

# COON VALLEY AMERICAN LEGION POST 116



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# Commander's Message:

We are starting out the new year with some activities. We need your help to make them a sucess. I would like to thank the people who chair the events, it takes alot of time and effort. We are still looking for new ideas to make money for the roof. On March 17 we have the county meeting in Coon Valley, lets have a good showing. The auxillary makes an excellent meal. The county banquet is on March 26 in Viroqua, so mark these dates on your calender. The squad did a great job of showing the colors at the Snowflake Ski Jump. See you at the next meeting.

Mike Miller Commander Post 116

February 16th Legion Meeting - 7:30pm

**Lunch Committee: Ron Miller & Mike Miller** 

February 26th CVABA Chicken-Q at the Legion

March 2nd Auxiliary Meeting - 7pm

March 7th Legion Executive Meeting - 6:30pm

March 13th Legion Baseball Fundraiser - see work schedule

March 17th Informal Legion Meeting - 7:00pm (THURSDAY) - Meal served at 7:30pm

**Vernon County Meeting - 8:00pm** 

**Lunch Committee: Auxiliary** 

March 19th SAL Bean Bag Tournament

March 26th Vernon County Banquet - Viroqua
April 4th Legion Executive Meeting - 6:30pm

April 6th Auxiliary Meeting - 7pm

April 16th SAL Bean Bag Tournament

**April 17th** Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast

April 21st Legion Meeting - 7:30pm (Thursday)

Lunch Committee: R. Starkey & C. Lind

# FEBRUARY Newsletter

2010-2011 Last Bugle

Larry Rundhaugen
Erland Larson
Frank Baker
Joe Korn
Roland Engh
Michael Willer



BUCKET DRAWING

February
Drawing will be: \$20.00

50/50 -DRAWING John Thurk

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



Commander: Mike Miller (608) 483-2328 Adjutant: Charles Nelson (608) 452-3018 Post 116 Newsletter is published monthly as a service to our members. If you wish to submit an article for a future edition, please contact:

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#### Membership Totals to Date

2011 Paid Membership - 202

2011 Membership Goal - 223

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# From the Adjutant's Desk:

- We are still working on negotiations with Ledegar Roofing in regards to installing ice guard.
- The 7<sup>th</sup> District Bowling Tournament will be at South Lanes in La Crosse. The Executive Committee recommends that the Post sponsor up to two teams if there is interest
- It cost \$857.73 to fix the furnace. The heat exchanger was covered under warranty and thus saved us \$912.70
- A recommendation was made to have Johnson Refrigeration from Chaseburg capture, stop the leak, and convert our compressor to a different refrigerant.





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

Greetings from the SAL. First off I'd like to invite everyone to come out to our March Madness Cornhole/Bean Bag Tournament on March 19 at the Legion. This is our first tournament of the year and we're hoping for a good turnout. The bar will be open at 5:00 with the tournament beginning at 7:00. There is a

\$10 entry fee per 2 person team, with 80% of entry fees paid out to the winners. It should be a fun night. We are also having a tournament on April 16<sup>th</sup> as well. Posters for both these events should be going up soon. Hope to see you there! We will meet briefly following the Legion meeting on the 16<sup>th</sup> to discuss these and other spring events. Keep in mind that elections for next year's officers are rapidly approaching. If you are interested in any of the positions, please let me know. The date for the Brewers Bus Trip has been finalized, the date is August 14<sup>th</sup> vs the Pittsburgh Pirates. More details regarding this trip will be coming soon. Enjoy the rest of the winter.



# **Message from Auxiliary President Annette:**

Our next meeting will be held on March 2 at 7:00pm. Potluck. Due to the weather on the 5th of February we canceled our meeting. We will be making plans for the birthday month on March 17. Also it is County Meeting. So let's have a good turnout.

# Family Night Re-cap

The family night meal and social held in January had very limited participation. We would like to keep having an event like this, but we need member ideas on what would make this a better event. If you have any ideas please bring them up at a membership meeting. The Executive Committee discussed a few ideas and one that we thought may have a positive impact was to hold this event during one of the summer months. Another was to make this a complete Legion family event that would include the Legion, Auxiliary, SAL, spouses and children.

# American Flags for sale from the Legion

Don't forget that Post 116 has flags available for sale to any member as well as anyone in our Community or beyond. This can be a great fundraiser for the American Legion so spread the word and don't forget the Legion when you need to order a flag.

#### **Coon Valley American Legion Jackets**

Coon Valley American Legion Jackets are available for sale. Please come to the meeting and purchase one. If you can not make a meeting contact an Officer and we will work on getting one to you. I have also heard from at least one member who would like to order a jacket that is "long" so it will fit their arm length. If there is anyone else that may be interested please let Charles Nelson know and I will see what a special order would cost.

# **Vernon County Meeting - March 17**

Coon Valley Post 116 will be hosting the Vernon County Legion Meeting on Thursday, March 17. We will have an informal Post Meeting at 7pm, the meal will be served at 7:30pm, and the Vernon County Meeting will begin at 8pm. National Chaplain Daniel Seehafer will be our Distinguished Guest that evening.

# Westby Snowflake Ski Jump

Commander Miller would like to thank all of the members of the Color Guard who presented Colors at the 2011 Snowflake Ski Jump. We all missed not having "ol' left shoulder arms" with us this year, but we look forward to having him join us for next years event. Thanks to Roger Mathison for noticing that the flag flown at the ski hill was looking a little tattered and thus we presented a new flag to Snowflake President Troy Morey that evening as well. Thanks to Rod Ofte for supplying the Color Guard units with a warming house this year as well as some food and refreshment. Thanks to Daryl Brye for warming us up as soon as we completed our presentation of Colors with some form of apple juice!

# **Polo Shirts**

I have been hearing some interest from people that would be interested in purchasing some of the blue polo shirts. Please let Charles Nelson (452-3018) know if you are interested.

#### **Coon Creek Trout Fest**

The Executive Committee discussed the Coon Creek Trout Fest at our last meeting, and we suggested bringing forth a recommendation to the body. Since that time there still appears to be some confusion on all the details surrounding the event. We will hopefully have some additional information that we can present at the regular monthly meeting so we can make an informed decision.



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Jim Schmidt

7:00-10:00am 10:00am-1:00pm **Cooking Scrambled Eggs** Roger Mathison Steve Vance Charles Nelson Rod Ofte **Cooking Pancakes** Chuck Lind Richard Reget Ron Miller Dennis Kammel **Cooking Sausages** Gary Grethel James Hammes Dan Hofslien Gary Hess Tables, Beverages, Coffee Don Kammel Michele Kammel Ken Kammel Sherman Olson Herb Cornell John Thurk Leon Minor Roger Starkey Tom Elsen Reuben Starch Harlan Helseth Wally Cox Carl Holte Mary Schmidt Cashier Ron Hoff Frank Mathison

Cleanup (12:00 - 1:00) Steve Mader Jeff Hanson Ty Mathison
Don Salter Tom Sharratt

Jim Schmidt

Jack of all trades: Commander Michael "Fuzzy" Miller

Bartender