



COON VALLEY AMERICAN LEGION POST 116



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Commander's Message

I would like to thank all of the members who attended the Cashton Fall Festival Parade and the Flag Disposal Ceremony at Chaseburg on Sunday September 11th.

We have the following upcoming events that we need to discuss and select chairman for:

November Pork Dinner and the December Raffle.

Let's all come to the meeting this month and enjoy the awesome rib dinner that will be put on by Banta, Cox, and Hoff. This would also be a GREAT time to get that checkbook out and pay your annual dues.

I look forward to seeing you all at the meeting on September 21st.

Gary J. Grethel
Commander Post 116

Dates to Remember

September 21st	Regular Post Meeting: - Meal at 7:30pm with meeting following. - Lunch Committee: Roger Mathison
September 23-25	Wisconsin Women Veterans Conference at Fort McCoy
October 1st	7th District Fall Meeting at Laval
October 3rd	Executive Committee Meeting, 6:30pm
October 5th	Auxiliary Meeting, 7:00pm
October 19th	Regular Post Meeting: 7:30pm - Lunch Committee: Fishing' Crew
October 29th	SAL 2nd Annual Halloween Party
November 2nd	Auxiliary Meeting, 7:00pm
November 4th	Pork Feed and Family Fun Night
November 7th	Executive Committee Meeting - 6:30pm
November 18th	Regular Post Meeting - 7:30pm - Lunch Committee: S.A.L.
December 3rd	December Raffle Fundraiser and Meal

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Last Bugle:

Boob Nelson (Layton)
Jerrold Nestingan



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Membership Totals to Date

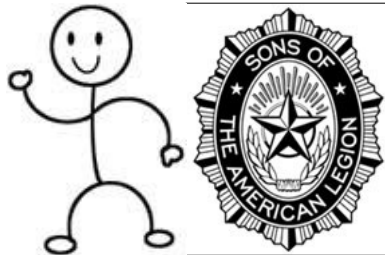
2012 Paid Membership - 136

2012 Membership Goal - 223

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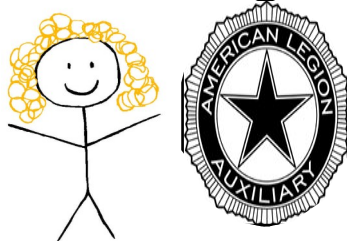
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Message from S.A.L. Commander : Geoffrey Lenser

Hello and thanks again to all who helped with the Brewers Bus Trip. It went well and was a good success. I would like to encourage all of our members to join us at our meetings every 3rd Wednesday of each month. It will follow and we will meet after the Legion meeting. We have lots to talk about. The Chaseburg run/walk, Chaseburg's Haunted Trail, and our 2nd annual Halloween Part will all take place in October. We will need volunteers for every event. I am looking forward to having lots of fun in October and welcome the younger members to come and volunteer to help at these events. Hope to see you in October. Hope the kids are having a good time at school also. If you need to contact me call me at: 608-698-5434. Thank You.



Message from Auxiliary President : Julie Nelson

A warm hello to all of you. We had a great meeting on September 7th! Thank you to all who attended. We had a fabulous pot luck (with some wonderful homemade goodies from very talented members/cooks) and lots of laughter and camaraderie. Members present were Yvonne Berg, Ellie Brye, Mary Elsen, Gloria Freitag, Phyllis Galstad, Lenore Henley, Annette Ihle, Audrey Nelson, Virginia Nerison, Jan Raasch, Olive Rudie, Michele Stahl, Joyce Temp, and yours truly. Thanks to all of you for your participation, and special thanks to those of you who were able to stay and sort through the filing cabinet – what a job that was! Thanks to those who did the heavy lifting... since I was not much help in that department.

Our organizations, the Auxiliary, the Legion, and the SAL, do so many great things for the community. Since I broke my ankle, one of the programs I've really learned to appreciate is the ability to borrow equipment (wheelchair, etc) from the legion. This service is so beneficial. Thank you to all of the members, as well as others in the community, who have donated equipment over the years to the legion, knowing that it would be lent out to people who need to use it temporarily. It's a service that is easily overlooked until one really needs it!

Gloria, our Membership Chairperson, reported that we are over halfway towards fulfilling our 2012 membership dues. If you haven't sent them in yet, please send them into Gloria. Also if you have any young daughters or granddaughters who want to join, now is a great time to do that (since their annual membership dues cost less than a meal at a drive-thru). You can contact Gloria for applications.

Our next meeting is on October 5th. Pot luck starts at 7, and the meeting begins at 7:30. Hope to see many of you there! If you need to contact me, please call 452-2261 and leave a message if I'm not around. Hope to see all of you at our October meeting!



BUCKET DRAWING

Dan Hofslie

Present

\$20.00

OCTOBER

Drawing will be:

\$10.00

50/50 -

DRAWING

Jim Schmidt

\$67.00

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

From the Adjutant's Desk

Jacob Burg will be at our September meeting. He will share information from his Youth Ambassador Trip. The Legion and many individual Legion Members donated towards the cost of this trip. Come and show your support and hear what Jacob has to report.

Please remember to pay your membership dues.

Membership rosters - If you have not given Michele your membership roster of paid members from last year and any new members names, please get her a copy. The plan is to update the membership board by the end of the year. If you have already provided her a roster. Thank You!

Please get the address of the **new members** to Michele so she can ensure they receive a newsletter every month.

If you have had a recent **address change** please go on the legion website and update your information. Please also forward your new address to your adjutant. Please forward as necessary, to Michele, so she can ensure you continue to receive the newsletter.

****Ponder This****

A Platoon Sergeant and his Platoon Leader are bunking down in the field for the night. The Platoon Sergeant looks up and says, "When you see all the stars in the sky, what do you think, sir?"

The LT replies, "Well, I think of how insignificant we really are in the universe; how small a piece of such a grand design. I can't help but wonder if what we do truly means anything or makes any difference. Why? What do you think of, Sergeant?"

"I think somebody stole the damn tent."

An Air Force cargo plane was preparing for departure from Thule Air Base in Greenland. They were waiting for the truck to arrive to pump out the aircraft's sewage holding tank.

The Aircraft Commander was in a hurry, the truck was late in arriving, and the Airman performing the job was extremely slow in getting the tank pumped out.

When the commander berated the Airman for his slowness and promised punishment, the Airman responded: "Sir, I have no stripes, it is 20 below zero, I'm stationed in Greenland, and I am pumping sewage out of air-planes. Just what are you going to do to punish me?"

Flag Disposal Box is mounted by the front of the Legion Building. Please collect and bring in flags so we can properly dispose of them.

Active Duty Map/Board

If you know of any active duty members that we do not have posted on our map and bulletin board, please let us know. We would want any of the following information: name, where they are stationed, address, and picture if you have one. You can forward this information to any of the Officers. If you want to e-mail me the information, my e-mail is: shellykam@hotmail.com.



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The Star Spangled Banner Lyrics

By Francis Scott Key 1814



Oh, say can you see by the dawn's early light
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming?
Whose broad stripes and bright stars thru the perilous fight,
O'er the ramparts we watched were so gallantly streaming?
And the rocket's red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there.
Oh, say does that star-spangled banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?