



COON VALLEY AMERICAN LEGION POST 116



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Commanders Message:

Greetings Coon Valley American Legion Family:

Thank you to everyone who helped out with the Candy Pack at our December meeting, and also to Santa's helpers who went with Santa to the Coon Valley Elementary School and also visiting the local shut-ins. Special thanks to Mike and Ron Miller for making arrangements for this event.

Our own Roger Mathison will be in Madison on February 10 to receive an award. Roger has been a baseball coach for 26 years, and is currently the Commissioner of Wisconsin American Legion Baseball. Roger will be receiving the "Distinguished Service Award" from the Wisconsin State Baseball Coaches Association. Congratulations Roger on this very prestigious award.

Our remodeling project is progressing, and workers are currently working on the bar-room covering up cement blocks and enclosing top of new cooler, etc. A new project will have to be tackled next spring. The south entrance, facing (Hwy. 14) is our handicap entrance. The concrete is breaking up and sinking, and the posts holding the overhang are sinking in to the ground. We will attempt to remedy this situation prior to Memorial Day.

Our Post members and community members have been and continue to be extremely generous. Recent donations to our Post include: \$1500.00 from James and Amy Lou Onshus. These funds are to be directed "towards helping our Wounded Warriors in Vernon County". The Executive Committee is currently studying the best way to utilize these funds and will make a recommendation to the general membership at an upcoming meeting. Lorenz "Larry" Pinski has donated \$250.00 to go towards our building fund. Tom and Lynette Longmire donated \$200.00 to "Veteran and/or Active Duty Military Charities of your choosing." This will also be announced at our upcoming meeting.

Thanks to these fine, generous people and also to everyone who makes donations of money, time, and talent to our great post.

It is a huge honor to serve you fine people.

Frank Mathison, Commander Post 116

DATES TO REMEMBER

- January 17th** Regular Post Meeting, 7:30pm meal, 8:00pm meeting
Lunch Committee: Charles and Steve Nelson
- January 19th-21st** Department Midwinter Conference at Ho Chunk Convention Center, Baraboo
- January 21st** Chaseburg Trail Days Parade
- February 2nd** Present Colors at the Opening Ceremonies at the Westby Ski Jump
- February 4th** Super Bowl Sunday Breakfast
- February 4th** Four Chaplains Sunday
- February 5th** Executive Committee Meeting, 6:30pm
- February 7th** Auxiliary Meeting, Pot-Luck at 6:00pm, Meeting at 6:30pm
- February 21st** Regular Post Meeting, 7:30pm meal, 8:00pm meeting
Lunch Committee: Ron and Michael Miller
- February 24th** Coon Valley Area Baseball Association Fundraiser
- March 3rd** Vernon County Banquet hosted by Post 116
Social Hour at 5:30pm, Banquet Dinner served at 7:00pm
- March 15th (Thursday)** Informal Post Meeting 7:00pm, Meal at 7:30pm Vernon County Meeting at 8:00pm
Lunch Committee: Auxiliary

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Last Bugle:

James Hammes

Norman Oliver

Leon Minor

Howard Moilien

* Not a Post 116 member



BUCKET DRAWING

December \$50

Steven Olson

(Not Present)

January

Drawing Will Be
\$60

50/50
Not Held



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Membership Totals to Date

2018 Paid Membership - 157

2018 Membership Goal-195

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MEMBERSHIP:

Please make your check payable to C.V. Legion Post 116 in the amount of \$40.00 and send to: Coon Valley American Legion Post 116
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Message from S.A.L. Commander:

Hello Everyone,
Happy New Year to Everyone,

We will meet on Jan. 17th at 8 pm. We will discuss the Brewers bus trip and other various topics.

Cal Manske, S.A.L. Commander



Message from the Auxiliary:

AUXILIARY NEWS

Happy 2018 to all!

Joyce and Ellie attended the Legion Candy Pack night and helped fill bags of candy for the CVES students. The Legion also prepared fruit plates for the home bound and monetary gifts for nursing home residents - one more reason that we are proud to be part of the Legion family.

Our next meeting is Wed., Feb. 7, 6 pm potluck, 6:30 pm meeting. We are looking forward to seeing you there. Remember, we will be planning the Legion Birthday Party to be held on Thurs., Mar. 15.

Ellie Brye, Secretary

Two New Legionnaires to Welcome Aboard

Alton Kammel, son of Post 116 Member Lisa Kammel and grandson of Ken Kammel is currently on active duty in basic training for the US Marine Corps. David Jones recently completed basic training for the Wisconsin National Guard at Ft. Leonard Wood, MO and is currently in his MOS school. He is the nephew of Post 116 member Gary Hess.

Refrigerator For Sale

Not any more it aint. Roger tells me it is gone!

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. The 3' x 5' flags are \$25.00.

Vernon County Veterans Service Office (Jim Young & Crystal Knoll) 608-637-5323

(veterans@vernoncounty.org)

<https://www.facebook.com/Vernon-County-Veterans-Service-Office-244550219077062/>

There will be a Veterans Benefit Bonanza in La Crosse at the Radisson Hotel, 200 Second Street South, on March 8th, 2018 from 11:00am to 7:00pm. This event will have numerous vendors from all aspects of Veterans' benefits all in one location for Veterans to get information.

There is also a VA Veterans' Benefit Fair being held on March 10th, 2018, at Viroqua American Legion Post 138, 120 N. Rusk St., from 10:00am to 3:00pm. This event is about the VA and everything that they do.

Vernon County Aging and Disabilities Resource Center and the Veterans Service Office are looking into a trip to Dubuque, IA on August 23rd to tour the USS LST 325, a WWII Tank Landing Ship and the last of its kind. WWII Veterans get in free. Admission is \$10 for 18 and older, ages 6-17 \$5, and 5 & under are free. Small children will have to be carried as there is no accommodations for strollers. The VSO is trying to get a feel for interest in the county to determine feasibility of organizing a trip to tour the ship. More information may be found at www.traveldubuque.com/groups/uss-lst-325/.

Vernon County Banquet

The Coon Valley American Legion Post 116 is honored to serve as the host for this year's annual Vernon County American Legion Banquet. The event will be held on March 3rd, 2018 at the Coon Valley Legion Hall at 105 Park St in Coon Valley.

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

The high light of the banquet program will be the presentation of the County Service Award winners; Firefighter & EMT of the Year, Law Officer of the Year, and Teacher of the Year.

Main speaker for the evening will be David Gough. David is a past National Vice Commander of The American Legion and one of the founders of The American Legion Riders. He is also a past Commander of the Wisconsin American Legion and is Chairman of the Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Committee for the Wisconsin American Legion. David is also currently serving as a member of the Internal Affairs Commission of The American Legion. We are looking forward to David Gough to continue to being a strong voice for Wisconsin at the national level of The American Legion.

David, and his wife Donna, have been very active in their home community of Darlington and have spear-headed many community projects that have benefited the area, and David is currently President of the city council in Darlington.

Please join us in an evening of comradery with members of the Vernon County American Legion as well as dignitaries from throughout the state, and celebrating the mission and successes of The American Legion.

Reservations are requested by February 24th by calling Roger Mathison at 452-3965 or by email at cvpstcmd@mwt.net

Wisconsin American Legion Law Enforcement Career Academy (WALLECA)

The Wisconsin American Legion Law Enforcement Career Academy (WALLECA) is a program for high school students who have completed their junior year and are in good academic standing. The program provides a first-hand experience and insight into the operations of law enforcement agencies.

The program will offer physical fitness training coupled with classroom instruction and hands-on training. Topics of instruction include criminal law, constitutional law, patrol procedures, criminal investigation procedures, traffic crash investigation, evidence gathering techniques, arrest techniques, taking fingerprints, testifying in court, public speaking, leadership skills, report writing, interviewing techniques, crisis intervention, use of control and firearms training. The 2018 program will run June 18-22, 2018. For more information or to submit an application, go to: <http://www.wilegion.org/page/content/programs/wisconsin-american-legion-law-enforcement-career-academy> click on the registration link and complete the application prior to February 26, 2018.

If you are an adult and want to volunteer, you must pass a background check. Go to the same web address. There is a link there for the background check.



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Super Bowl Sunday Breakfast - Sunday, February 4th

| | 7:00-10:00am | 10:00am-1:00pm |
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| Cooking Scrambled Eggs | Roger Mathison Charles Nelson | Steve Vance Dennis Kammel |
| Cooking Pancakes | Charles Lind Ron Miller | Carl Holte Michael Miller |
| Cooking Sausages | Harlan Helseth Dan Hofslie | Rolv Ihle Gary Hess |
| Window Servers | Steve Nelson Wesley Guy | Ron Hoff Wally Cox |
| Tables, Beverages, Coffee | Mary Schmidt Sherman Olson Roger Starkey Tom Elsen Richard Zube Frank Mathison | Don Salter John Thurk Reuben Starch Don Kammel Bernie Roesler Mike Callan |
| Cashier | | |
| Bartender | | Rod Ofte (9am to noon) |

Clean up (12:00—1:00) The late shifts will clean up from noon to 1:00pm. Anyone else is also welcome!

***If you are on the schedule and can't work, please find a replacement. If you are not on the schedule and want to work, let Commander Mathison know or just show up and we will find a niche that needs filling!