



# COON VALLEY AMERICAN LEGION POST 116



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### Commander's Message:

I would like to thank everyone who helped make the Vernon County Meeting a fun night. The Auxiliary did a great job on the meal. I am grateful for the members who made the Palm Sunday breakfast a success. We will have to figure out a spring cleanup day, so our building will be ready for Memorial Day.

Our upcoming events are: Syttende Mai Parade, Memorial Day Parade, and the Coon Valley Trout Days.

Please help us sell the Building Fund tickets for cash prize, the \$5.00 tickets. There are a lot of tickets to sell yet, so please contact Gary Hess.

Mike Miller  
Commander Post 116

April 21st	Legion Meeting - 7:30pm (Thursday) Lunch Committee: R. Starkey & C. Lind
April 25th	Vernon County Meeting - Ontario
May 2nd	Legion Executive Meeting - 6:30pm
May 4th	Auxiliary Meeting - 7pm
May 14th	7 <sup>th</sup> District Spring Conference is at Post 250, Adams
May 15th	Westby Syttende Mai Parade at 1:30pm. Parade line-up begins at 9am.
May 18th	Legion Meeting - 7:30pm Lunch Committee: K. Kammel
May 25th	Vernon County Meeting - Chaseburg
May 30th	Memorial Day—Main Speaker Howard Sherpe
June 1st	Auxiliary Meeting - 7pm
June 4th	Vernon County Dairy Breakfast at the Steve and Jo Anne Humfeldt farm.
June 6th	Legion Executive Meeting - 6:30pm
June 12th	Chicken-Q
June 14th	Vernon County Meeting - Genoa
June 15th	Legion Meeting - 7:30pm Lunch Committee: Officer's

# APRIL Newsletter

2010-2011  
Last Bugle

Larry Rundhaugen  
Erland Larson  
Frank Baker  
Joe Korn  
Roland Eng  
Kenneth Bute  
Michael Willer



## BUCKET DRAWING

Dave Verse  
Not present

April  
Drawing will be:  
\$40.00

50/50 -  
DRAWING  
Vernon County  
Meeting

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



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### Membership Totals to Date

2011 Paid Membership - 202

2011 Membership Goal - 223

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### From the Adjutant's Desk:

- Did everyone notice the nice picture in the Westby Times showing the \$500 donation we gave to the Village of Coon Valley to help purchase the 11-U.S Flags, 11-Wisconsin Flags, 22 poles, and 22 straps needed this year!
- Howard Sherpe will be the speaker for the 2011 Memorial Day Program in Coon Valley.
- Coon Valley will be hosting the 2012 7th District Spring Conference. John Thurk will be running for Vernon County Commander in 2012!
- There will be no bicycle tour this year.



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

Greetings from the SAL! I hope this message finds everyone well. On March 19 our squadron held a Bean Bag Tournament at the Legion Hall. We had a good group of bag throwers and everyone had a good time. Our next tournament is scheduled for April 16th. Once again, the bar opens at 5pm for warmup throwing with the Tournament starting at 7pm. Hope to see everyone there! We are also planning on hosting a tournament during the upcoming Coon Creek Trout Fest in July. We have an election rapidly approaching – if you wish to run for an officer's post in our squadron please let us know. Also, remember that the Bus Trip to the Brewers Game is set for August 14th – tickets will be available soon! Enjoy the spring weather.



### Message from Auxiliary President Annette:

Our next meeting is on Wednesday May 4 at 7:00pm. Potluck.  
Memorial Day is coming up. We need to make plans.  
June 12 is the Chicken-Q.  
Have a Happy Easter.

### **2011 Badger Boy's State Representative**

Kyle Hoff, the son of Glen and LuAnn Hoff, 110 Hoff Ln., Coon Valley will be our 2011 Badger Boys State Representative. Congratulations to Kyle!

Annie Griffin is the 2011 Badger Girls State Representative sponsored by the Coon Valley American Legion Auxiliary. Congratulations to Annie!

### **Vernon County Meeting - March 17**

Thanks to everyone who came to the Vernon County meeting! National Chaplain Daniel Seehafer gave a very nice speech and the Auxiliary once again provided us an excellent meal.

### **Coon Creek Trout Fest**

It now sounds like the Coon Creek Trout Fest committee would like to use our Legion Post for the purpose of presentations during the Trout Fest. It also sounds like the Legion Post will be asked to help out with the beer tent in the park during the event. We will be asking for volunteers to help out. The SAL will be hosting a bean bag tournament during the Fest.

### **Building Fund Raffle**

The raffle tickets that we are selling this year are for the chance to win a single grand prize of \$1,000.00. There are a total of 500 tickets being sold for \$5.00/ticket. Please help us get these sold since this will help us pay off the loan we have on our roof. The drawing will be held at our Chicken-q in June. Chairmen are Gary Hess and Gary Grethel.

### **Spring Work Day**

We will plan on having a Spring work and clean-up day with the date being decided at our April regular meeting. 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.

### **Action needed at April meeting**

Replacing the lines on the bar cooler is estimated to cost roughly \$1,000 if we would go forward with it. This needs to be brought up to the body since it was tabled at the March meeting.

It needs to be brought in front of the body about holding a June Pancake Breakfast that would be held in conjunction with a church service in the park.

Coon Valley Telephone Company Cable: This discussion was tabled at the March meeting and needs to be decided upon at the April meeting. It was mentioned that we should also discuss wireless internet.

### **2011 Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast**

The annual Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast was held April 17, 2011 at the Legion Hall. We would like to thank everyone who helped with this very important fundraiser for our Post.



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### **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.

### **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 2011 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!

### **2011 Vernon County Banquet**

Our thanks goes out to the Viroqua 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 Tom Sharratt was the Main Speaker and gave a very nice speech.