



# COON VALLEY AMERICAN LEGION POST 116



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### Commander's Message:

This past month has been busy with the cleanup day, Packer/Viking game and the Pork feed. Thank you for all that helped to make these events successful! Don't forget to buy a December raffle ticket! We are needing a good turnout so we can get a new roof on this spring. Let me know of any individuals who are shut-ins or in nursing homes so I can make a list for the November meeting. Let's pay tribute to all Veterans, remembering our troops serving now and those who paid the ultimate sacrifice. Happy Thanksgiving!

Mike Miller  
Commander Post 116

November 18th	Regular Post Meeting - 7:30pm - Early Bird Drawing for Dec. Raffle Lunch Committee: S.A.L.
November 19th	Night at the Races - Tomah V.A. - Meet at Legion no later than 5pm.
December 2nd	Auxiliary Christmas Party - 7:00pm
December 5th	December Raffle
December 7th	Executive Committee Meeting - 6:30pm
December 7th	Pearl Harbor Day
December 16th	Regular Post Meeting - 7:30pm Lunch Committee: Randy Lenser & George Kendall cooking German Night
January 4th	Executive Committee Meeting - 6:30pm
January 8th	Vernon County Legion Meeting - Viroqua
January 21st	Regular Post Meeting - 7:30pm Lunch Committee: Cox, Hoff, Cary, Banta cooking Ribs
January 29-31	Mid-winter meeting - Wisconsin Dells (Wilderness Waterpark Resort)
February 5-6	Snowflake Ski Jump - Post 116 will present opening ceremony Colors
February 7th	Superbowl Sunday Breakfast

# November

2009-2010

Last Bugle

Julian Rundhaugen

Archie Brye \*

Peter McCormick

\* Not a member



## BUCKET DRAWING

Ed Drapala

Not Present

November  
Drawing will be:  
\$50.00

50/50 -  
DRAWING

Ken Berg

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



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### Membership Totals to Date

2010 Paid Membership - 181

2010 Membership Goal - 222

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### From the Adjutant's Desk:

- Building Report: A clean-up day was held and floor tiles were replaced to cover up the mud jacking work that was needed after the floods, all light diffusers were cleaned, all bad ballasts were replaced, etc.
- Richie Berg Memorial: Roger Mathison has been working with the contractors. The Executive committee discussed the plans and will bring a proposal to the November meeting.
- Donation amounts that we should give to the Westby Food Pantry, King VA, and Tomah VA will be discussed at the November meeting.
- Welcome to Steve Schmaltz, a new member.
- Thanks to the "Fishin Crew" for another excellent meal this year.
- A new display will be added to the Legion Hall showing the worldwide locations of our troops on active duty.



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

Greetings. I hope this newsletter finds everyone well. I'd like to ask for our SAL membership to attend the Legion meeting on Nov 18<sup>th</sup> as it is our turn to serve the meal for the evening. I'd like to see as many SAL members as possible to come out and help with this event as we can get. We can also discuss plans for a spring fundraising event as we prepare the meal. Also, if any members can help out at the \$75 Dinner on Dec 5<sup>th</sup>, I'm sure Commander Miller would appreciate it. Also please remember to keep the servicemen and women killed in the tragic incident at Fort Hood, TX in your thoughts and prayers as we head into this holiday season. Happy Thanksgiving from the SAL.



### Message from Auxiliary President Annette:

In December we will be having our Christmas Party. It will be on Wednesday, December 2 at 7pm at Stockyards. We will have a gift exchange of \$5.00. If you don't want to exchange you don't have to. Please call Annette by December 4, 2009 at 452-3926.

Please get your memberships in as soon as possible.

There won't be any meeting in November.

We are having a Christmas tree up in the Village again.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving.

**Work Schedule—\$75.00 Raffle—December 5th 2009**

<b>Set-up: 2:00pm:</b>	John Thurk	Frank Baker	Jim Schmidt
	Stuart Peterson	John Brzazowske	Mike Miller
	<b>6-8 pm</b>	<b>8-Drawing</b>	<b>Drawing - 1:00 a.m.</b>
<b>Chuck-a-luck:</b>	Richard Brye	Dick Nestingen	Members asked to fill-in
	Jim Weber	Troy Nelson	
	Tom Sharratt	Dave Hofslie	
	Leon Minor	Roger Hofslie	
	Charles Hendrickson	Herb Cornell	
	Art Hendrickson	Gary Bekkedal	
<b>Tipboards:</b>	Roger Mathison	Roger Mathison	Charles Nelson
	Dan Hofslie	Ron Hoff	Chad Hofslie
<b>Poker:</b>	Larry Torgerson	Ken Berg	Scott Berg
	Orlin Clark	Bryan Berg	Darin Berg
<b>Beat the Dealer:</b>	Bill Mathison	Gary Grethel	James Hammes
	Cliff Bakkum	Gary Hess	Orlin Ihle
<b>Black Jack:</b>	Rod Ofte	John Elsen	Brad Role
	Tom Daniel	James Elsen	Jeff Berg
<b>Cashiers &amp; Vegas:</b>	Rex Reget	Chuck Lind	Mike Miller
	Frank Mathison	Roger Starkey	Calvin Manske
<b>Mini Raffles:</b>	Barry Grimsled	Dennis Kammel	
	Michele Kammel	Steve Vance	
<b>Meal Counters &amp;</b>	Carl Holte	Harlan Helseth	
<b>Tickets:</b>	Don Kammel	Ken Kammel	
<b>Clean-up :</b>	<u>Sunday 9:00am</u>		
	Frank Mathison	Stuart Peterson	John Thurk    Ron Miller
	Roger Mathison	Rod Ofte	Mike Miller    Jim Schmidt

**PACKER/VIKING GAME Thank-You!**

Thanks to everyone who came out and supported this new event. There were not a lot of people at this years event, but fun and camaraderie were shared by all.

**December Raffle, Saturday December 5**

Gary Grethel and Michele Kammel are Chairman.

Gary has the tickets out to sell. Same meal as last year from Baus Haus Catering (Chicken or stuffed pork chops with all of the fixings). The tickets have been changed to account for the lower prizes paying back \$75 and a couple other minor changes. We plan to have a couple of walk around raffle prizes once again this year.

**The Early Bird drawing will be held at the November meeting so get those tickets sold.**

Please look at the work schedule and if you can not work please contact one of the chairpersons.

**Veteran's Day—Thank-You!**

Thanks to all of the Legionnaires from Post #116 that went with to Coon Valley Elementary School and Westby High School. I strongly encourage anyone that has not done this to come along. It is a wonderful experience. The elementary school children love seeing their parents, grandparents, uncles, aunts, etc. or just Veteran's that they recognize.



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### **Order Merchandise (Hats, Jackets, Shirts, Caps, etc.)**

I have been getting lots of inquiries over the past several months (ok, years in some instances) to make an order for more jackets, baseball style hats, Legion Caps, more shirts, etc. I have not started a list, but I would like to start one to gauge the interest. Please contact Charles Nelson if you are interested in any item. At this time any item is free game to put on the wish list.

### **Pork Dinner and Family Fun Night—Thank You!**

Thanks to John Thurk and Ken Kammel for Chairing this event and to all of the workers who made this a success. I also would like to thank all of the members who always come and purchase meals and support the Legion in that way. We are very grateful.

I heard a rumor that the new exhaust fan in the kitchen works so well that if you do not keep a watch on your drink at all times the fan sucks the contents out of the can or glass?

### **Night at the Races – Thursday, November 19**

There have been some changes to the food requirements and if there are any questions about the new requirements please see Adjutant Charlie. Meet at the Legion no later than 5pm to carpool. I wonder if there will be a dry car and a thirsty car this year?