his figures, the body decided that the appropriate measure would be to add heat tape to the gutters, and possibly the roof edge to allow the melted ice to drain onto the ground via the gutters and downspouts. Wes took on this project alone after the passing of Larry Torgerson and he devoted a lot of time to it. So if you see Wes and you are in a position to do so, buy him a beverage.

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.

The Relations

Ole and Lena were getting on in years. Ole was 92 and Lena was 89. One evening they were sitting on the porch in their rockers. Ole reached over and patted Lena on her knee. "Lena, vat ever happened tew our sex relations?" he asked. "Vell, Ole, I just don't know," replied Lena. "I don't tink ve even got a card from dem last Christmas."