



COON VALLEY AMERICAN LEGION POST 116



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Commander's Message: I would like to thank everyone for electing me as Commander. I am looking forward to working with all the new officers. Please try to help out at the Coon Creek Trout Fest, if you aren't on the work schedule, please feel free to show up and we will put you to work!!!! Also let's show our support for the S.A.L. bus trip on August 14th. I hope you are all enjoying your summer and hope to see all of you at the August meeting.

Gary J. Grethel
Commander Post 116

July 15th -17th	Wisconsin Department Convention - Appleton
July 20th	Legion Meeting - MEAL at 7:30pm, MEETING at 8:00pm Lunch Committee: O. Clark & E. Williams
July 23rd	Coon Creek Trout Fest - Please see work schedule in June Newsletter
August 1st	Executive Committee Meeting, 6:30pm
August 1st	Vernon County Meeting - Westby 8:00 pm
August 3rd	Auxiliary Meeting, 7:00pm
August 7th	40/8 Corn Fest at the Legion Hall
August 14th	S.A.L Annual Bus Trip to the Milwaukee Brewers/Legion All-Star Game
August 17th	Regular Post Meeting, 7:30pm Lunch Committee: Mike Miller and Charlie Nelson
Aug. 26 - Sep. 1	National Convention in Minneapolis
September 5th	Executive Committee Meeting, 6:30pm
September 7th	Auxiliary Meeting, 7:00pm
September 14th	Vernon County Meeting - Hillsboro 8:00 pm
September 21st	Regular Post Meeting, 7:30pm Lunch Committee: Roger Mathison
October 1	7th District Fall Meeting

July Newsletter

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Membership Totals to Date

2012 Paid Membership -

2012 Membership Goal - 223

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From the Adjutant's Desk:

- The Westby Area American Legion Team is making posters that will include the schedules for the Westby Area and the Jr. Legion. Donations are being suggested at a \$20, \$50, \$75, \$100, or \$250 level. The profits will be used to help with the expenses of the team. Contact Roger Mathison at 608-558-1503 for more information.



BUCKET DRAWING

Jim Schmidt
\$60

August
Drawing will be:
\$10.00

50/50 -
DRAWING
Tom Sharratt
\$62

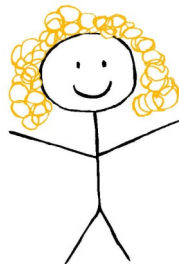
* The Legions portion of the drawing is put towards the building fund



Message from S.A.L. Commander Geoffrey Lenser

Greetings from the S.A.L. As your new Commander, I am happy and excited for the upcoming year. I am looking forward to working with you. Upcoming events for the SAL: - Bean Bag tournament during the Coon Creek Trout Fest on July 23rd. - The 11th Annual

Milwaukee Brewers Bus Trip on August 14th. **We need volunteers to work at the Bean Bag Tournament on July 23rd. Please attend the next meeting as we discuss plans for upcoming events and for rest of the year. I speak for all S.A.L members when I extend our gratitude and appreciation to the Legion Post 116 for all the support they have given and continue to give to our efforts - it is truly a joy to be associated with such a fine organization and we look forward to continuing to do our part in supporting the Legion and it's efforts in the future. Thanks and I hope to see you at the meeting. If you need to contact me call my cell phone at 608-698-6434



Message from Auxiliary President Annette Ihle:

Next meeting on August 3rd and lunch will be pot luck. Please come and enjoy and meet our new officers. Our new President is Julie Nelson Grethel.

This will be my last news letter. It has been a joy being your President and working with all of you. I don't remember how many years it has been but I get to take a rest now. Thank you and see you at the August meeting.

Highlights from June Legion Meeting:

Election for 3rd Vice Commander: Commander Miller asked if there were any nominations from the floor to replace Chuck Lind as 3rd Vice Commander. Frank Mathison nominated Steve Vance. After no more nominations, a motion was made by Roger Mathison and seconded by Gary Grethel to elect Steve Vance as our 3rd Vice Commander.

Refrigerant and lines in our cooler. The one bid we have had for some time was from Johnson Refrigeration at an estimated cost of \$1000. Mike Miller had the gentlemen that does the heating and air conditioning for the place he works check into replacing these lines. He will have a bid at the next meeting

Bob Batty the National Commander installed the officers for the Legion and S.A.L.

Legion: Commander Gary Grethel, 1st Vice Gary Hess, 2nd Vice Harlan Helseth, 3rd Vice Steve Vance, Chaplain Rod Ofte, Service Officer Evelyn Williams, Finance Officer Roger Mathison, Historian Don Salter, and Sgt-at-Arms Dan Hofslie. The S.A.L Officers for the upcoming year: Commander Geoffrey Lenser, 1st Vice Brian Berg, 2nd Vice Mike Miller, Finance Officer/Adjutant Darin Berg, Chaplain Brad Role, Sgt-at-Arms Scott Berg, and Advisor Charles Nelson.

The grating on our chicken pit racks need work. This will be a joint effort between the Legion and the Lion's.

Coon Creek Trout Fest

The Legion body voted at our April meeting to allow the Coon Creek Trout Fest committee to use our Legion Post for the purpose of presentations during the Trout Fest. At the Executive meeting we discussed the idea of helping out at the beer tent in the park the day of the event. The body voted to help by serving at the beer tent from 11am to 5pm to Saturday July 23rd. We will have two shifts. First shift will run from 11:00 to 2:00 and second shift will be 2:00 to 5:00. The S.A.L. will be hosting a bean bag tournament during the Trout Fest.

Building Fund Raffle

The building fund Raffle was a success. The winner of the Annual Building Fund Raffle for \$1000.00 was Kurt Hormen. A big thank you to all who sold, bought, or chaired this event.

Flag Disposal Box is mounted by the front of the Legion Building. Please collect and bring in flags so we can properly dispose of them.

Brewers Bus Trip

Sunday August 14, 2011. Bus leaves the Coon Valley Legion Hall at 7:00 am sharp!!! Game starts at 1:10 with the American Legion State All-Star game immediately following. If you are interested in attending the Brewers Bus Trip, see a S.A.L. member for ticket(s).

Member Roster

Michele Stahl will be updating the member ship roster posted in the Legion Hall. Please send a copy or e-mail Michele your paid membership lists for 2011 and any new members who have joined. We would like to get the Legion, Auxiliary and S.A.L. membership rosters updated. Michele's email: shellykam@hotmail.com



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