



COON VALLEY AMERICAN LEGION POST 116



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Commander's Message:

The Post, Auxillary, and SAL did a fine job at the March Vernon County meeting. I am grateful to the volunteers that worked at the Palm Sunday breakfast. The Westby American Legion Baseball team benefitted from the Spaghetti dinner. Upcoming events are the Syt-tende Mai parade, Memorial Day, and showing colors at the Loggers game (day unknown at this time). I'm getting estimates on the roof. Come to the meeting to make a decision on the roof installation. Need to set a date for spring clean-up day. Remember to sell the T.V. raffle tickets, Michelle Kammel has more tickets.

Mike Miller
Commander Post 116

April 19th	Auxiliary Meeting - 7:00pm - Pot Luck
April 21st	Regular Post Meeting - 7:30pm (Membership Pins Awarded) Lunch Committee: Roger Starkey and Chuck Lind
April 26th	Vernon County Meeting - Ontario—8pm
May 3rd	Executive Meeting - 6:30pm
May 19th	Regular Post Meeting - 7:30pm Lunch Committee: K. Kammel and R. Roesler
May 26th	Vernon County Meeting - Chaseburg—8pm
May 31st	Memorial Day - Main Speaker: 7th District 1st Vice Commander Randy Lenser
June 7th	Executive Meeting - 6:30pm
June 13th	Coon Valley American Legion Chicken-Q
June 16th	Regular Post Meeting - 7:30pm Lunch Committee: Post Officers
June 21st	Auxiliary Meeting - 7:00pm - Pot Luck

April Newsletter

2009-2010
Last Bugle

Julian Rundhaugen
Archie Brye
Peter McCormick
Ernest Nelson
Rolf Dauve
Tony Jorgenson
Tug Olson
John Parshall
DeVerne Seland



**BUCKET
DRAWING**

**Commander
Fuzzy Miller
Present**

**April
Drawing will be:
\$10.00**

**50/50 -
DRAWING
Run by County**

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



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Membership Totals to Date

2010 Paid Membership - 223

2010 Membership Goal - 222

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From the Adjutant's Desk:

- We will have a breakdown of estimates for the replacement of our roof at the April meeting.
- The CVABA would like to hold their 2011 chicken-q at the Legion Hall on February 26. The Executive Committee has recommended that this be brought in front of the body for approval.
- A discussion around the annual Pork Feed was held at the Executive meeting. It was decided to keep the date the same (Friday evening), but to bring in front of the body the idea of trying pre-sell tickets this year.
- Howard Sherpe will be the speaker for the 2010 Veteran's Day Program at Westby High School and at the 2011 Memorial Day Program in Coon Valley.
- Coon Valley will hopefully be hosting the 2012 7th District Spring Conference. Apparently we may have an individual running for Vernon County Commander in 2012!



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

Greetings from the SAL. Just a reminder to all of our SAL members to try to attend the April Legion meeting on the 21st as we will have a meeting of our SAL membership to discuss many items including: establishing our SAL meeting night independent of the Legion meeting to encourage our younger members to get actively involved; to make sure our membership drive is moving along and all necessary paperwork is filed with the state and national offices; to review the Bean Bag tournament that was held on the 18th; to discuss plans for the upcoming Memorial Day activities; and to begin our preparations for the SAL Brewers Bus Trip in August. As you can see we have a lot of things on our agenda to accomplish and I'll be calling on all of our SAL Squadron Members to contribute in some way over the coming year. Enjoy the warmer spring weather and hope to see all of you at the Legion meeting on the 21st.



Message from Auxiliary President Annette:

Our next meeting will be on April, 19. Monday at 7:00pm. Pot Luck!

Get your dues in if you haven't already.

HDTV Raffle

Michele Kammel has handed out a bunch of tickets, but there is still many more to go. Please see Michele at the April meeting and pick up tickets to sell. There will once again be a maximum of 500 tickets sold and our profits will be placed in the building fund. The drawing will be at Legion Chicken-Q.

Oak Tables For Sale

The oak tables will be put up for auction this Spring. We are working on finding an auction to include them on the bill of sale.

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

Jackets: We have ordered 15 new Legion jackets (5-XL and 10-XXL) that are the same style as those that we currently wear. These should be arriving soon, but I have not heard an official delivery date yet. We will have them before Memorial Day!

Baseball style hats: We received 10 of these hats and they have already sold out. If you have interest in a hat please let us know and we will make another order.

Legion Caps: We will be ordering several of the most popular sizes of the Legion caps to have on hand for our members.

2010 Vernon County Banquet

Our thanks goes out to the Westby American Legion for hosting a very nice Vernon County Banquet. Our Post had a nice group of attendees and we thank them for representing the Coon Valley American Legion. Our very own Past State Commander Roger Mathison was the Master of Ceremonies and American Legion National 1st Vice Service Officer James Young (also Vernon County Service Officer) was the Main Speaker. The Vernon County Service Award recipients were announced and presented with their awards.

2010 Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast

The annual Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast was held March 28, 2010 at the Legion Hall. We would like to thank everyone who helped with this very important fundraiser for our Post. The preliminary estimate of net income was a little better than \$1,000.00. The 5 year average has been in the \$1,000 to \$1,500 range.

Spring Work Day

We will plan on having a Spring work and clean-up day on the same weekend that we put in the Memorial landscaping around the Legion Hall. There is plenty to do so we hope to get a good turnout. It takes a lot of time to pressure wash the walls, wash windows, clean bathrooms, clean chicken pits, etc.

Rifles

The Coon Valley American Legion would like to express our appreciation to Gordon Hellwig for getting the blank adapters needed to outfit the rest of our rifles. Also, thanks to John Thurk for "plugging" the rifles.

Memorials

The Coon Valley American Legion received memorial money from the families of Tony Jorgenson and Rolf Dauve at the March meeting.



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Westby American Legion Baseball Raffle Winners

January 18, 2010—Jeanne Frederick

February 15, 2010—Norm Rose

March 15, 2010—Annie Olson

Bicycle Tour

There will not be a bicycle tour through Coon Valley this year so the Legion will not be serving an evening meal and a breakfast on a Monday and Tuesday again this year. The Executive meeting was thinking of having a fundraiser to replace the income we have typically made on this. The fundraiser could be at anytime during the year. Please come with any ideas!

Election of Officers

Election of Officers takes place at our May meeting each year. Anyone interested in running for an office should contact the Elections Committee or let your wishes be known at the May meeting.

The officers we elect are: Commander; 1st Vice Commander (Membership chairman); 2nd Vice Commander (Children & Youth chairman); 3rd Vice Commander (Americanism chairman); Chaplain; Historian; Sergeant-at-Arms; Service Officer; and Finance Officer.

Membership Pins

For anyone that has met a 5 year increment membership milestone, please come to the April meeting and receive your pin. Look at your 2010 membership card and if it states that you have had 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, ... years of continuous service you will get recognized. Dress nice since you deserve to get your picture taken!