



COON VALLEY AMERICAN LEGION POST 116



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Commanders Message:

Greetings Coon Valley American Legion Family:

This will be mentioned elsewhere in the newsletter but just a reminder that our meeting this month is early and because of Lent it will be on the third Thursday, which is February 15.

Details will also be noted elsewhere in the newsletter, but I would like to invite everyone to the Vernon County Banquet being hosted by our Post on Saturday evening, March 03, 2018. Our very own hard working Mike Miller is the Vernon County Commander and let's show him we support him. All Legionnaires and their spouses, all Auxiliary members and guests, and all SAL members and guests are invited. You will enjoy a fantastic meal and are in for a very fun evening. We need your support.

Our Post has once again been blessed to receive a very generous donation to our building projects. This is in the form of a \$12,000 grant from Organic Valley. A big thank you goes out to Past Commander Ron Hoff for going before the Board of Directors and making a successful presentation. Organic Valley has always been very supportive of Post 116 by donating eggs and milk, etc., to our

various fundraisers. Please be sure and patronize them when you go to the store.

Our Finance Officer Roger Mathison has paid off our \$15,000 loan at the bank so we do not incur any more interest. The loan we have at the bank is considered a Line of Credit Loan with a maximum of \$20,000. This way, when our other projects are completed we can borrow against our line of credit. When you flush the toilet now in the clubrooms, you can be assured it's an "interest free" flush.

A big thank you goes out to our members that braved very cold conditions to present the colors at the Snowflake Ski Tournament opening ceremonies at noon on Sat. February 03. Those participating : Squad Commander Rod Ofte, Frank Mathison, Steve Nelson, Charlie Nelson, Mike Miller, Ron Miller, and SAL member Devin Nelson.

Thanks to everyone for all you do and all the support you give me.

You are what makes the post tick!!!

Frank Mathison, Commander Post 116

DATES TO REMEMBER

- February 15th (Thursday)** 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 5th** Executive Committee Meeting 6:30
- March 5th** Auxiliary Meeting - Potluck meal at 6:00pm, Meeting at 6:30pm
- March 15th (Thursday)** Informal Post Meeting 7:00pm, Meal at 7:30pm Vernon County Meeting at 8:00pm
Lunch Committee: Auxiliary
- March 25th** Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast
- April 2nd** Executive Committee Meeting 6:30pm
- April 2nd-April 13th** Americanism and Government Testing accessible online
- April 18th** Regular Post Meeting, 7:30pm meal, 8:00pm meeting
Lunch Committee: Charles Lind & Roger Starkey

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Last Bugle:

James Hammes

Norman Oliver

Leon Minor

Howard Moilien

* Not a Post 116 member



BUCKET DRAWING

January \$60

February
Drawing Will Be
\$70

50/50



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Membership Totals to Date

2018 Paid Membership - 182

2018 Membership Goal-195

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Message from S.A.L. Commander:

Hello Everyone,

We will meet on Thursday, Feb. 15th at 8:00 pm. We will discuss the Brewer's bus trip and the youth baseball program.

Cal Manske
S.A.L. Commander

Message from the Auxiliary:

AUXILIARY NEWS



Just a couple of reminders this month:

- Lent begins next week so our March meeting will be on MONDAY, March 5 with potluck at 6 pm and meeting at 6:30 pm.

- Thursday, March 15, County Legion Birthday Party. Come at 5 pm to help and remember to wear red/white/blue and your emblem.

Have you renewed your membership?

Ellie Brye, Secretary

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/>

A new organization is available in Vernon County for Veterans who need assistance. They are called VetsNet, Wisconsin Veterans Network. They are available to ANY Veteran and their families, no matter the discharge type, to help in times of crisis. The Vernon County VSO will be working with the Aging and Disabilities Resource Center to get a listing of resources in the area that VetsNet can co-op with. To contact VetsNet you may call them at (414)-257-3624 between 9am and 4pm, e-mail them at info@wisvetsnet.org or check out their website <http://wisvetsnet.org>.

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.

All Legion Family Members are welcome! That includes Auxiliary and SAL. Reservations are requested by February 24th by calling Roger Mathison at 452-3965 or by email at cvpstcmd@mwt.net. For Legion Family Members, please help the Auxiliary out by bringing something for dessert: bars, cookies, etc.

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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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.

Proper Disposal Of The American Flag

There is a proper ceremony for the disposal of the American Flag, which usually involves collecting up all of the unserviceable flags, an inspection by the Sergeant at Arms followed by burning. Such an event was held on September 11th at Chaseburg Post 202. We had our flags retired at this ceremony. We collect flags from throughout the community through our flag disposal drop box. It is located in the parking lot at the southwest corner of the banquet hall. Please use this for disposing your flags and let your friends and neighbors know about this as well.

E-mail Issues

In the eternal battle to keep costs down, the Newsletter Editor has been collecting as many e-mail addresses as possible to streamline the distribution of the newsletter. We have been fairly successful in this effort. However, the newsletter editor hit a snag when his home computer decided to cannibalize one of its Outlook files and thus, for now anyhow, newsletters will not go out to everyone in Gary's e-mail address roster until he can fix his computer issues. Hopefully that will happen soonest and everyone will get this newsletter. In the mean-time, please share the information in this newsletter with as many members and recipients as possible, especially the Thursday February 15th meeting date. The date of the February meeting was posted in error in the January newsletter, so that might throw some people off. We wouldn't want that to happen if at all possible.