



COON VALLEY AMERICAN LEGION POST 116



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Commanders Message:

Greetings Coon Valley American Legion Family

We had a very successful Vernon County Banquet at our post on March 03, and if you weren't there, you missed a good time, and an excellent meal. I would like to thank Roger Mathison for heading this up. Roger and Ron Miller prepared the food, and the meal was served by the Auxiliary. There were 95 people in attendance. Thank you to everyone who participated in this event. Other Posts in the county complain when they host the banquet that they lose money or make very little. Roger reports we cleared close to \$500.00 dollars. Go figure.

Everyone, please note that our March meeting will be on Thursday, March 15, 2018, due to Lent. We had a very poor attendance at our Feb. meeting because of the same situation, so mark your calendars. You don't want to miss this meal. The Auxiliary will be fixing a few turkeys and all the trimmings. Our meeting will start early, at 7:00 p.m., followed by the meal at 7:30, followed by the County meeting. It's always a good time.

You may recall that in December our Post received a \$1500.00 check from Mr & Mrs. James Onshus to be directed to wounded warriors in Vernon County. Roger Mathison and I had a conversation with Vernon County Veterans Service Officer Jim Young in January, & he stated he often gets emergency situations for veterans that he doesn't always have the funds to cover from his funds. On February 27, our Post received a plea for help from the Veterans Service Office. Jim had an Iraq veteran, two tours of duty, 100% disabled, with traumatic brain injury. The veterans' wood stove was no longer serviceable, and they were using two electric space heaters for heat. The veteran has a wife and a 14 month old child. The contractor recommended a new pellet stove would be the way to go for a cost of \$2000.00. Your officers texted each other and agreed Roger would hand deliver the check to Viroqua for \$1500.00 the same day. The County made up the difference and the veteran has heat and is very, very grateful.

A special thank you to the Onshus family and everyone involved.

Please remember our Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast.

Frank Mathison, Commander Post 116

DATES TO REMEMBER

March 15th (Thursday)	Informal Post Meeting 7:00pm, Meal at 7:30pm Vernon County Meeting at 8:00pm Lunch Committee: Auxiliary
March 25th	Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast
April 2nd	Executive Committee Meeting 6:30pm
April 2nd-April 13th	Americanism and Government Testing accessible online
April 4th	Auxiliary Meeting, Potluck at 6:00pm, Meeting at 6:30pm
April 18th	Regular Post Meeting, 7:30pm meal, 8:00pm meeting Lunch Committee: Charles Lind & Roger Starkey
April 21st	Seventh District Spring Conference, 10:00am, Post 336 Onalaska
April 23rd	Vernon County Meeting in Ontario - 7:30pm meal, 8:00pm meeting - Monday
May 7th	Executive Committee Meeting 6:30pm
May 7th	Auxiliary Meeting, Potluck at 6:00pm, Meeting at 6:30pm
May 17th (Thursday)	Regular Post Meeting, 7:30pm meal, 8:00pm Meeting - Officer Elections Lunch Committee: Ken Kammel
May 23rd	Vernon County Meeting in Chaseburg - 7:30pm meal, 8:00pm meeting - Wednesday
May 28th	Memorial Day Program
June 10th	Coon Valley Legion Chicken Q

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Last Bugle:

James Hammes

Norman Oliver

Leon Minor

Howard Moilien

* Not a Post 116 member



BUCKET DRAWING

January \$60

Tom Daniel
(Not Present)

February \$70
Duane Meighan
(Present)

March Drawing
Will Be \$10

50/50
January
Steve Vance \$52

February
Not Held



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Membership Totals to Date

2018 Paid Membership - 183

2018 Membership Goal-195

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Message from S.A.L. Commander:

Hello Everyone,

The SAL will not be having a meeting this month due to the County Meeting.

Cal Manske
S.A.L. Commander

Message from the Auxiliary: AUXILIARY NEWS



The County Legion Banquet on Sat. evening, Mar. 3, was served by several of our Auxiliary members and one of our members welcomed everyone on behalf of our Unit. Our Legionnaires can be proud of the wonderful evening they planned and presented.

Because of the inclement weather, we did not meet on Mon., Mar. 5. Our next meeting will be on WED., Apr. 4, 6 pm-potluck/6:30 pm meeting. At that time, we will be discussing our role in the Memorial Day event.

Scholarship apps are in the works, so if you have a graduating son/daughter, grandchild, etc., attending Westby HS, please encourage them to apply.

Ellie Brye, Secretary

Congratulations!

Alton Kammel graduated from his combat training and is heading off to his MP school at Ft. Leonard Wood, MO. Alton is a PFC in the US Marine Corps, member of Post 116, the son of Post 116 member Lisa Kammel and the grandson of Post 116 member Ken Kammel.

Vernon County Veterans Service Office (Jim Young & Crystal Knoll) 608-637-5323

(veterans@vernoncounty.org)

<https://www.facebook.com/Vernon-County-Veterans-Service-Office-244550219077062/>

Were you in the Navy or have you ever been interested in Navy ships? On Thursday, August 23rd, there will be a mini bus trip to Dubuque, IA to tour the USS LST 325. This LST (Landing Ship, Tank) is an amphibious vessel designed to land battle-ready tanks, troops and supplies. This will be the first time ever that this ship will have sailed up the Mississippi River this far north.

Admission for the tour is \$10.00, mini bus ride is \$7.00. WWII Veterans get to tour the ship for free.

If you are interested, call the Aging and Disability Resources Center of Vernon County at 608-637-5201 or 1-888-637-1323 for reservations or for more information.

You are responsible for your own lunch and any purchases or services.

Vernon County Banquet

Thanks to everyone who worked so hard to put on the Vernon County Banquet. The meal was delicious (as always) and the distinguished guests who attended put some real clout behind what Vernon County is doing. I had one of the Department Vice Commanders tell me that the Vernon County Council is probably the most well considered counties in the state within Legion circles because of what we accomplish.

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. The 3' x 5' flags are \$25.00.

Wisconsin American Legion Law Enforcement Career Academy (WALLECA)

The Wisconsin American Legion Law Enforcement Career Academy (WALLECA) is a program for high school students who have completed their junior year and are in good academic standing. The program provides a first-hand experience and insight into the operations of law enforcement agencies.

The program will offer physical fitness training coupled with classroom instruction and hands-on training. Topics of instruction include criminal law, constitutional law, patrol procedures, criminal investigation procedures, traffic crash investigation, evidence gathering techniques, arrest techniques, taking fingerprints, testifying in court, public speaking, leadership skills, report writing, interviewing techniques, crisis intervention, use of control and firearms training.

The 2018 program will run June 18-22, 2018. For more information or to submit an application, go to:

<http://www.wilegion.org/page/content/programs/wisconsin-american-legion-law-enforcement-career-academy>

click on the registration link and complete the application prior to February 26, 2018.

If you are an adult and want to volunteer, you must pass a background check. Go to the same web address. There is a link there for the background check.

True or False Quiz

- 1) In World War II, a German U-boat was sunk because of a malfunctioning toilet.
- 2) American combat dolphins, deployed in the Persian Gulf, surrounded and captured an Iranian battleship.
- 3) The pen used by the military meets 16 pages of military specs.
- 4) At the real-life Topgun program - the one the film was based on - there is a \$5 fine for any staffer who references or quotes the movie.
- 5) The Franco-Prussian War ended in a stalemate and had to be settled by a winner-take-all game of backgammon played by the two countries' prime ministers.

Answers on the back page below the work schedule



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Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast - Sunday, March 25th

	7:00-10:00am	10:00am-1:00pm
Cooking Scrambled Eggs	Roger Mathison Charles Nelson	Steve Vance Dennis Kammel
Cooking Pancakes	Charles Lind Ron Miller	Carl Holte Michael Miller
Cooking Sausages	Harlan Helseth Dan Hofslie	Rolv Ihle Gary Hess
Window Servers	Steve Nelson Wesley Guy	Ron Hoff Wally Cox
Tables, Beverages, Coffee	Mary Schmidt Sherman Olson Roger Starkey Tom Elsen Richard Zube	Don Salter John Thurk Reuben Starch Don Kammel Bernie Roesler
Cashier	Frank Mathison	Mike Callan
Bartender	Rod Ofte (9am to noon)	

If your name is on the schedule but can't make it, please find a replacement. If your name is not on the schedule and you are able to help out, please stop on by and we will find a position for you!

Clean up (12:00—1:00) The late shifts will clean up from noon to 1:00pm. Anyone else is also welcome to help!

Answers to quiz: 1-T; 2-F; 3-T; 4-T; 5-F