



# COON VALLEY AMERICAN LEGION POST 116



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### Commanders Message:

May is here, our world turned green, and Memorial Day is just around the corner. If you can join us please do. Our color guard will be firing at 6 different cemeteries and welcomes your presence. We also welcome all members to join us in the parade, and attend the program and lunch following. If you want to be in the parade you can ride on a float (trailer) with your fellow legion members, or march

with the color guard. We will have both options available. We would love to have a large group to show support of our post and community.

At our regular May meeting, May 15 we will hold annual elections. Since Covid's past, our monthly attendance has been increasing. So, come on out, vote for officers, have a beer and enjoy a good meal.

June 9th is the date for this years Chicken Q. The Auxiliary has agreed to serve the meal. We elected NOT to have curb service. As pre Covid folks can dine in the hall or purchase carry outs. Our barbeque crew has 500 halves and the work schedule is in the newsletter. If you cannot work please let me know (608-632-1538) so that I can get someone to fill in on the roster.

Last month's meeting included bartender license renewals. To my knowledge all current licensees renewed plus a couple new ones. Two or three additional will fill the pool needed. We host many activities that require bartenders present, Please consider the simple process of becoming a licensed bartender, The post will reimburse for training and fees. See Roger or Mike for details.

As Memorial Day nears, take time to remember the lives lost, our brothers and sisters still struggling, and thank those currently serving to keep our country safe and free,

Mike Callan, Commander

### Calendar:

- May 9 Bingo at the Legion Hall 5pm
- May 15 Legion Meeting (Election Night) 7pm meal 7:30 meeting
- May 20 County Meeting – Chaseburg 7pm meal 7:30 meeting
- May 27 Memorial Day (See enclosed activities)
- June 3 Executive Meeting 6:30pm
- June 9 Chicken Q (See attached work schedule)
- June 13 Bingo at the Legion Hall 5pm
- June 19 Regular Legion Meeting 7pm meal 7:30 meeting

# May Newsletter

2023- 2024

## Last Bugle:

Carliss Larson  
Sylvester King  
Richard Brose  
Darryl Kacimski  
Vernon Melgard  
Richard Brose  
Don Bina  
Art Hendrickson



## BUCKET DRAWING

April Membership drawing not known as of this writing.

Next membership meeting drawing for ??.

50/50  
No Drawing



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### Membership Totals to Date

2024 Paid Membership - 175  
2024 Membership Goal- 174

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## MEMBERSHIP:

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PO Box 314  
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Or pay on MyLegion.org!



### Message from S.A.L. Commander:

We will have a meeting when we judge the poster coloring contest and discuss Memorial Day activities later this month. I will call everyone later this month.

Cal Manske  
S.A.L. Commander

### Message from the Auxiliary President:

Hello everyone. Memorial Day will be here very soon.

Memorial Day Cakes: Please drop off your cake at the Legion hall by 9 am on Memorial Day, Monday, May 27<sup>th</sup>. Please cut your cake ahead of time into 20 pieces.

We need help in the kitchen on Memorial Day. We'll plan on meeting in the Legion kitchen at 9 am. We will have one shift, and just work until we're done or as long as you are able. Here's a list of workers (even if you don't see your name, but you can work, please show up): Paulene Aspenson, Ellie Brye, Kelly Callan, Hazel Cornell, Mary Elsen, Gloria Freitag, Mary Hess, Becky Lind, Donna McQuin, Nancy Miller, Julie Nelson, and Joyce Temp.

Poppies have gone out to local businesses once again. If you happen to be in a business that has our poppies for distribution, **please thank them.**

The Auxiliary will be helping with the Legion Chicken Q on Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup>. This is a great opportunity for us to help the Legion, and we can use all of the Auxiliary help that we can get. We will meet at 9 at the Legion Hall. If anyone is willing to take some potatoes to their house and bake them that morning, please let us know. Here's a list of workers: Nancy Miller, Mary Elsen, Joyce Temp, Gloria Freitag, Becky Lind, Sandy Mathison, Ellie Brye, Donna McQuin, Paulene Aspenson, Mary Hess, Judy Hofslie, Corky Amundson, Hazel Cornell, Angie Nelson and Julie Nelson (even if you don't see your name, but you can work, please show up). We will have one shift, and just work until we're done or as long as you are able.

Unfortunately, we do not have a 2024 Badger Girls State delegate this year – there were no candidates.

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

Sincerely, Julie Nelson

**Post Announcements:**

Memorial Day parade please consider and be on the legion float! We will have chairs to sit on; just come to the beginning of the parade route before the parade!

Hey, please help Harlan Helseth move items out of the legion hall May 16th at 8am. Harlan is putting new wax down on the legion floor.

Please attend “Annual Vernon County Police Memorial Service” in front of Vernon County Courthouse on May 14th, at 1pm. One of own members is guest speaker, Ron Piojda!

Items on May 15th legion meeting, new business agenda (all separate items):

Discussion on beer tap dispenser

Filling the space with a custom shelf and counter next to the cooler

Replacing the cash register and relocating it on the new counter

Large screen TV in the hall above the MIA POW table

Legion Baseball and Softball is coming in June! Please support by buying raffle tickets (ask Steve Nelson for one) and attending games:

Legion Softball; June 12th at home vs Viroqua, 6pm, Westby Varsity Softball Field

Legion Softball; June 14th at home vs Kickapoo, TBD, Westby Varsity Softball Field

Senior Legion Baseball; June 9th at home vs West Salem, 1pm, Coon Valley Park Field

Junior Legion Baseball; June 6th at home vs Onalaska, 6pm

Chicken Q Work Schedule

Chicken Fryers **6am until Done**

Mike Miller    Charlie Nelson    Steve Nelson    Brian James    Gordy Hellwig

Ron Piojda    Al Goede    Ron Miller

Food Tickets (cashier) **10am – 1:30pm** Richard Zube    **1:30pm – 5pm** Mike Callan

Bartenders **10am – 1:30pm** Gary Grethel    **1:30pm – 5pm** Matt Semke

Table Service **10am – 1:30pm**                      **1:30pm – 5pm**

   Bernie Roesler

   Rodney Berg

   Tom Elsen

   Rueben Starch

   Charlie Servais

   Dave Verse

Tipboards/Raffle tickets **11am -3pm** Ron Hoff & Wally Cox



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### **Memorial Day Activities**

- 7am Meet at Legion Hall
- 7:30am Koethe Cemetery
- 7:45am Trinity Church (Mormon Coulee)
- 8am St Joseph Ridge Parish
- 8:30am North Ridge Cemetery
- 9:30am Bethany Church (Esofea)
- 10am CV Lutheran Church
- 10:30am Parade Down Central Avenue
- 11am Memorial Day Observance Program