



COON VALLEY AMERICAN LEGION POST 116



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Commander's Message:

On November 19th we had 8 volunteers go to the Tomah VA hospital for Night at the Races. They were appreciative of us being there. I would like to thank everyone who helped and supported our December raffle and made it successful. I would also like to thank the SAL for helping with event. On December 16th Santa needs helpers for candy packing and the making of fruit baskets for the shut-ins at 6:30 p.m. After our December meeting Randy Lenser and George Kendall will be cooking us a German meal. Come and enjoy the meal! Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Mike Miller
Commander Post 116

- December 16th **Santa's elves needed for Candy Pack—6:30 sharp!**
- Regular Post Meeting - 7:30pm**
- Lunch Committee: Randy Lenser & George Kendall cooking German Night**
- January 4th **Executive Committee Meeting - 6:30pm**
- January 14th **Vernon County Legion Meeting - Viroqua**
- January 17th **7th District Oratorical Contest – Tomah Legion**
- January 21st **Regular Post Meeting - 7:30pm**
- Lunch Committee: Cox, Hoff, Cary, Banta cooking Ribs**
- January 23rd **Post 52 Past Commander Banquet, La Crosse**
- January 29-31 **Mid-winter meeting - Wisconsin Dells (Wilderness Waterpark Resort)**
- February 5-6 **Snowflake Ski Jump - Post 116 will present opening ceremony Colors on Friday**
- February 7th **4 Chaplain Sunday Observance**
- February 7th **Superbowl Sunday Breakfast**
- February 15th **Auxiliary Meeting - 7:00pm**
- February 17th **Regular Post Meeting - 7:30pm**
- Lunch Committee: Ron Miller & Mike Miller**
- February 20th **State Oratorical Contest – Ripon College**
- March 28th **Palm Sunday Breakfast**

December Newsletter

2009-2010
Last Bugle

Julian Rundhaugen
Archie Brye *
Peter McCormick



**BUCKET
DRAWING**

**Donald Bahr
Not Present**

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

**50/50 -
DRAWING
John Thurk**

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



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Membership Totals to Date

2010 Paid Membership - 190
2010 Membership Goal - 222

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From the Adjutant's Desk:

- **Building Report:** We continue to make progress on raising money to go towards our Building Fund. We have been taking estimates and will be deciding on proceeding with either a shingle style roof or a metal roof very soon. We would really like to be able to do this project this summer.
- **Richie Berg Memorial:** It was decided at the November meeting to proceed with landscaping the east and the south side of the building before this years Memorial Day. Additional financial help with this project will come from a Memorial received in remembrance of Peter McCormick. This project will cost roughly \$3,000.00.
- A motion was made and approved to donate to the Westby Food Pantry, King VA, and Tomah VA once again this year.
- Children & Youth Chairman, Ken Kammel, picked up a couple packets of letters from the Coon Valley Elementary Students and sent them to two servicemembers.



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

On behalf of the SAL, I'd like to wish all of our Legion and Auxiliary members a Merry Christmas and a healthy and prosperous New Year! I'd like to thank all of our SAL Members (and Ron Miller) who helped out with our serving of the meal at the last meeting and also those who worked to make our tree at the Lions Christmas Lights display look so good. We will get together at the regular meeting night of Dec. 16th to finalize dates and plans for the upcoming beanbag tournament as well as any other activities for the winter and spring. Happy Holidays.



Message from Auxiliary President Annette:

Please get your memberships in as soon as possible.
There won't be any meeting in January.
Thanks to everyone who helped with the Christmas tree up in the Village.
Have a Merry Christmas and a Wonderful New Year.

December Raffle

Thanks to everyone who made this a success once again this year. It has not been easy selling the \$75.00 tickets the last couple of years with the economy the way it is, but with all of your selfless dedication we have all made it possible and it has been very successful. We are finally seeing some decent profits which are greatly needed with all of the building repairs (new roof) we are planning. Come to the December Regular meeting and see how the final numbers tallied up.

The lucky winners at this years event were:

1st—David Bean—\$2500	7th—Herb Cornell—\$150	13th—Jason Jorstad—\$75
2nd—Syl Liebl Jr.—\$1000	8th—Rod & Deb Ofte—\$150	14th—Mary Elsen & Joyce Temp—\$75
3rd—Rich Berger & Diane Skrede—\$500	9th—Norris Haakenstad—\$150	15th—Bob VonRuden—\$75
4th—Don & Mary Clements—\$250	10th—Denise Payne—\$75	16th—Marion Roesler—\$75
5th—Steve & Evie Larson—\$150	11th—Wally Cox—\$75	17th—Pete & Theresa Vick—\$75
6th—Charles & Kim Nelson—\$150	12th—Chris Hagen—\$75	Early Bird—Rory & Carmen Peters—\$150
Cordless Tool Set—Ken Kammel	Basket of Booze—Jeff Galstad	Ladies “Pamper Basket”—Mike Miller

Thanks to the co-chairs of this years event, Gary Grethel and Michele Kammel for a job well done.

** I would like to ask that everyone who was at the Fundraiser please verify that they brought home the correct jacket that evening. Arvid Holely was at the fundraiser and had a brown suede style jacket that was taken by mistake. There was a similar style jacket that was left there that night but it was not Arvid’s. Arvid said that looking at the jacket he understands how the jackets could have been confused. If you know of anyone who has this type of jacket please ask them if they may have taken the wrong one by mistake. Please let Adjutant Charlie know or contact Arvid directly.

Night at the Races – Thank-You

Thanks to Mike Miller, Ron Miller, Stuart Peterson, John Thurk, Don Kammel, Ken Kammel, Frank Mathison and Charles Nelson who all made the journey. As suspected there was a good car and a bad car. For some reason on the way up to Tomah the crew was split 4 in one car and 4 in the other while on the way back the crew was split 3 in one car and 5 in the other. I will let you guess how the group was split. I heard that the bad car was spotted at several establishments on the way home.

Westby Snowflake Ski Jump—February 5th

The Coon Valley American Legion will be presenting Colors at opening ceremony at this years Snowflake Ski Jump on Friday evening. Commander Miller will be contacting members to help with this.

Superbowl Breakfast—February 7th & Palm Sunday Breakfast—March 28th

Preparations are underway for these two important fundraisers. We will be sending out work schedules in the upcoming months so please keep your eyes out for when you are asked to work.

Thanks to Santa—Don Kammel

I would like to thank our Santa this year for already taking the time this Year to visit the Coon Valley Elementary School students during “Books for Breakfast” and also for his upcoming visit to Coon Valley Elementary School. I heard first hand that the children loved him at “Books for Breakfast”.

Legion Christmas Tree Decorating in Village

Thanks to Ron Hoff for once again volunteering to lead this very important event. Thanks for decorating!



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Order Merchandise (Hats, Jackets, Shirts, Caps, etc.)

I have been getting lots of inquiries over the past several months (ok, years in some instances) to make an order for more jackets, baseball style hats, Legion Caps, more shirts, etc. I have now started a list. Please contact Charles Nelson if you are interested in any item. At this time any item is still free game to put on the wish list.

Service Awards

We will once again be nominating local individuals for service awards.
Teacher of the Year: Pete Engh and Monte Dunnum
Legislature of the Year: Lee Nerison
Firefighter of the Year: We will be getting name soon
EMT of the Year: We will be getting name soon
Law Enforcement Officer of the Year: We will be getting name soon
Public Relations Award: Westby Times

Coon Valley Main Street Flags

A motion was made and approved at our November meeting to donate up to \$500.00 towards the replacement of the flags flown on the main street of Coon Valley. This is a great Americanism Project for the Post!