



COON VALLEY AMERICAN LEGION POST 116



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Commanders Message:



I'm into my second night in the row for school Christmas programs, so I'm starting to get into the Christmas spirit.

Christmas can be the best time of the year for some people or time people struggle and are depressed about a loss, missing their family or loved ones. This is one of the things I learned serving as a medic in the Army, loss of life and depression is a common theme during Christmas and the New Years. If you have time this holiday season visit our veterans who are home alone or at the nursing homes, and hospitals. Donate to the soup kitchens and organizations that really help people with food and other ways this time of year. Enjoy your time together with family and friends this holiday season. I hope your situation during the holidays is a positive one and that you do find that Christmas spirit!

We have good news about Tom Sharratt, he had successful brain surgery! We wish Tom a quick recovery, you have our prayers!

Please come to our December meeting and pack candy for Santa, some of you have been naughty and need to do some good before Christmas! Candy packing starts at 6:30 and brief meeting follows. Our spouses, SAL and Auxiliary are invited to enjoy the evening with us, it's time to slow down and start enjoying the holiday season!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

DATES TO REMEMBER

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| December 19th | Regular Post Meeting, 6:30pm Candy Packing, brief meeting and fun following meeting. CV Auxiliary and SAL are invited to come join the fun! Bring your spouses too! |
| December 20th | Need Santa Elves to help Santa!
11 am meet at Legion Hall, go visit shut-ins with Santa and Fire Department.
2 pm, go with Santa Clause to visit CV School. |
| January 7th | 6:30 pm, Executive Meeting |
| January 8th | Viroqua County Meeting at CV Post (tentatively planned at CV) |
| January 16th | Post Meeting, 6:30pm meal and meeting at 7pm. Meal committee is Steve and Charlie Nelson |

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Last Bugle:

Rueben Johnson

Douglas Sveum

*Steven Peterson

*Harlan Olson

* Not a Post 116 member



BUCKET DRAWING

Don't have this information before-printing of the newsletter!

50/50
Not Done in
October



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2019 Membership Goal- 195

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Message from S.A.L. Commander:

Hello everyone,
Pack candy with the Legion at 6:30 at the December meeting, see you soon!

Cal Manske
S.A.L. Commander



Message from the Auxiliary:

Twelve members (9 plus 3 jr) enjoyed good food and good conversation at our annual Christmas party at Timmer's on Dec. 5.

We received an invitation from Commander Steve Nelson to come to their meeting on Wed., Dec. 19. Last year two of our members went and helped with packing candy. Hopefully, more of you will join us this year. As part of the Legion family, we are always happy to help and support in any way we can.

We plan to meet on Wed., Jan. 9 at 6 pm (potluck), 6:30 pm (meeting) for our regular monthly meeting. We will meet at the Legion hall. If that is not possible, we will post a sign on the door with an alternate location (probably the Lutheran church).

Thanks to everyone who has supported us this year by coming to meetings and/or helping at events. We wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and blessings in the new year.

Ellie Brye, Secretary

Happy New Year from Post 116!!

Santa Claus and Shut-in Visits:

Be a volunteer and go with Santa Claus on December 22nd, enjoy time with the Coon Valley elementary kids and bring cheer to our shut-ins that we visit around the area. Thank you Mike, Ron, and Nancy Miller for getting the candy and delivering all the cards to the nursing homes!

Building news:

Kitchen cupboards are ordered and plan to be in around January 7th.

All sheet rock is up! Thank you Roger Mathison, Ron Miller, Stephan Dickman, and Brian Berg for getting this up so fast!

Bar stools and chairs are in! Thank you Roger Mathison for looking into this and getting these ordered!

Hot water and sink is hooked up at the bar, thank you Mike Miller for doing this!

Executive Committee approved getting all hall taping and spraying (two coats of primer) finished, cost estimate is around \$2,000 to \$2,500. This work will be done by Jim Kyle, completed in the next couple days. Permanent paint will need to be applied at a later date (this will be another cost and labor needed).

Executive Committee approved changing window vendor from Home Depot to Stephan Dickman.

Building should be ready for the Booster Club fund raiser being held January 12th.

2018 December Raffle Winners

\$2,500 Dean Peterson, LaCrosse; \$1,000 Steve Humfeld, Chaseburg; \$500 Don Kammel, Coon Valley; \$250 Brad Role, Coon Valley; \$150 Greg Anderson, Chaseburg; \$150 Earl Hofslie, Cashton; \$150 Gary Berg, Coon Valley; \$150 Don Langaard, Viroqua; \$150 Nikki Swayne, Viroqua; \$75 Don Hess, Coon Valley; \$75 Gene Carey, Viroqua; \$75 Lucas Nordine, Viroqua; \$75 Lucille Thiege, Westby; \$75 Cal Manske, Chaseburg; \$75 David Hofslie, Yuma, AZ; \$75 Jon Langaard, Coon Valley; \$75 Jeff Garrett, Viroqua; \$150 Early Bird Drawing, Kathy Erlandson, Onalaska; Meat Bundle John Elsen, West Salem.

Thank you Roger Mathison for counting all the money and sending out the prize money!

Thank you to all that made this event a success! A special thank you to the ticket sellers, we had about 7 tickets leftover, GREAT JOB! Thank you workers for showing up to work and doing a great job! We made money and this amount will be announced at our December meeting!

Army Wins Football game over Navy! We had a great event at the South Ridge Inn planned by Charlie Nelson and Rod Ofte watching the Army/Navy game. This came up at the last minute and was posted on our Facebook page. Thanks guys for raising money for the legion and Marty of South Ridge Inn made a large donation to our post! Dollar amounts will be reported at our December meeting...thanks again Charlie, Marty and Rod!!



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