



COON VALLEY AMERICAN LEGION POST 116



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Commander's Message:

I hope everyone had a wonderful time at the Vernon County Legion Banquet held on Saturday, March 14 at the Coon Valley Legion Hall. We had a great turnout and I appreciate the extra effort put in by everyone to make it a success. I am looking forward to the County meeting our Post will be hosting on Thursday, March 19 and I thank the Auxiliary in advance for once again catering the meal for the American Legion Birthday. We will have a short Post meeting before the County meeting so please get there early. Let's keep in mind all of the events coming up in the next couple of months and think of ways we can help and participate. We have a lot of activities planned, but these are needed to raise the money to put a new roof on the Legion Hall, possibly build a new addition, make needed improvements, etc.

Charles Nelson
Commander Post 116

March 19th	Regular Post Meeting & Vernon County Meeting, 7:30pm (Change due to lent) Lunch Committee: Auxiliary
April 5th	Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast - 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
April 27th	Vernon County Meeting - Ontario
May 4th	Executive Committee Meeting, 6:30pm
May 6th	Auxiliary Meeting, 7:30pm
May 20th	Regular Post Meeting, 7:30pm Lunch Committee: Rich Roesler and Ken Kammel
May 27th	Vernon County Meeting - Chaseburg
June 7th	Coon Valley American Legion Chicken-Q
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:

I want to call your attention to a couple of items:

1. Our meeting this month is on Thursday March 19th instead of Wednesday due to Lent.
2. Please review the work schedule on the last page for the Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast on Sunday April 5th. Changes can't be made at this point so if you can't make it please find a replacement. Also if you aren't on the work schedule just show up, we could use the help and we will definitely put you to work!
3. We have several fundraisers coming up in the next few months and we always struggle creating the work schedule. If you want to work and you haven't been on the work schedules recently then you need to let me know so you can be added .



**BUCKET
DRAWING**

Irwin Shattuck
Not Present

March
Drawing will
be: \$90.00

50/50
DRAWING
\$40
Layton Nelson



Message from Auxiliary President Annette Ihle:

Our next meeting is Monday April 6th from 6:00-7:30 pm (change due to lent). We will be having potluck and will also concentrate on making poppies tonight so please come and help us! We will be serving the Legion's Birthday party on March 19th; we will need workers please call me for times (452-3926). We will also start making the dressing on March 18th at 9:00 am at the legion hall and you can come help if available. We also have a few members that have not paid their dues from last year. If you do not pay you will loose all the years you have been in the Auxiliary. Please contact Julie Nelson at 452-2261 to arrange payment.



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

Greetings, I hope this message finds everyone well. With the beginning of spring this weekend, our thoughts turn to our summer activities. Our 9th annual Brewers Bus Trip is scheduled for Sunday August 16th. This year the Brewers take on the Astros and as usual the American Legion All Star Game will be played directly after. If you are interested in this trip please contact any SAL member. We will be having a SAL member meeting directly following the Legion meeting on March 19th to discuss among other things: our annual bus trip, plans for Memorial Day Activities, and possible youth bus trip. I hope to see a large turnout of SAL members. I also want to thank Charlie and Fuzzy for their commendable work in getting our memberships paid up for 2009.

WIN \$10,000!

Later this month, you will be receiving tickets in the mail for the Convention Sweepstakes. These are your opportunity to **win \$10,000** while, at the same time, supporting the essential programs of The Wisconsin American Legion. By returning your tickets and your donation, you will ensure the continuation of our important work. The Wisconsin American Legion will spend over \$1 million on programs and services benefiting veterans, military families, and youth in Wisconsin this year alone. We cannot do it without the help of our members.

Each year, our youth programs give thousands of children across Wisconsin the opportunity to enrich themselves and earn money for college. Our Junior Shooting Sports Program teaches discipline, concentration, and gun safety, while our High School Oratorical Scholarship Program and our Americanism and Government Test Program teach civics and foster Americanism. These are things missing from many high schools' curriculum. Without us, who will ensure that these students understand the price of freedom and the responsibilities that come with it? These programs, and the many others like American Legion Baseball and County Youth Government Day, cannot continue without your support. The Wisconsin American Legion awards tens of thousands of dollars in scholarships to deserving youth in our communities each year. Your donations directly support these programs and are vital to their survival. Please help us keep these programs running and these funds available to worthy students.

Return all twelve tickets for a suggested donation of \$20.00 and increase your chances of winning one of eight cash prizes. It is the best value and allows for the most chances to win cash!

Attend the Department Convention in Milwaukee and watch the winning tickets being drawn. Winners need not be present to win, so even if you cannot attend, you can still **win \$10,000** or one of the many other prizes.

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

Grand Prize \$10,000

Second Prize \$2,000

Third Prize \$1,000

Fourth-Eighth Prize \$500

You do not need to be a member of the Legion to be eligible to win.

If you have questions or would like to request additional tickets, contact Jessika at our office at (608) 745-1090 or jessika@wilegion.org.

Thank you for your continued support!

Veterans' Stakeholder Conference.

A Veterans' Stakeholder Conference will be held on March 31, 2009 from 10:00 a.m. to Noon in the Second Floor Education Center at the WDVA Wisconsin Veterans Museum at 30 W. Mifflin Street in Madison.

Attendance and participation are encouraged. To pre-register call 1-800-WIS-VETS (1-800-947-8787) Ext. 6-1315 or email: Headquarters@dva.state.wi.us.

The Veterans' Stakeholder Conference is being held in conjunction with **Wisconsin Veterans in the Capitol Day** hosted by Wisconsin's veterans service organizations.



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PALM SUNDAY PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Work Schedule

Sunday April 5th 2009

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