



COON VALLEY AMERICAN LEGION POST 116



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Commander's Message:

I would like to thank the Legion family for helping with the Memorial Day program, Chicken-Q, and TV raffle. Together we made them a success.

We decided on a roof at our special meeting, so we are needing our members to help out in anyway. I appreciated the advice from the officers and members helping me be Commander.

Come to the meeting and see the installation of Officers. Our membership starts a new year, lets see if we can get some new people to join.

Mike Miller
Commander Post 116

June 16th	Regular Post Meeting - 7:30pm Lunch Committee: Newly Elected Post Officers
July 5th	Executive Committee Meeting, 6:30pm
July 7th	Auxiliary Meeting - 7:00pm - Pot Luck
July 15-18th	Wisconsin Department Convention - Wausau East High School
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 18th	Regular Post Meeting, 7:30pm Lunch Committee: We need volunteers!
September 1st	Auxiliary Meeting, 7:00pm
September 6th	Executive Committee Meeting, 6:30pm
September 8th	Vernon County Meeting - Hillsboro 8:00 pm
September 15th	Regular Post Meeting, 7:30pm Lunch Committee: Roger Mathison

JUNE Newsletter

2009-2010
Last Bugle
Julian Rundhaugen
Archie Brye
Peter McCormick
Ernest Nelson
Rolf Dauve
Tony Jorgenson
Tug Olson
John Parshall
DeVerne Seland
Horace Jarvis



**BUCKET
DRAWING**
Rolv Ihle
Not Present

June
Drawing will be:
\$20.00

50/50 -
DRAWING
Cmdr. Miller

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



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Membership Totals to Date

2010 Paid Membership - 223
2010 Membership Goal - 222

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From the Adjutant's Desk:

- Thanks to everyone who helped with the Memorial Day events.
- It was great to have Viki Lyn Burgemeister join us at the May meeting all the way from California.
- I would also like to welcome Lynn Dock as a new member in our Legion and Lee Nerison as a new member in our SAL Squadron.
- At the May meeting thank-you's were received from Virginia Nerison, Larry Lichtie, Annie Olson, the family of John Parshall, and the Children's Miracle Network.
- The membership voted to donate \$250 to the Children's Miracle Network and the Commander presented it to them on June 6.
- Commander Miller thanked the workers for their help May 15 on the landscaping as well as fixing the sewer. Brian Berg was extended a big thanks for all he donated. Commander Miller and Brian Berg were thanked for installing the 20 feet of new pipe which replaced a portion that was definitely sloping the wrong direction.



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

Greetings from the SAL. First off, I'd like to thank our SAL members who turned out for the Memorial Day Activities. We had a good crew helping out presenting colors at the area cemeteries and a good crew marching in the parade. I'm especially glad to see our younger members participating. Look for some pictures on the web site soon. I'd like to remind everyone that we will have an SAL Meeting on Monday, June 14 at 7pm. We will be electing officers for the upcoming year as well as discussing the Bean Bag Tournament held on June 13th. Let's try to get a good turnout for this meeting. Also we have started 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. I will have tickets available at the SAL Meeting on the 14th and the Legion Meeting on the 16th. Enjoy the summer while it lasts!



Message from Auxiliary President Annette:

Thanks to everyone who helped out at the Memorial Day events and made it a success. We sold out of most items.

Our July meeting will be on Wednesday, July 7 with Pot Luck at 7pm.

You have just a short time to get your dues paid! The new membership year will begin in July.

DD 214—Special Social Security Benefit

Since 1957, if you had military service earnings for active duty (including active duty for training), you paid Social Security taxes on those earnings. Since 1988, inactive duty service in the Armed Forces reserves (such as weekend drills) has also been covered by Social Security.

Under certain circumstances, special extra earnings for your military service from 1957 through 2001 can be credited to your record for Social Security purposes. These extra earnings credits may help you qualify for Social Security or increase the amount of your Social Security benefit.

Special extra earnings credits are granted for periods of active duty or active duty for training. Special extra earnings credits are **not** granted for inactive duty training.

If your active military service occurred

- **From 1957 through 1967**, social security will add the extra credits to your record when you apply for Social Security benefits.

- **From 1968 through 2001**, you do not need to do anything to receive these extra credits. The credits were automatically added to your record.

After 2001, there are no special extra earnings credits for military service.

How You Get Credit For Special Extra Earnings

The information that follows applies **only** to active duty military service earnings from 1957 through 2001. Here's how the special **extra** earnings are credited on your record:

Service in 1957 Through 1977

You are credited with \$300 in additional earnings for each calendar quarter in which you received active duty basic pay.

Service in 1978 through 2001

For every \$300 in active duty basic pay, you are credited with an additional \$100 in earnings up to a maximum of \$1,200 a year. If you enlisted after September 7, 1980, and didn't complete at least 24 months of active duty or your full tour, you may not be able to receive the additional earnings. Check with Social Security for details. Social Security website: <http://www.ssa.gov/retire2/military.htm>

Legion Roof

Thanks to everyone who participated in the meetings concerning the new roof that will be put on the Legion this summer. Thanks for all of the hard work put in by the Commander in getting the bids and meeting with all of the Contractors. The membership approved going with a raised metal seam roof from Ledegar Roofing. It is satisfying to think that we have set our current and future members up with a roof that should serve them well for many, many years.

Funeral Honors

Thanks to everyone who has helped out and participated in our Funeral Honors. We lost many Comrades over the past year! I hear over and over again from people in our communities how much they appreciate what we do for the Veterans of our area.

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

State Convention Delegates: Michael Miller, Charles Nelson, John Thurk, Michele Kammel.
Alternates: Frank Mathison, Frank Baker

Westby Syttende Mai Parade

Once again we had a wonderful group of marchers and riders for the Westby parade. Thanks!



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Installation of Officers

Installation of Officers will take place at our June meeting. 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 Hofslie; Service Officer—Jim Schmidt; and Finance Officer—Roger Mathison.

Vernon County American Legion

Congratulations to the members of our Post who were elected as Vernon County Legion Officers. Charles Nelson—1st Vice Commander, Gary Gilbertson—3rd Vice Commander, Don Kammel—Sgt-at-Arms.

Vernon County American Legion

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

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| August – 1 st Monday- Westby | March – 3 rd Thursday – Coon Valley |
| September – 2 nd Wednesday – Hillsboro | April – 4 th Monday – Ontario |
| October – 3 rd Tuesday – Stoddard | May – 4 th Wednesday – Chaseburg |
| January – 2 nd Thursday – Viroqua | June – 2 nd Tuesday - Genoa |

See Commander Mike Miller if you wish to purchase a ticket.