



COON VALLEY AMERICAN LEGION POST 116



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Commanders Message:

I would like to thank everyone from the Legion family for making the Memorial Day events a success; it takes a lot of preparation and many hands behind the scenes.

This month we have our Annual Chicken-Q and the Coon Creek Trout Fest; please help out if you can. As always if you are not on the work schedule just show up...we will put you to work!

Remember the installation of new officers will be conducted at June's Post meeting. Let's have a good turnout and show our support. Hope to see you there.

Thank you for all your help and support over the last 2 years!

Please come to the meeting and welcome our new commander Gary Hess.

Gary J. Grethel
Commander Post 116

Dates to Remember

June 9th	American Legion Chicken-Q and Building Fund Cash Raffle
June 10-21	Summer School at the Coon Valley Legion
June 11th	Vernon County Meeting - Genoa - 8:00pm
June 15th	Coon Creek Trout Fest - Coon Valley - Work schedule inside
June 19th	Regular Post Meeting, meal at 7:30pm, meeting at 8:00pm Lunch Committee: Officer's
June 22nd	SAL sponsored Milwaukee Brewer Bus Trip, vs. Atlanta Braves, \$85/person includes motor coach, food, beverages, and game ticket.
June 23rd	Rendezvous Pancake Breakfast - Work schedule inside
July 1st	Legion Executive Meeting at 6:30pm
July 3rd	Auxiliary Meeting - Potluck at 7:00pm and Meeting at 7:30pm
July 17th	Regular Post Meeting, meal at 7:30pm, meeting at 8:00pm Lunch Committee: S. Vance & E. Williams
July 17-21	State Convention - Oconomowoc
August 5th	Legion Executive Meeting - 6:30pm
August 5th	Vernon County Meeting - Westby - 8:00pm
August 14th	Regular Post Meeting, 7:30pm Lunch Committee: Gary Grethel

JUNE Newsletter

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Last Bugle:

Oswald Ihle
Leonard Olson*
George Bahr
Merwin Bjornstad
Richard Christianson

* not a Legion Member



**BUCKET
DRAWING**

**Glen Stakston
Not Present**

**June
Drawing will be:
\$70.00**

**Drawn Until a
Winner!!!!**

**50/50
DRAWING
Larry Hass
\$46.00**

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



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Membership Totals to Date

2013 Paid Membership - 197
2013 Membership Goal - 205

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From the Adjutants Desk:

Post 116 unanimously approved endorsing John Thurk in his bid for State Vice Commander next year.

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. Roger Mathison recommended that we update our history pamphlet and any other pertinent information so we can join in on the Anniversary.

Post 116 voted to spend up to \$250 on mulch in order to spruce up the landscaping for Memorial Day.



Message from S.A.L. Commander:

Hello Everyone,

Thank you to everyone that helped with Memorial Day. We have a busy month ahead. On June 15th we are selling brats and hamburger at Trout fest. We also are having a bean bag tourney. Volunteers are needed. Call me @ 483-2239 if you can help. Also we are sponsoring a bus trip on June 22nd to see the Milwaukee Brewers. \$85/ person, which includes all refreshments with the ticket. Call me to reserve your place on the bus.

Cal Manske, SAL Commander



Message from Auxiliary President:

A warm hello to all of you.

Thanks to everyone who helped with Memorial Day. We had great success with the Memorial Day Poppies this year... a special thanks to Olivia and Hanna Nelson, Maddie and Maggie (and Isabella) Grethel, Emily Trautman, and Gary Grethel for helping me distribute poppies to homes throughout Coon Valley. A special thanks also to Nancy Miller, who dropped off and later picked up poppies at local businesses. All of you helped make the Auxiliary's Poppy Program a success, and the disabled veterans who make the poppies will benefit from your efforts. Thanks to everyone who worked, picked up supplies, baked cakes, etc. Virginia Nerison and Ellie Brye made lots of special trips to pick up supplies, so thank you very much. Thanks to Joyce Temp for calling and reminding people to bring cakes. Thanks also to Organic Valley, for donating the milk for the meals. It was a great day (despite a few raindrops)!

Remember Chicken Q this month. Check the schedule printed in the May newsletter for when you need to be here. We definitely need everyone's help who can make it!

Anyone who is reading this newsletter and is not a member but is eligible, please please consider joining. Annual membership for adults is \$22 and the Junior Auxiliary membership is only \$3 (until the child turns 18). This is a wonderful organization, but we need more members to help us do what we do to support our American Legion and our veterans. Once you join the Coon Valley American Legion Auxiliary, you will quickly discover what a fabulous group of women and girls we have. So please consider joining... or if you know someone who is eligible, consider inviting them to a meeting or asking them to join!

Our July meeting is on the 3rd, with potluck at 7 and the meeting at 7:30. Hope to see you all there!

Julie Nelson, Auxiliary President

Pancake Breakfast - Sunday, June 23rd

	7:00-10:00am	10:00am-1:00pm
Cooking Scrambled Eggs	Roger Mathison Harlan Helseth	Steve Vance Dennis Kammel
Cooking Pancakes	Chuck Lind Ron Miller	Gary Grethel Fuzzy Miller
Cooking Sausages	Stuart Peterson Dan Hofslie	Rolv Ihle Gordy Hellwig
Tables, Beverages, Coffee	Sherman Olson Herb Cornell Mary Schmidt Roger Starkey Ken Kammel Don Kammel	Tom Elsen Tom Sharratt Don Salter Carl Holte Reuben Starch Wally Cox
Cashier	Frank Mathison	James Hammes
Bartender	Charlie Nelson	Rod Ofte
Cleanup (12:00 - 1:00)	The people on the second shift are asked to stick around and clean-up.	

2013 Coon Creek Trout Fest Work Schedule - June 15th

LEGION SCHEDULE for tending bar at the park shelter

<u>12pm to 3pm</u>		<u>3pm to 6pm</u>	
Frank Mathison	John Thurk	Rolv Ihle	Gary Hess
Tom Elsen	Ken Kammel	Steve Vance	Knute Brye
David Moilien	Don Kammel	Rod Ofte	Stuart Peterson
Ronald Hoff	Dan Hofslie	Ron Miller	Jim Elsen
Carl Holte	Larry Hass	Steve Nelson	Gary Grethel
Wally Cox	Gordy Hellwig	Jim Hammes	Harlan Helseth

S.A.L. SCHEDULE for bean bag Tournament and serving food

Bean Bag set up at Noon and Tournament starts at 1:00pm

Food Preparation begins at 10:00am.

Chad Hofslie Brian Berg Darin Berg Scott Berg
Cal Manske Geoffrey Lenser Mike Miller

****If you are not on the list and can/want to work please show up and help out.*****

Wisconsin State EMT of the Year - Daryl Brye

Coon Valley American Legion Post 116 would like to congratulate Daryl Brye on winning the Wisconsin State EMT of the Year Award. Daryl was nominated for this award by Post 116 and proceeded through the County and District levels to the State competition. Daryl will receive his award at the State Convention in Oconomowoc in July. Congratulations Daryl and thanks for the things you do for our Community every day!

Focus on Energy Incentive

Jim Schmidt was contacted by Rob Steinhof from E3 Coalition, LLC with a proposal for a Focus on Energy Incentive for improving the energy efficiency of our Legion Hall. The proposed cost of the project after the Focus on Energy Incentive was \$241.00. Since all of the specifics of the Incentive were not understood at the regular meeting, the body recommended that Gary Hess and Charles Nelson meet with Rob and due a walk through to understand all of the proposed changes. Gary Hess, Charles Nelson, and Jim Schmidt met with Rob and made the decision to move forward with the Proposal. The estimated yearly energy savings is \$375.00.



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Election of Officers

Election of Officers took place at our May meeting and the following slate of Officers was elected. Past Wisconsin State Historian Frank Mathison led the Election. Installation of the new Officers will be at the June regular meeting.

Commander - Gary Hess, 1st Vice Commander (Membership chairman) - Michael Miller, 2nd Vice Commander (Children & Youth chairman) - Steve Nelson, 3rd Vice Commander (Americanism chairman) - Larry Hass, Chaplain - Rolv Ihle, Historian - Frank Mathison, Webmaster - Don Salter, Sergeant-at-Arms - Dan Hofslie, Service Officer - Evelyn Williams, and Finance Officer - Roger Mathison.

People for People

Lauren Ihle, the daughter of Orlin Ihle spoke at our May meeting about an opportunity she has to take part in a People to People program that President Eisenhower began. She would be traveling to Belgium and the total cost of the trip is \$8,000.00. Lauren is responsible for half of the trip cost. The body approved donating \$100.00 to Lauren to help offset the cost of the trip with the additional requirement that when Lauren returns from the trip she gives the Legion an overview of the trip.

2013 State Convention - Oconomowoc

The State Convention will be held in Oconomowoc on July 17-21. Post 116 Delegates are: Gary Hess, Charles Nelson, and Mike Miller. Alternate is: Frank Mathison.

Vernon County American Legion Officers

Commander: Eugene Johnson
1st Vice Commander: Charles Nelson
Sgt-at-Arms: Tom Heller
Chaplain: Mike Miller

2nd Vice Commander: Ervin Mulkey
3rd Vice Commander: Gary Gilbertson
Sgt-at-Arms: Kelly King
Adjutant: Charles Nelson