



# COON VALLEY AMERICAN LEGION POST 116



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## Commanders Message:

By the time you get this newsletter Veteran's Day will have passed, but I still would like to wish everyone a Happy Veteran's Day and thank you for your continued service! I would also like to thank everyone who was able to help the Post with the Veteran's Day programs at both the Coon Valley Elementary School and the Westby High School.

I would also like to thank everyone who helped make the Pork Feed a success this year, especially the Chairmen who picked up all the supplies and cooked the meal!

The December Raffle is right around the corner on December 1st; we will be having the early bird drawing at our November meeting.

Please send in your dues payment or bring to the next meeting, if you are interested in becoming a Paid Up For Life Member (PUFL) please see Gary Hess for more information.

On Saturday December 8th we will be having a clean-up day for the Legion Hall starting at 0900. Please come and join and re-live the fun you had while in the military. We will be cleaning latrines, mopping floors and tidying up the hall in general.

Gary J. Grethel

## Dates to Remember

<b>November 21st</b>	Regular Post Meeting, meal at 7:30pm, meeting at 8pm Lunch Committee: S.A.L.
<b>December 1st</b>	December Raffle - Coon Valley Village Hall
<b>December 3rd</b>	Executive Meeting at 6:30pm
<b>December 8th</b>	Legion Clean-up Day at the Legion Hall - 9:00am
<b>December 11th</b>	Books for Breakfast at Coon Valley Elementary School, 7:15am to 7:45am.
<b>December 12th</b>	Auxiliary Christmas Party - Stockyard
<b>December 19th</b>	Regular Post Meeting, CANDY PACK at 6:30pm, meal at 7:30pm, meeting at 8pm Lunch Committee: <i>We need someone to volunteer at the November meeting!!</i>
<b>December 21st</b>	Santa Day! Shut-ins @ 9am and School @ 12:30pm
<b>January 7th</b>	Executive Meeting at 6:30pm
<b>January 10th</b>	Vernon County Meeting - Viroqua
<b>January 16th</b>	Regular Post Meeting, meal at 7:30pm, meeting at 8pm Lunch Committee: Cox, Hoff, Cary, Banta
<b>January 17-20th</b>	2013 Midwinter Conference - Ho-Chunk Hotel and Convention Center - Baraboo
<b>February 1st</b>	Present Colors at Opening Ceremonies of the Westby Ski Jump
<b>February 3rd</b>	Superbowl Sunday Breakfast

# November Newsletter

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Last Bugle:

Oswald Ihle  
Leonard Olson\*  
George Bahr

\* not a Legion Member



**BUCKET  
DRAWING**

**George Bahr  
Not Present**

**November  
Drawing will be:  
\$50.00**

**50/50 -  
DRAWING-  
Gary Hess  
\$64.00**

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



## COON VALLEY AMERICAN LEGION POST 116

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### Membership Totals to Date

2013 Paid Membership - 156  
2013 Membership Goal - 205

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### From the Adjutants Desk:

November 9<sup>th</sup> was the Veterans Day ceremonies at the schools. Coon Valley Elementary at 9am, Bothne House about 9:40am, Westby High School at 10:20am and Norseland at 11:45am.



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

I want to first say thank you to everyone that attended our annual Halloween party!! It was a very successful party. I also want to thank the volunteers that helped set up and run the event. Without your help, events like this wouldn't happen. The S.A.L. will be serving at the next Legion meeting on Nov. 21<sup>st</sup>. A S.A.L. meeting will be conducted after the Legion meeting. Just a reminder that annual dues are due. Please send \$10.00 to Darin Berg or myself. The Coon Valley Legion is having their annual fundraiser on Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>. Tickets are available from myself or various Legion members. Happy hunting and Happy Thanksgiving.

Cal Manske, SAL Commander



### Message from Auxiliary President:

A warm hello to all of you. Thanks to everyone who attended our November meeting – it was great to see all of you. We selected 3 people (either Auxiliary members or Legion members) to receive the 3 remaining patriotic lap robes lovingly made and donated to this cause. Thank you so much to our anonymous donor!

Next month is our Christmas party held at the Stockyard. Be sure to mark your calendars, because we are going out on December 12<sup>th</sup> (not our regular meeting night). Cocktails at 6:30 and we'll plan to order our food at 7. Please call Annette Ihle to reserve your spot. Also, instead of a gift exchange, we each make a \$5 monetary donation to the Bethel Butikk. Looking forward to seeing all of you at the Stockyard!

If you haven't paid your 2013 dues yet, please remember to send them in to Gloria. If you know of anyone who would like to join, or you would like to sign up a daughter, granddaughter, new wife, etc, please let us know!

Thanks to those members who either donated bars and/or their time to the Clifford Bakkum benefit – this was a success.

Well Thanksgiving is soon upon us, and what am I thankful for? Lots of things: family, friends, health and happiness top the list. I am very thankful for being raised in a community where veterans, the American Legion, the American Legion Auxiliary, the VFW, etc are treasured assets to the community. I am thankful that we have such a great group of ladies and young women who make up our wonderful organization. I am thankful for your dedication and hard work throughout the year. Thank you and God Bless!

Julie Nelson, Auxiliary President

**Work Schedule—\$75.00 Raffle—December 1, 2012**

**Set-up: 2:00pm:** John Thurk Charles Nelson Roger Mathison  
Ron Miller Ty Mathison Mike Miller  
Michele Stahl Gary Hess Gary Grethel

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**7-9 pm**

**Sign in/Meal Roster:** Carl Holte  
Charles Servais

**6-8 pm**

**Chuck-a-luck:** Richard Brye  
Roger Hofslie  
Michele Stahl  
Mike Brown  
Mike Miller  
Don Laangard

**8-Drawing**

Dick Nestingen  
Jerry Dunnum  
Roger Starkey  
Steve Vance  
Larry Hass  
Dennis Kammel

**Drawing - 1:00 a.m.**

**Tipboards:** Roger Mathison Charles Nelson  
Dan Hofslie Ron Hoff

**Poker:** Larry Torgerson Bryan Berg Scott Berg  
Orlin Clark Calvin Manske Darin Berg

**Beat the Dealer:** Herb Cornell Steve Nelson Mike Callan  
Richard Zube Rolv Ihle Gary Grethel

**Black Jack:** Steve Olson John Elsen Brad Role  
John Rudie James Elsen Gary Hess

**Cashiers & Vegas:** James Hammes Chuck Lind  
Frank Mathison John Thurk

**Mini Raffles:** Ken & Ruth Rupp Jeff Berg  
Sig Mollund Glenn Stakston

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**Clean-up :** Sunday 9:00am  
Jordan Christianson Ron Miller Mike Miller Gary Grethel  
Roger Mathison Ty Mathison

**Coon Valley American Legion Post 116 Fundraiser**

Roger Neidfeldt won the two (2) tickets to the UW Badgers vs Ohio State Football Game in Madison, Wisconsin on November 17, 2012.

**Pork Dinner and Family Fun Night, Friday November 2**

Our annual Pork Feed and Family Fun Night was co-chaired by John Thurk and Gary Hess. There was not a very good turnout this year. It was mentioned that there were a lot of conflicting fundraisers happening that evening.

**2013 Vernon County Banquet**

The 2013 Vernon County Banquet will be held at Coon Valley Legion Post 116 on March 16, 2013. The Legion plans on preparing and serving the meal ourselves. Candidate for National Commander, Denise Rohan, will speak at our Vernon County Banquet this year.



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### **VETERANS EMPLOYMENT INITIATIVE**

The Middleton VA is conducting a series of Workshops on Job Search Skills for Veterans and their family members with a focus on Federal Employment. Contact Jeanne Louther at (608) 256-1901 ext. 12976 or at [jeanne.louther@va.gov](mailto:jeanne.louther@va.gov).

### **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