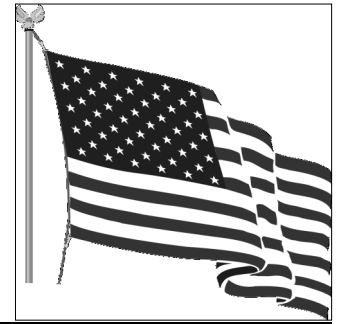




COON VALLEY AMERICAN LEGION POST 116



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Commanders Message:

First and foremost, I would like to say thank you to everyone in the Coon Valley American Legion Post 116 family, the Legionnaires, the American Legion Auxiliary and the Sons of the American Legion for all that you do to contribute towards the goals of the organization; supporting veterans' causes, promoting patriotism and supporting the community. None of us could do anything towards these causes alone, but together we accomplish much.

With Memorial Day signifying our commitment to honoring those who died for our liberty, please take time to pause in our celebration of the beginning of the summer season and join us in our parade and our observance program at the Veteran's Memorial. It is through these observances that we keep lit the fire of the memory of the wars that we fought for our freedoms. Let us never forget.

We have several events coming up that we will need as much help as possible on, both Memorial Day and the June Chicken Q, so please check over the upcoming events calendar and any work schedules. If you are not on a work schedule and would like to help out, please let me or Adjutant Charlie know, or just show up and pitch in!

Gary M. Hess
Commander Post 116

May 21st	Regular Post Meeting, meal at 7:30pm, meeting at 8:00pm - ELECTION!! Lunch Committee: Ken Kammel
May 26th	Memorial Day Parade and Program - Main Speaker - Col. Steven Nott
May 28th	Vernon County Meeting - Chaseburg - 8:00pm
June 2nd	Legion Executive Meeting at 6:30pm
June 4th	Auxiliary Meeting - Potluck at 7pm - Meeting at 7:30pm
June 8th	American Legion Chicken-Q
June 10th	Vernon County Meeting - Genoa - 8:00pm - CANCELLED
June 18th	Regular Post Meeting, meal at 7:30pm, meeting at 8:00pm Lunch Committee: Cox, Hoff, Cary, Banta
June 28th	SAL sponsored Milwaukee Brewer Bus Trip - Brewers vs Rockies - SATURDAY
July 6th	Military/Veterans Family Day at the Milwaukee County Zoo
July 7th	Legion Executive Meeting at 6:30pm
July 16th	Regular Post Meeting, meal at 7:30pm, meeting at 8:00pm Lunch Committee: S. Vance & E. Williams & F. Mathison
July 17-20	State Convention - Appleton, WI
July 26th	Coon Creek Trout Fest
August 20th	Regular Post Meeting, meal at 7:30pm, meeting at 8:00pm Lunch Committee: Gary Grethel

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Last Bugle:

John Nerison
Willfred Bushek*
Jacob Ward*
Mike Brown
Howard Hofslie
Henry Trinkes*

* Not a Post 116 member



**BUCKET
DRAWING**

**Russell Lancaster
Not Present**

**May
Drawing will be:
\$110.00**

**50/50
DRAWING
Charles Servais
\$49**

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



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Membership Totals to Date

2014 Paid Membership - 190
2014 Membership Goal - 205

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From the Adjutants Desk:

- ◇ Past Wisconsin State Commander, Roger Mathison, was caught modeling the newly designed Legion baseball jersey's that will be used for the first time this year.
- ◇ Sgt-at-Arms, Dan Hofslie, reminded everyone to take care of the items (flags, rifles, uniforms, etc.) that we use for parades, funerals, ceremonies, etc.
- ◇ **Many Thanks:** We received a \$1,000 donation from an anonymous donor to be used for landscaping!

Vernon County Veterans Service Office (Jim Young and Tami Saleska)

The Military/Veterans Family Day at the Milwaukee County Zoo will be held on Sunday, July 6, 2014. Ticket distribution will not begin until May 27, 2014.

The Vernon County Veterans Service Office has requested tickets.

Please contact Jim Young or Tami Saleska with any VSO questions at 608-637-5323.



Message from S.A.L. Commander:

A meeting will be held on Monday, May 19th @ 7:30 pm at the Legion hall. The judging of the coloring contest, Memorial Day activities and the Brewers game trip will be discussed. Please try to attend.

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 in this month's 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 everyone who is helping us! Also thanks to everyone for getting the meal organized behind the scenes. We couldn't do this without you!

The Chicken Q work schedule is also in this newsletter. For both Memorial Day and Chicken Q, 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 soon.

Our 2014 Badger Girls State delegate is Mycanzie Foster. Congratulations Mycanzie!
Our next meeting is on June 4th at 7:30, with pot luck at 7.

Thanks! Please remember to check those schedules!

Julie Nelson, Auxiliary President

2014 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 Fort McCoy Garrison Commander, Col. Steven Nott. Lunch after the ceremony will be provided by the Legion Auxiliary.

CHICKEN-Q WORK SCHEDULE

Sunday, June 8, 2014

Chicken Fryers (also need to assist with hauling the food into the kitchen and clean-up in the pit area)

6am- until 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	Rolv Ihle	Steve Nelson	Larry Hass

Bartenders:

10am-1:30pm	1:30pm-5pm
Gary Grethel	Rod Ofte

Food Tickets:

10am-1:30pm	1:30pm-5pm
Frank Mathison	Steve Vance

Tip Boards

11am –2pm
Ron Hoff

Snack Stand at Ball Park:

11:30am-3:00pm	3:00pm-6:30pm	6:30pm-close
Harlan Helseth	Roger Starkey	Scott Berg
Dennis Kammel	Randy Schlicht	Dan Hofslie
Jim Hammes	Cal Manske	Darin Berg
Donald Langarrd	Richard Zube	Bryan Berg
Steven Mader	Mike Callan	Chad Hofslie
Herb Cornell	John Rudie	Jim Elsen
David Moilien	Knute Brye	John Elsen
Mary Schmidt	Wally Cox	Brad Role
Stuart Peterson	Lee Nerison	Linda Berg

Chicken-Q —Auxiliary Work Schedule

Saturday, June 7th:

9:00 am - Clean & wrap potatoes:

Gloria Freitag, Joyce Temp, Ellie Brye, and anyone else who can make it

Sunday, June 8th:

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

1:00-5:00 pm (or earlier if the food sells out): 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!*



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Auxiliary Memorial Day Work Schedule – Monday, May 26th

9am - 12pm

Rachel Berg
Ellie Brye
Phyllis Galstad
Liz Hellwig
Joyce Temp
Gloria Freitag
Rebecca Lind
Sylvia Thurk
Nancy Miller
Geraldine Nestingen
Virginia Nerison
Lenore Henley

11am – 2pm

Corrine Amundson
PauleneAspenson
Hazel Cornell
Mary Hess
Judy Hofslie
Jan Ihle
Patricia Kammel
Julie Nelson (when available after parade/program)

***Those bringing cakes - remember to drop them off at the Legion Hall before the parade.

****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 (Previous 3 Commanders) 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.

*** Remember, that as an elected official you are expected to attend the Executive meetings! ***