



COON VALLEY AMERICAN LEGION POST 116



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Commanders Message:

We are hosting the Vernon County Banquet on Thursday March 15th with an Informal Meeting starting at 7:00 p.m. followed by a meal at 7:30 p.m. and then the County Meeting at 8:00pm.

We will be recognizing our community service award recipients; please come and offer your thanks for all the work they do in our communities.

The Auxiliary will be providing the evening meal which consists of Turkey and all the trimmings! So you will definitely want to come just for the meal! Thanks to the Auxiliary for preparing the meal; they always do a great job!

We will be selling raffle tickets for our Annual Building Fundraiser where you can win a cool \$1000; the proceeds from this benefit will help pay for the roof.

Post Commander, Gary Grethel

Dates to Remember

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| 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 | Auxiliary 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 22nd | Micro Marathon – Legion baseball fundraiser. |
| April 23rd | Vernon County Meeting at Ontario |
| April 25th | Sal Meeting at 7:00 |
| May 2nd | Auxiliary Meeting |
| May 7th | Legion Exec. Meeting |
| May 16th | 7:30pm - Meal & Meeting at 8:00pm Lunch Committee: K. Kammel & R. Roesler |
| May 23rd | Vernon County Meeting at Chaseburg |
| May 23rd | Sal Meeting at 7:00 |
| May 28th | Memorial Day |

March Newsletter

2011-2012

Last Bugle:

Boob Nelson (Layton)

Jerrold Nestingen

Leonard Jorgenson

Paul Hess

Myron Storbakken *

* Not a member



BUCKET DRAWING

Donald McCormick

Not Present

FEBRUARY

Drawing will be:
\$70.00

50/50 -

DRAWING-
\$47.00

Clifford Bakkum

* 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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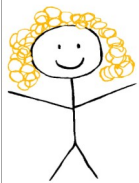


Message from S.A.L. Commander: Geoffrey Lenser

Hello, thank you to those who showed up and helped with the Tuesday bean bag tourneys. Due to poor showing, the last couple Tuesdays will be cancelled. We will look at the calendar for an open weekend date over then next couple months, to hold a tournament.

Please attend our next meeting. We need to vote on several things and need at least 7 members present. We need to vote on the coloring contest also.

Hope to see you at the next meeting.



Message from Auxiliary President: Julie Nelson:

A warm hello to all of you. **PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS - WE NEED YOUR HELP:** We are serving the meal for the Legion's Vernon County meeting on March 15th. We need help both Wednesday, March 14th and Thursday, March 15th. For Wednesday helpers, please come to the Legion hall at 9 a.m. On Thursday, please be at the Legion hall by 5:30/6:00 p.m. Even if you are not an Auxiliary member, but your hubby will be at the event, please come along and help us in the kitchen – we can use all of the help we can get!

The Memorial Day poppies arrived! We will be working on Memorial Day preparations at our April meeting – let's have a great turnout for this meeting.

We distributed our first laprobe to a longtime Auxiliary member. Thanks again to our generous, anonymous donor for these useful, patriotic gifts. And thanks Ellie for making the first delivery!

Gloria will assemble the Easter baskets for our local shut-ins. Thanks Gloria for your service and for making these baskets beautiful! **If anyone has** any clear strawberry containers (the 1 pound vented hinged plastic ones), bring them to the Legion on March 14th or 15th, so Gloria can use them to assemble the Easter baskets. Also, start saving for next year. Thanks! Our meeting next month is back on our regular schedule of Wednesday night. The meeting is on April 4th. Pot luck starts at 7, and the meeting starts at 7:30. Think poppies! See you there!

Updates from the Adjutants Desk :

◇ 7th District Spring Conference - April 14th will be held at the Coon Valley Legion Hall.

Come join the fun, including raffles, 50/50, tip boards and comradery.

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| 8:00 am | Past District Commanders Breakfast at the Stockyard Grill and Saloon |
| 10:00 am | DEC Meeting |
| 11:30 am | Lunch |
| 12:30 am | General Session |
| 4:30 pm | Dismissal and Social Hour |

We will need workers to help in the kitchen, bar, and dining area, so if you are interested in helping, please contact the commander.

*****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.*****

Interesting Tid-Bits

Estimates of Wisconsin's Veterans Population

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| Total number of veterans living in Wisconsin - 2011³ | 407,624 |
| Total number of wartime veterans living in Wisconsin | 295,970 |
| Total number of peacetime veterans living in Wisconsin | 111,655 |
| Total number of Women veterans living in Wisconsin | <u>28,374</u> |

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| World War I veterans | 0 |
| World War II Era veterans | 32,185 |
| Korean War Era veterans | 43,436 |
| Veterans of the Vietnam War Era (Feb. 21, 1961 - May 8, 1975) | 138,761 |
| Veterans of the Persian Gulf War Era (Aug. 2, 1990 -) | 90,193 |
| Gulf War, <i>Deployed</i> ⁴ | 10,400 |
| Iraq and Afghanistan Wars, <i>Deployed</i> ⁵ | 33,169 |

Notes:

- 1) "Era" service includes those who served in the U.S. Armed Forces anywhere in the world during the specified timeframe.
 - 2) Veterans with service in more than one war and/or era are counted under each war and/or era.
 - 3) Source: U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, VetPop2007, September 30, 2011.
 - 4) Gulf War, Iraq War, and Afghanistan War *deployed* veterans are included in the Gulf War Era
 - 5) Source for Iraq/Afghanistan data is U.S. Department of Defense: "[Legal Residence/ Home Address for Service Members Ever Deployed as of December 31, 2011](#), Source: [CTS Deployment File as of December 31, 2011](#) "
- Source for all other data is U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs: http://www.va.gov/vetdata/Veteran_Population.asp

Bars, cookies, and cakes to be donated by the Legion members for April 14th 7th District Conference - please have them to the Legion Hall prior to 7:30 am on April 14th.

7th District Spring Conference Work Schedule April 14th, 2012

Coffee and sweet treats: 7: 30 am to 9:00 - Gary Hess and Harlan Helseth

| | <u>7am to 11 am</u> | <u>11 am to 3 pm</u> | <u>3pm to close</u> |
|----------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Registration: | Frank Mathison Roger Starkey | Ron Miller Chuck Lind | none needed |
| Bartenders: | Jim Schmidt | Rod Ofte Fuzzy Miller | Charlie Nelson Rolv Ihle |
| Tip Boards: | none needed | Roger Mathison Walley Cox | Ron Hoff Steve Vance |

Kitchen Help 9am to 1 pm: SAL

If your are unable to work in the above schedule: here are names to contact for replacements: James Hammes, Dan Hofslie, Ruben Starch, Herb Cornell, Ken Kammel, Don Kammel, Michele Stahl, Mary Schmidt

*******If you are able to work and are not on the shift please show up and we will find a place for you to help. Thanks!!!!!!**



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Palm Sunday Breakfast - Sunday, April 1st

| | 7:00-10:00am | 10:00am-1:00pm |
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| Cooking Scrambled Eggs | Volunteer Needed 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