



COON VALLEY AMERICAN LEGION POST 116



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Commanders Message:

We are hosting the Vernon County Meeting on Thursday, March 20th, with an informal meeting for Post 116 beginning at 7:00 pm, followed by a meal at 7:30 pm, and then the County Meeting at 8:00 pm. You definitely want to be at this meeting and meal because our Auxiliary is providing their usual awesome meal. I want to thank them in advance for providing this valuable, and delicious, service!

We have a lot of other events coming up, so please check the dates below. I look forward to seeing all of you at the meeting!

Gary M. Hess
Commander Post 116

March 20th	Informal Legion Meeting - 7:00pm (THURSDAY) Meal by Auxiliary served at 7:30pm Vernon County Meeting - 8:00pm
March 31st	SAL Meeting - 7pm
April 5th	SAL Bean Bag Tournament, doors open at 6pm
April 7th	Legion Executive Meeting at 6:30pm
April 7th	Auxiliary Meeting, potluck starts at 7 and the meeting starts at 7:30
April 12th	7th District Spring Conference Black River Falls
April 13th	Palm Sunday Breakfast (see work schedule on the back page of this newsletter)
April 16th	Regular Post Meeting, meal at 7:30pm, meeting at 8pm Lunch Committee: C. Lind & R. Starkey
April 26th	2nd Annual Micro Marathon and Pork Feed
April 28th	Vernon County Meeting in Ontario
April 28th	SAL Meeting - 7pm
May 5th	Legion Executive Meeting at 6:30pm
May 9-10th	Department Spring Meetings - Portage
May 21st	Regular Post Meeting, meal at 7:30pm, meeting at 8:00pm Lunch Committee: Ken Kammel
May 26th	Memorial Day Parade and Program
May 28th	Vernon County Meeting - Chaseburg - 8:00pm

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Last Bugle:

John Nerison
Willfred Bushek
Jacob Ward*
Mike Brown
Howard Hofslie



**BUCKET
DRAWING**

Linda Berg
Not Present

March
Drawing will be:
\$90.00

50/50
DRAWING
Roger Mathison
\$50.00

* The Legions portion of
the drawing is put to-
wards the building
fund*



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Membership Totals to Date

2014 Paid Membership - 178
2014 Membership Goal - 205

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From the Adjutants Desk:

A donation of \$520 was received in memory of Lincoln Stafslie to go towards Legion baseball

2014 Vernon County Banquet

Thanks to everyone who was able to attend the Vernon County Legion Banquet at Stoddard Post 315 on Saturday, March 8. It was a great time before, during and after the banquet. As always, it is great to recognize and honor the members of our Community who make a difference in our lives. All the work that we do each year is all worth it when we get to see the pride that our Service Award winners show when receiving these awards.

The American Legion Department of Wisconsin, 2014 State Convention

The 2014 State Convention will be held July 17-20, 2014 in Appleton, WI.



Message from S.A.L. Commander:

Well, while writing this article, it appears that spring is coming... slowly. Thank you everyone who participated in our beanbag tourney on March 1st. Everyone had a good time. Our next beanbag tourney will be on April 5th at the Legion hall. Bar/practice begins at 6 pm with the tourney at 7 pm. Bring your own partner and \$20/ team. Our Brewers trip is scheduled for Sat. June 28th. The Brewers are playing the Colorado Rockies with the game beginning at 3:10 pm. The tickets are \$85/ person and includes beverages and food. Contact myself or Brad Role to sign up. Our next meeting will be on March 31st @ 7 pm at the Legion hall.

Cal Manske, SAL Commander



Message from Auxiliary President:

A warm hello to all of you. We patiently await spring... hopefully it will find us soon.

Remember we cook and serve for the Legion's dinner on March 20th. Some Auxiliary members will start meeting at the Legion Hall at 4:00 p.m. The meal is served at 7:30 p.m. If you are able to help, please come when you are available. Thanks!

We are distributing more patriotic lap robes to some of our members. We thank our anonymous donor for making the beautiful lap robes for this very worthy cause.

The Memorial Day Poppies have arrived. We will work on those at our April meeting.

Mark your calendars: Our next meeting is on Monday, April 7th. Please note the date change, due to Lent. As usual, potluck starts at 7 and the meeting starts at 7:30. Hope to see you then!

Julie Nelson, Auxiliary President

Roof update

The loan currently stands at around \$5,500.00. Thanks to everyone who has contributed to paying down this considerable amount of debt.

Vernon County Veterans Service Office (Jim Young and Tami Saleska)

USS Wisconsin (BB-64) to be celebrated at the Wisconsin Veterans Museum – 30 W. Mifflin St., Madison 53703 - on Thursday, April 24th at 7:00 P.M. The Museum is looking for those who served aboard the USS Wisconsin to attend and take part.

If you know of any crew members of the Wisconsin that served aboard her during WWII, Korea, Vietnam, or the Persian Gulf, please share this request with them and have them contact Kevin Hampton at (608) 261-5409 or Kevin.Hampton@dva.Wisconsin.gov

Please contact Jim Young or Tami Saleska with any VSO questions at 608-637-5323.

Paid Up For Life (PUFL) has never been easier

American Legion members interested in the discounted Paid Up For Life program can now easily join online:

www.legion.org/join/pufl

For more information about the Paid Up For Life program: call (800) 433-3318 or email ia@legion.org

American Flags for sale from the Legion

Don't forget that Post 116 has flags available for sale to any member as well as anyone in our Community or beyond. This can be a great fundraiser for the American Legion so spread the word and don't forget the Legion when you need to order a flag. I think the 3x5 outdoor flags are still \$25.00.

Coon Creek Trout Fest

We are still waiting to hear what the Trout Fest Committee is planning for 2014.

2nd ANNUAL COON VALLEY MICRO (.001) MARATHON and PORK FEED - April 26



This is the 2nd annual untimed non-Olympic sanctioned event (138.435'). Refreshment of your choice at the 75' mark. Plans are to have a Pork Feed this year as part of the event and of course the full bar. The races will be run periodically beginning at 4:00p.m. Serving will begin at 5:00 p.m. and continue throughout the evening.

We will need some help from Post members to tend bar and cook. \$20 entry that includes T-shirt.

Fire Inspection Report - Just a Reminder!

Post 116 had a fire inspection performed at our Post last year. There were no major issues found, but we need to make sure we maintain the 3' clearance around the electrical panels and make sure exit and emergency lights work. Also, the calculated maximum capacity for the Legion are: Bar = 43 people and Hall = 234 people.

Landscaping

The Legion had plans drawn up several years ago for landscaping around almost all of the Legion Hall. Due to the cost, it was decided to break up the cost over several years and try and complete it in phases. We completed phase one a couple years ago and now that Spring is on the way let's revisit the discussions that we had this past fall concerning what should be included in phase 2.

Brewer Game Perk for Active and Retired Military Personnel

For each Sunday home game in 2014, the Brewers offer two FREE Terrace Level tickets to active and retired military personnel. The offer applies to all branches of the military service. Active and retired military personnel must present valid military identification which entitles them to two FREE Terrace Level tickets redeemable at windows 7-12 at Miller Park on the day of game only. This offer is based on ticket availability. Please contact the Brewer Ticket office directly at (414) 902-4000 for more information.

Show your military ID, VA ID or DD-214 no sooner than two hours before game time, at the ticket window under the clock tower (faces north, behind home plate).



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Palm Sunday Breakfast - Sunday, April 13th

	7:00-10:00am	10:00am-1:00pm
Cooking Scrambled Eggs	Roger Mathison Charles Nelson	Steve Vance Dennis Kammel
Cooking Pancakes	Chuck Lind Ron Miller	Carl Holte Fuzzy Miller
Cooking Sausages	Stuart Peterson Dan Hofslie	Rolv Ihle Steve Nelson
Window Servers	Gary Grethel Wally Cox	Ron Hoff Tom Sharratt
Tables, Beverages, Coffee	Mary Schmidt Sherman Olson Roger Starkey Harlan Helseth Herb Cornell	Don Salter Ken Kammel Reuben Starch Tom Elson Don Kammel
Cashier	Frank Mathison	James Hammes
Bartender	Rod Ofte (9am to noon)	

Cleanup (12:00 - 1:00) The late shifts will clean up from noon to 1:00p.m.!!! Anyone else is also welcome!

The price of the breakfast will be \$7.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children.