



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 for all of the support that you provide to our programs, our veterans and our community. I see the successes that we have and it is all because of the collaborative effort put forth by everyone that this happens. It exhibits a real team effort.

May and June, as per usual, are filled with a lot of events. Memorial Day is right around the corner and hot on its heels is the annual Chicken Q. We are going to need a lot of help with both events. More on that in a minute.

May is officer elections. The following positions are open for nominations: Commander, 1st Vice Commander (Membership), 2nd Vice Commander (Children & Youth), 3rd Vice Commander (Americanism), Chaplain, Historian, Sergeant at Arms, Service Officer and Finance Officer. I am not only going to tell you all to consider fulfilling one of these leadership positions, I am going to tell you that people in the post need to step up and assume these positions. I will not be accepting a officers nomination of any kind in this month's elections. If members do not step up, there will be officers positions that will go unfilled. I can't make it any more clear and plain than that.

Please keep Roger Mathison in your prayers as he recovers from surgery. Roger fills a lot of roles within the Post and he will be out of commission for a little while. This is one more reason why we all need to step up and take charge.

It has been an honor and privilege to serve as commander of this outstanding post. I hope to see many of you at the upcoming events.

Gary M. Hess, Commander Post 116

DATES TO REMEMBER

- May 17th Tomah VA fishing tournament for the veterans 9:00 - Noon at the fishing pond.
- May 17th Regular Post Meeting, 7:30pm meal, 8:00pm Meeting - Officer Elections
Lunch Committee: K. Kammel
- May 20th Armed Forces Day Open House at Fort McCoy
- May 21st Westby Syttende Mai Parade - Line-up between 9:00am & 12:30pm, parade starts at 1:30pm
- May 24th Vernon County Meeting in Chaseburg - 7:30pm meal, 8:00pm meeting - Wednesday
- May 29th Memorial Day Program
- June 3rd Vernon County Dairy Breakfast at Hamburg Hills Farm. Volunteers needed to drive tractors.
- June 7th Executive Committee Meeting at 6:30pm
- June 7th Auxiliary meeting, pot luck meal at 6:00pm, meeting at 6:30
- June 9th - 11th Commander Seehafer's Rev's Run for the Legacy Scholarship Fund (Legion Riders)
- June 11th Coon Valley Legion Chicken Q
- June 21st Regular Post Meeting, Meal at 7:30pm, meeting at 8:00pm - Installation of Officers
Lunch Committee: Steve Vance & Frank Mathison
- July 3rd Executive Committee Meeting 6:30pm
- July 12th - 16th Department Convention at Radisson Paper Valley in Appleton
- July 19th Regular Post Meeting, meal at 7:30pm, meeting at 8:00pm
Lunch Committee: Cox, Hoff, Cary & Banta
- July 30th SAL Brewer Bus Trip - Brewers vs Cubs at 1:10pm

May Newsletter

2016-2017

Last Bugle:

Larry Torgerson
John Sisbach, Jr
Leo Lusk*

* Not a Post 116 member



**BUCKET
DRAWING**

April \$30

Linda Berg
(Not Present)

May Drawing Will
Be \$40

**50/50
DRAWING**

\$60 - Legion
\$60 - Ron Miller



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2017 Paid Membership - 182
2017 Membership Goal-197

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Message from S.A.L. Commander:

Hello Everyone,

We will have a meeting on May 17th @ 8 pm. We will be discussing the Memorial Day activities and update about the Brewers bus trip. We need everyone to attend please.

Thank you!
Cal Manske,
SAL Commander

Message from Auxiliary President:



Memorial Day is just around the corner. Please look for the Memorial Day work schedule in this newsletter. If you are baking a cake, bring your cake to the Legion kitchen early that morning (**by 10:00 a.m.**). Please remember to wear patriotic colors: Red, White & Blue!

Thanks to everyone for getting the meal organized behind the scenes. We thank Kwik Trip and Organic Valley for their donations. Let's hope for a warm and sunny day!

We will once again be distributing poppies to homes in Coon Valley on **Tuesday, May 23, 2017**. Please call me to let me know if you can help (452-2261).

The Memorial Day and 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. Please attend.

Our 2017 Badger Girls State Delegate is Allison Davidson. Congratulations Allison!

Our next meeting is on June 7th with potluck at 6 and the meeting at 6:30.

Vernon County Veterans Service Office (Jim Young & Crystal Knoll) 608-637-5323

(veterans@vernoncounty.org)

If PTSD has a presence in your life, there are many options, including the Veterans Crisis Hotline at 1-800-273-8255 (Press 1), your County Veterans Service Office or the VA. The Tomah VA has a Combat Veteran PTSD Residential Program for veterans to stay at the VA to receive counseling and treatment. To inquire more about this program or to sign up for this program, please contact your CVSO or the VA at 608-372-1758.

CHICKEN-Q WORK SCHEDULE

Sunday June 11th, 2017

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

6:00am - until done - (There will be one shift this year. Please come and have a good time in the pits!)

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

Bartenders

10:00am - 1:30pm	1:30pm - 5:00pm
Gary Grethel	Cal Manske

Food Tickets

10:00am - 1:30pm	1:30pm - 5:00pm
Frank Mathison	Steve Vance

Tip Boards

11:am - 2:00pm
Ron Hoff

Snack Stand at Ball Park

9:30am - 1:30pm	1:30pm - 5:30pm	5:30pm - Close
Harlan Helseth	Roger Starkey	Scott Berg
Dennis Kammel	Randy Schlicht	Dan Hofslie
Don Langaard	Mike Callan	Darin Berg
Steven Mader	Richard Zube	Jim Elsen
Jeff Hanson	John Rudie	Bryan Berg
David Moilien	Knute Brye	Chad Hofslie
Mary Schmidt	Wally Cox	John Elsen
Stuart Peterson	Lee Nerison	Rolv Ihle
Lisa Kammel	Roger Anderson	Linda Berg

Auxiliary Chicken-Q Work Schedule

Saturday, June 10th

9:00am - Wrap Potatoes

Nancy & Ron Miller, Joyce Temp, Gloria Freitag (if you are interested in helping, please contact Nancy)

Sunday, June 11th:

6:00 am: Virginia Nerison, Paulene Aspenson

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

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



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Long Range Planning Committee

The Long Range Planning Committee still has surveys that have not been returned. Please take the time to fill those out and return them via USPS or drop them off in the flag disposal box at the south end of the building by the parking lot.

Vernon County Dairy Breakfast

The Vernon County Dairy Breakfast is scheduled for the first Saturday in June at the Hamburg Hill Dairy Farm near Chaseburg. The address is E2556 Hamburg Ridge Rd, north of Chaseburg off of CTH K. Post 116 will be participating by providing tractor drivers to chauffer people from the parking area to the grounds and back. No, I don't know what color the tractors are.

Auxiliary Memorial Day Work Schedule – Monday, May 29th

9am - 12pm	11:45 am – 2pm
Virginia Nerison	Corrine Amundson
Ellie Brye	Sylvia Thurk
Rachel Berg	Hazel Cornell
Becky Lind	Mary Hess
Joyce Temp	Judy Hofslie
Gloria Freitag	Liz Hellwig
Bernie Gerke	Pat Kammel
Paulene Aspenson	Linda Keuser
Nancy Miller	Sandy Mathison
Geraldine Nestingen	Angie Nelson
Mary Elsen	Julie Nelson (when available after parade/program)