



COON VALLEY AMERICAN LEGION POST 116



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Commander's Message:

I would like to thank everyone who attended the Vernon County meeting our Post hosted last month and once again thank the Auxiliary for the fine meal that they served. As far as upcoming events, Post 116 will be having their annual Memorial Day events on May 25th which consists of honoring fallen comrades at local cemeteries, hosting the Parade, and the Memorial Day Ceremony.

We will also be marching in the Westby Syttende Mai Parade on Sunday, May 17th at 1:30pm. We will be asking for marchers at the April meeting.

Don't forget about the fundraiser we have going to support Legion baseball on April 19th. I thank-you for letting me serve as your Commander and for all the help and assistance everyone has given me.

Charles Nelson
Commander Post 116

April 15th	Regular Post Meeting, 7:30pm (5 Year Increment Pins will be handed Out) Lunch Committee: Frank Mathison and friends
April 19th	Fundraiser for Westby Legion Baseball
April 25th	7th District Conference - Black River Falls Post 129 (General Session 12:30 pm)
April 27th	Vernon County Meeting - Ontario
May 4th	Executive Committee Meeting, 6:30pm
May 6th	Auxiliary Meeting, 7:30pm
May 17th	Westby Syttende Mai Parade - 1:30 pm
May 20th	Regular Post Meeting, 7:30pm Lunch Committee: Rich Roesler and Ken Kammel
May 25th	Memorial Day - Memorial Day (observed)
May 27th	Vernon County Meeting - Chaseburg
June 1st	Executive Committee Meeting, 6:30pm
June 3rd	Auxiliary Meeting, 7:30pm
June 14th	Coon Valley American Legion Chicken-Q
June 15th & 16th	Midwest Scenic Bike Tour
June 17th	Regular Post Meeting, 7:30pm Lunch Committee: Post Officer's



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Membership Totals to Date

2009 Paid Membership - 221
2009 Membership Goal - 222

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From the Adjutant's Desk:



5 year increment Membership Pins will be presented to the following individuals at the April Meeting:

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| Frank Baker 35 years | Robert Jothan 35 years |
| James Beck 30 years | Lisa Kammel 5 years |
| Sherman Bekkum 10 years | Kevin King 15 years |
| Ed Bena 15 years | Jon Koula 10 years |
| Ken Berg 55 years | Howard Mathison 40 years |
| Linda Berg 15 years | Ron Miller 20 years |
| Garett Bjornstad 30 years | Kyle Muller 5 years |
| Mervin Broten 20 years | Deborah Nelson 10 years |
| Daryl Brye 10 years | John Nerison 45 years |
| Rhonda Brye 10 years | Gerald Niedfelt 10 years |
| Edward Drapela 5 years | Sherman Nottestad 25 years |
| Julia Drapela 5 years | James Onshus 5 years |
| Richard Engh 10 years | Stuart Peterson 30 years |
| Roland Engh 35 years | Erik Rude 5 years |
| Ralph Frydenlund 35 years | Michael Sheldon 5 years |
| Gordon Hellwig 40 years | Roger Starkey 10 years |
| Tony Herold 10 years | Charles Sveum 20 years |
| Howard Hofslie 15 years | Marvin Temp 35 years |
| Rolv Ihle 15 years | George Wachuta 25 years |
| Tony Jefson 15 years | Nicole Woodworth 5 years |
| Rueben Johnson 10 years | |



**BUCKET
DRAWING**

Steven Larson
Not Present

April
Drawing will
be: \$100.00

50/50
DRAWING

Reminder - We will be hosting the Midwest Scenic Bike Tours once again in June

We will be serving Spaghetti dinner on Monday June 15th and an early breakfast on Tuesday June 16th. Please contact the Adjutant if you are able to work in the afternoon (starting around 12:00) on June 15th to help prepare the meal or to open/serve at the bar. We will also need help beginning at 5:00 a.m. on the 16th to start cooking the breakfast items.

We need help for the: **Westby Legion Baseball Fundraiser (Sunday April 19th), please let the Adjutant know if you are able to work.**

11:00-1:30 pm

Beat the dealer (2 people)

Bartender (2 people)

Chinese Raffle (2 people)

Tip Boards (2 people)

1:30-4:00 pm

Beat the dealer (2 people)

Bartender (2 people)

Chinese Raffle (2 people)

Tip Boards (2 people)

Blackjack (2 people)



Are you interested in ordering a Legion Jacket, Uniform Cap or a Custom/Casual Cap? Please see the Adjutant or Finance Officer at this months meeting. We will have a color brochure so you can get an idea of costs and colors.



May 20 Tomah V.A. Fishing Day at Tomah V.A. Hospital

Come help at three fisheries offices at the annual fishing day. We need help measuring and weighing fish, distribution of equipment and food.



Message from Auxiliary President Annette Ihle:

Our next meeting is Wednesday May 6th at 7:30 p.m. we will be having pot luck. At our May meeting we are going to work with the poppies; Let's have a good turn-out to help. We will also be making plans for Memorial Day, and we will need a chairman.

We also need someone to make out the work schedule for the Chicken Fry in June.



Message from S.A.L. Commander Brad Role:

Please try to attend this month's meeting immediately following the Legion meeting as we will be solidifying our line-up for Memorial Day and also will be discussing the work schedule for the Chicken Q in June.



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Brewer Tickets Available For Veterans

For the fourth consecutive season, the Milwaukee Brewers (Major League Baseball Team) will honor members of the United States Armed Forces through Stars and Stripes Sundays. Milwaukee Brewers offers two free tickets to Veterans every Sunday.

The Brewers offer two FREE Terrace Level tickets to active and retired military personnel. The offer applies to all branches of the military service.

Prior to the playing of the National Anthem, "Shout Outs" from troops stationed in Iraq will be showcased on the scoreboard during each Stars and Stripes Sunday. On one Sunday of each month, the Brewers and the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA) recognize returning Veterans in the "Mission Welcome Home" project. The Wisconsin DVA will identify a branch of the military and its representatives for honor at Miller Park.

2009 Convention Sweepstakes

Are You In?

Grand Prize \$10,000

Third Prize \$1,000

Second Prize \$2,000

Fourth-Eighth Prize \$500

Please return your tickets no later than July 20, 2009 to be eligible.

Winners will be drawn on July 26th at the Department Convention in Milwaukee.