



COON VALLEY AMERICAN LEGION POST 116



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Commander's Message:

I would first like to thank everyone who helped out and supported our Westby American Legion baseball fundraiser on March 13. All the proceeds from this event will be given to the Westby Legion baseball team to be used as needed throughout the year. We have our Palm Sunday Breakfast coming up and once again we need our members to help out and make this a success. The proceeds from the Palm Sunday breakfast will be used to provide maintenance for the building and help us pay off our roof loan. Thanks to the Auxiliary for serving the meal at the Vernon County meeting on March 17 where we celebrate the American Legion birthday. We will plan to have a short Post meeting before the Vernon County meeting that evening. The Vernon County Banquet is on March 26 at the Viroqua Legion. Please plan to attend!

Mike Miller
Commander Post 116

March 17th	Informal Legion Meeting - 7:00pm (THURSDAY) - Meal by Auxiliary at 7:30pm Vernon County Meeting - 8:00pm
March 19th	SAL March Madness Cornhole/Bean Bag Tournament - Bar opens at 5:00pm
March 26th	Vernon County Banquet - Viroqua - 6:30pm
April 4th	Legion Executive Meeting - 6:30pm
April 4th	Auxiliary Meeting - 7pm (Monday)
April 16th	SAL Cornhole/Bean Bag Tournament
April 17th	Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast - See work schedule on back page!
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 18th	Legion Meeting - 7:30pm Lunch Committee: K. Kammel & R. Roesler
May 25th	Vernon County Meeting - Chaseburg
May 30th	Memorial Day

MARCH Newsletter

2010-2011
Last Bugle

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



**BUCKET
DRAWING**

**Martin
Gunderson
Not present**

**March
Drawing will be:
\$30.00**

**50/50 -
DRAWING
Roger Mathison
\$43.00**

* 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:

- A motion was made and seconded to donate \$500 to the Village of Coon Valley again this year to help cover the 11-U.S Flags, 11-Wisconsin Flags, 22 poles, and 22 straps needed this year.
- Johnson Refrigeration from Chaseburg came and checked out our compressor issue and has advised that it may cost up to \$1,000 to replace the lines and prevent any problems with refrigerant leaks. This needs to be discussed and voted on since we already had a motion passed to capture the old refrigerant, stop the leak with some chemicals, and convert our compressor to a different refrigerant.
- The gas meter at the Legion has been changed out since it had been in service for 15 years and there is a requirement to update them every 15 years.



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

Greetings from the SAL! On my way in to work one day last week I heard the distinctive and welcome sound of a robin chirping meaning that spring can't be too far away. As our thoughts turn to spring I'd like to remind everyone of the upcoming SAL events. On March 19th and April 16th we will be hosting a Bean Bag Tournament at the Legion Hall. The bar will be open at 5:00 with the tournament beginning at 7:00. There is a \$10 entry fee per 2 person team, with 80% of entry fees paid out to the winners. We could use all the help we could get in helping out at these events and getting the word out so we can get a big turnout for both these events. Keep in mind that elections for next year's officers are rapidly approaching. If you are interested in any of the positions, please let me know. Last but not least, everything is set for the Brewers Bus Trip to Miller Park to watch the Brewers take on the Pirates on August 14th. If you are interested, contact any SAL member. Don't miss the bus! Space on the bus is limited and preference will be given to those who joined us in the past. As always it will be a good time. Take care and enjoy what's left of winter. Think spring!



Message from Auxiliary President Annette:

Our next meeting is April 4. It is on a Monday because of Lent. 7:00pm Potluck.

We are serving County meeting on Thursday, March 17. The Legion Birthday month. We will need help that night. We will serve between the two meetings. We also need help before that, so anyone that can help be there by 5:00pm.

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!

Vernon County Meeting - March 17

Coon Valley Post 116 will be hosting the Vernon County Legion Meeting on Thursday, March 17. We will have an informal Post Meeting at 7pm, the meal will be served at 7:30pm, and the Vernon County Meeting will begin at 8pm. National Chaplain Daniel Seehafer will be our Distinguished Guest that evening. We are also hoping to have Cody Spears, Law Enforcement Officer of the Year recipient, and Bruce Peterson, Teacher of the Year recipient, join us for the meal and recognition at the beginning of the Vernon County meeting.

Vernon County Banquet - March 26 - Viroqua

The Jacobson-Olson Post 138 Viroqua will be hosting the Vernon County American Legion Banquet on March 26, 2011. Social hour will begin at 6:30pm and the banquet will start at 7:30pm. The main speaker will be, Sons of the American Legion, Detachment of Wisconsin, Vice Commander Russell Severson. This year's banquet will also honor the 2011 Fireman, Law Enforcement Officer, EMT, Teacher, and Legislator of the year winners. District and State American Legion officers may also be present for conversation and greetings. The evening dinner will be served at 7pm and will consist of honey glazed chicken with sage dressing, roast beef and baked potato. Cost of the meal is \$12.50. Reservations must be made by March 20th with Commander Chris Saltau at amlegion138@mchsi.com or 608-637-2271.

Dent, Bent & Beyond

Dent, Bent & Beyond is under new ownership and will not be continuing with the previous programs, so if anyone has items that they dropped off and would like them back please contact Rod Ofte at 451-2861.

Coon Creek Trout Fest

Carol Olson, the President of the Coon Valley Business Association, and Jim Schmidt, the Vice President, were present at the March Executive Committee meeting and discussed what is expected from our Legion for this event. There is still a lot of planning going on in regards to everything that is needed. Carol and Jim agreed to bring back a proposal of what they would like for the Legion to do for this event before our April regular meeting on the 21st. The proceeds made by all organizations will go to first cover the expenses incurred by the Trout Association and secondly be split between the Trout Association and the Business Association.

Political Reminder

Just a note to remind everyone that the Legion's stance in regards to any political speech is to remain neutral. Therefore, at any Legion sponsored activity please refrain from any direct political speech since our organization is here to serve all Veteran's regardless of race, gender, or political persuasions. Please reserve any discussions to Veteran's issues.

TV Raffle

The TV raffle that we have been running for several years is being discussed. We need to decide if we should move forward with the same format or if we should modify it. Please help us sell these tickets once they come out to support our new roof. The drawing will be held at our Chicken-q in June. Chairmen are Gary Hess and Gary Grethel.



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Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast - Sunday, April 17th

	7:00-10:00am	10:00am-1:00pm
Cooking Scrambled Eggs	Roger Mathison Charles Nelson	Steve Vance Rod Ofte
Cooking Pancakes	Chuck Lind Ron Miller	Richard Reget Dennis Kammel
Cooking Sausages	Gary Grethel Dan Hofslie	James Hammes Gary Hess
Tables, Beverages, Coffee	Don Kammel Ken Kammel Herb Cornell Leon Minor Tom Elsen Harlan Helseth Mary Schmidt	Michele Kammel Sherman Olson John Thurk Roger Starkey Reuben Starch Wally Cox Carl Holte
Cashier	Ron Hoff	Frank Mathison
Bartender	Jim Schmidt	Jim Schmidt
Cleanup (12:00 - 1:00)	Steve Mader Don Salter	Ty Mathison Clifford Bakkum
Jack of all trades:	Commander Michael "Fuzzy" Miller	