



COON VALLEY AMERICAN LEGION POST 116



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Commanders Message:

We are hosting the Vernon County Meeting on Thursday, March 21st with an Informal Meeting starting at 7:00 p.m., followed by a meal at 7:30 p.m., and then the County Meeting at 8:00pm.

The Auxiliary will be providing the evening meal which consists of Turkey and all the trimmings! So you will definitely want to come just for the great meal! Thanks to the Auxiliary for preparing the meal every year.

We will be selling raffle tickets for our Annual Building Fundraiser where you can win \$1000; the proceeds from this benefit will help pay for the roof.

Gary J. Grethel
Commander Post 116

Dates to Remember

March 21st	Informal Legion Meeting - 7:00pm (THURSDAY) Meal by Auxiliary served at 7:30pm Vernon County Meeting - 8:00pm
March 23rd	SAL Bean Bag Tournament
March 24th	Palm Sunday Breakfast (work schedule is on back page)
April 1st	Legion Executive Meeting at 6:30pm
April 3rd	Auxiliary Meeting - Lunch at 7:00pm, Meeting at 7:30pm
April 6th	7th District Spring Conference - Holmen
April 17th	Regular Post Meeting, meal at 7:30pm, meeting at 8:00pm Lunch Committee: C. Lind & R. Starkey
April 21st	Legion Baseball Fundraiser (Micro-Marathon)
April 22nd	Vernon County Meeting - Ontario - 8:00pm
April 27th	SAL Bean Bag Tournament
May 6th	Legion Executive Meeting at 6:30pm
May 15th	Regular Post Meeting, meal at 7:30pm, meeting at 8:00pm Lunch Committee: Ken Kammel
May 22nd	Vernon County Meeting - Chaseburg - 8:00pm
May 27th	Memorial Day Parade and Program

MARCH Newsletter

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Last Bugle:

Oswald Ihle
Leonard Olson*
George Bahr
Merwin Bjornstad

* not a Legion Member



**BUCKET
DRAWING**

Mary Schmidt
Not Present

March
Drawing will be:
\$40.00

50/50
DRAWING
Wally Cox
\$45.00

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



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Membership Totals to Date

2013 Paid Membership - 188
2013 Membership Goal - 205

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From the Adjutants Desk:

Thank you to Ron and Michael Miller for serving an excellent meal in February.

Post 116 has purchased and received a new set of Legion Colors to leave permanently in the hall at a cost of \$329.40. The current ones will be used for parades, etc.

Post 116 has purchased and received three restaurant grade highchairs for the Legion Hall.

Post 116 has purchased and received additional hangers to use during our events since there has been shortages during some recent events.

SAL Commander Cal Manske presented a check to the Legion in the amount of \$1,000.00 to go towards the roof fund.

We are currently discussing and looking for a speaker for this years Memorial Day ceremony.

The body voted at the February meeting to donate \$250.00 to the Coon Valley Youth Foundation.

The Westby Legion baseball summer schedule is set and we will be putting it in an upcoming newsletter.

Don and Ken Kammel expressed thanks to everyone who came and helped them celebrate their birthday.

Post 116 will once again have a raffle designated for the building fund. It will be the same as last year with 500 tickets being sold for \$5 a piece. A single grand price of \$1,000.00 will be drawn during the Chicken-Q in June. Michael Miller and Charlie Nelson will chair the fundraiser.



Message from S.A.L. Commander:

The S.A.L. will be having a beanbag tourney on March 23. The bar/ practice time will open @ 5 with the tournament starting @ 7. NCAA basketball games will be on during this event. Come one and all and show off your skills! We will have an informal meeting on March 21st at 6:30. There are several items to discuss so please try to attend.

Cal Manske, SAL Commander



Message from Auxiliary President: A warm hello to all of you.

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS - WE NEED YOUR HELP: We are serving the meal for the Legion's Vernon County meeting on Thursday, March 21st. The meal is served at 7:30 p.m. If you are available to help, feel free to come down to the Legion hall before that. Even if you are not an Auxiliary member, but your hubby will be at the event, please come along and help us in the kitchen – we can use all of the help we can get!

We will be working on Memorial Day preparations at our April meeting – let's have a great turnout for this meeting.

Gloria will assemble the Easter baskets for our local homebound. Thanks Gloria for your service and for making these beautiful baskets!

Thanks again to our anonymous donor for more patriotic lap robes. We are so grateful for this contribu-
tion, and we look forward to distributing these in the near future.

Our meeting next month is back on our regular schedule of Wednesday night. The meeting is on April 3rd. Pot luck starts at 7, and the meeting starts at 7:30. Think poppies! See you there!

Julie Nelson, Auxiliary President

Service Award Winner Update:

We are still waiting to hear how Daryl Brye does at the 7th District for the EMT of the Year Award.

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.

American Legion tagline contest – deadline April 19, 2013

You can help us craft an American Legion tagline by submitting your ideas by email to tagline@legion.org. Submissions may be submitted by individuals (membership is not required), posts, districts, counties or departments; there is no limit to the number that may be submitted but each submission must be contained in a single email.

2013 Coon Creek Trout Fest - June 15, 2013

The Coon Creek Trout Fest was discussed at the last Legion meeting but it was tabled since none of the members wanted to commit to serving food for this event. The SAL held their meeting that same evening and voted to go ahead with doing something for this year's event by themselves or in conjunction with the Legion, if the Legion decides to do something. A decision on what we will want to serve needs to be decided upon at the March meeting.

2013 Vernon County Banquet - March 16, 2013

The 2013 Vernon County Banquet was held at the Coon Valley Legion Post 116 on March 16, 2013. A thank-you goes out to everyone who made this night a success. Thanks to Roger Mathison for coordinating and finding us such a top notch main speaker, taking care of invitations, coordinating and preparing the meal, and

COON VALLEY MICRO (.001) MARATHON - April 21st



This is an untimed non-Olympic sanctioned event (138.435'). Refreshment of your choice at the 75' mark. Plans are to serve steak sandwiches, burgers, and chicken sandwiches, and of course the full bar that day. Serving will begin at 11:00am and continue throughout the day. The races will be run periodically during the day. There will be a Celebrity race at 3:00pm. To preregister email cvpstcmd@mwt.net with T-shirt size. We will need some help from Post members to tend bar and cook. Parents will also help. \$20 pre-registration/\$25 day of event/includes T-shirt. All Proceeds to benefit American Legion Baseball

AED - Defibrillator

Several months ago Roger Mathison contacted the Lion's about purchasing AED's for the Legion Hall and the Village Hall as a joint effort between the two organizations. Since that time the Lion's Club has purchased an AED that they donated to the Village Hall. The Legion will continue to look into purchasing one for the Legion Hall.

Landscaping

The Legion had plans drawn up several years ago for landscaping around almost all of the Legion Hall. Due to the cost, it was decided to break up the cost over several years and try and complete it in phases. We completed phase one a couple years ago and would like to begin looking at completing a second phase. We will need to decide how much we should tackle in phase two and the amount of money we are able to spend.

Fire Inspection Report

Post 116 recently had a fire inspection performed at our Post and everything looked good, but we need to make sure we maintain the 3' clearance around the electrical panels and make sure exit and emergency lights work. Also, we requested to have them calculate the maximum capacity for the Legion. The results are Bar = 43 people and Hall = 234 people.



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Palm Sunday Breakfast - Sunday, March 24th

	7:00-10:00am	10:00am-1:00pm
Cooking Scrambled Eggs	Roger Mathison Charles Nelson	Steve Vance Dennis Kammel
Cooking Pancakes	Chuck Lind Ron Miller	Harlan Helseth Fuzzy Miller
Cooking Sausages	Stuart Peterson Dan Hofslie	Rolv Ihle Gary Hess
Window Servers	Rod Ofte Wally Cox	Ron Hoff Tom Sharratt
Tables, Beverages, Coffee	Mary Schmidt Sherman Olson Roger Starkey Carl Holte Herb Cornell	Don Salter Ken Kammel Reuben Starch Tom Elson Don Kammel
Cashier	Frank Mathison	James Hammes
Bartender	“Hey Load”	“Hey Load”

Cleanup (12:00 - 1:00) Michael Miller Harlan Helseth Ron Hoff John Thurk Gary Grethel

Need additional volunteers needed to stay & help clean up!!!

The price of the breakfast was voted on at the February meeting and raised to \$7.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children.