



COON VALLEY AMERICAN LEGION POST 116



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Commanders Message:

Thanks to everyone for all of the work/help you provided for the Legion in 2011; we had a busy year. We still have several members that have not paid their dues, please pay as soon as you can. If you have a question concerning membership please feel free to contact me. Please look over the upcoming events (listed below) and contact me if you need more information or if you can assist. I look forward to seeing everyone at the monthly meeting on Wednesday, January 18th

Post Commander, Gary Grethel

Dates to Remember

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| January 18th | Regular Post Meeting - Family Fun Night - Bring your spouse or significant other 7:30pm - Meal & Meeting at 8:00pm - Lunch Committee: Gary Hess, John Thurk, and Harlan Helseth |
| January 19-22 | Mid-winter meeting - Wisconsin Dells (HoChunk) |
| January 22nd | Chaseburg Trail Days Parade |
| January 25th | SAL Meeting |
| January 28th | 7 th District Oratorical Contest – Coon Valley Legion |
| January 28th | Past Commanders Dinner (Post 52 La Crosse) |
| February 1st | Auxiliary Meeting 7:00 |
| February 2-4 | Westby Snowflake Ski Jump |
| February 5th | Superbowl Pancake Breakfast |
| February 5th | 4 Chaplain Sunday Observance |
| February 6th | Legion Exec. Meeting |
| February 15th | 7:30pm - Meal & Meeting at 8:00pm Lunch Committee: TBD- Ron and Mike Miller |
| February 29th | SAL Meeting |
| March 5th | Legion Exec. Meeting |
| March 7th | Auxillary Meeting |
| March 15th | <u>Informal Legion Meeting</u> - 7:00pm (THURSDAY) - <u>Meal served at 7:30pm and Vernon County Meeting</u> - 8:00pm |
| March 28th | SAL Meeting |
| April 1st | Palm Sunday Breakfast |
| April 14th | 7th District Meeting - At Coon Valley Legion |

January Newsletter

2011-2012

Last Bugle:

Boob Nelson (Layton)

Jerrold Nestingen

Leonard Jorgenson

Paul Hess

* Not a member



**BUCKET
DRAWING**

Eric Stofslie

Not Present

January

**Drawing will be:
\$50.00**

**50/50 -
DRAWING**

**John Thurk
\$64.00**

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



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Membership Totals to Date

2012 Paid Membership - 136

2012 Membership Goal - 223

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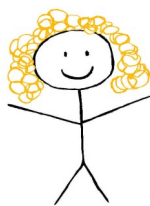
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Message from S.A.L. Commander: Geoffrey Lenser

Hello and Thanks to all the members who showed up for the last meeting. We talked about starting a bean bag tournament in Late February. We are also looking for members who would be willing to participate as color guard. If you would be interested please contact me. If it is possible for the officers to meet me after the Legion Meeting this month, January 18th, it would be greatly appreciated. We have a few things to discuss before the next SAL meeting. I hope everyone had a great New Year so far. Hope to see you at the next SAL meeting, January 25th.



Message from Auxiliary President: Julie Nelson

Happy New Year to all of you! We did not have a January meeting. Our next meeting is February 1, 2012 at 7:30, with potluck starting at 7. Maybe there will still be no snow...
Hope to see you there!

From the Adjutant's Desk

Thank you to all the members who attended last month's meeting to receive their 5 year increment pin(s).

A big THANK YOU goes out to those who helped with the candy pack, the delivery of fruit baskets, and candy bags. Thank you Santa!!! The Santa program was a great success. Thank you to the Coon Valley Fire Department for the use of the fire truck and to the two fire fighters: Ethan King & xxxxxx for donating their time.

Thank you to those who helped gather information for the Service Officer award paperwork/entries. It is greatly appreciated.

Reminder: If you are signing up new members (SAL, Legion, and Auxiliary) don't forget to get the name(s) and addresses to Michele so she can ensure they receive a monthly newsletter. Either call, text, or e-mail them to her. - Thank you!

Westby Snowflake Ski Jump—February 2nd to the 4th

The Coon Valley American Legion will be presenting Colors at opening ceremony at this years Snowflake Ski Jump on Friday, Feb. 3rd. evening at 7:00. Thank you to those who have agreed to show colors. If more members are needed Commander Gary Grethel will contact you to see if you can help.

Superbowl Breakfast—February 7 th & Palm Sunday Breakfast—April 1st

Preparations are underway for these two important fundraisers. We will be sending out work schedules in the upcoming months so please keep your eyes out for when you are asked to work.

*****See the work schedule in this issue for the **Superbowl Breakfast work schedule**. If you can't work, please try to find a replacement and let the commander know you are not able to work.*****

Membership

Membership is down. If you have not paid your dues yet, please do so. You can contact Gary Hess 608-317-3015 or any of the officers (Harlen Helseth, Steve Vance), commander (Gary Grethel), adjutant (Michele Stahl), and any past commanders (Charlie Nelson, John Thruk, or Mike {Fuzzy} Miller). They will be happy to help get your membership card to you and to collect your dues. If you have not paid for a while, you still can pick up your new membership card.

Nominees for the Service Awards are:

Teacher of the Year: Edward Pedretti

Firefighter of the Year: Ethan King

EMT of the Year: Cary Christianson

The paperwork was completed and turned in at the County Meeting Feb 12th at Viroqua. Post 116 wishes the best of luck to all of the above nominees. We hope they progress to District and then State.

From the Service Officer

WI Dept. of Veterans Affairs. Will no longer having loans.

Walgreens is no longer on the Tricare medication providers Ending Dec 31st. – You can go on line to find participating providers for your area.

My healthy Vet – Is a computer program which is connected to the VA Healthcare system. They offer several on-line programs. The program uses Secure messenger – a secure way to talk with your primary care physician at the VA.

On the funnier side - author(s) unknown

- ◇ The best armor is staying out of gun-shot range.
- ◇ Draft beer, not people.
- ◇ The journey of a thousand miles begins withone step, and a lot of bitching.
- ◇ Nuclear war can ruin your whole day.
- ◇ Anything worth fighting for is worth fighting dirty for.
- ◇ There is not problem that cannot be solved by the use of high explosives.



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Super Bowl Sunday Breakfast - Sunday, February 5th

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

Cleanup (12:00 - 1:00) Richard Reget Ty Mathison Harlan Helseth
 John Thurk **Need additional volunteers needed to stay & help!!!**

Jack of all trades: Commander Gary Grethel