



# COON VALLEY AMERICAN LEGION POST 116



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## Commanders Message:

Thanks to everyone for all of the work/help you provided for the Legion in 2011; we had a busy year. We still have several members that have not paid their dues, please pay as soon as you can. If you have a question concerning membership please feel free to contact me. Please look over the upcoming events (listed below) and contact me if you need more information or if you can assist. I look forward to seeing everyone at the monthly meeting on Wednesday, January 18th

## Post Commander, Gary Grethel

### Dates to Remember

January 18th	Regular Post Meeting - Family Fun Night - Bring your spouse or significant other 7:30pm - Meal & Meeting at 8:00pm - Lunch Committee: Gary Hess, John Thunk, and Harlan Helseth
January 19-22	Mid-winter meeting - Wisconsin Dells (HoChunk)
January 22nd	Chaseburg Trail Days Parade
January 25th	SAL Meeting
January 28th	7 <sup>th</sup> District Oratorical Contest - Coon Valley Legion
January 28th	Past Commanders Dinner (Post 52 La Crosse)
February 1st	Auxiliary Meeting 7:00
February 2-4	Westby Snowflake Ski Jump
February 5th	Superbowl Pancake Breakfast
February 5th	4 Chaplain Sunday Observance
February 6th	Legion Exec. Meeting
February 15th	7:30pm - Meal & Meeting at 8:00pm Lunch Committee: TBD- Ron and Mike Miller
February 29th	SAL Meeting
March 5th	Legion Exec. Meeting
March 7th	Auxillary Meeting
March 15th	<u>Informal Legion Meeting - 7:00pm (THURSDAY) -</u> <u>Meal served at 7:30pm and Vernon County Meeting - 8:00pm</u>
March 28th	SAL Meeting
April 1st	Palm Sunday Breakfast
April 14th	7th District Meeting - At Coon Valley Legion

# January Newsletter

2011-2012

Last Bugle:

Bonb Nelson (Layton)

Jerrold Nestingen

Leonard Jorgenson

Paul Hess

\* Not a member



## BUCKET DRAWING

Eric Stofslie -  
Not Present

December  
Drawing will be:  
\$50.00

50/50 -  
DRAWING  
John Thurk  
\$64.00

\* The Legions portion of  
the drawing is put to-  
wards the building fund



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### Membership Totals to Date

2012 Paid Membership - 136

2012 Membership Goal - 223

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

Geoffrey Lenser

Hello and Thanks to all the members who showed up for the last meeting. We talked about starting a bean bag tournament in Late February. We are also looking for members who would be willing to participate as color guard. If you would be interested please contact me. If it is possible for the officers to meet me after the Legion Meeting this month, January 18th, it would be greatly appreciated. We have a few things to discuss before the next SAL meeting. I hope everyone had a great New Year so far. Hope to see you at the next SAL meeting, January 25th.



### Message from Auxiliary President:

Julie Nelson

Happy New Year to all of you! We did not have a January meeting. Our next meeting is February 1, 2012 at 7:30, with potluck starting at 7. Maybe there will still be no snow...

Hope to see you there!

### From the Adjutant's Desk

Thank you to all the members who attended last month's meeting to receive their 5 year increment pin(s).

A big THANK YOU goes out to those who helped with the candy pack, the delivery of fruit baskets, and candy bags. Thank you Santa!!! The Santa program was a great success. Thank you to the Coon Valley Fire Department for the use of the fire truck and to the two fire fighters: Ethan King & xxxxxx for donating their time.

Thank you to those who helped gather information for the Service Officer award paperwork/entries. It is greatly appreciated.

Reminder: If you are signing up new members (SAL, Legion, and Auxiliary) don't forget to get the name(s) and addresses to Michele so she can ensure they receive a monthly newsletter. Either call, text, or e-mail them to her. - Thank you!

### Westby Snowflake Ski Jump—February 2nd to the 4th

The Coon Valley American Legion will be presenting Colors at opening ceremony at this years Snowflake Ski Jump on Friday, Feb. 3rd, evening at 7:00. Thank you to those who have agreed to show colors. If more members are needed Commander Gary Grethel will contact you to see if you can help.

### Superbowl Breakfast—February 7th & Palm Sunday Breakfast April 1st

Preparations are underway for these two important fundraisers. We will be sending out work schedules in the upcoming months so please keep your eyes out for when you are asked to work.

\*\*\*\*\*See the work schedule in this issue for the **Superbowl Breakfast work schedule**. If you can't work, please try to find a replacement and let the commander know you are not able to work.\*\*\*\*\*

### Membership

Membership is down. If you have not paid your dues yet, please do so. You can contact Gary Hess 608-317-3015 or any of the officers (Harlen Helseth, Steve Vance), commander (Gary Grethel), adjutant (Michele Stahl), and any past commanders (Charlie Nelson, John Thruk, or Mike {Fuzzy} Miller). They will be happy to help get your membership card to you and to collect your dues. If you have not paid for a while, you still can pick up your new membership card.

### Nominees for the Service Awards are:

**Teacher of the Year:** Edward Pedretti

**Firefighter of the Year:** Ethan King

**EMT of the Year:** Cary Christianson

The paperwork was completed and turned in at the County Meeting Feb 12th at Viroqua. Post 116 wishes the best of luck to all of the above nominees. We hope they progress to District and then State.

### From the Service Officer

WI Dept. of Veterans Affairs. Will no longer having loans.

Walgreens is no longer on the Tricare medication providers Ending Dec 31<sup>st</sup>. - You can go on line to find participating providers for your area.

My healthy Vet - Is a computer program which is connected to the VA Healthcare system. They offer several on-line programs. The program uses Secure messenger - a secure way to talk with your primary care physician at the VA.

### On the funnier side - author(s) unknown

- ◊ The best armor is staying out of gun-shot range.
- ◊ Draft beer, not people.
- ◊ The journey of a thousand miles begins without step, and a lot of bitching.
- ◊ Nuclear war can ruin your whole day.
- ◊ Anything worth fighting for is worth fighting dirty for.
- ◊ There is not problem that cannot be solved by the use of high explosives.



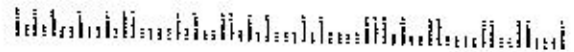
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**Super Bowl Sunday Breakfast - Sunday, February 6<sup>th</sup>**

	7:00-10:00am	10:00am-1:00pm
Cooking Scrambled Eggs	Roger Mathison Harlan Helseth	Steve Vance Dennis Kammel
Cooking Pancakes	Chuck Lind Ron Miller	Michele Stahl Fuzzy Miller
Cooking Sausages	Stuart Peterson Dan Hofstien	Rolv Ihle Gary Hess
Tables, Beverages, Coffee	Sherman Olson Jim Schmidt Mary Schmidt Leon Minor Ken Kammel Don Kammel Herb Cornell	Tom Elson Tom Sharratt Don Salter Roger Starkey Reuben Starch Wally Cox Carl Holte
Bar	Frank Mathison	James Hammes
Bartender	Charlie Nelson	Rod Ofte

Cleanup ( 12:00 - 1:00)      Richard Reget    Ty Mathison    Harlan Helseth

John Thurf      **Need additional volunteers needed to stay & help!!!**

Jack of all trades:      Commander Gary Grethel