



COON VALLEY AMERICAN LEGION POST 116



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Commanders Message:

I would like to thank everyone who attended the Vernon County meeting that we hosted last month. If you weren't able to make it you missed an excellent meal that was prepared by the Auxiliary; thanks to them for all the support they offer us throughout the year.

Our Palm Sunday Breakfast was a success; thanks to everyone who was able to help out by either working or eating (some did both!).

On Monday May 27th we will have our annual Memorial Day events. This is when we honor our fallen comrades by visiting local cemeteries, host the Parade that goes down main street in Coon Valley, and is followed by our Memorial Day Ceremony.

We will be discussing this in more detail at our next meeting on Wednesday April 17th; Hope to see you there!

Gary J. Grethel

Commander Post 116

Dates to Remember

April 17th	Regular Post Meeting, meal at 7:30pm, meeting at 8:00pm Lunch Committee: C. Lind & R. Starkey
April 21st	Legion Baseball Fundraiser (Micro-Marathon)
April 22nd	Vernon County Meeting - Ontario - 8:00pm
April 27th	SAL Bean Bag Tournament
May 1st	Auxiliary Meeting - 7:30pm - Pot Luck @ 7:00pm
May 4th	Spring Clean-up Day at the Legion - 9:00am & Freedom Honor Flight from La Crosse
May 6th	Legion Executive Meeting at 6:30pm
May 15th	Regular Post Meeting, meal at 7:30pm, meeting at 8:00pm Lunch Committee: Ken Kammel
May 19th	Syttende Mai Parade - Westby - begins at 1:30pm
May 22nd	Vernon County Meeting - Chaseburg - 8:00pm
May 27th	Memorial Day Parade and Program - Main Speaker is Dave Nelson a teacher at Westby H.S.
June 3rd	Legion Executive Meeting at 6:30pm
June 9th	American Legion Chicken-Q
June 10-21	Summer School at the Coon Valley Legion
June 11th	Vernon County Meeting - Genoa - 8:00pm
June 15th	Coon Creek Trout Fest
June 19th	Regular Post Meeting, meal at 7:30pm, meeting at 8:00pm Lunch Committee: Officer's

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Last Bugle:

Oswald Ihle
Leonard Olson*
George Bahr
Merwin Bjornstad

* not a Legion Member



**BUCKET
DRAWING**

**Lorenz Pinski
Not Present**

**April
Drawing will be:
\$50.00**

**50/50
DRAWING
None, it was
held by County**

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



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Membership Totals to Date

2013 Paid Membership - 188
2013 Membership Goal - 205

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Message from S.A.L. Commander:

Thank you to everyone that participated in the bean bag contest last month. Great success!!! Another bean bag contest will be on April 27th. Practice at 5, with the tourney @ 7. Tell all of your friends. We will have an informal meeting on April 17th @ 6:30. The items to discuss will be the Coloring contest, bean bag tourney and our June 22nd Brewers trip.

Cal Manske, SAL Commander



Message from Auxiliary President: A warm hello to all of you.

Thanks to everyone who helped prepare and serve the meal for the birthday celebration of the Legion in March. So many of you donated your time, some of you generously donated some of the food and drink, and many of you worked to help make this event successful. I know the Legionnaires appreciated the delicious dinner. Thank you for all of your hard work!

The Easter baskets for the homebound were once again a success. Gloria again did a fantastic job of assembling the baskets. Thanks Gloria, Lenore and Ellie for delivering them to many appreciative people!

Thanks to Joyce and Mary for preparing the Memorial Day Poppies again this year. There is a lot of work involved, including opening the poppies and creating the beautiful corsages. Thank you for your hard work.

The Memorial Day schedule is printed in this newsletter. Please look at the schedule. If you are on it, we look forward to seeing you. Even if you are not listed, we can ALWAYS use your help. If you are listed and cannot work, please try and find a replacement. We can only do this successfully with your help!

We discussed some of the meal/supplies for Memorial Day at our April meeting. We will discuss the remaining items at our May meeting, so please be there if you can. Once again, we will need cakes made and dropped off at the Legion hall Monday morning. If you made a cake last year, we would really appreciate your help again this year. If you didn't make a cake, please feel free to make one and drop it off (or better yet, stay and volunteer too!).

We are pleased to announce that our 2013 Badger Girl State delegate is Emma Frydenlund, daughter of Peter and Barb Frydenlund. Congratulations Emma!

The Coon Valley Cub Scout Pack needs your help! The Coon Valley American Legion Auxiliary has maintained the Charter for the CV Cub Scout Pack for many decades. Now we are faced with losing the Charter for the Cub Scouts if a new Cubmaster can't be found very soon. All of you please try and think of an adult, 18 years or older, male or female, who might be interested in helping the Coon Valley Cub Scout Pack continue. The boys in Cub Scouts range in age from 6 to 11 years old. Lisa Stenslien is temporarily filling in until a new Cubmaster is hopefully found. If you or someone you know is interested, please call Lisa at 483-2580 asap. The Coon Valley Cub Scout Pack can not exist without a Cubmaster, and the Auxiliary would like to keep the Cub Scout Pack Charter, since we have held it for some many years. Please put your thinking caps on and CALL LISA! We will also be discussing this issue further at our May meeting.

The May meeting is at 7:30 on Wednesday, May 1st with potluck at 7:00.

Finally, please remember to check the Memorial Day schedule. Thanks!

Julie Nelson, Auxiliary President

Service Award Winner Update:

Daryl Brye won the 7th District EMT of the Year Award and was forwarded on to the State Competition.

2013 Coon Creek Trout Fest - June 15, 2013

The SAL will be cooking and serving Brats and Hamburgers in the Legion Hall for the Trout Fest. The SAL may also hold the bean bag tournament in the Hall.

The Legion will continue to do as they have done in the past and help with tending bar. There will be a work schedule in an upcoming newsletter for the two shifts of bartending.

COON VALLEY MICR0 (.001) MARATHON - April 21st



This is an untimed non-Olympic sanctioned event (138.435'). Refreshment of your choice at the 75' mark. Plans are to serve steak sandwiches, burgers, and chicken sandwiches, and of course the full bar that day. Serving will begin at 11:00am and continue throughout the day. The races will be run periodically during the day. There will be a Celebrity race at 3:00pm. To preregister email cvpstcmd@mwt.net with T-shirt size. We will need some help from Post members to tend bar and cook. Parents will also help. \$20 pre-registration/\$25 day of event/includes T-shirt. All Proceeds to benefit American Legion Baseball

Items still needing discussion

AED - Defibrillator, Landscaping, Wall Covering for Preambles, Emergency Lighting

2013 Memorial Day

Harlan Helseth will be in charge of getting everything in order for the Program at the Legion Hall. He will need volunteers to haul chairs from the Village Hall and to help set up chairs at the Legion Hall at 8:00am.

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), 8:15am at St. Joseph Ridge, 8:30am at North Ridge, 9:30am at Esofea, and 10:00am at Coon Valley Lutheran Church. The Parade will begin lining up at 10:00am by the Post Office.

The ceremony will begin after the completion of the Parade. The guest speaker will be Dave Nelson, an English teacher at Westby High School. Lunch after the ceremony will be provided by the Legion Auxiliary.

2013 Badger Boy's State Representative

The 2013 Badger Boys State Representative is Tanner Gibbons, the son of Tom and Ann Gibbons from Coon Valley. Congratulations to Tanner!

2013 Building Fund Raffle

We are selling raffle tickets again for the chance to win a single grand prize of \$1,000.00. There are a total of 500 tickets being sold for \$5.00/ticket. Please help us get these sold since this will help us pay off the loan we have on our roof. The drawing will be held at our Chicken-q in June. The Chairman for the raffle are Fuzzy Miller and Charles Nelson. Please contact them if you want to purchase a ticket, or more importantly if you can help sell some of the tickets. Thanks to Gary Hess for printing the tickets!!!

Spring Work Day

We will plan on having a Spring work and clean-up day on May 4th at 9:00am. There is plenty to do so we hope to get a good turnout. It takes a lot of time to pressure wash the walls, wash windows, clean bathrooms, clean chicken pits, etc. We need to make sure the Legion property is in perfect shape for Memorial Day.

Election of Officers

Election of Officers takes place at our May meeting each year. Anyone interested in running for an office should contact the Elections Committee or let your wishes be known at the May meeting.

The officers we elect are: Commander; 1st Vice Commander (Membership chairman); 2nd Vice Commander (Children & Youth chairman); 3rd Vice Commander (Americanism chairman); Chaplain; Historian; Sergeant-at-Arms; Service Officer; and Finance Officer.



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Auxiliary Memorial Day Work Schedule – Monday, May 27th

	9am - 12pm	11am – 2pm
Helping Serve the Pork Sandwiches, etc. in the kitchen area	Rachel Berg Ellie Brye Phyllis Galstad Liz Hellwig Annette Ihle Carol Kammel Rebecca Lind	Corrine Amundson Paulene Aspenson Hazel Cornell Mary Hess Judy Hofslie Jan Ihle Patricia Kammel
Cashier: Yvonne Berg	Sylvia Thurk	Audrey Nelson
	9am - ?	Floating Helpers:
Helping Serve the Hot dogs, etc.	Gloria Freitag Nancy Miller Geraldine Nestingen Virginia Nerison Joyce Temp Lenore Henley	Madeline Grethel Margaret Grethel Julie Nelson

***Those bringing cakes - remember to drop them off at the Legion Hall before the parade.