



# COON VALLEY AMERICAN LEGION POST 116



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## Commanders Message



I would like to thank everyone who has helped out with all of the events of 2011; we had another busy year! We still have several memberships that need to be turned in; please consider converting your membership to a Paid Up for Life (PUFL). We also will need help with the candy pack at the December meeting and with the subsequent deliveries to all the shut-in's. **I wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New year!**

**Post Commander, Gary Grethel**

<b>December 21st</b>	Regular Post Meeting **5 year increment pins will be handed out** 6:30pm - Candy Pack/Fruit Baskets 7:30pm - Meal & Meeting at 8:00pm Lunch Committee: Officers
<b>December 22nd</b>	Santa to deliver fruit baskets and candy pack to kids
<b>December 28th</b>	S.A.L. Regular Meeting, 7:00pm
<b>January 2nd</b>	Executive Committee Meeting - 6:30pm
<b>January 4th</b>	Auxiliary Meeting, 7:00pm
<b>January 12th</b>	Vernon County Legion Meeting - Viroqua
<b>January 19-22</b>	Mid-winter meeting - Wisconsin Dells (HoChunk)
<b>January 22nd</b>	Chaseburg Trail Days Parade
<b>January 28th</b>	7 <sup>th</sup> District Oratorical Contest – Coon Valley Legion
<b>January 28th</b>	Past Commanders Dinner (Post 52 La Crosse)
<b>January 18th</b>	Regular Post Meeting - Family Fun Night - Bring your spouse or significant other 7:30pm - Meal & Meeting at 8:00pm Lunch Committee: To be determined
<b>January 22nd</b>	Chaseburg Trial Days parade
<b>February 5th</b>	Superbowl Pancake Breakfast
<b>February 2-4</b>	Westby Snowflake Ski Jump
<b>February 5th</b>	4 Chaplain Sunday Observance
<b>April 1st</b>	Palm Sunday Breakfast
<b>April 14th</b>	7th District Meeting - At Coon Valley Legion

# December Newsletter

2011-2012

Last Bugle:

Boob Nelson (Layton)

Jerrold Nestingen

Leonard Jorgenson

Paul Hess

\* Not a member



## BUCKET DRAWING

Lester Bagstad-  
Not Present

December  
Drawing will be:  
\$40.00

50/50 -  
DRAWING  
Larry Hass  
\$50.00

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



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2012 Paid Membership - 136

2012 Membership Goal - 223

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

Hello, I would like to thank everyone who helped at the Hofslie benefit and the December Raffle. They both were a success. Reminder that our SAL meetings are on the fourth Wednesday of every month. I hope to see you there. I would like to wish you and your families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



### Message from Auxiliary President: : Julie Nelson

A warm hello to all of you. We had a wonderful Christmas party – thanks to all who were able to attend. We individually made monetary donations to the Bethel Butikk food pantry, rather than exchange gifts. The spirit of giving was definitely in the air.

There is no meeting in January, so the next meeting is on February 1, 2012 at 7:30, with potluck starting at 7. Hope to see you there!

**Hope you have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!!**

### From the Adjutant's Desk

We are working on the service awards. We have contacted the nominees and so far we have:

**Teacher of the Year:** We will be getting a name soon.

**Firefighter of the Year:** Ethan King

**EMT of the Year:** Cary Christianson

We will have the paperwork completed by January 12th to take it with us to the County Meeting at Viroqua.

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Reminder: The fruit baskets and candy packs that will be handed out are sponsored by the American Legion Post 116, Coon Valley Lions, and the Coon Valley Conservation Club. Thank you for your support.  
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**Happy Holidays to you and your families.**

Michele

## **December Raffle**

Thanks to everyone who made this a success once again this year. It has not been easy selling the \$75.00 tickets the last couple of years with the economy the way it is, but with all of your selfless dedication we have all made it possible and it has been very successful. Come to the December Regular meeting and see how the final numbers tallied up.

The lucky winners at this years event were:

Don Langaard, Viroqua —\$2500	Monte Hagen, Westby —\$150	Don Hess, Coon Valley —\$75
Leslie Lewison, Richland Center —\$1000	Veum & Veum, Westby—\$150	Michael Larson, Onalaska —\$75
Mike Callan, Coon Valley —\$500	Rick Molling, West Salem —\$150	Harlan Lomen, Westby —\$75
Geoffery Lenser, Chaseburg —\$250	Bill Lepke, Viroqua —\$75	Roger Hofslie, Greenwood —\$75
Phylis Munsch, Coon Valley —\$150	Nancy & Bill Watson, Bangor—\$75	David & Debra Abt, Viroqua —\$75
Nancy & Bruce King, Westby —\$150	Richard Engh, Gold Beach OR —\$75	
Early Bird Rick Humfeld, Chaseburg —\$150		
Meat Bundle — Jon Holen		

**\*\*\*\*Thanks to the co-chairs of this years event, Roger Mathison and Ron Hoff for a job well done. \*\*\***

Thanks to those who jumped in and worked double or triple shifts to fill wholes in the work schedules. Thank you to the wives of legion members to jumped right in and help out also!!!! Kudos to you!!!!

**Increment Pins** - We will be presenting the 5 year Increment Service Pins at the Regular Meeting in December. If you did not receive a 5a year increment service pin last year please contact Michele. Currently no one has contact Michele for missed service pins last year.

## **Night at the Races – Thank-You**

Thanks to Roger for preparing the meal for the night at the races. Thank you to those who attended and made this a great night at the Tomah VA. Looks like there were 25 or so no sale tickets this year and 42 no shows for the meal, thus numbers should be similar to last year.

## **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 evening at 7:00. Commander Grethel will be contacting members to help with this.

## **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.

## **Thanks to Santa— Don Kammel**

I would like to thank our Santa this year for already taking the time this Year to visit the Coon Valley Elementary School students during “Books for Breakfast” and also for his upcoming visit to Coon Valley Elementary School.

**January Meeting** - Family night- Please bring your spouse or significant other and enjoy a meal that is prepared by some of the Legion Members. This time of year is very busy so get out and enjoy the night. Hope to see you there.



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**Wishing you a Merry Christmas to your and your families. If you are traveling, we hope you have safe travels. Please keep in mind our active duty troops that are over sea, away from home, and defending us in war. Grant them a safe and uneventful holiday. Please say a prayer for all of them.**

**God Bless America!!!!**

