



COON VALLEY AMERICAN LEGION POST 116



July 2012

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Commanders Message:

Commander's Message: I would like to thank everyone for electing me as Commander for another year. I am looking forward to working with all the new officers. By now you should have received the first notice reminding you that dues are due; please try to pay as soon as you can so we don't incur additional mailing

costs.

Also let's show our support for the S.A.L. bus trip on August 19th.

I hope you are all enjoying your summer and hope to see all of you at the July meeting.

Gary J. Grethel
Commander Post 116

Dates to Remember

July 18th	Legion Meeting - 7:30pm Lunch Committee: Steve Vance & E. Williams
July 19th to 22nd	State Convention at Middleton
July 25th	SAL Meeting at 7:00
August 1st	Auxiliary Meeting - 7pm
August 6th	Legion Executive Meeting - 6:30pm
August 6th	Vernon County Meeting - Westby - 8:00pm
August 15th	Regular Post Meeting, 7:30pm Lunch Committee: Michele, Gary, and Fuzzy
August 19th	S.A.L Annual Bus Trip to the Milwaukee Brewers/Legion All-Star Game
August 29th	SAL Meeting at 7:00
September 3rd	Executive Committee Meeting, 6:30pm
September 5th	Auxiliary Meeting, 7:00pm
September 12th	Vernon County Meeting - Hillsboro 8:00 pm
September 19th	Regular Post Meeting, 7:30pm Lunch Committee: Roger Mathison
September 22	Freedom Honor Flight (tentative date)
September 25th	SAL Meeting at 7:00

July Newsletter

2012-2013

Last Bugle:

* Not a member



BUCKET

DRAWING

Michael Callan

Present

\$20.00

July

Drawing will be:

\$10.00

50/50 -

DRAWING-

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* The Legions portion of the drawing is put towards the building fund*



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Membership Totals to Date

2012 Paid Membership - 206

2012 Membership Goal - ??

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From the Adjutants Desk

The State Convention will be held in Middleton on July 19-22. Post 116 Delegates are: Evelyn Williams, Charles Nelson, John Thurk, and Frank Mathison. Alternates are: Gary Grethel, Richard Brye and Mike Miller.

Thanks to everyone who worked at the Trout Fest and the Pancake Breakfast. Nice job getting the Legion name out in the Community!

The winner of the Annual Building Raffle was Phyllis Mathison!

Charlie Nelson mentioned at our June meeting that another Post in our County gives out a "Most Patriotic Student" Award to a selected student multiple times throughout the year and the student receives a certificate of their accomplishment. He mentioned it would be nice to start this in our Post.



Message from S.A.L. Commander:

Next meeting is on July 25th. The Annual bus trip is August 19th.



Message from Auxiliary President: Julie Nelson

A warm hello to all of you. We had a great meeting this month – thanks to everyone who remembered to attend. We covered a lot of ground, and we discussed some issues surrounding Memorial Day. One great idea was to try and recruit more kids to distribute poppies (and collect monetary donations for the poppies) door to door in Coon Valley prior to Memorial Day. We also want to increase public awareness of how many disabled veterans make the poppies by hand, and how the poppy monetary donations benefit veterans. Anyone interested in helping promote this great cause, please contact us. We have nearly a whole year to plan, and we would love to have YOUR help!

We also elected officers. Once again, we have a wonderful group and I am so excited to serve with each and every one of you! We only had one change: Olive Rudie, a longstanding and outstanding Auxiliary member who has served many years in many positions has decided to give up her office as Historian, and so the baton is tossed to Ellie Brye. Thanks to both of you!!! Here is our lineup of officers: Vice President: Audrey Nelson, Secretary: Joyce Temp, Treasurer: Yvonne Berg, Ser-geant at Arms: Jan Raasch, Chaplain: Mary Elsen, Membership Chairperson: Gloria Freitag, and Historian: Ellie Brye.

Please remember to come to our next meeting on August 1st at 7 (potluck) and 7:30 (meeting). Our 2012 Badger Girls State delegate, Hailey Hansen, attended Badger Girls State in June, and she plans to attend our August meeting to share her experience, so mark your calendars!

Sincerely,
Julie Nelson

Wisconsin State American Legion Convention—July 19-22, Middleton

The 94th Annual Department Convention will take place in Middleton, Wisconsin on July 19-22, 2012. The delegates from our Post will participate in the 7th District Caucus each day from 7:30am to about 9am and also the Convention Sessions which usually take place from 9am to noon. They also have the responsibility to vote for the new State Officers on Saturday.

We have a member of our 7th District running for the high office of Department State Vice Commander. Randy Lenser. Please look at your Badger Legionnaire and read the credentials of each candidate.

State Convention Delegates: Evelyn Williams, Charles Nelson, John Thurk, Frank Mathison.

Alternates: Gary Grethel, Mike Miller, Richard Brye

Bucket Drawing

Since our June meeting was the last meeting of the Legion year we drew names during the bucket drawing until a member in attendance was drawn. Thanks for being at our meeting and congratulations on winning the \$20.00 prize, Mike Callan! Other members who were drawn but were absent are Orlan Clark, Erik Rude, Leo Nelson, James Gustafson, Richard Roesler, Jeffrey Olson, Howard Hofslie, and Gordon Hellwig.

Pack the Park Night at the Loggers Game on Friday, July 20

Thanks to the backing of Mr. Don Weber and Logistics Health, Inc., the July 20 night will be tabbed as a "Pack the Park Night: Tribute to our Military". As a part of the festivities, we are offering free tickets to any active military members as well as veterans.

Should you be available to attend this special July 20 event, all you have to do is present your military I.D. either at the Loggers Ticket office (1225 Caledonia St., La Crosse) or at the ballpark on the night of the event to receive your game ticket absolutely free, compliments of LHI.

The first 500 fans through the gate will receive a free LHI/Loggers Dog Tag and we will have a very special post-game Fireworks Extravaganza to cap off the evening.

S.A.L. Annual Bus Trip to the Milwaukee Brewers/Legion All-Star Game—Sunday, August 19th

The Coon Valley S.A.L. Squadron is once again planning their annual bus trip to see the Milwaukee Brewers and the American Legion All-Star game at Miller Park in Milwaukee. There are 50 tickets available for sale and they are available now. See an S.A.L. member at the next meeting or give one of them a call if you would like to purchase one.

Membership

Everyone should have received their membership renewal notices in the mail and that begins our yearly quest to obtain 100% membership. Our goal this year is 206 paid memberships and we would love to get there by the end of 2012. Please get your membership renewal sent in as soon as possible.



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Vernon County American Legion

County tickets are still available. They are \$5.00 each. Drawings will be held at each of the eight County Meetings.

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| August – 1 st Monday- Westby | March – 3 rd Thursday – Coon Valley |
| September – 2 nd Wednesday – Hillsboro | April – 4 th Monday – Ontario |
| October – 3 rd Tuesday – Stoddard | May – 4 th Wednesday – Chaseburg |
| January – 2 nd Thursday – Viroqua | June – 2 nd Tuesday - Genoa |

See Commander Gary Grethel if you wish to purchase a ticket. We need your help to sell the 90 tickets!

Coon Valley American Legion Jackets

The Coon Valley American Legion Jackets are available for sale. Please come to the meeting and purchase one if you wish.

Post #116 Serving Committee

Thanks to everyone who volunteered to serve the meals throughout the last membership year. The Adjutant could use help preparing a schedule for the next membership year. This is what I tentatively have. Let Charlie know who can fill in the open months and if anyone needs a change.

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| January - Cox, Hoff, Cary, Banta | May - K. Kammel | September - Roger Mathison |
| February - R. Miller & M. Miller | June - Officer's | October - Fishin' Crew |
| March - Auxiliary | July - S. Vance & E. Williams | November - S.A.L. |
| April - R. Starkey & C. Lind | August - Mike, Gary., Michelle | December - |