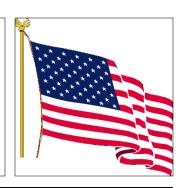


# COON VALLEY AMERICAN LEGION POST 116



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#### **Commander's Message:**

As always, I would like to start out by thanking all of our members for the work and time they put in making our Post great. We had a very nice 1st annual Super bowl Sunday breakfast that was very well received based upon attendance, a very professional group of Legionnaires who performed opening ceremonies for the Westby Ski Jump, members who took part in Oratorical events, etc.

We continue to work on and look forward to our County Banquet, 1st annual Legion baseball fundraiser, Memorial Day events, HDTV raffle, etc.

I think we are only one member away from being 100%. Let's get there!!!

Charles Nelson Commander Post 116

February 18th Regular Post Meeting, 7:30pm

**Lunch Committee: Ron Miller and Michael Miller** 

February 28th Coon Valley Area Baseball Association Chicken-Q

March 2nd Executive Committee Meeting, 6:30pm

March 2nd Auxiliary Meeting, 7:30pm

March 14th Vernon County Banquet - Coon Valley 7:00 pm

March 19th Regular Post Meeting & Vernon County Meeting, 7:30pm (Change due to lent)

**Lunch Committee: Auxiliary** 

April 5th Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast - "Preliminary" work schedule on last page

**April 6th Executive Committee Meeting, 6:30pm** 

April 6th Auxiliary Meeting, 7:30pm

April 15th Regular Post Meeting, 7:30pm

Lunch Committee: Roger Starkey, Chuck Lind

**April 19th** Fundraiser for Westby Legion Baseball - More information to come!

**April 27th Vernon County Meeting - Ontario** 

May 27th Vernon County Meeting - Chaseburg





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2009 Paid Membership - 221

2009 Membership Goal - 222

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# County Banquet - March 14th - We need your help!

- We need help with cooking, setup and clean-up; please contact the Commander or Adjutant if you are able to work.
- Also we need members to help by providing a cake or bars for dessert; please drop off by noon.

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### AMERICANISM OPPORTUNITIES FOR POSTS IN SCHOOLS

February is Americanism Month. Do you know what your schools do to promote Americanism?

What specifically does the State of Wisconsin require? By understanding what is required and what the schools have as curriculum Posts will have a better understanding on how to approach schools with our Americanism Programs, such as, County Youth and Government, Flag Etiquette, and A&G Testing

# BUCKET DRAWING

To find details of Wisconsin's Model Academic Standards on the website of the Department of Public Instruction please visit: http://www.dpi.wi.gov/standards/ssintro.html

Roger Starkey
Not Present

February
Drawing will
be: \$80.00

Message from Auxiliary President Annette Ihle:

We are changing our March and April meetings to Monday March 2 and Monday April 6th because of lent.

Our next meeting will be on March 2nd at 7:30 pm and will be potluck.

We have the Legion birthday party on March 19th and we are serving a full meal and we will need workers; We also need to start thinking about Memorial Day and servers.

Our membership is coming up so get your dues to Julie Nelson; we will be charging \$18 for dues.

50/50 DRAWING

None This Month!





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

We will have a short meeting following the Legion meeting to discuss unpaid members and to begin planning this years bus trip.

To members of The American Legion,

The American Legion Auxiliary,

Sons of the American Legion,

And friends of The American Legion;

The Coon Valley American Legion Post 116 is proud to host the annual Vernon County American Legion Banquet on Saturday March 14<sup>th</sup>.

The event will be held at the Coon Valley Legion Hall and the public is invited to attend. Main speaker for the evening will be State Commander Jim Reigel of Marshfield. Also attending will be Legion dignitaries from throughout Wisconsin. The Fire Fighter and EMT of the Year will be honored, as well as the Law Officer of the Year, and the Teacher of the Year. The 2009 Vernon County Oratorical Contest winner will be recognized.

The banquet meal will be served at 7:00 with a menu of tossed salad, meatballs, ham, mashed potatoes, vegetable, and homemade cakes for dessert. Cost of the meal will be \$12 per person. Reservations must be received by March 7th and can be made by mail, or by contacting Roger Mathison at 608-452-3965 or by email at cvpstcmd@mwt.net.

Please join us for a fun evening and enjoy the hospitality of the Coon Valley American Legion. And share with us the camaraderie we all share as veterans and community leaders, all working to improve the lives of those who are serving us and our communities.

Sincerely,

Charles Nelson

Post Commander

Housing available at: The Old Towne Inn Motel in Westby 608-634-2111

> Central Express Inn in Westby 608-634-2950

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#### Assembly - PUBLIC HEARING Committee on Veterans and Military Affairs

The committee will hold a public hearing on the following items at the time specified below:

Thursday, February 19, 2009 10:00 AM

#### North Hearing Room (2nd Floor North) State Capitol

The Committee will first receive testimony from the following invited speakers:

# Donald P. Dunbar, Adjutant General, and Larry Olson, Executive Assistant, Wisconsin Department of **Military Affairs**

Overview of the Department of Military Affairs Structure, Programs, & Functions

# Ken Black, Acting Secretary, and Anthony Hardie, Executive Assistant, Wisconsin **Department of Veterans Affairs (WDVA)**

Overview of WDVA Structure, Programs, & Functions

Update on Short-Term & Long-Term Strategies for the Veterans Trust Fund

Overview of the Governor's Budget Related to Veterans

Following the presentations by invited speakers, public testimony will be taken on the following topics:

Response to the Governor's Budget Related to Veterans & the Veterans Trust Fund

Membership of the Council on Veterans Programs



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## PALM SUNDAY PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Work Schedule April 5th 2009

	April 5th 2009		
	6:30-9:30am		9:30am-12:00pm
Cooking Scrambled Eggs	Roger Mathison		Steve Vance
	Charles Nelson		Rod Ofte
Cooking Pancakes	Chuck Lind		Ron Miller
	Jeff Hanson		Dennis Kammel
Cooking Sausages	Stuart Peterson		Dennis Miller
	Dan Hofslien		James Hammes
Tables, Beverages, Coffee	Don Kammel		Michele Kammel
	Ken Kammel		Sherman Olson
	Herb Cornell		Don Salter
	Leon Minor		Charles Hendrickson
	Tom Elsen		Reuben Starch
	Frank Baker		Wally Cox
	Mary Schmidt		Ron Hoff
Cashier	Frank Mathison		Ken Berg
Bartender	Mike Miller		Gary Grethel
Cleanup ( 12:00 - 1:00)	Frank Mathison	Ed Glass	Roger Starkey
	Steve Mader	Tom Sharratt	Carl Holte