



COON VALLEY AMERICAN LEGION POST 116



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Commanders Message:

I would like to thank everyone for providing me with the opportunity to be Commander of Post 116. I am looking forward to working with all of the new officers as well as all of the members who pitch in at all of our events to make them successful. I would also like to thank the Past Commanders for their leadership and guidance.

By now, you should have received your first membership renewal notice for 2014. Please take the time to renew your membership as soon as possible so we do not have to incur additional mailing costs.

I hope that everyone is enjoying their summer thus far. I hope to see a lot of you at the July regular post meeting.

Gary M. Hess
Commander Post 116

Dates to Remember

July 17th	Regular Post Meeting, meal at 7:30pm, meeting at 8:00pm (Picture of NEW OFFICER'S) Lunch Committee: S. Vance & E. Williams
July 17th	SAL Meeting - After Legion Meeting
July 17-21	State Convention - Oconomowoc
August 5th	Legion Executive Meeting - 6:30pm
August 5th	Vernon County Meeting - Westby - 8:00pm
August 21st	Regular Post Meeting, 7:00pm Post Everlasting Ceremony, 7:30pm with meal following with family and friends Lunch Committee: Gary Grethel
August 21st	SAL Meeting - After Legion Meeting
September 2nd	Executive Committee Meeting, 6:30pm
September 4th	Auxiliary Meeting - 7pm Potluck & 8:30pm Meeting
September 8th	Cashton Fall Festival Parade - 12:30pm start
September 11th	Flag Disposal Ceremony, 6:30pm - Chaseburg American Legion
September 11th	Vernon County Meeting - Hillsboro 8:00 pm
September 12-15	Vernon County Fair - Post 116 works on Sunday
September 18th	Regular Post Meeting, 7:30pm Lunch Committee: Roger Mathison

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Last Bugle:

John Nerison
Willfred Bushek

* not a Legion Member



**BUCKET
DRAWING**

Michael Miller
Present - \$70

July
Drawing will be:
\$10.00

50/50
DRAWING
James Hammes
\$50.00

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



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Membership Totals to Date

2014 Paid Membership - 000
2014 Membership Goal - 200

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From the Adjutants Desk:

Post 116 is working on creating a Post Constitution and By-Laws that will be used by the Post and turned in to State Headquarters. Committee members are Roger Mathison, Frank Mathison, Dan Hofslie, Michael Miller, Harlan Helseth. A draft will be presented at the September regular meeting.

Planning is in the works for the 100th Anniversary of the American Legion. We will update our history pamphlet and any other pertinent information so we can join in on the Anniversary.

The winner of the Annual Building Raffle was Mr. and Mrs. Wally Cox!

Thanks to everyone who worked at the Trout Fest and the Pancake Breakfast. Nice job getting the Legion name out in the Community!



Message from S.A.L. Commander:

June was a very busy month with the Trout Fest and also our annual Brewers bus trip!! I want to thank everyone that worked at the Trout Fest and also the Brewers bus trip. Without your help, we wouldn't have this fine organization. Also a big thank you to the people who went on the bus trip. We will get together for a meeting on July 17th right after the Legion meeting. We will discuss the bus trip and also possible events for this fall.

Cal Manske, SAL Commander



Message from Auxiliary President:

A warm hello to all of you. We had a great meeting this month – thanks to everyone who attended. We discussed Memorial Day and Chicken Q information. Thanks to everyone who helped with these events!

We once again elected officers. We have a wonderful group and I am so excited to serve with each and every one of you! We had a few changes, so here is the lineup: President: me, Vice President: Audrey Nelson, Secretary: Ellie Brye, Treasurer: Yvonne Berg, Sergeant at Arms: Nancy Miller, Chaplain: Mary Elsen, Membership Chairperson: Gloria Freitag, and Historian: Joyce Temp.

Recruitment: Please consider asking someone to join our organization. We have a great group, and we would love to add to our membership! Here are the eligibility requirements: mothers, wives, daughters, sisters, granddaughters, great-granddaughters and grandmothers of members of The American Legion, or of persons who would have been eligible for membership in the American Legion but died in the line of duty or died after being Honorably Discharged (eligibility includes step-relatives). Our annual membership dues are \$22 for adults and \$3 for junior members. If you have any questions, ask any of our officers listed above. Thanks!

We will not have a meeting in August. Our next meeting is on September 4th at 7 (potluck) and 7:30 (meeting). Please attend if you can!

Julie Nelson, Auxiliary President

Focus on Energy Incentive

E3 Coalition, LLC has completed the Focus on Energy Incentive renovations for improving the energy efficiency of our Legion Hall. The proposed cost of the project after the Focus on Energy Incentive was \$241.00. The estimated yearly energy savings is \$375.00.

Westby Area American Legion 2013 Baseball Schedule Senior Legion

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent/Location</u>	<u>Time</u>
July 15	@Bi-State (DH)	4:00
July 18	PRAIRIE DU CHIEN (DH)	6:00
July 21	ONALASKA @CV	1:30
July 24-28	Regionals	
July 21-Aug. 4	State @ Viroqua	

Westby Area American Legion 2013 Baseball Schedule Junior Legion

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent/Location</u>	<u>Time</u>
July 17-21	Regionals	
July 24-28	State Tournament	

Vernon County American Legion

County tickets are available. They are \$5.00 each. Drawings will be held at each of the eight County Meetings.

August – 1 st Monday- Westby	March – 3 rd Thursday – Coon Valley
September – 2 nd Wednesday – Hillsboro	April – 4 th Monday – Ontario
October – 3 rd Tuesday – Stoddard	May – 4 th Wednesday – Chaseburg
January – 2 nd Thursday – Viroqua	June – 2 nd Tuesday - Genoa

See Commander Gary Hess if you wish to purchase a ticket. We need your help to sell the 90 tickets!

Wisconsin State American Legion Convention—July 17-21, Oconomowoc

The 95th Annual Department Convention will take place in Oconomowoc, Wisconsin on July 17-21, 2013.

The delegates from our Post will participate in the 7th District Caucus each day from 7:30am to about 9am and also the Convention Sessions which usually take place from about 9am to noon. They also have the responsibility to vote for the new State Officers on Saturday.

State Convention Automatic Delegates: PWSC Roger Mathison, 7th District Commander John Thurk

State Convention Delegates: Gary Hess, Frank Mathison, Charles Nelson

Alternates: Evelyn Williams

Post #116 Serving Committee

Thanks to everyone who volunteered to serve the meals throughout the last membership year. The Adjutant could use help preparing a schedule for the next membership year. This is what I tentatively have. Let Charlie know who can fill in the open months and if anyone needs a change.

January - Cox, Hoff, Cary, Banta	May - K. Kammel	September - Roger Mathison
February - R. Miller & M. Miller	June - Officer's	October - Fishin' Crew
March - Auxiliary	July - S. Vance & E. Williams	November - S.A.L.
April - R. Starkey & C. Lind	August - Mike, Gary., Michelle	December - ??



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Bucket Drawing

Since our June meeting was the last meeting of the Legion year we drew names during the bucket drawing until a member in attendance was drawn. Thanks for being at our meeting and congratulations on winning the \$70.00 prize, Michael Miller! Other members who were drawn but were absent are James Beck, James Munsch, Gregg Korn, Stuart Peterson, Dennis Kammel, Tony Herold, John Brzazowske, Paul Nichols, Richard Roesler, Norman Oliver, Edward Glass.

S.A.L Bus Trip to the Milwaukee Brewers Game—Saturday, June 22nd

The Coon Valley S.A.L. Squadron wants to thank everyone who supported them on their recent trip to see the Milwaukee Brewers play the Atlanta Braves at Miller Park in Milwaukee. Everyone that was in attendance enjoyed themselves and another bus trip will be planned for next year. More than likely the trip will be on a Saturday again since everyone said that it worked out very well.

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 200 paid memberships and we would love to get there by the end of 2013. Please get your membership renewal sent in as soon as possible.