



COON VALLEY AMERICAN LEGION POST 116



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Hello Veterans!

We are getting going with our spring activities, working on landscape around the legion, Memorial Day going to cemeteries and program, chicken-que and Vernon County dairy breakfast. I just got asked for volunteers for dairy breakfast at Legacy restaurant i will have sheets at meeting for sign up it will the hours and duty. It will be a drive-thru breakfast. I hear that they are doing Freedom Honor Flight this year so sign up and see the monuments in Washington DC. This month we are doing election of officers and looking for delegates for State Convention.

Mike Miller

Commander Post 116

DATES TO REMEMBER

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| May 19th | Regular Meeting Night, 6pm cocktails, 6:30pm meal. Meeting follows... |
| May 31st | Memorial Day, Cemetery visits meet at Legion at 7:00am, Program at Legion grounds at 11am
Re-dedication of flag pole and flag at the Coon Valley Veterans Memorial Ballfield at 1pm. Ball games will be played following the ceremony. The color guard will need to be present, but all members are welcome to show your support and stand with us. |
| June 13th | Legion Chicken Q |
| July 14-18th | 2021 Department Convention, Madison Marriott West in Middleton |

May Newsletter

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Last Bugle:

Don Kammel
Jack Fletcher
Merlin Lenser
Lee Rudie
Eugene Danielson



BUCKET DRAWING

No winner! James
Elsen, not present
Next Month meet-
ing \$60

50/50
No Drawing!



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Membership Totals to Date

2021 Paid Membership - 164

2021 Membership Goal- 173

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Message from S.A.L. Commander:

Hello everyone,
Meeting Wednesday, May 19th at 7pm! Agenda includes election of officers, coloring contest judging, youth baseball and Brewer baseball bus trip!

Cal Manske
S.A.L. Commander



Message from the Auxiliary:

Hello everyone! Summer is almost here!

We placed poppies in businesses for the month of May. If you haven't gotten the chance yet go pick up your poppies! They will also be available on Memorial Day at the program.

Remember there is a Chicken Que on June 13th. The Auxiliary will be working in the kitchen.

Our next meeting is Wednesday, June 2nd at 6:00pm, and there will not be a potluck. Please remember to bring your masks. I look forward to seeing you at our June meeting!

Thanks,
Maddie Grethel
President

LEGION WORK SCHEDULE FOR LEGION CHICKEN-Q – Sunday June 12th

Chicken Fryers 6am-until done!

Carl Holte Tom Elsen Charlie Nelson Wesley Guy
Brian Janes Gordon Hellwig Steve Nelson

Potato Cookers: Roger Mathison Ron Miller

Food Tickets 10:30am-2: Frank Mathison Mike Callan

Kitchen and Serve Food Outside 10am-2pm!

Harlan Helseth Mike Miller Gary Grethel Gary Hess Wally Cox
Ron Hoff and Bernard Roesler

Post News:

Winners of the March Raffle are as follows: 1st-Dean Antony, 2nd-Brian Janes, 3rd-Peter Holte, 4th-Howie Horman Jr., 5th-Laurie Perry, 6th-Steve Michaels, 7th-Bittany Christopher-son, 8th-Ellie Brye, 9th-Tory Tryggestad, 10th-Sharon Sharratt, 11th-Marty Erlandson, 12th-Deb Ofter, 13th-Tammy Haakenson, 14th-Tom Pretasky, 15th-Seth Barstad

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), 8:15 at St. Joseph Ridge, 8:30am at North Ridge, 9:30 at Esofea, and 10:00am at Coon Valley; Lutheran Church.

Election of Officers take place at our May meeting each year! Anyone interested contact Frank Mathison, Gary Hess, and Steve Nelson or let your wishes be known at the May meeting. Officers elected are Commander, 1st,2nd,3rd Vice Commanders, Chaplain, Historian, Sergeant-at-Ars, Service Officer, and Finance Officer.

Get ready for Legion baseball this summer! Calendar drawing tickets will be sold starting in May, Roger Mathison is making these tickets up and look for him for a ticket! Each ticket is being sold for \$20. This will be done in the month of July.

Building & Grounds Planning Committee: The members of this new committee are Wes Guy, Harlan Helseth, and Gary Grethel. The purpose of the committee is to keep a list of any item, big or small, that that has been discussed previously or recently, and prioritize them in an appropriate way based upon needs, resources, etc. For the items that boil to the top of the list, the committee will research what the actual need is, outline exactly what will be required, and put together a definitive request for quote that can be given to any contractor so Post 116 is ensured to get back comparable quotes. No item will move forward without body approval. The committee will report at each monthly meeting. One of the first items being looked at is the replacement of the blinds in our Post.

The building loan, for the flood repairs, currently sits around \$10,000.



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Canoe Race will be August 28, 2021.

August 29 – Post 116 will host a breakfast for the community, which will also ensure the canoe race clean-up volunteers can be fueled up for a hard day's work if they so choose.

Trout Fest will be June 19, 2021. Non-food vendors will use the Legion Hall for their tables.

Coon Creek Area Veterans Memorial: The hope was to be able to have the statue of the soldier placed back at the Memorial in time for Memorial Day this year. Unfortunately, this will not be possible. Everything is moving forward with the replacement of the soldier and the walls that were damaged, with the proofs being approved at the beginning of May.

The Coon Valley American Legion approved donating \$500 this year to the Village of Coon Valley for the purpose of replacing worn flags and hardware that are displayed on highway 14/61. This is a standing motion for Post 116, to donate each year to this purpose, in an amount up to \$500 based upon the need.

Landscaping: Post 116 will continue to need help removing the old landscaping mulch, down to the fabric, and replacing with new mulch. This needs to be completed before Memorial Day. Some of the existing mulch is over 10 years old, and could basically be considered 5 to 6 inches of dirt. Do not just place the new mulch over the existing. There is a large pile of mulch to use, once an area has been cleaned, next to the Veterans Memorial. The old mulch/dirt needs to be loaded up and hauled to the Village of Coon Valley compost area.