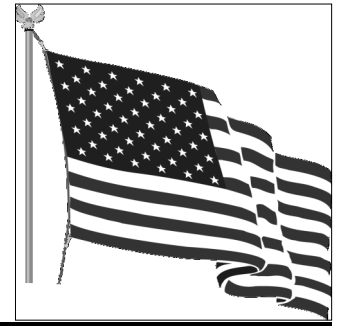




COON VALLEY AMERICAN LEGION POST 116



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Commanders Message:

Welcome to June! Warmer weather and longer days bring lots of outdoor activities not only at home and on the farm, but also at the Legion. To everyone who had a role in our Memorial Day activities, I say THANK YOU for everything all of you have done to make that day a success. The landscaping crew worked many nights getting the new plants arranged and mulched and I know you all will agree that it looks awesome! The floor crew did an awesome job as well and I personally received several compliments on how nice and shiny the floor looked. The Firing Squad performed excellently (despite my bad timing with the noon whistle going off during their performance) and the echo taps always touches the soul. The Auxiliary put on a very fine meal that was fairly well attended. Memorial Day is a perfect example on how everything just seems to come together. We have some lessons learned and a couple adjustments to make to the program to help make next year's event that much better.

We have several events coming up that we need all of the help that we can get, so check out the events below and the work schedule that was printed in the May newsletter and pitch in to help make our upcoming events a success. I look forward to seeing you all at these events and the upcoming meeting.

Gary M. Hess

Commander Post 116

DATES TO REMEMBER

- June 14th** American Legion Chicken-Q, see May newsletter for work schedules.
- June 17th** Regular Post Meeting, meal at 7:30pm, meeting at 8pm
Lunch Committee: S. Vance & F. Mathison
- June 17th** SAL Regular meeting at 8pm. Poker game to follow??
- June 18-21** 2015 Spirit Run for the Legacy Scholarship Fund - Stop at Coon Valley on June 19th.
- July 6th** Executive Committee meeting at 6:30pm
- 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.
- August 5th** Auxiliary Meeting with potluck at 6 and the meeting at 6:30
- August 19th** Regular Post Meeting, meal at 7:30pm, meeting at 8:00pm
Lunch Committee: WE NEED A VOLUNTEER!!
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Last Bugle:

James Miller*
Howard Holen
Rodney Berg, Sr.*
Ervin Jacobson
Leon Kogut
Thelmer Johnson
Pete Kerska*

* Not a Post 116 member



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

The 97th Annual State Convention will be held in Appleton on July 15-19. We need to decide who we will be sending as delegates and alternates. We will be allowed three of each.

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.



Message from S.A.L. Commander:

I want to thank everyone that helped and marched with the Memorial Day festivities. Please look at last month's newsletter for the work schedule for the chicken-q. We will have a meeting on June 17th @ 8 pm. We will discuss the Brewers trip and various items.

Cal Manske, SAL Commander



Message from Auxiliary President:

A warm hello to all of you. Thanks to everyone who helped with Memorial Day activities! There are so many Auxiliary members who work behind the scenes and the day of the event. We could not do this without each and every one of you.

This year 6 kids distributed poppies door-to-door: four of them are Junior Auxiliary members (Taylor, Abby, Maddie and Maggie) and there two others (Bianca and Jayda). I drove some of the kids, and a big thank you to our other drivers: Linda and Nancy. Thanks to Auxiliary members who brought cakes, made poppy corsages, distributed and picked up poppies from businesses, picked up food, served food, cleaned, etc. Thanks to Organic Valley for donating the milk and Kwik Trip for donating the buns. We also sold poppies along the parade route before the parade and in the lobby of the Village Hall. It was a great day (despite a few rain-drops)!

Remember Chicken Q is this month. It is always a nice time working with the legionnaires. Check the schedule printed in the May newsletter for when you should be there to work. We definitely need everyone's help!

We will not have a meeting in July, so our next meeting will be August 5th with potluck at 6 and the meeting at 6:30. We will plan to have election of officers at that time. It would be WONDERFUL to have a full house on that night. Hope to see you all in August, and have a fantastic summer!

Julie Nelson, Auxiliary President

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

The VCVSO has a limited number of tickets available at the office for Military Veterans Family Day at the Milwaukee County Zoo.

Sunday, July 5, 2015--9:00 am to 5:00pm--Milwaukee County Zoo--1001 W. Blue Mound Rd--Milwaukee, WI 53226--1-414-771-3040

Tickets can be picked up at the office – Mon. to Friday 8:30 to 4:30pm – 402 Courthouse Sq., Viroqua, WI 54665
Phone 608-637-5323. Please pass along to other veterans if you know of any.

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>
June 11	@Black River Falls (DH)	5:30 PM
June 14	TBD @ Coon Valley	TBD
June 15	WEST SALEM (DH)	5:30 PM
June 18	@La Crescent	7:00 PM
June 20	G-D-S@ Chaseburg	1:00 PM
June 25	Viroqua Tournament	6:00 PM
June 26	Viroqua Tournament	6:00 PM
June 27	Viroqua Tournament	10:45 AM
June 28	Viroqua Tournament	TBD
June 29	BI STATE	6:00 PM
July 2	VIROQUA	8:00 PM
July 6	NORTH CRAWFORD	7:00 PM
July 9	@North Stars	6:00 PM

Coon Valley/Westby Junior Legion Baseball

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent/Location</u>	<u>Time</u>
June 8	@Onalaska (DH)	4:00 PM
June 10	SPARTA (DH)	4:00 PM
June 11	HOLMEN	6:00 PM
June 12-14	Viroqua Tournament	
June 15	@G-E-T	6:00 PM
June 17	Viroqua (DH)	6:00 PM
June 18	CASHTON	6:00 PM
June 22	@North Stars (Logan)-DH	5:00 PM
June 24	@Tomah	3:00 PM
June 25	VIROQUA (DH)	6:00 PM
June 29	La Crosse A's(DH)	4:00 PM
July 1	JUNIORS (DH)	6:00 PM
July 8	@La Crescent (DH)	5:00 PM

National Commander Helm:

“Memorial Day, of course, is a time when the nation pauses to remember veterans who have died while serving and protecting America. Their commitment to our country shall never be forgotten. I’m heartened when I see or hear of communities – often led by American Legion posts – coming together to reflect and remember our heroes.”



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Election of Officers

Election of Officers took place at our May meeting and was led by Past Post Commander Michael Miller.

The officers we elected 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.

Since we did not find individuals willing to accept the positions of 2nd Vice and 3rd Vice, the elections were kept open through the June meeting. **Please step up and fill these important positions! We will fill them at the June meeting.**

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

2015 Memorial Day

Thanks to everyone that helped with the 2015 Memorial Day cemeteries, parade, and ceremony. The help goes well beyond the reaches of the Coon Valley American Legion. Thanks to all!

The guest speaker was Judge Fred Berns from Whitehall and he did a wonderful job portraying the message of the day.

Vernon County American Legion Officers for 2014-2016

Commander: Charles Nelson

2nd Vice Commander: Lisa McCarty

1st Vice Commander: Randy Lenser

3rd Vice Commander: Gary Gilbertson

Sgt-at-Arms: Tom Heller

Sgt-at-Arms: Kelly King

Chaplain: Mike Miller

Adjutant: Steve Nelson

THANK YOU

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