



COON VALLEY AMERICAN LEGION POST 116



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Commanders Message:

I would like to thank everyone who has helped out with all of the events of 2012; we had another very busy year!

We still have several memberships that need to be turned in; please consider converting your membership to a Paid Up for Life (PUFL).

We also will need help with the candy pack at the December meeting and with the deliveries to all the shut-in's.

I wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New year!

Gary J. Grethel

Commander Post 116

Dates to Remember

December 19th	Regular Post Meeting, CANDY PACK at 6:30pm, meal at 7:30pm, meeting at 8pm Lunch Committee: Gary Hess
December 21st	Santa Day! Shut-ins @ 9am and School @ 12:30pm
January 7th	Executive Meeting at 6:30pm
January 10th	Vernon County Meeting - Viroqua
January 16th	Regular Post Meeting, meal at 7:30pm, meeting at 8pm Lunch Committee: Cox, Hoff, Cary, Banta
January 17-20th	2013 Midwinter Conference - Ho-Chunk Hotel and Convention Center - Baraboo
January 20th	Traildays Parade - Chaseburg - We will be marching!
January 26th	La Crosse County Banquet
February 1st	Present Colors at Opening Ceremonies of the Westby Ski Jump
February 3rd	Superbowl Sunday Breakfast
February 3rd	Four Chaplain Sunday
February 4th	Executive Meeting at 6:30pm
February 6th	Auxiliary Meeting, 7:30pm
February 20th	Regular Post Meeting, meal at 7:30pm, meeting at 8pm Lunch Committee: R. Miller & M. Miller
March 4th	Executive Meeting at 6:30pm
March 16th	Vernon County Banquet - Coon Valley Post 116
March 24th	Palm Sunday Breakfast

December Newsletter

2012-2013

Last Bugle:

Oswald Ihle
Leonard Olson*
George Bahr
Merwin Bjornstad

* not a Legion Member



**BUCKET
DRAWING**

“Hey Load”

Present

\$50.00

December

Drawing will be:

\$10.00

50/50 -

DRAWING-

Ron Hoff

\$65.00

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



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Membership Totals to Date

2013 Paid Membership - 166

2013 Membership Goal - 205

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From the Adjutants Desk:

The fruit baskets and candy packs that will be handed out are sponsored by the American Legion Post 116, Coon Valley Lions, and the Coon Valley Conservation Club. Thank you for your support!

A motion was made and approved in 2009 to donate up to \$500.00 towards the replacement of the flags flown on the main street of Coon Valley. We have continued to provide this donation each year and have done it again for the flags replaced in 2012. This is a great Americanism Project for the Post!

Thanks to those who worked the Clean-up Day on December 8th.

The 2013 Vernon County Banquet will be held at the Coon Valley Legion Post 116 on March 16, 2013. Suggested meal will be meatballs, ham, mashed potatoes, corn, assorted cakes and bars at a price of \$12.50. We plan to hire bartenders for the night. Bar will open at 5pm, eat at 7pm, program following. Candidate for National Commander, Denise Rohan, will speak at our Vernon County Banquet this year.



Message from S.A.L. Commander:

Thank you to everyone that helped at the Legion raffle. I know it is always appreciated. We will have a short meeting after the Legion meeting this month. The Legion meeting is on Dec. 19th. The Legion will be doing the candy pack @ 6:30, meal @ 7:30 and the regular meeting @ 8. The S.A.L. will have a short meeting afterwards to discuss beanbag tourneys, donation to the Legion etc. If you have any questions or concerns of any kind, please call me. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all!

Cal Manske, SAL Commander



Message from Auxiliary President:

Merry Christmas everyone! Thanks to everyone who attended our Christmas party at Billy's Lantern. We had a really fun time. Thanks Annette for taking care of the arrangements.

There is no meeting in January. Our next meeting is on Wednesday, February 6, 2013. See you then!

Julie Nelson, Auxiliary President

December Fundraiser

Thanks to everyone who attended and/or worked at the December Fundraiser. A special thanks to Steve Vance for calling the people on the work schedule and verifying their availability. We had a good turnout this year, but we once again were not able to sell all of the tickets. This is a very important fundraiser for our Post and we need to get these tickets sold in the future to maximize our profits. Thanks to Chairman Roger M.

The lucky winners at this years event were:

1st—Dick Nestingen—\$2500	7th—Gary Thurk—\$150	13th—Bill Arentz—\$75
2nd—Ron Moilien—\$1000	8th—Arlene Hess—\$150	14th—Dale Peterson—\$75
3rd—Hazell Cornell—\$500	9th—John Ward—\$150	15th—Sharon Sharratt—\$75
4th—Paul Hofslie—\$250	10th—Chad Hofslie—\$75	16th—Phylis Munsch—\$75
5th—Jim Elsen—\$150	11th—Mike Manske—\$75	17th—Dean Blegen—\$75
6th—Don Langaard—\$150	12th—Kevin King—\$75	Early Bird—Terry Jorstad—\$150

Meat Bundle donated by Rod Ofte—John Ward Free Ticket Winner - Don Salter

5-Year Increment Pins

We will be presenting the 5 year Increment Service Pins at the Regular Meeting in December. If you did not receive a 5 year increment service pin last year or any previous year please contact Adjutant Charlie.

Travis Engh	5 year	James Weber	10 year	James Gustafson	30 year
Barry Grimsled	5 year	Richard Brye	15 year	Gerald Jorgenson	30 year
Harlan Helseth	5 year	Kennard Lubbs	15 year	John G. Larson	30 year
Sam Knutson	5 year	John Thurk	15 year	Roger Hofslie	35 year
Norman Oliver	5 year	Larry Hooverson	20 year	Viki Lyn Burgemeister	40 year
William Patterson	5 year	John G. Jaeger	20 year	Howard Holen	45 year
Charles Servais	5 year	Terry Clark	25 year	Sherman Olson	50 year
KnuteBrye	10 year	Herbert Cornell	25 year	Verlyn Larson	60 year
Dan Jacobson	10 year	Leon Minor	25 year	Howard Moilien	60 year

Night at the Races – Thank-You

Thanks to Roger and Sandy Mathison for preparing the meal for the Night at the Races. Thank you to those who attended and made this a great night at the Tomah VA: John Thurk, Don Kammel, Ken Kammel, Ron Miller, Michael Miller, and Charles Nelson. Thanks to the members who donated clothing, blankets, etc.

Thanks to Santa and Helper—Mike Perkins and Roy Stephan

I would like to thank our Santa and his helper for already taking the time this Year to visit the Coon Valley Elementary School students during Books for Breakfast and also for the upcoming visit to the shut-ins and the Coon Valley Elementary School. If you see these gentlemen give them a thank-you!

Service Awards

Teacher of the Year: Mark Leubke
Firefighter of the Year: Russ Cornford
EMT of the Year: Daryl Brye



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Superbowl Sunday Breakfast—February 3rd & Palm Sunday Breakfast—March 24th

Preparations are underway for these two important fundraisers. We will be sending out work schedules in the upcoming months so please be aware of when you are asked to work.

The American Legion Department of Wisconsin, 2013 Midwinter Conference, January 17-20, 2013

The 2013 Midwinter Conference will be held at the Ho-Chunk Hotel & Convention Center, S3214 Highway BD ~ Baraboo, WI 53913.

Pre-register for the 2013 Midwinter Conference by returning a registration form and \$20.00 per person (1 person per registration form) to Department Headquarters by January 7, 2013 and save \$5.00!

Registrations received after January 7, 2013 will be \$25.00 per person.

Most activities for the general membership occurs on Saturday, January 19th and includes the following items that may be of interest.

Registration - 7:00am to 3:00pm

Shooting Sports Demonstration - 10:00am to 2:00pm

Funeral Honors/M1 Training - 8:00am or noon to 2:00pm

National MyLegion.org Training - 10:00am or 2:00pm to 4:00pm

Comedian Mitch Henck & Amazing Race Winners Dave & Rachel Brown - 7:30pm

Westby Snowflake Ski Jump—February 1st

The Coon Valley American Legion will be presenting Colors at opening ceremony at the Snowflake Ski Jump on Friday evening at 7:00pm. Commander Grethel will be contacting members to help with this.