



COON VALLEY AMERICAN LEGION POST 116



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Commanders Message:

Greetings Coon Valley American Legion Family:

At the Vernon County Council Meeting held in Stoddard in September, Post 116 put in a bid to host the 2018 Vernon County Banquet, which was granted to Post 116. No date has been set yet, but it is usually held sometime in February. Our own Mike Miller is the current Vernon County Commander and that is another reason we wanted to host the banquet!

A big "Thank You" goes out to the Coon Valley American Legion Auxiliary Unit 116, for a generous donation of \$1000.00 towards our remodeling project. They also donated \$200.00 toward "The night at the races" that we conduct in November at the Tomah VA Medical Center. I would also be remiss if I didn't mention that the Coon Valley Detachment 116 of the S.A.L. donated \$2000.00 last December for the remodeling project. Thank you to both of these fine organizations. That's why we're "The American Legion Family", we all work together for the greater good.

We recently lost two long time members who will be sadly missed. Leon Minor was a 30 year member, and Howard Moilien was a 65 year member. They were both faithful members who showed up to work when asked at fund raisers, until their health no longer allowed them to participate. The

Post Honor Guard had the privilege of performing military rites for these two gentlemen. A big thank you goes out to Dan Hofslie and his squad.

Our biggest fund raiser of the year is fast approaching on December 02, 2017, our \$75.00 raffle party. We really need your support this year more than ever. We have a remodeling project going on that will cost us approximately \$20,000.00. I hate sounding negative, but our fundraiser has been lacking in recent years. We are having trouble selling enough tickets, and we have really been shorthanded with workers the day & night of the party.

We have a lot of our members that do not purchase a ticket. I know this isn't possible, but if each member purchased one our problem would be solved. If you don't want to attend the party, they make wonderful gifts to somebody who would like to attend. To some of you who like to purchase lottery tickets, lay off a few weeks and put the money towards a raffle ticket. The odds are much better, and you are helping your post.

If your name is on the work schedule, please try to show up or find a replacement. If you can't find a replacement, but know you can't make, please let somebody know in advance so we're not blindsided. It's very unfair to some of our members who purchase a ticket, and barely get time to eat because they're working double shifts. If not listed and can work, please let us know. Thank you!!!

OK, I'm done preaching. As long winded as I am, you've probably figured out I'm feeling good again.

Frank Mathison, Commander Post 116

DATES TO REMEMBER

November 10th	Veterans Day Observance at C.V. Elementary, Westby H.S. & Norseland Nursing Home
November 12th	Annual Veterans Day Chicken Q
November 15th	Regular Post Meeting, 7:30pm meal, meeting at 8:00 pm Lunch Committee: SAL
November 15th	SAL Regular Meeting at 8:00pm
November 16th	Night at the Races at Tomah VA Bldg. 455 @ 6:30pm. Meet at Legion @ 4:45pm.
December 2nd	Annual December Raffle
December 4th	Legion Executive Committee Meeting 6:30pm
December 5th	Auxiliary Christmas Party at Stockyards. Cocktails at 5:30pm, sit down at 6:00pm
December 20th	Family Night: CANDY PACK at 6:30pm, meal at 7:30pm, socializing and merriment Lunch Committee: Officers
December ??	Santa Day! Shut-ins at 9:00am and school at 1:00pm (tentative)
January ??	Executive Committee Meeting (first Monday is New Years Day)
January 11th	Vernon County Meeting - Viroqua. Meal at 7:30pm, meeting at 8:00pm
January ??	Vernon County Oratorical Contest (if candidates available) - location TBD
January 17th	Regular Post Meeting, 7:30pm meal, 8:00pm meeting

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Last Bugle:

James Hammes

Norman Oliver

Leon Minor

Howard Moilien

* Not a Post 116 member



**BUCKET
DRAWING**

October \$30

**November
Drawing Will Be
\$40**

50/50



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Membership Totals to Date

2018 Paid Membership - 128

2018 Membership Goal-195

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MEMBERSHIP:

Please make your check payable to C.V. Legion Post 116 in the amount of **\$40.00** and send to: Coon Valley American Legion Post 116
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Message from S.A.L. Commander:

Hello Everyone,

Our 3rd annual zombie crawl was a major success again. Thank you everyone for your help! This Sunday is the Veteran's Day chicken que. Come and eat some fine chicken. At the Nov. 15th Legion meeting, the S.A.L. will be serving lunch. Afterwards we will discuss memberships and the Legion fundraiser coming up. See you at the meeting.

Cal Manske
S.A.L. Commander



Message from the Auxiliary:

AUXILIARY NEWS

We were pleased to have our Badger Girls State rep, Allison Davidson (and her mother), attend our November meeting. It was obvious, by her enthusiasm, that she enjoyed the week and was very thankful to our Unit for sponsoring her. We continue to support BGS and will be sending in the fee for next year, very soon.

Nancy Miller presented Roger Mathison with a check to help with their remodeling project and a separate donation to help defray expenses for "A Night at the Races" in Tomah. Three Auxiliary members will be accompanying Legion members to Tomah.

Thanks to Joyce Temp, Gloria Freitag, Nancy Miller and Ellie for cleaning the Legion kitchen which was covered in a layer of dust due to concrete and flooring work.

Nancy Miller has purchased some much needed items for the kitchen. We are slowly replacing and buying new things to make preparing, serving and clean up easier.

Keep those renewals coming and we hope to see you at our Christmas Party on Dec. 5. Remember, no meeting in January. Next meeting will be Wed., Feb. 7, 2018.

Ellie Brye, Secretary

Work Schedule - \$75.00 Raffle - December 2nd, 2017

Set-up: 2:00pm

Gary Hess	Gary Grethel	Roger Mathison
Ron Miller	Mike Miller	Frank Mathison
Steve Nelson	Steve Vance	Charles and Devin Nelson

7-9pm

Sign in/Meal Roster:

Carl Holte
Charles Servais

6-8pm

Chuck-a-luck:

Richard Brye
Roger Hofslie
Jim Padesky
Mike Callan
Mike Miller
Wes Guy

8-Drawing

Frank Mathison
Jerry Dunnum
Wally Cox
Steve Vance
Harlan Helseth
Matt Semke

Drawing - 1:00am

Tipboards:

Roger Mathison	Roger Mathison	Charles Nelson
Dan Hofslie	Ron Hoff	Chad Hofslie

Poker:

Orlin Clark	Ryan Chambers	Scott Berg
Bryan Berg	Calvin Manske	Darin Berg

Beat the Dealer:

Herb Cornell	LaMont Hagen	Gary Grethel
Richard Zube	Rolv Ihle	Steven Larson

Black Jack:

Steve Olson	John Elsen	Brad Role
Steve Nelson	James Elsen	Gary Hess

Cashiers & Vegas:

Charles Lind	Roger Starkey
Bernie Roesler	John Thurk

Mini Raffles:

Ron Miller	Jeff Berg
Tony Jefson	Glenn Stakston

Clean up:

Sunday 9:00am

Steve Vance	Ron Miller	Harlan Helseth	Mike Miller
Roger Mathison	Gary Hess	Charles & Devin Nelson	

December Raffle, Saturday December 2nd

Charles & Steve Nelson and Michael Miller are co-chairing this event. The tickets have been printed and many have been distributed. All chances for the early bird drawing need to be turned in before the November meeting. Our meal this year will be provided by Premier Catering. It is very important to emphasize that we need help from all of you to make this event a success. This our big fundraiser of the year and we need the money for our facilities improvements and maintenance. We are only selling 200 tickets at \$75 per couple which should not be hard to do. Please let Charlie, Steve or Fuzzy know if you either need a ticket or can help sell a handful of tickets.

Cooler Update:

The old cooler is out of the bar! Sewer reconstruction is complete and concrete has been replaced. Floor tile has been installed and the cooler walls are in! The sliding glass doors will be installed before the meeting. All other construction is on schedule. Come to the November meeting to see the change!



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Refrigerator For Sale

Do you need a refrigerator for your man cave, garage or just to replace your existing refrigerator? A couple months ago we purchased a larger commercial refrigerator for our kitchen, which leaves us with the “old” refrigerator to depart with. If you would like to place a bid or purchase the old refrigerator outright, please contact Roger Mathison or one of the officers. It is in good shape and was serving us quite well but we just needed more refrigerator space. We are temporarily using it since the cooler has been torn out, but it should be available after the new cooler is installed.

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.

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 any veteran is in need of a wheelchair, the Vernon County Veterans Service Office has 6 in several different sizes and there is no cost to the veteran.

The Tomah VA has implemented 3 programs which are getting rave reviews from Veterans using them. The M.O.V.E. program is for Veterans who would like assistance with weight gain or loss and healthy eating. You need to see your Primary care VA physician to be enrolled. There is an intensive Diabetic program to help those with diabetes better manage their disease. It is a unique program in that it uses a group and individual dynamic. Veterans in the program love this new dynamic. You also need to see your Primary care VA physician to be enrolled. The last is something that is not being done anywhere else in the VA community and that is called PAIN University. This is a program is where Vets who are dealing with chronic pain can get help and treatment to reduce their pain. It couples therapy with instruction and understanding of the problem. Again see your primary care VA physician to be enrolled.