



COON VALLEY AMERICAN LEGION POST 116



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Commanders Message:

The next few months are very critical for our Post. We need to get everyone's dues in before the end of year. The Legion's overall membership is critical as we go to Congress and ask for support for all of our programs – it is true that strength comes in numbers.

We have the following upcoming events/activities:

Tuesday October 16th – County Meeting in Stoddard (Starts at 8:00 p.m.)

Wednesday October 17th – Meal at 7:30pm with Monthly Post Meeting following

Friday November 2nd - Pork Feed and Family Fun Night

Saturday December 1st - December Raffle - Building Fundraiser

As you can see we will be very busy and need everyone's help to complete our mission of serving are fellow Veterans and our community.

Gary J. Grethel
Commander Post 116

Dates to Remember

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| October 16th | Vernon County Meeting at the Stoddard Legion |
| October 17th | Regular Post Meeting, meal at 7:30pm, meeting at 8pm Lunch Committee: Fishin' Crew |
| October 17th | SAL Meeting following Legion Meeting to discuss Halloween Party. |
| October 24th | Drawing for November 17th Wisconsin Badger Game Tickets |
| October 27th | SAL 3rd Annual Halloween Party at the Coon Valley Legion |
| October 29th | SAL Meeting at 7:30pm |
| November 2nd | Pork Feed and Family Fun Night at the Coon Valley Legion |
| November 5th | Executive Meeting at 6:30pm |
| November 7th | Auxiliary Meeting, 7:30pm |
| November 9th | Veteran's Day Program at Coon Valley Elementary and Westby H.S. |
| November 11th | Veteran's Day |
| November 15th | Night at the Races - Tomah VA - meet at Legion at 5:00pm. |
| November 21st | Regular Post Meeting, meal at 7:30pm, meeting at 8pm Lunch Committee: S.A.L. |
| December 1st | December Raffle - Coon Valley Village Hall |
| December 3rd | Executive Meeting at 6:30pm |

October Newsletter

2012-2013

Last Bugle:

Oswald Ihle
Leonard Olson*

* not a Legion Member



BUCKET DRAWING

John Sisbach
Not Present

October
Drawing will be:
\$40.00

50/50 -
DRAWING-
Gary Hess
\$50.00

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



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Membership Totals to Date

2013 Paid Membership - 139
2013 Membership Goal - 205

On the web:

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From the Adjutants Desk

- ◇ \$850.00 was received in Oswald Ihle Memorial money to go towards the roof.
- ◇ Mike Callan donated \$500.00 earlier this year in memory of his father to go towards the roof.
- ◇ Coon Valley Post 116 members voted at the September regular meeting to host the Vernon County Banquet on March 16th, 2013.
- ◇ Coon Valley Post 116 was well represented on the most recent Freedom Honor Flight. Congratulations to members Ervin Jacobson, Sherman Olson, and Lester Gilbertson who all made the trip.
- ◇ Recently I received an email from member Tom Sharratt recommending the following book as an excellent read. If you get some time check it out! FEARLESS, The Undaunted Courage and Ultimate Sacrifice of Navy SEAL Team SIX Operator Adam Brown, by Eric Blehm.
- ◇ Every year the Vernon County American Legion gives away a flag for each day of the Vernon County Fair. This year the lucky winners were Debbie Parr, Jim Radke, Bjorn Ihle, and Howard Moilien
- ◇ I would like to welcome new members Richard Zube and Timothy Herold to our American Legion family.



Message from S.A.L. Commander:

The 3rd annual Halloween party will be on Oct. 27th. The fun begins with a bean bag tourney starting @ 4pm. Music will begin @ 7pm with the costume judging at around 10:30pm. Come one, come all and lets have some fun.

Let's meet after the Legion meeting on Oct 17th to discuss more details. If anyone has questions, or wants to volunteer at the party, etc., please contact me @ home or send an e-mail to calmansk@hotmail.com anytime.

The S.A.L. will be serving at the Legion meeting in November.

Cal Manske, SAL Commander



Message from Auxiliary President:

There was no Auxiliary meeting in October, but our next meeting is on Nov 7th. There will be a Potluck meal at 7pm, followed by the meeting at 7:30pm.

Julie Nelson, Auxiliary President

Members eligible for 5-year increment pins

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| Travis Engh | 5 year | James Weber | 10 year | James Gustafson | 30 year |
| Barry Grimsled | 5 year | Richard Brye | 15 year | Gerald Jorgenson | 30 year |
| Harlan Helseth | 5 year | Kennard Lubbs | 15 year | John G. Larson | 30 year |
| Sam Knutson | 5 year | John Thurk | 15 year | Roger Hofslie | 35 year |
| Norman Oliver | 5 year | Larry Hooverson | 20 year | Viki Lyn Burgemeister | 40 year |
| William Patterson | 5 year | John G. Jaeger | 20 year | Howard Holen | 45 year |
| Charles Servais | 5 year | Terry Clark | 25 year | Sherman Olson | 50 year |
| KnuteBrye | 10 year | Herbert Cornell | 25 year | Verlyn Larson | 60 year |
| Dan Jacobson | 10 year | Leon Minor | 25 year | Howard Moilien | 60 year |

Coon Valley American Legion Post 116 Fundraiser

Post 116 is raffling off two (2) tickets to a UW Badgers Football Game in Madison, Wisconsin. The game will feature the UW Badgers vs Ohio State on November 17, 2012. The proceeds will go towards Westby Area American Legion Baseball to help defray the cost of the Legion Tournament expenses. Tickets are \$5 each and the drawing will be held on October 24th. Thanks to Roger and Sandy Mathison for donating the tickets for this raffle. Contact Roger Mathison if you want a ticket or can help us sell tickets.

Westby Legion Baseball Raffle Winners for August 20th

Sherri Berg \$50.00, Howard Mathison \$25.00, Ellie Brye \$25.00, Sig Molland \$15.00, and Jeff Sanwick \$10.00.

Pork Dinner and Family Fun Night, Friday November 2

Our annual Pork Feed and Family Fun Night will be co-chaired by John Thurk and Gary Hess. We will offer a pork loin meal with all the sides. We plan to keep the number of meals served similar to last year so make sure you get there early to ensure you get a meal. Once the pork is sold out we will be closing the kitchen.

December Raffle, Saturday December 1

Roger Mathison will chair this event. The early bird drawing will be at the November meeting. The caterer and meal will remain the same as last year. I want to re-emphasize that *we need help from all of you!* This is our big fundraiser of the year and we need the money to pay off our loans and to keep improving our facilities. We really need individuals to step forward and help us sell tickets. There are only 200 tickets sold at \$75/couple which should not be hard to do! Please let Roger know if you either need a ticket or can help sell a handful of tickets.

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| Name _____ Address _____ _____ Phone _____ | Coon Valley American Legion Post 116 Annual Building Fund Raffle December 1, 2012 • Coon Valley Village Hall <small>Catered Meal</small> 1 st Prize - \$2500 2 nd Prize - \$1000 3 rd Prize - \$500 4 th Prize - \$250 5 th - 9 th Prizes - \$150 10 th - 17 th Prizes - \$75 Early Bird Drawing - \$150 <small>Tickets & money must be turned in by November 21st for Early Bird Drawing \$75.00 Per Couple - Serving Meal 7:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.</small> |
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Veteran's Memorial Update and Information

The Coon Creek Area Veterans Memorial Committee is always looking for serviceperson's who may be eligible for inclusion on the Veterans Memorial. If you think you are eligible, or if you know of anyone who should be eligible, please fill out or have the person fill out the information below and return it to one of the members of the Coon Creek Area Veterans Memorial Committee. John Thurk, Don Kammel, Melanie Role, Rod Ofte, or Charles Nelson.

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| COON CREEK AREA VETERANS MEMORIAL PO BOX 24 COON VALLEY, WI 54623 | |
| Serviceperson's Name: | _____ |
| Branch of Service: | _____ |
| Dates of Service: | _____ |
| Contact Person: | _____ |
| Address: | _____ |
| City/State/Zip: | _____ |
| Phone: | _____ |



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Work Schedule for Pork Feed on November 2nd:

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| Cooks: | <u>3:00pm</u> John Thurk, Ken Kammel, Don Kammel, Gary Hess | |
| Bartenders: | <u>3:00pm</u> Jim Schmidt | <u>7:00pm</u> Roger Mathison |
| Tipboards: | <u>5:00pm</u> Dan Hofslie | <u>7:00pm</u> Ron Hoff |
| Cashier: | <u>4:45pm</u> Charles Servais | <u>7:00pm</u> Frank Mathison |
| Ticket Seller: | <u>6:00 pm</u> Rod Ofte | |
| Kitchen Servers: | <u>5:00pm</u> Tom Sharratt | <u>7:00pm</u> Harlan Helseth |
| | Charles Lind | Michael Miller |
| | Rich Roesler | Charlie Nelson |
| | Ron Miller | Michele Stahl |
| | David Moilien | Rolv Ihle |
| Dining Room: | <u>5:00pm</u> Dennis Miller | <u>7:00pm</u> Dennis Kammel |
| | Dick Reget | Larry Hass |
| | Carl Holte | Gerald Dunnum |
| | Jim Hammes | Wally Cox |
| | Richard Zube | Don Salter |
| | Steve Vance | Mike Callan |

Cleanup: Charles Nelson, Gary Grethel, Michele Kammel, Michael Miller, Larry Hass

If you aren't on the list and are able to work please contact Co-Chairmen John Thurk or Gary Hess