



COON VALLEY AMERICAN LEGION POST 116



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Commander's Message:

I would like to thank everyone who bought and sold the Vernon County tickets. We turned them in at the Vernon County meeting in Westby on August 3. Good luck to everyone! Our August monthly meeting will start at 6:30 p.m. The Post Everlasting Ceremony will start at 7:30 p.m. with the meal following. I hope everyone can make it. The flag disposal ceremony will be held on September 11th in Chaseburg. Let's have a good turnout. Chaseburg does an excellent job with this ceremony and everyone is welcome to attend.

Mike Miller
Commander Post 116

August 19th	Regular Post Meeting, 6:30pm Post Everlasting Ceremony, 7:30pm with meal following with family and friends. Lunch Committee: John Thurk
August 29th	Westby SAL Big Cup Golf Tournament
September 2nd	Auxiliary Meeting, 7:00pm
September 7th	Executive Committee Meeting, 6:30pm
September 9th	Vernon County Meeting - Hillsboro 8:00 pm
September 11th	Flag Disposal Ceremony—Chaseburg—6:30pm
September 12th	State American Legion Golf Tournament—Fox Hollow Golf Course
September 13th	Cashton Fall Festival Parade
September 16th	Regular Post Meeting, 7:30pm Lunch Committee: Roger Mathison
October 5th	Executive Committee Meeting, 6:30pm
October 7th	Auxiliary Meeting, 7:00pm
October 21st	Regular Post Meeting, 7:30pm Lunch Committee: Fishin' Crew

AUGUST

2009-2010

Deceased Comrades

None



BUCKET

Leo Nelson
Not Present

August
Drawing will be:
\$20.00

50/50 -
DRAWING
Tom Sharratt
(donated 1/2 to the building fund)

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



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Membership Totals to Date

2010 Paid Membership - 136

2010 Membership Goal - 222

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From the Adjutant's Desk:

- Thanks to Tom Sharratt for donating half of his 50/50 winnings to the building fund.
- Thanks to everyone who showed up to wish Tug Olson a welcome home from his trip to Washington D.C.
- We have started to receive bids in regards to building repairs and roof replacement.
- Thanks to the members who went to the State Convention.
- Thanks to everyone who bought and returned their tickets for Westby Legion Baseball.
- We need to get Fuzzy 100% Post Commander. Please pay your dues!
- The 40/8 is still considering a fundraiser at our Post. We voted to donate the rental cost.
- Please come and help with the Post Everlasting Ceremony at this month's meeting.
- The Executive Committee is discussing options for the Memorial in remembrance of Richard Berg.

• See you at the August meeting. **Free Tap Beer.**



Message from S.A.L. Commander Brad Role:

The next SAL meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 19th. Thanks to everyone who made our bus trip a success once again this year.



Message from Auxiliary President Annette Ihle:

The next meeting is September 2nd at 7:00pm. Also, it is time to pay your dues. The dues are \$18.00 this year. State raised the dues. You can send them to Julie Nelson Grethel, 131 Hoff Ln., Coon Valley, WI 54623.

2009 Wisconsin American Legion State Convention – Milwaukee – July 23-26

Thanks to the members who attended the Annual State American Legion Convention that took place in Milwaukee, Wisconsin July 23-26, 2009. It was a very good convention with a lot of important business taking place. Your delegates participated in the District caucuses, Convention meetings, Committee meetings, DEC meetings, National Commander welcome, hospitality rooms, and other stuff.

S.A.L Annual Bus Trip to the Milwaukee Brewers/Legion All-Star Game—Sunday, August 16th

The Coon Valley S.A.L. Squadron would like to thank everyone who bought tickets for the annual bus trip to Miller Park to enjoy watching the Brewers and the American Legion All-Star game. Congratulations Ryan Servais! This is the main fundraiser for the Coon Valley SAL and the funds are used to support 8 & under youth baseball in Coon Valley. In the future we wish to expand this to also fund 8 & under youth baseball in Chaseburg since many of our members and support comes from that community.

Membership

Everyone should have received their membership renewal notices in the mail and that begins our yearly quest to obtain 100% membership. Our goal this year is 222 paid memberships and we would love to get there by the end of 2009. Please get your membership renewal sent in as soon as possible. I think Fuzzy said he would make it worth our effort if we get 100% before December 31. PUFL dues will be increasing effective October 1st. Ask us details at the August meeting if you are interested in getting paid up for life. There are changes that have made it more flexible.

Fishin' Crew

The Fishin' Crew always does such a great job sharing their Canadian bounty with Post 116, that I thought I had better share a story I overheard from one of them.

Last year Larry and his buddies were hanging out and planning their upcoming fishing trip. Unfortunately, he had to tell them, and his fellow Legionnaires, that he couldn't go this time because his wife wouldn't let him. After a lot of teasing and name calling, Larry headed home frustrated. The following week when Larry's buddies arrived at the lake to set up camp, they were shocked to see Larry. He was already sitting at the campground with a cold drink, swag rolled out, fishing rod in hand, and a camp fire glowing. "How did you talk your missus into letting you go Larry?" "I didn't have to," Larry replied. "Yesterday, when I left work, I went home and slumped down in my chair with a drink to drown my sorrows because I couldn't go fishing. Then the missus snuck up behind me and covered my eyes and said, 'Surprise!'" "When I peeled her hands back, she was standing there in a beautiful see through negligee and she said, 'Carry me into the bedroom, tie me to the bed and you can do whatever you want!..... So, Here I am!"

All I can say, if someone tells you to grab a swimming caribou by the tail when you are fishing, DO NOT DO IT!

Legion Shirts

The shirts that we ordered through the Legion are in and the cost is \$36.50 (I think!!!). I will know for sure at the meeting. I ordered about 4 extra so if you are interested, first come, first serve.

Flag Disposal Ceremony

Our annual Flag Disposal ceremony that we participate in with the Chaseburg Legion will take place on September 11th. Let's have a great turnout. Be at the Chaseburg Legion Hall by 6pm.



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2009 Department of Wisconsin American Legion State Golf Tournament

The 2009 State Golf Tournament will be held Saturday, September 12 at Fox Hollow Golf Course in Barre Mills. The event is sponsored by Berg-Hemker-Olson Post 51 West Salem (608) 786-0051. The entry fee for this year's tournament is \$65/person for 18 holes of golf, cart, noon lunch (hamburger or brat, beans, chips, and soda), evening dinner (Chicken and tips, mashed potatoes, dressing, vegetable, coleslaw, rolls, coffee, milk and dessert served family style. Extra dinner tickets available for \$15/person) and prizes. There will be four people on a team and Scramble Rules will apply. Shotgun start approximately 7:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. with shift availability first-come, first served. Special events will consist of closest to U.S. Flag, closest to pin, longest drive, closest to pin in two, and others. The event is open to all Wisconsin Legion and S.A.L. members in good standing.

Post #116 Serving Committee

Thanks to everyone who volunteered to serve the meals throughout the last membership year. The Adjutant could use help preparing a schedule for the next membership year. This is what I tentatively have. Let Charlie know who can fill in the open months and if anyone needs a change.

January - Cox, Hoff, Cary, Banta	May - K. Kammel & R. Roesler	September - Roger Mathison
February - R. Miller & M. Miller	June - Officer's	October - Fishin' Crew
March - Auxiliary	July - Steve V. & E. Williams	November - S.A.L.
April - R. Starkey & C. Lind	August -	December -

Post Everlasting—August Meeting

In Memory of our departed Comrades.

Ardel Olson	CPL	Korea	Army
Albon Seymour	CPL	WWII	Army
Richard Berg	Specialist 5	Vietnam	Army