



COON VALLEY AMERICAN LEGION POST 116



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Commanders Message:

To begin my last newsletter message as Commander of this fine post, I would like to thank everyone who helped make my life easier than it could have been while I held the position. There are so many to thank that it would be unfair to list them all individually for everyone does what they can, when they can and that is all a Commander can ask for.

I want to thank everyone who had a hand in making the Memorial Day Parade and Program such a success. There are always a lot of moving parts and everyone coming together to make it happen is always like watching a well orchestrated event. It never fails to impress.

Thank you also to everyone who pitched in to make the Chicken Q a success. It took a little longer than usual to sell out, but we did sell out of chicken! Once again, I believe we have proven that we have the best chicken this side of Coon Creek.

May was officer elections. All of the officer positions were filled except one: Commander. Since I will not be the Commander for 2017/2018, this leaves us in a bit of a bind. Being Commander is probably one of the easiest officer's position to hold because everyone wants their post to succeed and will support the Commander in the effort to make the post succeed. The problem is that when you have a group of people who want to work but not to take on a leadership role, your group tends to fail. Relying on the same people all of the time leads to burnout and fatigue. Other people need to step up and take their turn. The others will support you and will not let you fail.

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

- June 21st** Regular Post Meeting, Meal at 7:30pm, meeting at 8:00pm - Installation of Officers
Lunch Committee: Steve Vance & Frank Mathison
- June 21st** SAL Regular Meeting at 8pm.
- 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 19th** SAL Regular Meeting at 8pm
- July 22nd** Coon Creek Trout Fest - Coon Valley Veterans Memorial Park
- July 30th** SAL Brewer Bus Trip - Brewers vs Cubs at 1:10pm
- August 2nd** Auxiliary Meeting with potluck at 6pm and the meeting at 6:30pm
- August 7th** Executive Committee Meeting 6:30pm
- August 7th** Vernon County Meeting - Westby - Meal at 7:30pm, Meeting at 8pm
- August 16th** Post Everlasting Ceremony, 7:00pm with meal following with family and friends
Lunch Committee: Rod and Deb Ofte
Regular Post Meeting at 8pm only if necessary
- August 16th** SAL Regular Meeting at 8pm
- September 5th (Tues)** Executive Committee Meeting at 6:30pm - Tuesday after Labor Day

June Newsletter

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Last Bugle:

* Not a Post 116 member



BUCKET DRAWING

May \$40

James Munsch
(Not Present)

June Drawing Will
Be \$50

(We draw until we
have a Winner)

50/50
DRAWING

\$70 - Legion
\$65 - Rueben
Starch



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2017 Membership Goal-197

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Message from S.A.L. Commander:

Hello Everyone,

We will have a meeting on June 21st @ 8 pm. We will be discussing the Brewers bus trip and other shenanigans. We need everyone to attend please.

Thank you!

Cal Manske,
SAL Commander

Message from Auxiliary President:



We had a wonderful Memorial Day turnout this year. Memorial Day is such a special holiday to the Legion/Auxiliary/SAL family, because we remember the men and women who sacrificed everything for the sake of others, for the sake of freedom. The Memorial Day Program teaches people, young and old, the importance of remembering all of the fallen heroes. We thank everyone who helped with this great community event. Thanks to Organic Valley and Kwik Trip for the generous donations. Thanks to everyone who bought food, made food, brought cakes, helped serve and cleaned up. Thanks to our Junior Auxiliary members for distributing poppies door to door and before the parade: Maddie, Maggie & Bella Grethel, Bianca Nelson, Olivia & Hanna Nelson, Abby Miller (and thanks to the driver who helped me: Kim Nelson).

Chicken Q went very well. Many people complimented the good food. When the Auxiliary works at the Legion Chicken Q, this is not only a way for us to help the Legion, but it is also a great fundraiser for us too. So thank you for helping this year – the more meals we can sell for them, the better off we all are! It is always a nice time working with our Legion and SAL members.

Congratulations to Owen Hellwig, who was awarded this year's Auxiliary Scholarship. We wish him well in his future endeavors! Thanks to Ellie and Joyce for presenting the scholarship.

We are currently ordering Auxiliary Emblem magnets that we can wear on our shirts when we are working at events. The emblem is placed where you choose on your shirt, and then you put the magnet underneath and it stays tight while you are wearing it. They are only \$5 (which includes shipping). We already have 20+ paid orders, but we are not placing the order until right after our August meeting. So if you want to order, get your order and money to us by Aug 2nd.

We do not have a meeting in July, so our next meeting will be August 2nd with potluck at 6 and the meeting at 6:30. We have **election of officers** at that time. Please attend.

Sincerely, Julie Nelson
President

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The Milwaukee County Zoo invites all military members and veterans to their annual Military/Veterans Family Day on Sunday, July 2, 2017 from 9:00am to 5:00pm. Enjoy free zoo admission and parking. There will be a Veterans Benefit Expo at the US Bank Gathering place from 9:00am to 4:00pm. Admission tickets will be available from May 30 until June 30. Active duty military and veterans residing in Wisconsin can pick up their tickets at their local County Veterans Service Office. Contact Jim Young or Crystal Knoll at 608-367-5323 for information on ticket pick-up. Tickets are required for admission and are available for immediate family only, with a limit of 10 tickets per family. The Milwaukee County Zoo is located at 10001 W. Bluemound Rd, Milwaukee, WI 53226.

2017 State Convention - Appleton, WI July 12 - 16

The 99th Annual State Convention will be held in Appleton on July 12th through the 17th. We need to select delegates and alternates for the convention. We are allowed three each. The delegates from our post will participate in the 7th District Caucuses each day from 7:30am to about 9:00am, and also the Convention Sessions which usually take place from about 9:00am until noon. The delegates also have the responsibility to vote for the new State Officers on Saturday. Friday evenings there will be hospitality suites for all of the State Officer Candidates with beverages and snack food items. This is an important event to be at as you not only get to network with other Legionnaires and meet current, past and future State Officers, but also to have an opportunity to have a voice in and vote on resolutions that will affect the future of the American Legion in Wisconsin. Please make a difference, consider attending Convention.

E-Mail Receipt of the Coon Valley American Legion Newsletter

As always, we are trying to find ways to be minimize our expenses and one way that all of us can contribute to that is to have the newsletter e-mailed to you instead of receiving it via US Mail. This saves us costs in publishing as well as in postage costs. If you would like to have your newsletter delivered to you via e-mail, please send your e-mail address to Gary Hess at garyhess@centurytel.net and you will be added to the e-mail roster and taken off of the mailing roster. All e-mails are send "in the blind" to protect members' privacy and are kept in the strictest confidentiality.

Westby/Coon Valley Legion Baseball

<u>2017 Sr. Legion Schedule</u>			<u>2017 Junior Legion Schedule</u>		
<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent/Location</u>	<u>Game Time</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent/Location</u>	<u>Game Time</u>
June 19	LA CRESCENT	7:00pm	June 21	FENNIMORE	5:30pm
June 21	FENNIMORE	7:30pm	June 22	@La Crosse A's (Aquinas)(DH)	5:00pm
June 22	Tomah@ Viroqua Tourney	6:00pm	June 26	LA CRESCENT (DH)	5:00pm
June 23	PDC @ Viroqua Tourney	6:00pm	June 29	@ Cashton	TBD
June 24	W. Salem@ Viroqua Tourney	5:30pm	July 4	@ Viroqua	4:00pm
June 25	TBD @ Viroqua Tourney	TBD	July 5	PRAIRIE DU CHIEN (DH)	5:00pm
June 26	@ G-D-S (Stoddard)	7:00pm	July 7	VIROQUA (DH)	5:00pm
June 29	Viroqua	7:00pm	July 12-16	Regionals	
July 3	PDC @ Soldiers Grove	5:30pm	July 19-23	State @ Nekoosa	
July 4	@ Viroqua	6:30pm			
July 6	@ Holmen	5:00pm			
July 7	North Stars @ Ona Tourney	3:00pm			
July 7	Onalaska @ Ona Tourney	5:00pm			
July 8	PDC @ Ona Tourney	9:00am			
July 8	Sparta @ Ona Tourney	11:00am			
July 9	W. Salem @ Ona Tourney	11:00am			
July 10	NORTH CRAWFORD	7:00pm			
July 13	@ La Crosse Juniors (Central)	5:00pm			
July 15	@ G-D-S (Stoddard)	8:00pm			
July 16	BI STATE	3:00pm			
July 19-23	Regionals @ Coon Valley				
July 26-30	State @ Clintonville				



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2017/2018 Post 116 Officer Elections:

As many of you know, we held officer nominations/elections at the May Regular Post Meeting. We had tremendous participation and had many people step up for the positions available, with one exception: We have had no nominations for Commander. This will have to be resolved at the June Meeting.

Meanwhile, congratulations to all of the new officers who will be sworn in at the June meeting:

Commander: (Not filled)

1st Vice Commander (Membership): Steve Nelson

2nd Vice Commander (Children & Youth): Matt Semke

3rd Vice Commander (Americanism): Ryan Chambers

Finance Officer: Roger Mathison

Sergeant at Arms: Dan Hofslie

Historian: Francis Mathison

Chaplain: Sue Anne Schwartz

Service Officer: Kyle Bethauser

Thank you to all of you for stepping forward to be a part of the leadership team at Post 116.

Please remember, all officers are expected to be present at the Executive Committee Meetings, which are held on the first Monday of every month at 6:30pm.