



COON VALLEY AMERICAN LEGION POST 116



JULY 2015

VOLUME 11 ISSUE 1



Commanders Message:

Now that summer is officially here and we have successfully completed all of the events of June, we can begin enjoying the summer weather and all that comes with it.

State Convention is coming up and several of the post officers will be there, some even on the night of our regular post meeting. I look forward to being at Convention again this year to participate in the election of next year's Department Officers and to renew some friendships that have been cultivated over the last few years that I have been Commander and also associated with the Legion Riders.

Speaking of Legion Riders, I have to give a huge shout out and thank you to all those who prepared a FANTASTIC meal for the Spirit Run stop on June 19th! I received many, many compliments from my riding mates about the meal and all enjoyed the ride through the Coulee Region. The Spirit Run was able to collect \$27,000 in donations for the American Legion Legacy Scholarship Fund, bringing the current Wisconsin State total to \$47,000. Well on our way to Commander Shappell's goal of \$59,000, which represents \$1.00 per Legionnaire in the State of Wisconsin.

Everyone should have received their 2016 membership renewal notice in the mail by now. I encourage everyone to take the brief amount of time that it takes to renew their membership right away, while the notice is still fresh and in our in-box. I also encourage everyone who is able to pursue the Paid Up For Life membership option.

I hope that this newsletter finds everyone well and that you all are enjoying your summer so far! I look forward to seeing everyone at the July regular post meeting.

Gary M. Hess

Commander Post 116

DATES TO REMEMBER

- July 15th** Regular Post Meeting, meal at 7:30pm, meeting at 8:00pm
Lunch Committee: Cox, Hoff, Cary, Banta
- July 15th** SAL Regular meeting at 8pm. Poker game to follow??
- July 15-19th** State Convention - Radisson Paper Valley, Appleton, WI
- July 25th** Trout Fest - Coon Valley Veterans Memorial Park
- August 3rd** Executive Committee meeting at 6:30pm
- August 3rd** Vernon County Meeting - Westby - Meal at 7:30pm - Meeting at 8pm. Get those County tickets sold!
- August 5th** Auxiliary Meeting with potluck at 6 and the meeting at 6:30
- August 19th** Post Everlasting Ceremony, 7:00pm with meal following with family and friends
Lunch Committee: Rod Ofte
Regular Post Meeting at 8:00pm or appropriately when the meal is finished.
- August 19th** SAL Regular meeting at 8pm in barroom. Poker game to follow??
- September 7th** Legion Executive Meeting at 6:30pm - unless change for Labor Day!
- September 9th** Vernon County Meeting - Hillsboro 8:00 pm
- September 11th** Flag Disposal Ceremony, 6:30pm - Chaseburg American Legion
- September 13th** Cashton Fall Festival Parade - 12:30pm start

JULY Newsletter

2015-2016

Last Bugle:

* Not a Post 116 member



**BUCKET
DRAWING**

**Jon Koula
Not Present**

**July
Drawing will be:
\$20.00**

**50/50
DRAWING**

NONE

Legion NONE



COON VALLEY AMERICAN LEGION POST 116

Commander: Gary M. Hess
(608) 788-1768
Adjutant: Charles E. Nelson
(608) 452 - 3018

Post 116 Newsletter is published monthly as a service to our members. If you wish to submit an article for a future edition, please contact:
Charles Nelson
(608) 452 - 3018
for more information.

Mailing Address:

Coon Valley American Legion
Post 116
PO Box 314
Coon Valley, WI 54623
Phone Contacts:
Legion: (608) 452-3179

Membership Totals to Date

2016 Paid Membership - 55
2016 Membership Goal - ???

On the web:

www.coonvalleywialpost116.org
Webmaster - Don Salter: dwsalter@gmail.com

MEMBERSHIP: Please make your check payable to C.V. Legion Post 116 in the amount of \$30.00 and send to:
Coon Valley American Legion Post 116
PO Box 314
Coon Valley, WI 54623

Adjutant Notes:

- ◇ The Post Everlasting Ceremony will be held at the August meeting.
- ◇ Sunday, November 8 will be the Veterans Day Chicken-Q at Coon Valley Post 116.
- ◇ The Lion's Chicken-Q is July 19 at Coon Valley Post 116.
- ◇ National American Legion College is October 25-30, 2015 in Indianapolis, Indiana



Message from S.A.L. Commander:

I hope everyone is enjoying the summer months. The S.A.L. will meet on July 15th @ 8 pm at the Coon Valley Legion. Maybe some poker afterwards!

Cal Manske, SAL Commander



Message from Auxiliary President:

A warm hello to all of you. Thanks to everyone who worked at the Legion's Chicken Q as well as helping with the meal for the Legion Riders. We appreciate all of the help. Your commitment to this organization, our veterans, and our community makes the Coon Valley American Legion Auxiliary a wonderful group.

So thanks again!

We are very lucky to welcome 3 new members to our Auxiliary family: Angie, Olivia and Hanna Nelson. Olivia and Hanna have even helped distribute poppies in the past for the Auxiliary. Thank you so much for joining!

If you know of anyone else interested in joining, please have them talk to me or any other officer.

We did not have a July meeting.

Please make sure to attend the August meeting. We are holding elections. We would love to have enough people so that we only have one person per position. There might be a position that is just right for you! But don't worry – you will never be forced to take a position. So please come and offer your support in whatever way you feel comfortable... whether that is taking on a leadership role (large or small) or being there to support your fellow Auxiliary members.

We will also be discussing other matters at the August meeting. We hope to see you there. Pot luck is at 6:00 p.m. and the meeting begins at 6:30 p.m.

Julie Nelson, Auxiliary President

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

Dreams for Veterans

Your help sharing this program with veterans in need enables us to fulfill their final dreams. Dreams range from basic need items (like a working appliance or mobility scooter) to bedside reunions, final vacations with family, meetings with personal heroes or reconnecting with aspects of former military service.

Dream recipients are U.S. military veterans 18 years of age or older with a life expectancy of 12 months or less. Dreams for Veterans collaborates with America's hospice professionals and veterans organizations in all 50 states to meet the unique needs of our nation's veterans.

Get involved. There are many ways to get involved including referring applicants, helping to make dreams come true, or donating time or resources to Dreams for Veterans. Dreams for Veterans is a program of Dream Foundation.

Refer a veteran and make a dream come true. www.dreamfoundation.org/veterans or 888-4DREAMS

Heroes With Hearing Loss

Designed to raise awareness and initiate meaningful dialog about shared hearing loss experiences among veterans, their families and friends – the Heroes With Hearing Loss program is a platform of engagement, providing insightful solutions and successful lifestyle-focused results.

For more information: call toll-free 800-974-1517, visit www.HeroesWithHearingLoss.org,

Email: info@HeroesWithHearingLoss.org

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

Coon Valley/Westby Legion Baseball

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent/Location</u>	<u>Time</u>
July 15	@ Viroqua	7:00 PM
July 17	@ Juniors	5:00 PM
July 19	HOLMEN	1:30 PM
July 22-26	Regionals @ Stoddard	
July 29-Aug. 2	State Tournament @ West Salem	

Coon Valley/Westby Junior Legion Baseball

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent/Location</u>	<u>Time</u>
July 15-19	Regionals	
July 22-26	State Tournament	

2015 Veterans Showcase Baseball Games

Thanks to the members who presented Colors at the Coon Valley/Westby Legion vs Viroqua Legion game on July 3rd in Coon Valley. Ronald Miller, Michael Miller, Steve Nelson, and Charles Nelson. The Veterans showcase brought in about \$800.00 that will go towards the Legion Legacy Fund.

July \$50 winners in the Westby/Coon Valley American Legion Fundraising Raffle

- | | |
|-------------------------|--------------------|
| 1 - Dan & Kris Bergdahl | 6 - JoAnne Humfeld |
| 2 - Tanner Schmitt | 7 - Harlan Helseth |
| 3 - Richard Zube | 8 - Tim Iverson |
| 4 - Jessi Eulberg | 9 - Ken Trott |
| 5 - Tip Bagstad | |

Installation of Officers

Installation of Officers will take place at our July meeting.

The officers we will install are: Commander - Gary Hess; 1st Vice Commander (Membership chairman) - Steve Nelson; 2nd Vice Commander (Children & Youth chairman) - **OPEN**; 3rd Vice Commander (Americanism chairman) - **OPEN**; Chaplain - Rod Ofte; Historian - Frank Mathison; Webmaster - Don Salter; Sergeant-at-Arms - Dan Hofslie; Service Officer - Tami Saleska; and Finance Officer - Roger Mathison. ***** We are still looking to fill the 2nd and 3rd Vice Commander positions. If interested let one of the Officers know before the July meeting. *****



THE AMERICAN LEGION
COON VALLEY POST No. 116
PO BOX 314
COON VALLEY, WI 54623-0314

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

Nonprofit Organization
U.S. Postage
PAID
Coon Valley, WI 54623
Permit No. 10

«FirstName» «LastName»
«Address1»
«City» «State» «PostalCode»

2015 State Convention - Appleton, WI - July 15-19

The 97th Annual State Convention will be held in Appleton on July 15-19. Post 116 automatic delegates are Past Wisconsin State Commander Roger Mathison, Wisconsin State Vice Commander John Thurk, and Vernon County Commander Charles Nelson. Post 116 delegates are Gary Hess, Michael Miller and ???. Post 116 is also allowed to have up to three alternate delegates if anyone is interested. Please remember that any member is eligible to attend the State Convention!

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.

Post 116 member, John Thurk, will be completing his term in the high office of Wisconsin State Vice Commander. Please congratulate John on his productive year as Wisconsin State Vice Commander!

Vernon County American Legion

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

August – 1st Monday- Westby

March – 3rd Thursday – Coon Valley

September – 2nd Wednesday – Hillsboro

April – 4th Monday – Ontario

October – 3rd Tuesday – Stoddard

May – 4th Wednesday – Chaseburg

January – 2nd Thursday – Viroqua

See Commander Gary Hess if you wish to purchase a ticket. We have 95 tickets to sell before August 3rd. ***We need your help to sell the remaining tickets!***