



COON VALLEY AMERICAN LEGION POST 116



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Commanders Message:

The dog days of summer are definitely here and you can practically hear the corn and the beans growing! I know that everyone has been busy with all that summer brings, and we have had a bit of a respite from Legion activities, but as summer draws to a close we begin to pick up activities again.

This month we will be observing our Post Everlasting Ceremony to honor our recently departed veterans that we provided funeral honors for. Our meeting schedule will be a bit out of the ordinary therefore and this month's meeting will be informal, if at all. Anyone who has a 5-year increment membership milestone should be at the meeting so we can present membership year increment pins.

Annual membership renewals are moving along at a brisk pace, so a hearty thank you to everyone who attended to this matter right away. Remember that membership renewals start in July, so to anyone who does not have a 2017 membership card, your membership

renewal is due.

We have several events coming up before the September meeting, so please consult the schedule below for those events and attend in those events if you are able.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the August meeting and at all of the events in between meetings.

Gary M. Hess, Commander Post 116

DATES TO REMEMBER

- August 17th** Post Everlasting Ceremony, 7:00pm with meal following with family and friends
Lunch Committee: Rod & Deb Ofte
Regular Post Meeting at 8:00pm only if necessary.
- August 17th** SAL Regular meeting at 8pm.
- September 5th** Legion Executive Meeting at 6:30pm - unless change for Labor Day!
- September 7th** Auxiliary Monthly Meeting, pot luck meal at 6:00pm, meeting begins at 6:30pm
- September 11th** Flag Disposal Ceremony, 6:30pm - Chaseburg American Legion
- September 11th** Cashton Fall Festival Parade - 12:30pm start
- September 14th** Vernon County Meeting - Hillsboro 8:00 pm
- September 21st** Regular Post Meeting, meal at 7:30pm, meeting at 8:00pm
Lunch Committee: Roger Mathison
- September 21st** SAL Regular meeting at 8pm.
- October 3rd** Legion Executive Committee Meeting at 6:30pm
- October 18th** Vernon County Meeting, Stoddard at 8:00pm
- October 19th** Regular Post Meeting, meal at 7:30pm, meeting at 8:00pm
Lunch Committee: Fishin' Crew
- October 19th** SAL Regular Meeting at 8:00pm

July Newsletter

2016-2017

Last Bugle:

Larry Torgerson
John Sisbach, Jr

* Not a Post 116 member



**BUCKET
DRAWING**

?????

Not Present

August
Drawing will be:
\$??.??

**50/50
DRAWING**

??????

Legion \$0.00



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2017 Paid Membership - ??
2017 Membership Goal-197

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Adjutant Notes:

Thanks to everyone who volunteered to serve the meals throughout the last membership year. The Adjutant could use help preparing a schedule for the next membership year. This is what I tentatively have. Let Charlie know who can fill in the open months and if anyone needs a change.

January – Steve and Charlie Nelson
March - Auxiliary
May - K. Kammel
July - Cox, Hoff, Cary, Banta
September - Roger Mathison
November - S.A.L.

February - R. Miller & M. Miller
April - R. Starkey & C. Lind
June - S. Vance & F. Mathison
August – Rod O.
October - Fishin' Crew
December - Officers



Message from S.A.L. Commander:

Hello Everyone, I want to say thanks to everyone that went to see the Brewers beat the Cubs on July 23rd. A very special thank you to the people that helped with the trip. We will have a meeting on August 17th @ 8 to discuss the Brewers trip and the Halloween party.
Cal Manske, SAL Commander



Message from Auxiliary President:

10 Auxiliary Members ran a meeting pretty fine. One Member moved away... and then there were nine. 9 Auxiliary Members tried to make the meeting great. One Member's age kept her home... and then there were eight. 8 went to a fellow member's funeral who now was in heaven, And once again their meeting shrunk... for now there were just seven. 7 Auxiliary Members met until one got sick. Her health kept her home... and then there were six. 6 Auxiliary Members tried to keep membership alive. But one Member was too busy... and then there were five. 5 Auxiliary Members tried to keep open the door, But one Member went to a nursing home... and then there were four. 4 Auxiliary Members knew each other to a tee. But when one got upset, well... then there were three. 3 Auxiliary Members felt there was so much to do. One got overwhelmed... and then there were two. 2 Auxiliary Members wondered how a meeting would run. One simply couldn't handle it, and then there was one. 1 Auxiliary Member couldn't bear to see it end. So she started asking people... and got one to attend. 2 Auxiliary Members grew to Members everywhere. For every Member counts... we really need you there.

We have wonderful members, but honestly we need more members to attend meetings, and we also should add members to our ranks. Please consider this. A few can't keep doing the meetings alone. In August, all of the existing officers were re-elected to their same offices, simply because there was no one else to do this. We are hurting for people to share some responsibility... please consider this. Our next meeting is September 7, 2016. Pot luck starts at 6 and the meeting starts at 6:30.

Julie Nelson, Auxiliary President

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

Operation Badger Base

A celebration of military Service will take place in Madison, Wisconsin August 11-14 on the grounds of Harley Davidson of Madison and Ho Chunk Gaming Madison, 6200 Block of Mill Pond Road. The mission of Operation Badger Base is to welcome home, promote healing and recognize the service and sacrifice of Veterans from all wars, their families, friends and community. ALL activities, exhibits and performances are FREE and open to the public.

Operation Badger Base is a 501-(c)(3) Non-profit fiduciary partner with Mental Health America. All event profits will be distributed to benefit Wisconsin Veterans.

Operation Badger Base Events include:

- The Wall That Heals - A scale replica of the National Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, DC. There is also a Learning Center and Museum that will be open 24 hours per day.
- A full-sized replica of the Tom of the Unknown Soldier memorial in Washington, DC.
- Wisconsin Veterans Museum Exhibits featuring photographs and artwork from the museum collection.
- Quilts of Valor award presentations.
- Opening and Closing ceremonies, daily commemorative recognition of veteran service and sacrifice.
- Native American Veterans Day on Friday, August 12 with dignitary speakers and performances by Wisconsin's eleven tribes.
- Daily military bugle calls, wreath presentations and bagpipe performances.
- On-site veterans organizations for help with benefits, counseling and referrals.
- FREE daily live performances on the Ho Chunk Gaming Stage.
- Food and Beverage for purchase.
- Wisconsin American Legion Riders motorcycle escort of The Wall That Heals to the event site.

For More information, go to www.operationbadgerbase.com.

American Flags for sale from the Legion

Don't forget that Post 116 has flags available for sale to any member as well as anyone in our Community or beyond. This can be a great fundraiser for the American Legion so spread the word and don't forget the Legion when you need to order a flag. The 3' x 5' flags are \$25.00.

Barroom Entrance to Legion Hall

A committee is actively seeking ideas from contractors on design ideas for an entrance to the barroom. The body will then vote on one of these ideas or decide to leave the entrance as it is currently.

Legion Baseball

Westby/Coon Valley Legion's baseball season unfortunately came to an end at regionals, where they lost to Viroqua in their first game, won against Genoa-Desoto-Stoddard in their second game and lost to North Crawford to eliminate them from competition. Congratulations to the team for a great season. Also, congratulations go out to W/CV's Sawyer Hammes for being selected to play for the Stripes team in the Wisconsin American Legion All-Star game on Sunday, August 14th following the Brewers-Reds game (around 5:00 pm).

Baseball Drawing Winners for July

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|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1. Matthew Tainter, Westby | 2. Sharon Sharratt, Westby | 3. Ed Pedretti, Westby |
| 4. Maria Hellwig, Coon Valley | 5. Jim Burkhardt, Viroqua | 6. Gary Olerud, Westby |
| 7. Wes Guy, Coon Valley | 8. Ihrke Family, Westby | 9. Steve Humfeld, Chaseburg |
| 10. Kim Harnish, Coon Valley | 11. Marvin Lee, Westby | 12. Carl Peterson, Coon Valley |
| 13. Stuart Peterson, Chaseburg | 14. Joe Berra, Chaseburg | 15. Jack Lloyd, Minnesota |
| 16. Gretchen Henchen, Westby | 17. Howard Dunnum, Westby | 18. Scott Haakenson, Coon Valley |
| 19. Scott Yttri, Westby | 20. Pat Stafslie, Westby | 21. Chand Wehling, Stoddard |
| 22. Bryan Berg, Coon Valley | 23. Bill Pike, Westby | 24. Chaseburg American Legion |
| 25. Ken Trott, Westby | 26. Steve Nelson, Coon Valley | 27. Jeff Strangstalien, Westby |
| 28. Ron Paulsrud, Westby | 29. Harlan Lomen, Westby | 30. Sue Dwyer, Coon Valley |
| 31. Keith Olson, Westby | | |



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2017 5-Year Increment Members

5 - Lee Rudie	20 - Michael Callan	25 - Evelyn Williams	45 - Rodney Berg
5 - Glen Stakston	20 - Ed Gorman	30 - Arthur Olson	45 - Daniel Elson
10 - Anthony Manske	20 - Ty Mathison	35 - Gerald Dunnum	45 - Roger Mathison
10 - Rod Ofte	25 - Roger Carlson	35 - Paul Nichols	45 - Leo Nelson
15 - Julius Dumale	25 - Orlin Clark	35 - James Schmidt	45 - Gary Ostrem
15 - Dennis Kammel	25 - Art Hendrickson	35 - Mary Schmidt	50 - Francis Mathison
15 - Steven Mader	25 - Dane Hofslie	35 - David Verse	50 - David Sorenson
15 - David Peterson	25 - Troy Hofslie	40 - David Moilien	55 - Sylvester King
15 - Michael Schedivy	25 - Michael Miller	40 - Jim Padesky	
15 - Amy Stafslie	25 - Sig Molland	40 - Lorenz Pinski	

Vernon County American Legion

Vernon County Meeting Schedule for the year

August – 1st Monday- Westby

October – 3rd Tuesday – Stoddard

March – 3rd Thursday – Coon Valley

May – 4th Wednesday – Chaseburg

September – 2nd Wednesday – Hillsboro

January – 2nd Thursday – Viroqua

April – 4th Monday – Ontario

Congratulations to our 2017 Vernon County Officers who were installed at the July meeting in Westby!

Vernon County American Legion Officers for 2016-2017

Commander: Michael Miller

1st Vice Commander: Lisa McCarty

Sgt-at-Arms: Robert Wruck

Chaplain: Eugene Johnson

Adjutant: Steve Nelson

2nd Vice Commander: Mark Williams

3rd Vice Commander: Gary Gilbertson

Sgt-at-Arms: Kelly King

Service Officer: James Young