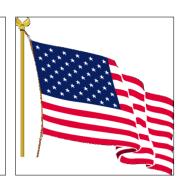


COON VALLEY AMERICAN LEGION POST 116



JULY 2010 VOLUME 6 ISSUE 1



Commander's Message:

I would like to thank the Coon Valley American Legion members for electing me as your commander.

Since a couple of officers were absent for the last meeting we are going to have the installation of officers at this months meeting.

We had good representation of Post 116 at the State Convention.

Ledegar roofing has got started replacing the roof, think of ways we can pay off the loan.

I have Vernon County Legion raffle tickets for \$5 help me get them sold by the Aug. 1st meeting in Westby. It is their main source of money for the year.

Remember the SAL has the Brewer/American Legion All Star game bus on August 8.

Mike Miller Commander Post 116

July 21st Regular Post Meeting, 7:30pm

Lunch Committee: Steve Vance & Evelyn Williams

August 2nd Executive Committee Meeting, 6:30pm

August 2nd Vernon County Meeting - Westby 8:00 pm

August 4th Auxiliary Meeting, 7:00pm

August 8th S.A.L Annual Bus Trip to the Milwaukee Brewers/Legion All-Star Game

August 9th S.A.L. Regular Meeting, 7:00pm
August 18th Regular Post Meeting, 7:30pm

Lunch Committee: We need volunteers!

September 1st Auxiliary Meeting, 7:00pm

September 6th Executive Committee Meeting, 6:30pm(do we want to change this for Labor Day?)

September 8th Vernon County Meeting - Hillsboro 8:00 pm

September 13th S.A.L. Regular Meeting, 7:00pm September 15th Regular Post Meeting, 7:30pm

Lunch Committee: Roger Mathison

October 4th Executive Committee Meeting, 6:30pm

October 6th Auxiliary Meeting, 7:00pm
October 20th Regular Post Meeting, 7:30pm

JULY Newsletter

2010-2011 Last Bugle



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Membership Totals to Date

2011 Paid Membership -

2011 Membership Goal - 223

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From the Adjutant's Desk:

- The following members names were drawn during the bucket drawing, but they were not present and lost out on the \$20. Merlin Lenser, Lorenz Pinski, Michael Jeffords, Louis Di Sciascio, Julian Rundhaugen, Edward Drapela, Thoralf Olson, Richard Switer. Dave Verse eventually was drawn and won \$20 that he donated back to the Legion.
- At the June meeting a donation from the family of Ernest Nelson was received to go towards the new roof along with a very nice letter from Audrey.
- A thank-you was received from the Children's Miracle Network for our donation of \$250.
- The winner of the T.V. raffle was none other than Roger Mathison. He took the Cold Cash. Congratulations to Roger and a big thanks for donating \$250 of his winnings back to the Legion.



BUCKET DRAWING

Dave Verse—\$20
Present

July
Drawing will be:
\$10.00

50/50 -DRAWING Don Miller

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



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

Greetings from the SAL.

I'd like to remind everyone that we will have an SAL Meeting on Monday, August 9th at 7pm.

Also we are still selling tickets for the bus trip to Miller Park on August 8th. If you are interested in going along on this trip, or would like some tickets to sell, please let us know as soon as possible. Contact any SAL member and give them a \$65 check to guarantee your spot on the bus. They will also be available at the July Legion meeting.

Message from Auxiliary President Annette:

Next meeting is Wednesday, August 4th at 7pm. Pot Luck! Get vour dues in to Julie Nelson-Grethel.

Our Badger Girls State Representative, Marissa Bahr, will not be able to come to our meeting until September.

Let's have a good turnout at our August meeting. We need to have a formal meeting for once!

Legion Roof

As most of you have probably been able to see, work on the roof is progressing very nicely. The membership approved going with a raised metal seam roof from Ledegar Roofing. If you have not had a chance to see it, make a point to drive through Coon Valley and take a look. The Legion should be set up nicely for many years to come.

As you are also aware, we had to take out a sizable loan to cover the cost of this project. More than likely we will have a loan of about \$30,000 that we take out. We are very thankful to the many people of our extended Legion family who have stepped forward and made considerable donations to allow us to only need to take out a \$30,000 loan.. Please continue to think of the Legion with your donations.

Wisconsin State American Legion Convention—July 15-18, Wausau

The 92nd Annual Department Convention will take place in Wausau Wisconsin on July 14-18, 2010. The Convention sessions will be at Wausau East High School, 2607 North 18th Street, Wausau WI 54403. The delegates from our Post will participate in the 7th District Caucus each day from 7:30am to about 9am and also the Convention Sessions which usually take place from 9am to noon. They also have the responsibility to vote for the new State Officers on Saturday.

We have a member of our 7th District running for the high office of Department State Vice Commander. Mike Wagoner. Please look at your Badger Legionnaire and read the credentials of each candidate.

State Convention Delegates: Michael Miller, Charles Nelson, John Thurk, Michele Kammel.

Alternates: Frank Mathison, Frank Baker

I would also like to mention that our S.A.L. Squadron will be sending a delegate for the first time in many years. Thanks to S.A.L. Commander Brad Role for representing our S.A.L at this important event.

American Legion State Golf Outing—September 11, 2010

Post 54 of Marshfield will be hosting the 2010 State American Legion Golf Outing on September 11, 2010. There will be a shotgun start with tee times of 7:30am and 12:30 pm. Entries will close on August 20th, 2010. The fee is \$65.00 which includes 18 holes of golf, noon lunch, evening dinners, and prizes awarded. Extra dinner tickets are available for a spouse or guest for \$15.00. Checks can be made payable to POST 54 GOLF OUTING. Check it out on their website at www.golfmcc.com.

Membership Goals 2010-2011

| Post | Location | High Members | Year of High Members | 2008 Members | 2009 Members | 2010 Members | 2011 Members Goal |
|------|-------------|-----------------|----------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------------|
| 116 | Coon Valley | 223 | 2010 | 218 | 222 | 223 | 223 |
| 138 | Viroqua | 363 | 1947 | 99 | 94 | 98 | 98 |
| 155 | Westby | 334 | 1954 | 176 | 170 | 164 | 170 |
| 202 | Chaseburg | 89 | 1952 | 74 | 74 | 75 | 75 |
| 223 | Hillsboro | 75 | 2010 | 71 | 72 | 75 | 75 |
| 246 | Genoa | 126 | 1962 | 92 | 99 | 89 | 99 |
| 315 | Stoddard | 191 | 1969 | 86 | 84 | 84 | 84 |
| 467 | Ontario | 139 | 1991 | 77 | 77 | 77 | 77 |

S.A.L Annual Bus Trip to the Milwaukee Brewers/Legion All-Star Game—Sunday, August 8th

The Coon Valley S.A.L. Squadron is once again planning their annual bus trip to see the Milwaukee Brewers and the American Legion All-Star game at Miller Park in Milwaukee. There are 50 tickets available for sale and they are available now. See an S.A.L. member at the next meeting or give one of them a call if you would like to purchase one.



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Installation of Officers

Installation of Officers will take place at our July meeting since numerous Officers where not present for the June meeting since they had other obligations.. The officers we elected are: Commander—Mike Miller; 1st Vice Commander (Membership chairman) - Gary Grethel; 2nd Vice Commander (Children & Youth chairman) - Ken Kammel; 3rd Vice Commander (Americanism chairman) - Gary Hess; Chaplain—Rod Ofte; Historian—Don Salter; Sergeant-at-Arms—Dan Hofslien; Service Officer—Jim Schmidt; and Finance Officer—Roger Mathison.

Vernon County American Legion

County tickets are still available. They are \$5.00 each. Drawings will be held at each of the eight County Meetings.

August – 1st Monday- Westby March – 3rd Thursday – Coon Valley

 $September-2^{nd}\ Wednesday-Hillsboro \qquad April-4^{th}\ Monday-Ontario$

 $October-3^{rd}\ Tuesday-Stoddard \\ May-4^{th}\ Wednesday-Chaseburg$

 $\label{eq:January-2nd} January - 2^{nd} \ Thursday - Viroqua \qquad \qquad June - 2^{nd} \ Tuesday - Genoa$

See Commander Mike Miller if you wish to purchase a ticket. We need your help to sell the 90 tickets!

Coon Valley American Legion Jackets

The Coon Valley American Legion Jackets have finally come in and they are available for sale. Please come to the meeting and purchase one if you wish.