



COON VALLEY AMERICAN LEGION POST 116



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Commanders Message:

Congratulations and thank you Post 116 for a successful year! Elections at the May meeting behind us, we proceed to the installation of officers at the June meeting. As I look forward to serving as your commander another year I do so fully aware of the strength and support we have at Post 116. So many things happen that keep the engine running, all the little details and dedicated comrades performing the right duties to make our post shine.

Next, thank you, for a praiseworthy Memorial Day parade and program. The Auxiliary, SAL and Legion work well together and make Memorial Day a high point of the year in Coon Valley. Our Legion post and its members are part of the fabric of the Coon Valley community. We support and patronize local businesses and work with local government, utilities, and service organizations in a positive and forthright manner. There is a positive energy in Coon Valley, just ask new residents, and our Legion attitude is part of it.

What's ahead? We have a full summer slate of Legion baseball and softball. Legion softball is in its second year. Come check it out! Also, Troutfest is June 22 and Coon Valley's 175th Anniversary in August is sure to be a hit.

June kicks off National American Legion, "Be the One Days," across the country drawing attention to and acting upon veteran suicide prevention. The number of veteran's suicides is saddening, but the effect of the "Be the One" campaign is already being felt. Learn more, be part of the solution. June issue of the American Legion Magazine.

Mike Callan, Post 116 Commander

Calendar:

June 13 Bingo at the Legion Hall at 5pm

June 19 Regular Legion Meeting, 7pm meal (Wes and Jessica are cooks) and 7:30 meeting

June 22 Trout Fest

July 1 Exec Meeting 6:30

July 11 Bingo

July 17 Regular meeting 7:00 meal, 7:30 meeting

June Newsletter

2023- 2024

Last Bugle:

Larry Lichtie



BUCKET DRAWING

May Membership
drawing was
Randy Erickson,
not present.

Next membership
meeting drawing
will be done until
winner is present.

50/50
Rod Ofte



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Membership Totals to Date

2024 Paid Membership - 175

2024 Membership Goal- 174

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Or pay on MyLegion.org !



Message from S.A.L. Commander:

No meeting this month, thanks to all who worked the snack shack for the Chicken Q baseball games...

Cal Manske

S.A.L. Commander

Message from the Auxiliary President:

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who worked on Memorial Day and/or Chicken Q. Both events went really well this year.

For Memorial Day, we were really pleased to have served so many people, including providing so many free meals to band members. It was a beautiful day, and the parade and program were very meaningful once again. The poppy distribution was successful this year. And the Auxiliary served a great meal. Thanks to everyone for their work and contributions, including all of the wonderful cakes made by our members.

A special thanks to our many local businesses who allow us to place poppies/containers in their businesses each May: Chances Are, Coon Creek Auto, Knutson Memorial Library, Legacy, Mane Attraction, River Bank, Star Auto, Stockyard, Sweet Valley Artisans, Valley Market, and WCCU. Please take a moment to thank them when you see them.

The Chicken Q also went well. We had many members show up to work. Many would like to try a split schedule for next year, so we took down people's preferences of morning (9:30-12:30) or afternoon (12:15 - close) shifts. If you weren't there but would like us to know your preference, just contact one of us.

We do not have a meeting in July.

Our next meeting will be on August 7th (otherwise known as Ellie's birthday) at 6pm, when we have election of officers. We look forward to seeing you then! Have a great summer! Unfortunately, we do not have a 2024 Badger Girls State delegate this year - there were no candidates.

Our next meeting is Wednesday, June 5th at 6 pm at the Legion Hall.

Sincerely, Julie Nelson
Auxiliary President

Post Announcements:

Please attend the June Regular meeting night to welcome our new installation of officers:

Commander: Mike Callan, 1st Vice Commander: Wes Guy, 2nd Vice Commander: Richard Zube, 3rd Vice Commander: Ron Piojda, Chaplain: Bernard Roesler, Service Officer: Harlan Helseth, Sargent-of-Arms: Steve Nelson, Finance Officer: Gary Grethel, Historian, Frank Mathison and Adjutant: Charles Nelson.

Thank you Roger Mathison and Dan Hofslie for your many years of service to our Post, being post officers!

Thank you nomination committee for your work in finding officers, Steve Nelson, Wes Guy, and Mike Miller.

Thank you Wes Guy, Darin Berg, Steve Nelson, and Ty Mathison on being the Color Guard for opening ceremonies for the first Legion Baseball game held on June 9th, in Coon Valley Baseball Park. A color guard has been asked to do opening ceremonies for future Legion Softball game and Vernon County June Dairy days on June 22nd. Let Steve Nelson know if you want to be part of these color guard events.

Thank you Frank Mathison, Post Historian for the attached picture:

“Wisconsin American Legion Museum & Learning Center Board of Directors, Portage, Wisconsin.”

L to R: Frank Mathison-Member, Karl Stuvengen-Department Commander & Board Vice-President, Norm Bednarek-Board President, Dave Eulburg-Member, Denise Rohan-Past National Commander, Member, & Richard Ruland-Member. Not pictured, Julie Muhle-Department Adjutant & Secretary/Treasurer. Post Historian, Frank Mathison is the longest serving member—23 years. The Board wishes to encourage anyone out traveling to stop at State Headquarters in Portage and tour the grounds and visit the Museum. There is no charge to tour the Museum.





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