



COON VALLEY AMERICAN LEGION POST 116



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Hello I hope everyone is doing well as summer begins. Thank you to the legion members who went to the cemeteries on Memorial Day. Thank you to Daryl Brye for putting the flags in the cemeteries, honoring our deceased veterans. We had our first executive meeting on Monday since the pandemic started and looking to move forward. We are wanting a June meeting on the 17th at 7pm. We will not have a meal and we will keep up with social distancing. We will be talking about fundraising events and if we want election of officers. We are doing a chicken que on June 14 with drive up service only, we are serving from 11 to 2. We are doing 400 halves for \$10 each, please help us advertise this event to make it a success. Frank Mathison is doing well our historical book for 100 year anniversary.

Mike Miller, Commander Post 116

DATES TO REMEMBER

June 14th	Legion Chicken Q, 11am-2pm, Drive By Service, \$10 per plate
June 17th	Legion Meeting at 7pm, no meal
Aug. 15th	American Legion Riders District 7 Legacy Run, LaCrosse Area Harley Davidson and ending at Onalaska Community Days
Cancelled	Wisconsin Legion State Convention, Appleton and National Convention due to Corona Virus...

June Newsletter

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Last Bugle:

Richard Nestingen
David Sorenson
Monroe Johnson
Reuben Johnson
Roger Hofslie
David Holen
Kenneth Kammel
Don Kammel



**BUCKET
DRAWING**

Next Month \$80

**50/50
No Drawing!**



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Membership Totals to Date

2020 Paid Membership - 173
2020 Membership Goal- 186

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Message from S.A.L. Commander:

Hello everyone,

Meet at 7pm, June 17th, at Regular Legion meeting night! A lot to discuss, so please make an extra effort to come and provide your input and support!!

Cal Manske
S.A.L. Commander



Message from the Auxiliary:

I hope this message finds you well. These last few months dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic have been life-changing, to say the least. We are planning our next meeting for Wednesday, August 5th at 6 p.m. Since this will be our first meeting since the coronavirus, we will not have potluck but simply have the meeting at 6 p.m. Without knowing what the circumstances will be like in August, please be prepared to social distance and bring a mask. We will have election of officers at our August meeting.

Memorial Day was very different this year. Thank you to the Legionnaires who still held ceremonies at the local cemeteries. This tradition was very much appreciated. I'm sure we all missed the parade, the program, the poppies... and we can pray those traditions will return in 2021.

Westby High School Senior Anna Ofte was selected to receive the Coon Valley Auxiliary's 2020 scholarship – Congratulations Anna and best of luck to you! Anna was also our Badger Girls State Delegate last year.

Our 2020 Badger Girls State Delegate was selected: Congratulations Maggie Grethel! Unfortunately due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the weeklong Badger Girls State Convention is cancelled this year. We still want to extend our congratulations to Maggie for her selection and willingness to serve as a Badger Girls State Delegate.

We lost a longtime Auxiliary member, Delaine Erickson, earlier this spring. We extended our sympathy to Delaine's family, and we appreciate all of Delaine's years of service to this Auxiliary unit.

Remember if you haven't paid your 2020 Auxiliary dues, please do so. Every membership counts, and we thank you for your service in this great organization!

Stay safe and we look forward to meeting in August.

Sincerely, Julie Nelson
Auxiliary President

LEGION WORK SCHEDULE FOR LEGION CHICKEN-Q – Sunday June 17

Chicken Fryers 6am-until done!

Carl Holte Tom Elsen Charlie Nelson Rod Ofte Wesley Guy
Ryan McCracken 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!

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

*****If you are on the schedule and can't work, please find a replacement. If you are not on the schedule and want to work, let Commander Miller know(483-2328) or just show up and we will find a niche that needs filling!**

Post 116 News:

Frank Mathison is preparing the legion posts 100-yr Anniversary book, he has a good start and looks great so far! He wants input for content of this important book, so please provide pictures, stories, or important history you know that needs to be in this book!

We are discussing on having a Calendar Raffle, with the possibility of having a September Drawing, \$20 a spot and up to 500 tickets sold, let us know if this sounds like fun and a good idea!?

Jim Young, has retired and isn't our service officer anymore, best of wishes on your retirement Jim!

Memorial Site News! The granite is ordered! Questions on the memorial can go to Coon Area Veterans Committee President Charlie Nelson.



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Congress and the White House agree to expand definition of war eras to include all who served since Dec. 7, 1941.

More than 1,600 members of the U.S. Armed Forces were killed or wounded in periods of time not designated as war eras since the end of World War II. The newly signed Let Everyone Get Involved in Opportunities for National Service Act of 2019 – The LEGION Act – honors those veterans, their spouses and descendants, extending membership eligibility in The American Legion Family to hundreds of thousands who had previously been excluded. The LEGION Act offers American Legion membership eligibility to any U.S. military veteran who served at least one day of active military duty since Dec. 7, 1941, and was honorably discharged or is serving now. The act also affects membership in the American Legion Auxiliary and Sons of the American Legion, expanding eligibility for those groups, as well.