



COON VALLEY AMERICAN LEGION POST 116



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Commanders Message:

This month we will be having our annual Post Everlasting Ceremony that honors our departed Comrades from the past year; please be sure to check the newsletter for the complete details. Several members from our Post attended the State Convention in Madison and we will have a full report from them at this month's meeting. We will be joining Chaseburg Post 202 and the Coon Creek V.F.W. Post 10532 on September 11th at 6:30pm for our Flag Disposal Ceremony at the Chaseburg American Legion Hall. All are welcome and they have an excellent meal following the ceremony.

As the summer winds down and the nights hopefully get cooler it is a good time to get that checkbook out and pay your annual dues. Please help us by paying as soon as you can so the post can save funds by not having to send additional reminders/mailings.

I look forward to seeing you all at the meeting on August 15th.

Gary J. Grethel
Commander Post 116

Dates to Remember

August 15th	Regular Post Meeting, 7:00pm Post Everlasting Ceremony, 7:30pm with meal following with family and friends Lunch Committee: Michele, Gary, and Fuzzy
August 19th	S.A.L Annual Bus Trip to the Milwaukee Brewers/Legion All-Star Game
August 29th	SAL Meeting at 7:00
September 3rd	Executive Committee Meeting, 6:30pm
September 5th	Auxiliary Meeting, 7:30pm
September 11th	Flag Disposal Ceremony, 6:30pm - Chaseburg American Legion
September 12th	Vernon County Meeting - Hillsboro 8:00 pm
September 13-16	Vernon County Fair - Am. Legion Trailer - Sunday afternoon
September 19th	Regular Post Meeting, 7:30pm Lunch Committee: Roger Mathison
September 22	Freedom Honor Flight
September 25th	SAL Meeting at 7:00
October 1st	Executive Committee Meeting, 6:30pm
October 3rd	Auxiliary Meeting, 7:30pm
October 17th	Regular Post Meeting, 7:30pm Lunch Committee: Fishin' Crew

AUGUST Newsletter

2012-2013

Last Bugle:

* Not a member



BUCKET DRAWING

Roger Carlson
Not Present

August
Drawing will be:
\$20.00

50/50 -
DRAWING-
Wally Cox
\$45.00

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



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Membership Totals to Date

2013 Paid Membership - 104
2013 Membership Goal - 206

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From the Adjutants Desk

- ◇ The State Convention was held in Middleton on July 19-22 and Randy Lenser from Chaseburg was elected and sworn in as State Vice Commander and John Thurk was sworn in as 7th District Commander. Congratulations to these two fine Legionnaires! In addition, Frank Mathison finished his year as Denise Rohan's Historian. Nice job!
- ◇ We are looking for names and information to update our active duty map hanging in the banquet hall. Please help us with this!
- ◇ Thanks to the Lion's Club for doing a great job cleaning up after their recent Chicken -q.

Roof update

We are still working on paying off the loan we had to take out to put the roof on our building last year. The loan currently stands at slightly over \$26,000.00. Thanks to everyone who has helped us raise money through fundraisers, or has donated to this cause.

Vernon County Fair - September 13-16

Post #116 has once again volunteered to donate a flag to the Vernon County American Legion to give away at the Fair. We also need some volunteers to work Sunday at the booth the Vernon County Legion will have set up.



Message from S.A.L. Commander:

The next meeting is on August 29th at 7pm.

The Annual bus trip to the Brewer game/Legion All-Star game is August 19th. We still have several tickets available at a cost \$65/ticket. Call Charles Nelson at 452-3018 if you would like to reserve a ticket.

We need to elect a Commander to replace Geoffrey Lenser who will be relocating to Colorado to pursue his dreams.



Message from Auxiliary President: Julie Nelson

Greetings everyone. Our next meeting is on September 5th at 7:30p.m., with potluck starting at 7p.m. Hope to see you there!

Julie Nelson, Auxiliary President

WDVA Announces Wisconsin Badgers Football 2012 Annual Salute to Veterans

The Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs (WDVA) Secretary John Scocos announced that as part of the 2012 Year of the Veteran, and courtesy of the UW-Madison Athletic Department, the WDVA will distribute a number of FREE tickets to Wisconsin veterans and a guest for the Badgers Football Annual Salute to Veterans. Hosted by the UW-Madison Athletic Department, UW-Madison Marching Band, and the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs, the Salute to Veterans will take place during the September 1, 2012 game at Camp Randall Stadium in Madison, Wisconsin. Kick-off is at 2:30 p.m.

There will be a Veterans Hospitality Tent at Camp Randall's Hall of Fame Terrace which is open to the public from 12:00 - 2:00 p.m. The VFW will have food and beverages for sale during the hospitality tent hours. Veterans can register to win tickets to the game by applying online at:

http://www.wisvets.com/PA_events.asp#0901

Registration for the free ticket lottery will close at 4:00 p.m. on August 24, 2012. Ticket winners will be chosen by random drawing. Winners will be announced the week of August 27, 2012 will be notified how to pick up their tickets.

S.A.L. Annual Bus Trip to the Milwaukee Brewers/Legion All-Star Game—Sunday, August 19th

The Coon Valley S.A.L. Squadron is once again planning their annual bus trip to see the Milwaukee Brewers and the American Legion All-Star game at Miller Park in Milwaukee. There are 50 tickets available and several of them are still available. See an S.A.L. member at the next meeting or give one of them a call if you would like to purchase one.

Membership

Everyone should have received their membership renewal notices in the mail and that begins our yearly quest to obtain 100% membership. Our goal this year is 206 paid memberships and we would love to get there by the end of 2012. Please get your membership renewal sent in as soon as possible.

Post Everlasting Honors the Following Fallen Soldiers of Post 116 Coon Valley, August 15th @ 7:30pm

Layton Nelson	Jerrold Nestingen	Leonard Jorgenson	Arthur Lien
Paul Hess	Myron Storbakken	James Callan	

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.

Wisconsin State American Legion Convention—Middleton

Thanks to the delegates of our Post who attended the State Convention in Middleton. John Thurk, Frank-Mathison, Evelyn Williams, Roger Mathison, Charlie Nelson, and Richard Brye attended from our Post. Your delegates participated in the District caucuses, Convention meetings, Committee meetings, DEC meetings, hospitality rooms, and other stuff.

Looking Good Josie

Chad, Laura, and Josie Hofslie served us cake at the July meeting in appreciation of the Coon Valley Legion being such wonderful hosts during the benefit that was held for Josie. Everyone enjoyed seeing and visiting with Josie that evening.



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Westby American Legion Baseball

Congratulations to Roger Mathison and the 2012 Westby Legion baseball teams for another very successful year. The Senior team won the Regional Tournament in Coon Valley which allowed them entry into the State tournament in Bruce, WI. The Westby team ended up placing fourth and coming away with the Sportsmanship trophy. Thanks for representing our Communities in such an outstanding fashion.

Representing the Westby team at the Legion All-Star game played at Miller Park will be Jedd Sebion. Reserve your spot on the SAL bus trip and watch Jedd play.

Camp American Legion

Evelyn Williams mentioned that she was recently able to enjoy everything that Camp American Legion has to offer Veterans. She had a wonderful time and if you have any questions about the facility she could help answer them.

Landscaping Update

We have begun to discuss completing another phase of our landscaping project that was started a couple of years ago. The landscaping has really put a nice touch to the exterior of our building. Please stay tuned since we will be needing help. This also gives us the opportunity to thank the Legionnaires who have been donating a lot of time this summer making sure our building and grounds are looking their best. THANKS!