



COON VALLEY AMERICAN LEGION POST 116



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Commanders Message:

Greetings and welcome to the New Year. I hope that your holidays were wonderful and blessed. 2014 was a busy one for Post 116, as usual, and 2015 looks to be just as exciting. I would like to thank everyone who has done so much for the post over the years. It is truly amazing to see what a dedicated group that we have.

That being said, our membership renewal numbers are not where they should be. Please look at your Legion membership card. If it does not say 2015 on it, you are not current on your membership. Please attend to this matter immediately by contacting First Vice Commander Steve Nelson and taking care of this matter directly, by mailing in your dues with your renewal notice that got sent in the mail, or by going online to www.wilegion.org, click on "My Legion" at the top center of the page, and when the next page loads up, click where it says "MembersClickHere", follow the instructions to create your own legion page and to renew your membership online.

Please look over our upcoming events list below for important dates to remember. We have a lot going on in the near future and we will need as much participation as we can muster up.

Once again, thank you for the honor of serving with all of you in the American Legion. I look forward to seeing everyone at the regular post meeting if I don't see you before then!

Gary M. Hess
Commander Post 116

DATES TO REMEMBER

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| January 21st | Vernon County Oratorical Contest at the Coon Valley American Legion |
| January 21st | Regular Post Meeting, 7:30pm meal and 8:00pm meeting
Lunch Committee: Steve Nelson and Charlie Nelson |
| January 24th | 7th District Oratorical Contest at West Salem Post 51 |
| January 30th | Present Colors at Opening Ceremonies of the Westby Ski Jump |
| February 1st | Superbowl Sunday Breakfast |
| February 1st | Four Chaplain Sunday |
| February 2nd | Executive Committee Meeting, 6:30pm |
| February 4th | Auxiliary Meeting, 6:00pm Potluck and 6:30pm meeting |
| February 7th | Vernon County Banquet - Coon Valley Post 116 |
| February 14th | Lion's Vegas Night at the Village Hall |
| February 19th | Regular Post Meeting, 7:30pm meal and 8:00pm meeting (THURSDAY - Ash Wed)
Lunch Committee: Ron Miller & Michael Miller |
| February 28th | Coon Valley Area Baseball Association 19th Annual Chicken-q fundraiser - 5pm |
| March 2nd | Executive Committee Meeting, 6:30pm |
| March 19th | Informal Post Meeting - 7:00pm (THURSDAY - Lent)
Lunch Committee: Auxiliary - 7:30pm meal
Vernon County Meeting - 8:00pm |
| March 21st | SAL Bean Bag Tournament - 1pm |
| March 29th | Palm Sunday Breakfast |
| April 11th | SAL Bean Bag Tournament - 1pm |

January Newsletter

2014-2015

Last Bugle:

James Miller*
Howard Holen
Rodney Berg, Sr.*
Ervin Jacobson

* Not a Post 116 member



BUCKET DRAWING

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Not Present

January Drawing will be: \$50.00

50/50 DRAWING
Sherman Olson
\$??

Legion \$??

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



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Membership Totals to Date

2015 Paid Membership - 183
2015 Membership Goal - 196

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From the Adjutants Desk:

2015 Vernon County Banquet - Saturday, February 7

The 2015 Vernon County American Legion Banquet will be held at Coon Valley American Legion Post 116 on February 7, 2015.

The evenings' activities will begin with a social hour beginning at 5:30pm with the banquet meal being served at 7:00pm. Menu will include baked ham, meatballs & mashed potatoes, vegetable, salad and dessert at a cost of \$12.50 per person.

The main speaker for the evening will be Denise Rohan. Denise is Wisconsin's candidate for National Commander of the American Legion. She is also a past Commander of the Wisconsin American Legion and past Chairman of the National Membership & Post Activities Commission. Denise is currently chairman of the National Veterans Employment & Education Commission.

Members are asked to please bring bars, cookies, etc. for dessert. Please drop them off after 2pm on Saturday. Bartenders, Tipboard Sellers, and a meal money collector are needed the night of the banquet. Reservations are requested by February 1st. Call Roger Mathison at 452-3965.



Message from S.A.L. Commander:

Hello Everyone and Happy New Year,

We met on Monday, Jan. 5th and discussed various topics: 1) Brewers Bus Trip – final announcement concerning which game will be announced shortly. 2) Two Beanbag tournaments – March 21st and April 11th beginning @ 1pm. More details later. 3) S.A.L. will be represented at Chaseburg Trail Days and the Ski Tournament. We also discussed refurbishing our beanbag boards. Our next meeting will be announced at a later date.

Cal Manske, SAL Commander



Message from Auxiliary President:

The Auxiliary held a kitchen cleaning day at the Legion hall on Jan 8th. We scrubbed cupboards, washed items, and now the drawers and cupboards will be labeled. Thanks to those who joined me: Ellie Brye, Gloria Freitag, Joyce Temp, and Nancy and Ron Miller. Everyone worked many hours to make the kitchen clean and organized.

Our next Auxiliary meeting is on Feb 4th at 6:30 pm. Potluck starts at 6:00 pm.

We hope to see you there!

Julie Nelson, Auxiliary President

5-Year Increment Pins

5 year Increment Service Pins were handed out at the December spouse/significant other get together. If anyone would like their 5 year increment pin and did not make the meeting, contact Charles Nelson and he will try to get it to you.

Service Awards

Coon Valley Post 116 ended up submitting the name of Mary Beth Marx for Teacher of the Year and Lucas Sellers for the Law and Order award. At the Vernon County meeting in Viroqua on Thursday, January 8th the following individuals won at the County level:

Teacher of the Year: Mary Beth Marx, nominated by Coon Valley

Firefighter of the Year: Jeffrey T. Matson, nominated by Stoddard

Law and Order Award: Travis Sutton, nominated by Viroqua

Roof update

The loan currently stands at \$1,692.40 with our last payment due on 7/13/15. Thanks to everyone who has contributed to paying down this considerable amount of debt.

December Spouse Meeting and Potluck

Thanks to everyone who came to the spouse/significant other get together in December and helped us pack Candy, enjoy a nice meal together, and share some Christmas joy. I hope that everyone had a good time and I would like to hear if you think this would be nice to have every year in December. Any ideas to make it better and more enjoyable are welcome as well.

Paid Up For Life (PUFL) has never been easier

American Legion members interested in the discounted Paid Up For Life program can now easily join online: www.legion.org/join/pufl

Legionnaires who become a Paid Up For Life member will avoid any future increases to membership dues and will never have to pay annual dues or receive renewal notices. Other benefits include a lifetime subscription to The American Legion Magazine.

Once registered, members can either pay in full or pay in 12 monthly installments. Members may also print a personalized Paid Up For Life application from the web page and mail in their payment. Each Paid Up For Life member receives a permanent plastic card, as well as an annual paper card to verify membership in The American Legion. The annual card is mailed in July of each year.

For more information about the Paid Up For Life program: call (800) 433-3318 or email ia@legion.org

Vernon County Veterans Service Office (Jim Young and Tami Saleska)

Thanks for your support of Camp American Legion. 2015 is looking to be a great year. More information on Camp American Legion, and an application can be gotten off their website – wilegion.org/ click on Camp American Legion logo and go from there.

Please contact Jim Young or Tami Saleska with any VSO questions at 608-637-5323.

The American Legion Department of Wisconsin, 2015 Midwinter Conference, January 16-18, 2015

The 2015 Midwinter Conference was held January 16-18, 2015 at the Ho-Chunk Hotel & Convention Center, S3214 Highway BD, Baraboo, WI 53913. State Vice Commander John Thurk, Past State Commander Roger Mathison, Past State Historian Frank Mathison, and Vernon County Commander Charles Nelson attended the Conference.

They attended the Saturday Evening Dinner Celebration that featured special guest speaker, Colonel Jeffrey J. Wiegand. Colonel Wiegand is Commander of the 115th Fighter wing of the Wisconsin Air National Guard, located at Dane County Regional Airport - Truax Field in Madison. For more information on Colonel Wiegand and the 115th Fighter wing go to www.wilegion.org.

Westby Snowflake Ski Jump—Friday, January 30th

The Coon Valley American Legion will be presenting Colors at opening ceremony at the Snowflake Ski Jump on Friday evening at 7:00pm. Commander Hess will be contacting members to help with this.



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Super Bowl Sunday Breakfast - Sunday, February 1st

	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	Carl Holte Fuzzy Miller
Cooking Sausages	Harlan Helseth Dan Hofslie	Rolv Ihle Gary Hess
Window Servers	Steve Nelson Wally Cox	Ron Hoff Wesley Guy
Tables, Beverages, Coffee	Mary Schmidt Sherman Olson Roger Starkey Tom Elson Herb Cornell	Don Salter Ken Kammel Reuben Starch Gary Grethel Don Kammel
Cashier	Frank Mathison	James Hammes
Bartender	Rod Ofte (9am to noon)	

Cleanup (12:00 - 1:00) The late shifts will clean up from noon to 1:00p.m.!!! Anyone else is also welcome! The price of the breakfast will be \$7.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children.