



# COON VALLEY AMERICAN LEGION POST 116



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### Commander's Message:

On August 26th the Westby S.A.L. had a golf tournament at Snowflake Golf Course in Timber Coulee. Larry T., Gary H., Charlie N., Brad R., and myself participated. We took 3rd place, a good time was had by all! If anybody is interested in doing any of these sorts of Legion events, I recommend it! I'm looking for marchers for the Cashton Fall Festival on September 13th. If interested give me a call. We are doing pretty good on memberships. Keep up the good work! Hope everyone had a good Labor Day Holiday.

Mike Miller  
Commander Post 116

September 7th	Executive Committee Meeting - 6:30pm
September 9th	Vernon County Meeting - Hillsboro - 8:00 pm
September 11th	Flag Disposal Ceremony - Chaseburg - 6:30pm
September 12th	State American Legion Golf Tournament - Fox Hollow Golf Course
September 13th	Cashton Fall Festival Parade, I think it is a 1:30pm parade start, lineup noon
September 16th	Regular Post Meeting - 7:30pm Lunch Committee: Roger Mathison
September 17-20	Vernon County Fair - The County Legion has a booth.
October 5th	Executive Committee Meeting - 6:30pm
October 19th	Auxiliary Meeting - 7:00pm
October 20th	Vernon County Meeting - Stoddard - 8:00 pm
October 21st	Regular Post Meeting - 7:30pm Lunch Committee: Fishin' Crew
November 2nd	Executive Committee Meeting - 6:30pm
November 6th	Pork Feed and Family Fun Night
November 18th	Regular Post Meeting - 7:30pm Lunch Committee: S.A.L.
December 5th	December Raffle

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Last Bugle

Julian Rundhaugen



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### Membership Totals to Date

2010 Paid Membership - 145

2010 Membership Goal - 222

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### From the Adjutant's Desk:

- The bids for the building improvements have been coming in. The Executive committee will put together a spreadsheet to present at the September meeting.
- Don Salter mentioned that there is now a secure section for members only on the website.
- A motion was made and seconded to do landscape work to spruce up the Legion grounds with the Richard Berg memorial.
- Let's work on getting our dues in before December. You can now pay your dues online and it is a great time to sign up for PUFL since the rates will be increasing October 1.
- The first winner of the Westby Legion Baseball drawing was our very own Commander, Mike "Fuzzy" Miller.
- A motion was made and seconded for the Legion to purchase one changing table with the Auxiliary paying for the second one.
- See you at the September meeting. Free Tap Beer.



### BUCKET DRAWING

William  
Patterson  
Not Present

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

**50/50 -  
DRAWING  
Don Salter**

(donated to the building fund)

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



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

The SAL held it's annual Brewers Bus Trip on August 16th. It didn't look very promising for our tailgate party with the rains early in the morning, but the bus gods smiled on us and we had a very pleasant day at Miller Park. In the end, our Brewers fell to the Astros but I'm sure everyone had a good time at both the Brewers game and the Legion All-Star Game afterwards. I'd like to thank all the SAL members who helped out to once again make this trip a successful event for our Squadron. A special thank you goes out to Judy Hofslie, who despite not being able to join us on the bus this year, still generously donated her tasty macaroni salad much to the delight of our hungry tailgaters. We look forward to seeing everyone for the 10th anniversary Brewers Trip in August 2010. Look for details over the winter.

We will plan on meeting following the Legion meeting on September 16th to discuss the bus trip and look forward to holding a fundraising event this fall or winter.



### Message from Auxiliary President Annette:

Sorry I did not get the changes in the newsletter last month. We are going to change our meeting night from the first Wednesday to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday at 7:00 p.m. It will be on October 19<sup>th</sup>, Potluck. We hope it will bring more members. Also, we are going to try having the meetings every other month. We will have to discuss our Christmas Party in October.

January – no meeting
February – Meeting
March – no meeting
April – Meeting

May – no meeting
June – Meeting
July – no meeting
August – Meeting

September – no meeting
October – Meeting
November – no meeting
December – Christmas Party

If you have any new ideas please come to the meeting so we can all hear it. Get your membership in as soon as possible. Send them to Julie Nelson Grethel. If you know someone who could join let us know.

**Membership**

As you can see we are well on the way to meeting our 100% membership goal. Our goal this year is 222 paid memberships of which we have already had 145 turned in. **This is a great time to thank everyone who has already turned in their memberships. It often feels like we put a lot of time and effort into getting everyone renewed and never look back to thank our members who make it so easy on us. I would like to say THANK-YOU!**

Saying that however, ..... for those that have not turned in your membership, please get your membership renewal sent in as soon as possible. I think Fuzzy said he would make it worth our effort if we get 100% before December 31.

PUFL dues will be increasing effective October 1st. Ask us details at the September meeting if you are interested in getting paid up for life. There are changes that have made paying for it more flexible.

Also, please look into renewing online. They have made it easy for all!

**Legion Shirts**

The shirts that we ordered through the Legion are in and the cost is \$36.50. I would like to thank all those who ordered for promptly picking them up and paying for them. I think I have one remaining that is spoken for and two others that I will give to the first ones who claim them. The two remaining are a medium and a large.

**Flag Disposal Ceremony**

Our annual Flag Disposal ceremony that we participate in with the Chaseburg Legion will take place on September 11th. Let's have a great turnout. Be at the Chaseburg Legion Hall by 6pm.

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This comment is just a reminder to Commander Miller to please fill up the open months for the servers at the September meeting. Look at the past newsletters for the open months.

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**Pork Dinner and Family Fun Night, Friday November 6**

We need to find a chairman or co-chairmen to run this event. We also need to make sure the date I put down is correct.

**December Raffle, Saturday December 5**

We need to find a chairman or co-chairmen to run this event. The tickets need to be printed and distributed by no later than the October meeting since the early bird drawing will be at the November meeting. The Executive Committee will be reviewing the menu for Classic Catering and deciding if we wish to change our caterer this year.

**State Convention Congratulations**

The Coon Valley American Legion would like to congratulate our members who have stepped above and beyond. I am sure I will not get all of these exactly correct but here it goes. At least it gives people some ammunition against me.

Frank Mathison - He is the Wisconsin State Historian once again

John Thurk - He is the Chairman of the Government Testing Program

Roger Mathison - He is a member of the Policy Committee and .....

**S.A.L. Big Cup Golf Tournament**

As the Commander said, "a good time was had by all." I will leave all of the finer details of how we managed a third place finish to be discussed at the September meeting. Who ever knew the Commander could whip a bunch of has beens into such a fabulous finish!

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Please remember that the Legion's stance is neutral concerning political fundraising and other political events. It is not appropriate to wear Legion apparel at these functions.

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**Post Everlasting—THANK-YOU**

Thanks to everyone who came to our August meeting and helped remember our departed comrades from the prior year.

Ardel Olson	CPL	Korea	Army
Albon Seymour	CPL	WWII	Army
Richard Berg	Specialist 5	Vietnam	Army

There was a nice ceremony followed by a meal that was enjoyed by the family members and the Legionnaires.

**Vernon County Fair**

The Vernon County American Legion will be having a booth at the fair. Please stop by and say hello or help by volunteering a few hours at the booth. See Commander Miller for details.

**7th District Fall Conference**

Please start thinking about attending the Fall Conference. I will have more information in the next newsletter

**Vernon County Youth Government Days**

This is a great opportunity for all Legionnaires and community members to witness the great job that our County does with this wonderful event and the positive effects it has on the youth in our communities. More information to follow.