



COON VALLEY AMERICAN LEGION POST 116



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Commanders Message:



August is here, and I can't believe it! Where did July go?

Our Trout Fest Breakfast was a success. Not just that we made money, but we served many new customers. I noticed a lot of families came through the line, little children with wide eyes grabbing their plate containing delicious sausages and a pancake.

Our August meeting is Post Everlasting. We will be remembering and honoring James Hammes, Norman Oliver, Leon Minor, Howard Moilien, Steven Kapanke, and James Torgerson. I sent each family a letter of invitation and have started to hear from these families already. People I've heard from are very thankful were doing this! There won't be a regular meeting, just the Post Everlasting portion and then the meal.

Some of the projects we have to address in the near future are fixing the cooler in the storage shed; we use this for our Chicken Q's. Replacing the handicap door on south side of building, and redirecting the water flow away from the sidewalk at the bar door entrance.

Enjoy August!

Steve Nelson, Commander Post 116

DATES TO REMEMBER

August 15th	Post Everlasting Ceremony, 7:00pm with meal following with family and friends Lunch Committee: Rod and Deb Ofte Regular Post Meeting at 8pm only if necessary
August 22nd	National Legacy Scholarship Run arrives at Onalaska Cemetery for Honors Approximately 4:40pm arrival
August 23rd	National Legacy Scholarship Run Departs Post 336 Onalaska at 7:30am
August 24th-30th	100th National Convention in Minneapolis, MN
September 4th (Tues)	Executive Committee Meeting 6:30pm
September 5th	Auxiliary Meeting with potluck at 6pm and the meeting at 6:30pm
September 11th	9/11 Memorial and Flag Retirement Ceremony at Chaseburg Post 202
September 12th	Vernon County Meeting - Hillsboro, Meal at 7:30, Meeting at 8:00
September 19th	Regular Post Meeting, 7:30pm meal, meeting at 8:00 pm Lunch Committee: Roger Mathison
September 19th	SAL Regular Meeting, 8:00pm in the bar
October 1st	Legion Executive Committee Meeting, 6:30pm
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
October 17th	SAL Regular Meeting at 8:00pm

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Last Bugle:

Rueben Johnson
Douglas Sveum

* Not a Post 116 member



BUCKET DRAWING

July \$10
Mike "Fuzzy"
Miller

August Drawing
Will Be \$10

50/50
Mike "Fuzzy"
Miller

\$70 to Fuzzy
\$70 to Legion



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2019 Paid Membership - 99

2019 Membership Goal- 195

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Message from S.A.L. Commander:

Hello Everyone,

Thank you to everyone who helped out with and participated in the Brewer bus trip! A great time was had by all and many new people said that they were definitely going again! There will not be a meeting this month due to the Post Everlasting Ceremony. The next meeting will be September 19th at 8:00pm.

Cal Manske

S.A.L. Commander



Message from the Auxiliary:

Election of officers took place at our August meeting with the following results:

Secretary, Ellie Brye; Treasurer, Nancy Miller; Membership, Gloria Freitag; Historian, Joyce Temp; Chaplain, Mary Elsen; Sergeant at Arms, Julie Nelson. As you can see, the President AND Vice President positions are vacant.

It goes without saying that conducting meetings, planning events, keeping up on current Auxiliary activities (local, state and national) are very difficult without these leadership roles. We value your membership. Your dues allow us to continue supporting and enriching the lives of our veterans, families and community - BUT, we need your presence, as well. The new year starts September 1 and you should be getting your re-enrollment form soon. Dues this coming year will be \$28.

We are planning to ask our Badger Girls State representative, Alia Henrichsen, to share her BGS experience with us at our September meeting.

Next meeting date, Wednesday, September 5, 6 pm potluck; 6:30 pm meeting.

Ellie Brye, Secretary

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.

American Legion Regional Baseball Tournament

The Westby/Coon Valley Legion baseball team won against Stoddard and Viroqua in the first two games, but were defeated by Fennimore and Prairie du Chien in the third and fourth games to get knocked out of the regional tournament. Fennimore won the Regional to advance to the State Tournament in Osseo. The junior team lost to the La Crosse North Stars in their first game and lost to Prairie du Chien in their second game, eliminating them from the tournament.

Carter Bergdahl, of Westby, represented Westby/Coon Valley on the Stripes team in the American Legion Baseball All Star Game, held Sunday at Miller Park following the Brewers-Rockies game. The Stars team won the game 6-3. Carter played 3 innings, playing in all three outfield positions, one per inning, and had once one at-bat, flying out to deep left field.

July Daily Baseball Raffle Winners

July 1 - Harold Olson, Westby	July 2 - Paul Kabat, Westby	July 3 - Michele Frydenlund, CV
July 4 - Steve Humfeld, Chaseburg	July 5 - Kathy Korn, Westby	July 6 - Barry Bergum, Coon Valley
July 7 - Ovidia Gilbertson, Buffalo City	July 8 - Sherry Grass, Holmen	July 9 - Kevin Steenburg, Westby
July 10 - Lisa Dwyer, La Crosse	July 11 - Denise Grass, Westby	
July 12 - Anthony Seelow, Chaseburg	July 13 - Adrian Hendrickson, Westby	July 14 - Russ Cornford, CV
July 15 - Bonnie & Mark Anderson, Westby	July 16 - Kyle Larson, La Crosse	July 17 - Bleachers Pub, Westby
July 18 - Jamey & Amy Evenstad, Coon Valley	July 19 - Bob Erickson, Westby	July 21 - Roger Melby, Westby
July 22 - Becky Lipski - Westby	July 23 - Lavonne "Spanky" Felton, Viroqua	July 24 - Dan Hofslie, Chaseburg
July 25 - Roger Anderson, Coon Valley	July 26 - Monte Hagen, Westby	July 27 - Darrin & Shana Berg, CV
July 28 - Kim Ward, Viroqua	July 29 - Gary Daines, Westby	July 30 - Ally Rudie, Westby
July 31 - Chaseburg American Legion Post 202		

Thank you to everyone who purchased tickets for the raffle. It is greatly appreciated.

American Legion National Legacy Scholarship Run

The National Legacy Scholarship Run will be coming to 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 killed in action in World War I. The ride should be arriving at the cemetery around 4:40pm. Then on Thursday morning the ride will be departing Post 336 at 7:30am to head up the river towards Anoka, MN.

This is an excellent opportunity to shake hands with National Commander Denise Rohan, of Verona, WI. There will be several 7th District Legion Riders participating in the ride, including Gary Hess.

If you have never seen the sight of 400-plus motorcycles in one group ride into a city, this is your opportunity! It is one impressive sight! Last year, nationally, the Legion Riders raised \$1.24 million!

National Convention August 24 through August 30

As most everyone knows, the National Convention will probably never be closer to us as it is this year when Commander Denise Rohan proclaims the convention convened in Minneapolis. This is an excellent opportunity to go to Convention as a guest, observe the processes and even participate in some educational sessions. Consider taking a trip to Minneapolis, even if just for one day.



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Vernon County American Legion Meeting Schedule

August – 1st Monday- Westby	March – 3rd Thursday – Coon Valley
September – 2nd Wednesday – Hillsboro	April – 4th Monday – Ontario
October – 3rd Tuesday – Stoddard	May – 4th Wednesday – Chaseburg
January – 2nd Thursday – Viroqua	

Membership

By now, you should have received your membership renewal notice for the 2019 membership year. Please attend to renewing your membership as soon as possible. If you have a computer, tablet or smart phone, you can renew online at www.legion.org if that is more convenient for you. The “Renew” tab is at the top of the web page. You can use the online renewal feature to submit payment of your annual membership dues, set your account up for automatic renewal using your credit or debit card and to eliminate paper renewal notices by setting your account to have your renewal notices delivered via e-mail.

The American Legion remains the most powerful voice in America on behalf of Veterans, their families and communities across the nation. By renewing your membership, you are helping to ensure that Veterans’ continue to receive the benefits that they are entitled to.

Military Pranks

Many of us, when were “newbies” and didn’t have a whole lot of experience in the military, had pranks pulled on us in a good-natured way of “initiating” us into the unit. Some pranks pulled were: sending new person after a bucket of steam, 100 ft of flight line, left-handed monkey wrench, or relative bearing grease. Another prank is the “Sea Bat”, where the crew on a ship has a mop bucket turned upside down and everyone is standing around looking at it. When new guy shows up and is naturally curious, the crew has him kneel down and peer under the bucket when the nearest deckhand grabs a wet mop and whacks the new guy across his backside! How many stories like this can we collect? If you have one, let me know!