



COON VALLEY AMERICAN LEGION POST 116



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Commanders Message:

I have to start with a note of thanks to everyone in our Legion Family who do so much to support our programs, our veterans and our community. As I look back on the past year, I look at all of the successes that we have had and that success is 100% because we have people in our organization who step in and get things done. I am extremely humbled by these efforts. Thank you to every one of you fellow Legionnaires, Auxiliary and Sons of the American Legion!

May and June are filled with many events as usual. We have Westby Syttende Mai Parade on Sunday, May 15th which we will need participants for. We naturally have our Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony on May 30th which requires maximum efforts of the Post. We also have our annual Chicken Q on June 12th. We will need many helpers to make these events successful. I know that we will come together and make it happen as always. There is a work schedule for the Chicken Q posted in this newsletter, so if you do not see your name in the schedule and you can help out, please let us know or just show up and join in on the fun! Also, if you are on the schedule and can't make it, please let us know and who your replacement will be.

One other major event coming in May is Officer Elections. I was in error in my Commander's Message last month when I stated that Officer Elections will be in June. They will be sworn in at the June meeting. Performing duties as an officer is something that everyone should strive for. I know that it

has given me a huge appreciation for all of the behind-the-scenes work that takes place. If an officer's position is something that interests you but you are unsure because you don't know what to do, I assure you not to worry. You will have plenty of help and guidance. I encourage everyone to take a leadership role within the post. When we get new officers, we get fresh ideas and a different perspective on how we as a Post can remain relevant to our veterans and our community.

As I reflect on the past three years as Commander, I can sincerely say that I am humbled by and extremely grateful for all of the effort that everyone has put forth over the years in making Post 116 the huge success that it is. There has been a lot of forward-looking vision from a lot of our past members to position us to have the success that we enjoy today.

Our May meeting will be Thursday the 19th, and it will be an important meeting for us to finalize all of the details for Memorial Day. I look forward to seeing all of you there!

Gary M. Hess, Commander Post 116

DATES TO REMEMBER

- May 19th** Regular Post Meeting, meal at 7:30pm, meeting at 8pm (**THURSDAY!!**)
Lunch Committee: Kenneth Kammel
- May 19th** SAL Meeting - 8:00pm - Judge Coloring Contest Pictures!!
- May 25th** Vernon County Meeting - Chaseburg - 8:00pm
- May 30th** Memorial Day Parade and Program - Main Speaker - Gary Daines - Westby, WI
- June 1st** VA&R, CPR, & Children & Youth Reports due at State.
- June 1st** Auxiliary Meeting - 6:00pm pot luck - 6:30pm meeting
- June 6th** Executive Committee meeting at 6:30pm
- June 12th** Coon Valley Legion Chicken-Q
- June 15th** Regular Post Meeting, meal at 7:30pm, meeting at 8pm
Lunch Committee: Steve Vance and Frank Mathison
- June 17-19th** Commander Oatman's 2016 Run For Pride for the Legacy Scholarship Fund (motorcycling)
- July 14-17th** 2016 Department Convention - Madison Marriott West, Middleton, WI
- July 23rd** SAL Brewer Bus Trip - Brewers vs Cubs at 6:10pm

May Newsletter

2015-2016

Last Bugle:

Stephen Sapuder*
Howard Mathison
Lester Gilbertson
Virgil Lee*

* Not a Post 116 member



BUCKET DRAWING

Orlin Clark
Not Present

May
Drawing will be:
\$120.00

50/50
DRAWING

Elmore Haugen
\$70.00

Legion \$70.00



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2016 Paid Membership - 194
2016 Membership Goal - 197

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Adjutant Notes:

2016 Westby Norsemen Baseball

Date	Opponent/Location	Game Time
May 14	WESTBY TOURNAMENT	
	Westby vs. Whitehall	10:00
	PDC vs Fennimore	12:30
	Consolation	2:30
	Championship	4:30
May 19	@Luther	5:00
May 20	BROOKWOOD	5:00
May 23	NORTH CRAWFORD	5:00
May 24	WONEWOC CENTER	5:00
May 26	Regional Quarterfinal	
May 31	Regional Semifinal	
June 1	Regional Final	
June 7	Sectional Tournament @ Aquinas	
June 14-16	State Tournament @ Appleton	



Message from S.A.L. Commander:

Our monthly meeting will be on Thursday May 19th @ 8:00 pm. We will judge the grade school coloring contest entries and discuss the Brewers bus trip. Memorial Day is right around the corner. We will be marching again this year in Coon Valley. Everyone is encouraged to participate in the ceremonies and march in the parade
Cal Manske, SAL Commander



Message from Auxiliary President:

A warm hello to all of you. Memorial Day is just around the corner. Please look for the Memorial Day work schedule in this newsletter. If you are not listed but are able to work, then please show up – we'd love to have you! If you are baking a cake, bring your cake to the Legion kitchen early that morning (before 10:00 a.m.). Please remember to wear patriotic colors: Red, White & Blue!

We have already distributed poppies to many local businesses. Thanks to everyone who helped. Also thanks to everyone for getting the meal organized behind the scenes – this is a lot of work. This year we are again serving barbeque plate lunches and hot dog plate lunches, and all of the meals will be served from the kitchen counter. We are very grateful to Kwik Trip and Organic Valley for contributions towards the meal. Let's hope for a warm and sunny day!

We will distribute poppies on Tuesday, May 24th (and our rainy day backup date is Thursday, May 26th). We will meet at the Legion Hall at 5:30 p.m. Many of our Junior Auxiliary members will walk door-to-door to distribute the poppies, but we can use more kids (they do not have to be a member) and we need adult drivers/chaperones. Please call Julie to let me know if you can help (452-2261).

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 & contact someone on the list to see if they can switch with you. Election of officers is coming up soon. We are in desperate need of members to attend meetings. Please try to be there when you can. Even if you can attend only 2 or 3 meetings a year, that would be a huge help to the organization!

Our 2016 Badger Girls State Delegate is Danielle Knight. Congratulations Danielle!

Our next meeting is on June 1st with potluck at 6 and the meeting at 6:30. Julie Nelson, Auxiliary President

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

Sheriff John B. Spears would like to invite everyone to attend the Law Enforcement Police Memorial Service on Tuesday, May 17th, 2016 at 10:00am.

The service will be held in front of the Sheriff's Office at 1320 Bad Axe Court in Viroqua, Wisconsin.

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

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. Get a new flag in time for Memorial Day!! The 3' x 5' flags are \$25.00.

Badger Boys State

Travis Schmitt was the 2015 Badger Boys State representative and Dawson Rux will be the 2016 representative.

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Annika Olson was the 2015 Badger Girls State representative and Danielle Knight will be the 2016 representative.

Lawnmower

It was decided to purchase a new zero-turn mower from Coon Valley Dairy Supply at the April regular meeting. Please thank Elnore Haugen for his very generous donation.

CHICKEN-Q WORK SCHEDULE

Sunday, June 12, 2016

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!)

Wesley Guy	Carl Holte	Ryan Chambers	Tom Elsen
Mike Miller	Brian Janes	Gordon Hellwig	Matt Semke
Ron Miller	Brad Role	Steve Nelson	Larry Hass

Bartenders:

10am-1:30pm	1:30pm-5pm
Gary Grethel	Gary Hess

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 Langaard	Richard Zube	Bryan Berg
Steven Mader	Mike Callan	Chad Hofslie
Jeff Hanson	John Rudie	Jim Elsen
David Moilien	Knute Brye	John Elsen
Mary Schmidt	Wally Cox	Rolv Ihle
Stuart Peterson	Lee Nerison	Linda Berg

Chicken-Q —Auxiliary Work Schedule

Saturday, June 11th:

9:00 am - Wrap potatoes:

Nancy & Ron Miller (if you are interested in helping, please contact Nancy)

Sunday, June 12th:

6:00 am: Virginia Nerison, Paulene Aspenson

10:00-1:00 pm: Ellie Brye, Joyce Temp, Gloria Freitag, Mary Elsen, Nancy Miller, Abby Miller, Rachel Berg, Liz Hellwig, Becky Lind, Julie Nelson, Maddie Grethel, Maggie Grethel, Bianca Nelson, Angie Nelson, Olivia Nelson, Hanna Nelson

1:00-until food sells out: Judy Hofslie, Sylvia Thurk, Phyllis Galstad, Jan Ihle, Corrine Amundson, Mary Hess, Linda Keuser, Taylor Berra, Bernie Gerke, Hazel Cornell, Geraldine Nestingen, Pat Kammel, Sandy Mathison



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Auxiliary Memorial Day Work Schedule – Monday, May 30th

9am - 12pm

Rachel Berg
 Ellie Brye
 Phyllis Galstad
 Becky Lind
 Joyce Temp
 Gloria Freitag

Bernie Gerke
 Paulene Aspenson
 Nancy Miller
 Geraldine Nestingen
 Virginia Nerison

11:45 am – 2pm

Corrine Amundson
 Sylvia Thurk
 Hazel Cornell
 Mary Hess
 Judy Hofslie
 Angie Nelson
 Julie Nelson (when available after parade/program)

Jan Ihle
 Pat Kammel
 Linda Keuser
 Sandy Mathison
 Liz Hellwig

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 (Gary G, Michael M, Charlie N) 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! ***

2016 Memorial Day

Meteorologist Harlan Helseth and Executive Assistant Gary Grethel will be in charge of getting everything in order for the Program. They 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 Gary Daines from Westby, WI. Lunch after the ceremony will be provided by the Legion Auxiliary.