



# COON VALLEY AMERICAN LEGION POST 116



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## Commanders Message:

Before we head into summer please consider volunteering at the following upcoming events: Syttende Mai Parade, Memorial Day Parade, Annual Chicken-Q (Please see work schedule included in this newsletter), and The Coon Creek Trout Festival (Cooking with the S.A.L or bartending).

Also don't forget to support our Annual Building Fundraiser by purchasing and/or selling raffle tickets with a chance to win a single grand prize of \$1,000.00; Please contact Mike Miller or Charlie Nelson if you need tickets.

\*\*\*Reminder: this month's meeting is on Thursday May 16th (due to a hall rental on the 15th)\*\*\*

**Gary J. Grethel**  
**Commander Post 116**

### Dates to Remember

<b>May 16th</b>	Regular Post Meeting, meal at 7:30pm, meeting at 8:00pm ( <b>THURSDAY</b> ) Lunch Committee: Ken Kammel
<b>May 18th</b>	Spring Clean-up Day!! Let's have a good turn out. 9am to 1pm
<b>May 19th</b>	Syttende Mai Parade - Westby - begins at 1:30pm
<b>May 20th</b>	S.A.L. meeting @ 7:00 pm, Please come and judge for the Coloring Contest!!
<b>May 22nd</b>	Vernon County Meeting - Chaseburg - 8:00pm
<b>May 27th</b>	Memorial Day Parade and Program - Main Speaker is Dave Nelson a teacher at Westby H.S.
<b>June 3rd</b>	Legion Executive Meeting at 6:30pm
<b>June 5th</b>	Auxiliary Meeting - 7:30pm, Potluck at 7:00pm
<b>June 9th</b>	American Legion Chicken-Q
<b>June 10-21</b>	Summer School at the Coon Valley Legion
<b>June 11th</b>	Vernon County Meeting - Genoa - 8:00pm
<b>June 15th</b>	Coon Creek Trout Fest
<b>June 19th</b>	Regular Post Meeting, meal at 7:30pm, meeting at 8:00pm Lunch Committee: Officer's
<b>June 22nd</b>	SAL sponsored Milwaukee Brewer Bus Trip
<b>July 1st</b>	Legion Executive Meeting at 6:30pm
<b>July 17th</b>	Regular Post Meeting, meal at 7:30pm, meeting at 8:00pm Lunch Committee: S. Vance & E. Williams
<b>July 17-21</b>	State Convention - Oconomowac

# MAY Newsletter

2012-2013

Last Bugle:

Oswald Ihle  
Leonard Olson\*  
George Bahr  
Merwin Bjornstad  
Richard Christianson

\* not a Legion Member



**BUCKET  
DRAWING**

**Jeffrey Thoreson  
Not Present**

**May  
Drawing will be:  
\$60.00**

**50/50  
DRAWING  
Gary Hess  
\$60.00**

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



## COON VALLEY AMERICAN LEGION POST 116

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### Membership Totals to Date

2013 Paid Membership - 197  
2013 Membership Goal - 205

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### From the Adjutants Desk:

Harlan Helseth is working on getting estimates for several ideas associated with providing a nicer backdrop for weddings held at the hall so pictures can be taken without the Preambles in the background.



### Message from S.A.L. Commander:

Hurray, spring is finally here!! Thank you everyone for attending the beanbag tourneys which was a great success. During the next two months, the S.A.L. will be extremely busy with fundraising activities and events. Our meeting date info and activities to be discussed are as follows:

S.A.L. meeting, Monday May 20<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 pm. Coon Valley Legion Hall. The following items will be discussed: Coloring contest judging. The members will judge the entries to determine the winners. May 27<sup>th</sup> - Memorial Day activities, June 15<sup>th</sup> - Trout Fest, Food Stand, Bean bag tourney, Sat. June 22<sup>nd</sup> - S.A.L. Brewers Trip

I encourage everyone to attend our next meeting if possible. You can call me @ 483-2239 for information or to help with any of these events. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

Cal Manske, SAL Commander



### Message from Auxiliary President: A warm hello to all of you.

Thanks to everyone who made our May meeting - we got a lot accomplished. Memorial Day will be here before we know it. Please look at the **April newsletter for the Memorial Day work schedule**. Also to those of you baking cakes: please remember to bring your **cake** to the Legion kitchen that morning.

We are getting poppies distributed to local businesses - Thanks to Nancy Miller for your help! We will also be meeting up with the scouts on May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6pm so they can canvass the town with poppies - if anyone has kids or grandkids who would like to join us, please meet us down at the Legion at 6. Thanks.

We discussed plans for the Chicken Q. Look for the schedule in this newsletter. If you need to switch times, please try and contact someone on the list to see if they will switch shifts with you. If for some reason you are unable to work, please try and find a replacement. You can always contact me, if you need assistance. If your name isn't listed on the schedule, you are still very welcome to show up and help out.

Election for officers will be coming up in July, so please come to that meeting. If you are interested in becoming an officer, please let us know. There is a lot of support given to new officers, so please consider it!

Our 2012 Badger Girls State delegate, Emma Frydenlund, will be attending Badger Girls State in June. Congratulations Emma!

Our next meeting is on June 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:30, with pot luck at 7.

Finally, please remember to check the Memorial Day schedule in your April newsletter, and the Chicken Q schedule in this newsletter. Thanks!

Julie Nelson, Auxiliary President

### 2013 Memorial Day

Harlan Helseth will be in charge of getting everything in order for the Program at the Legion Hall. He will need volunteers to haul chairs from the Village Hall and to help set up chairs at the Legion Hall at 8:00am.

We will once again need volunteers in uniform for showing colors at the cemeteries. We will meet at the Legion at 7:00am. The cemetery schedule is 7:30am at Koethe, 7:45am at Mormon Coulee (both cemeteries), 8:15am at St. Joseph Ridge, 8:30am at North Ridge, 9:30am at Esofea, and 10:00am at Coon Valley Lutheran Church. The Parade will begin lining up at 10:00am by the Post Office and start at 10:30am.

The ceremony will begin after the completion of the Parade. The guest speaker will be Dave Nelson, a Language Arts teacher at Westby High School. Lunch after the ceremony will be provided by the Legion Auxiliary.

### 2013 Building Fund Raffle

We are selling raffle tickets again 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. The Chairman for the raffle are Fuzzy Miller and Charles Nelson. Please contact them if you want to purchase a ticket, or more importantly if you can help sell some of the tickets. Thanks to Gary Hess for printing the tickets!!!

### Spring Work Day

We will plan on having a Spring work and clean-up day on May 18th at 9:00am. There is plenty to do so we hope to get a good turnout. It takes a lot of time to pressure wash the walls, wash windows, clean bathrooms, clean chicken pits, etc. We need to make sure the Legion property is in perfect shape for Memorial Day.

### **CHICKEN-Q WORK SCHEDULE**

**Sunday, June 9, 2013**

*Chicken Fryers (also need to assist with hauling the food into the kitchen):*

**6am- tell done - (This will be one shift this year. Please come and have a good time at the pits!)**

Don Kammel	Carl Holte	Ken Kammel	Tom Elsen
Mike Miller	John Thurk	Gordon Hellwig	Matt Semke
Ron Miller	Gary Hess	Brad Role	Gary Grethel

#### *Bartenders:*

<b>10am-1pm</b> Rod Ofte	<b>1pm-4pm</b> "hey load"
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#### *Food Tickets:*

<b>10am-1pm</b> Steve Vance	<b>1pm-3pm</b> Orlin Clark	<b>3pm-5pm</b> Herb Cornell
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#### *Tip Boards*

**11am -2pm**  
Ron Hoff

#### *Snack Stand at Ball Park:*

<b>9am-1pm</b> Mary Schmidt Linda Berg Wally Cox Dennis Kammel Rhonda Brye Stuart Peterson Larry Hass	<b>1pm-4pm</b> Harlan Helseth Geoffrey Lenser Art Hendrickson Donald Langarrd Steven Mader Frank Mathison David Moilien	<b>4pm-7pm</b> Roger Starkey Richard Reget Jim Hammes Paul Nichols Chuck Lind Rolve Ihle Knute Brye	<b>7pm-close</b> Scott Berg Dan Hofslie Darin Berg Brian Berg Chad Hofslie Jim Elsen John Elsen
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### Chicken-Q —Auxiliary Work Schedule

#### Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup>:

**9:00 am** - Clean & wrap potatoes:

Gloria Freitag, Lenore Henley, Annette Ihle, Audrey Nelson, Joyce Temp, and anyone else who can make it

#### Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup>:

**5:00 am:** Elizabeth Hellwig, Virginia Nerison

**10:00-1:00 pm:** Ellie Brye, Joyce Temp, Gloria Freitag, Lenore Henley, Pat Kammel, Mary Elsen, Nancy Miller, Hazel Cornell, Geraldine Nestingen, Rachel Berg, Elizabeth Larson

**1:00-4:00 pm:** Audrey Nelson, Judy Hofslie, Sylvia Thurk, Paulene Aspenson, Phyllis Galstad, Jan Ihle, Corrine Amundson, Mary Hess, Julie Nelson, Maddie & Maggie Grethel

*\*If you can't work your shift please find someone to take your place. Thanks to all who work this event!*

#### Election of Officers

Election of Officers takes place at our May meeting each year. Anyone interested in running for an office should contact the Elections Committee or let your wishes be known at the May meeting.

The officers we elect are: Commander; 1st Vice Commander (Membership chairman); 2nd Vice Commander (Children & Youth chairman); 3rd Vice Commander (Americanism chairman); Chaplain; Historian; Sergeant-at-Arms; Service Officer; and Finance Officer.

#### Micro-Marathon

The micro-marathon had a light turnout, but it was not for a lack of effort. Please thank Roger Mathison for all he did to get this event off the ground. The event was held to offset the costs associated with Legion baseball. Profits from the event were earmarked for this.