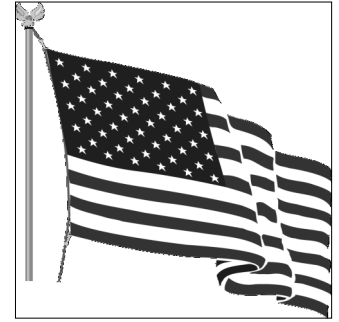




COON VALLEY AMERICAN LEGION POST 116



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Commanders Message:

I would like to thank everyone who attended the Vernon County meeting that we hosted last month. If you weren't able to make it you missed an excellent meal that was prepared by the Auxiliary; thanks to them for all the support they offer us throughout the year.

Our Palm Sunday Breakfast was a success; thanks to everyone who is was able to help out by either working or eating (some did both!).

On Monday May 28th we will have our annual Memorial Day events. This is when we honor our fallen comrades by visiting local cemeteries, host the Parade that goes down main street in Coon Valley, and is followed by our Memorial Day Ceremony.

We will be discussing this in more detail at our next meeting on Wednesday April 18th; Hope to see you there!

Post Commander, Gary Grethel

Dates to Remember

April 18th	7:30pm - Meal & Meeting at 8:00pm Lunch Committee: R. Starkey & C. Lind
April 22nd	Micro Marathon – Legion baseball fundraiser.
April 23rd	Vernon County Meeting at Ontario
April 25th	Sal Meeting at 7:00
May 2nd	Auxiliary Meeting
May 7th	Legion Exec. Meeting
May 16th	7:30pm - Meal & Meeting at 8:00pm Lunch Committee: K. Kammel
May 23rd	Vernon County Meeting at Chaseburg
May 23rd	Sal Meeting at 7:00
May 28th	Memorial Day Parade, Ceremony, and Luncheon
June 4th	Legion Executive Meeting - 6:30pm
June 6th	Auxiliary Meeting - 7pm
June 10th	Chicken-Q
June 12th	Vernon County Meeting - Genoa
June 20th	7:30pm - Meal & Meeting at 8:00pm Lunch Committee: Officer's

March Newsletter

2011-2012

Last Bugle:

Boob Nelson (Layton)

Jerrold Nestingen

Leonard Jorgenson

Paul Hess

Myron Storbakken *

Jim Callan*

* Not a member



BUCKET DRAWING

Lee Rudi

Not Present

April

Drawing will be:
\$80.00

50/50 -
DRAWING-

None

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



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Membership Totals to Date

2012 Paid Membership - 136

2012 Membership Goal - 223

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Message from S.A.L. Commander: Geoffrey Lenser

I would like to thank all those who helped work in the kitchen for the 7th District Conference.

We are planning on a hosting a kids coloring contest for Memorial Day. If you would like to march in the Memorial Day Parade, please be down by the post office for line up at 10:00.

I hope to see you at the next SAL meeting on April 25th. See you there!



Message from Auxiliary President: Julie Nelson

A warm hello to all of you. Thanks to all of you who helped make the meal served for the Legion in March a success. There are so many of you who work behind the scenes, as well as work at the actual event. Thanks for your tireless efforts!

Gloria prepared the Easter baskets for our local homebound. She delivered many of them, but brought a few to our meeting that still needed to be delivered, which provided us a great opportunity to see all of the work she puts into making those baskets beautiful. Thanks Gloria for your work on this project. (And remember to save your plastic hinged strawberry containers for this project next year).

Thanks to Joyce and Mary for all of their work with the poppies this year. They have each helped make the poppies ready for distribution, including making the corsages. Thank you both for your great work!

We discussed plans for the Memorial Day festivities. Look for the schedule in this newsletter. Thanks to everyone who is working behind the scenes to get all of the supplies ahead of time. And thanks to all of you who will help work on Memorial Day. If your name isn't listed on the schedule, you are still very welcome to show up and help out. If for some reason you are unable to make your shift, please try and find a replacement. We can only do this successfully with your help!

Attention: We have been notified that there will be a dues increase for the 2013 membership year. Senior member dues will be \$22, but Junior member dues will remain the same at \$3. We just wanted to let everyone know this in advance. Thank you so much for your membership in this great organization!

We were notified that our **2012 Badger Girl State selection is Hailey Hansen, daughter of Peter and Kristie Hansen.** Congratulations Hailey!

Our next meeting is May 2nd. Potluck at 7, Meeting at 7:30.

Finally, please remember to check the Memorial Day schedule. Thanks!

****Memorial Day****

- Need volunteers to help set up chairs at the Legion Hall at 8:00.

Cemetery Schedule - Need volunteers in uniform for showing colors at the cemeteries. Meet @ Legion 7:00

7:30: Koethe

7:45 Trinity (both cemeteries)

8:15 St. Joseph Ridge

8:30 Northridge

9:30 Esophia

10:00 Coon Valley Lutheran Church

Parade

Line up at 10:00 by the post office (the Legion members presenting colors will line up at 10:15)

Parade starts at 11:00

Ceremony following the parade

Guest Speaker : James Young Vernon County Service Officer

Luncheon following the Ceremony - Provided by the American Legion Auxiliary

2012 Badger Boy's State Representative

- Badger Boys State Representative: Dane Devault - Parents Margret and Mike Schedivy. Congratulations!!

Updates from the Adjutants Desk :

- ◇ Thank you to those who worked, attended, and/or brought bars to the 7th District Conference. It is greatly appreciated. Thank you to the SAL for manning the kitchen.
- ◇ Thank you to those who helped on Clean Up day!!!! The hall was ready for the District Conference.
- ◇ Thank you to those who worked at the Palm Sunday Breakfast. It is a real important fundraiser for the Legion. Thanks again!!!!
- ◇ **Next Newsletter will have the Chicken Q schedules for the Legion and Auxillary**

Building Fund Raffle

The raffle tickets that we are selling this year are for the chance to win a single grand prize of \$1,000.00. There are a total of 500 tickets being sold for \$5.00/ticket. Please help us get these sold since this will help us pay off the loan we have on our roof. The drawing will be held at our Chicken-q in June. Chairman: Fuzzy Miller. Thanks to Gary Hess for printing out the tickets!!!

Food for Thought

FOR THE GARDEN OF YOUR DAILY LIVING

Plant 3 rows of Peas: 1. Peace of mind; 2. Peace of heart; 3. Peace of soul

Plant 4 rows of Squash: 1. Squash gossip; 2. Squash indifference; 3. Squash grumbling; 4. Squash selfishness

Plant 4 rows of Lettuce: 1. Lettuce be faithful; 2. Lettuce be kind; 3. Lettuce be patient; 4. Lettuce really love one another

No garden without Turnips: 1. Turnip for meetings; 2. Turnip for service; 3. Turnip to help one another

To conclude your garden we must have Thyme: 1. Thyme for each other; 2. Thyme for family; 3. Thyme for friends

WATER FREELY WITH PATIENCE AND CULTIVATE WITH AFFECTION THERE IS MUCH FRUIT IN YOUR GARDEN BECAUSE YOU REAP WHAT YOU SOW !!!



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Auxiliary Memorial Day Work Schedule – Monday, May 28th

	9am - 12pm	11am – 2pm
Helping Serve the Pork Sandwiches, etc. in the kitchen area	Ellie Brye Mary Elsen Phyllis Galstad Liz Hellwig Annette Ihle Rebecca Lind Dianne Taylor Sylvia Thurk	Corrine Amundson Hazel Cornell Billy Dock Mary Hess Judy Hofslie Jan Ihle Judy Mathison Audrey Nelson
	9am - ?	Floating Helpers:
Helping Serve the Hot dogs, etc. with Virginia	Gloria Freitag Nancy Miller Geraldine Nestingen Virginia Nerison Joyce Temp	Madeline Grethel Margaret Grethel Julie Nelson Michele Stahl

***Those brining cakes - remember to drop them off at the Legion Hall before the parade.