



COON VALLEY AMERICAN LEGION POST 116



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Commanders Message:

I would like to thank everyone who performed opening ceremonies for the Westby Ski Jump; I received many thanks and comments on how professional we are. We had a great turn out for our Annual Super bowl Sunday breakfast; thanks to all who helped.

We continue to work on membership and have a few more that need to pay so we can be 100%; this is very important because we need to be 100% to send delegates to conventions.

We are hosting the Vernon County Banquet in March and the 7th District Spring Conference in April; Please contact one of the Officers if you are able to help.

Hope to see you at the next regular post meeting February 15th.

Post Commander, Gary Grethel

Dates to Remember

February 15th	7:30pm - Meal & Meeting at 8:00pm Lunch Committee: Ron and Mike Miller
February 22nd	SAL Meeting at 7:00
March 5th	Legion Exec. Meeting
March 5th	Auxillary Meeting
March 15th	<u>Informal Legion Meeting</u> - 7:00pm (THURSDAY) - <u>Meal served at 7:30pm and Vernon County Meeting</u> - 8:00pm Lunch Committee: Auxiliary
March 28th	SAL Meeting at 7:00
April 1st	Palm Sunday Breakfast - see work schedule on back page
April 2nd	Legion Exec. Meeting
April 4th	Auxillary Meeting
April 14th	7th District Meeting - At Coon Valley Legion
April 18th	7:30pm - Meal & Meeting at 8:00pm Lunch Committee: R. Starkey & C. Lind
April 23rd	Vernon County Meeting at Ontario
April 25th	Sal Meeting at 7:00

February Newsletter

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Last Bugle:

Boob Nelson (Layton)

Jerrold Nestingen

Leonard Jorgenson

Paul Hess

* Not a member



**BUCKET
DRAWING**

**James Jackson
Not Present**

**FEBRUARY
Drawing will be:
\$60.00**

**50/50 -
DRAWING
Clifford**

Bakkum \$55.00

* The Legions portion of the drawing is put towards the building fund



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Membership Totals to Date

2012 Paid Membership - 136

2012 Membership Goal - 223

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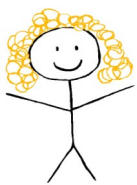
Message from S.A.L. Commander:

Geoffrey Lenser

Hello, I am happy to relay that we have had interest in showing Colors and we had SAL Flag and Members present at Chaseberg Snow Trailer Day and at the Friday night Westby Ski Jump opening ceremony.

I would like to thank everyone who helped with the Sweetheart's Bean Bag Tournament and for those who showed up to compete. We are in the planning stages of a four week long bean bag tournament. We will need workers and teams to compete. Please get with me if you can help or if you have a team to compete.

I hope to see you at the next meeting which is February 22nd, 7:00 at the Coon Valley Legion Hall. Come and join the fun!



Message from Auxiliary President:

Julie Nelson

A warm hello to all of you. Thanks to all who attended our meeting in February. We had a lot to discuss, since we didn't have a meeting in January.

Remember we will be serving for the Legion's Vernon County meeting on March 15th. This means we have a lot of Auxiliary members working behind the scenes to put on this delicious meal. Thanks to all of our members who volunteer to help make this event a success! Thanks Gloria for doing the bulk of the grocery shopping for us this year! Anyone who can help should feel free to show up at the Legion at about 9 a.m. on Wed, March 14th, to help with early preparations. We will also need help on Thursday, March 15th, to finish preparations and serve the meal. Any help, for however long you are able, is very much appreciated!

We've ordered the poppies, and they should be arriving in March. We'll be working on the Memorial Day work schedule at the next meeting. It was suggested that we have 2 shifts on Memorial Day, so that the work shifts aren't so long. This is a great idea, and we'll take a look at this at our next meeting.

We recently received a generous anonymous donation of beautiful, patriotic lap robes. The Auxiliary will periodically select an Auxiliary member and/or Legion member to receive this very special gift. Thanks to all involved who are helping with this project!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: Because of Lent, our next meeting is on Monday, March 5th. Pot luck starts at 7, and the meeting starts at 7:30. Hope to see you there!

*****See the work schedule in this issue for the **Palm Sunday Breakfast work schedule**. If you can't work, please try to find a replacement and let the commander know you are not able to work.***** It will also be on next month's newsletter.

Membership - The State Commander, Denise Rohan, participated in a Membership drive for Post 116 Coon Valley. Thank you to those who participated, Gary, Gary, John, Rod, and Frank. It was a huge success as they received 23 membership dues. Membership was reported of 199 at the executive meeting on Feb. 6th. Thank you also goes out to those who paid their membership dues. It is greatly appreciated.

Updates from the Adjutants Desk :

* Chaseburg Snow Trailer days: We had several Legion and SAL members participate. Thank You!!!

* Feb 2nd Ski Jump: We had a great presentation of colors as we had American Flags (2), Legion, SAL, and the POW/MIA flags with color guards. Thank you to those who presented colors and to their families. It was the largest turn out that we ever had for the Ski Jump Ceremony. A good time was had by all.

* Feb 5th - Superbowl Pancake Breakfast – We had another successful breakfast. Final totals are not available yet. Thank you to those who showed up to work and also to those who came to eat.

* Reminder on Legion Bowling: Feb 18-19 , Post 52 hosting – Playmore Lanes and see commander if interested.

* District Oratorical Post 129 Black River Saturday Feb 11th. 7th district will have two competing.

* State Oratorical is at Ripen College Saturday Feb 25th.

* Reminder - During **Lent** – The March Executive meeting will fall on the same night as the Auxillary Meeting. - March 5th. For those who can come, we will see you there. The Regular March Legion meeting will be moved to the third Thursday, March 15th. The Vernon County meeting will be incorporated in the Legion meeting the night of March 15th. See the times on the front page of the newsletter.

* Spring Conference - April 14th will be held at the Coon Valley Legion Hall. We will need workers, so if you are interested please contact the commander.

* Clean up day - Plan to have a clean up day, to clean inside and out ,before the spring conference on April 14th. More to come on this.

The day and age of cell phones:



"Okay, we'll meet back here at 1600 hours.
Synchronize your BlackBerries."



"Hey, it's been great talking to you, Mom, but I really have to go."



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Palm Sunday Breakfast - Sunday, April 1st

	7:00-10:00am	10:00am-1:00pm
Cooking Scrambled Eggs	Roger Mathison Harlan Helseth	Steve Vance Dennis Kammel
Cooking Pancakes	Chuck Lind Ron Miller	Michele Stahl Fuzzy Miller
Cooking Sausages	Stuart Peterson Dan Hofslie	Rolv Ihle Gary Hess
Tables, Beverages, Coffee	Sherman Olson Jim Schmidt Mary Schmidt Leon Minor Ken Kammel Don Kammel Herb Cornell	Tom Elson Tom Sharratt Don Salter Roger Starkey Reuben Starch Wally Cox Carl Holte
Cashier	Frank Mathison	James Hammes
Bartender	Charlie Nelson	Rod Ofte

Cleanup (12:00 - 1:00) Richard Reget Ty Mathison Ron Hoff John Thurk

Need additional volunteers needed to stay & help clean up!!!

Jack of all trades: Commander Gary Grethel