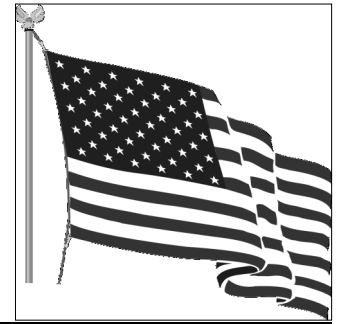




COON VALLEY AMERICAN LEGION POST 116



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Commanders Message:

This month we will be having our annual Post Everlasting Ceremony that honors our departed comrades from the past year. The schedule is a little out of the normal, so please check out the schedule below for the times, as we will be having a shortened meeting at 7:00 pm before the ceremony.

We had several Post 116 members who attended the Department Convention in Oconomowoc and we will be getting a report from them at this month's meeting.

Coming up next month, September 11th is a busy evening. Once again we will be joining Chaseburg Post 202 and Coon Creek VFW Post 10532 at the Chaseburg Legion Hall at 6:30 pm for our annual Flag Disposal Ceremony. All are welcome to attend and there is an excellent meal following the ceremony. Additionally, on September 11th is the Vernon County monthly meeting being held in Hillsboro, and we will need representation there as well. Hillsboro always puts on an excellent meal when they host the County Meeting.

Everyone should have received their membership renewal notifications in the mail by now. If you have not renewed your membership, please do so as soon as possible. It is vitally important to our post and to the American Legion as a whole to maintain our membership, for there is strength in numbers, especially when dealing with veteran's issues.

Thank you for allowing me to serve you as Commander. I look forward to seeing you all at the meeting.

Gary M. Hess

Commander Post 116

Dates to Remember

August 21st	Regular Post Meeting, 7:00pm Post Everlasting Ceremony, 7:30pm with meal following with family and friends Lunch Committee: Gary Grethel
August 28th	SAL Meeting - 8:00pm
September 2nd	Executive Committee Meeting, 6:30pm
September 4th	Auxiliary Meeting - 7pm Potluck & 7:30pm Meeting
September 8th	Cashton Fall Festival Parade - 12:30pm start
September 11th	Flag Disposal Ceremony, 6:30pm - Chaseburg American Legion
September 11th	Vernon County Meeting - Hillsboro 8:00 pm
September 12-15	Vernon County Fair - Post 116 works on Sunday
September 18th	Regular Post Meeting, 7:30pm meal and 8:00pm meeting Lunch Committee: Roger Mathison
September 21st	Freedom Honor Flight
September 25th	SAL Meeting - 8:00pm
October 7th	Executive Committee Meeting, 6:30pm
October 16th	Regular Post Meeting, 7:30pm meal and 8:00pm meeting Lunch Committee: Fishin' Crew
October 26th	SAL Halloween Party

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Last Bugle:

John Nerison
Willfred Bushek

* not a Legion Member



BUCKET DRAWING

Marvin Temp
Not Present

August
Drawing will be:
\$20.00

50/50
DRAWING
James Hammes
\$60.00

* The Legions portion of
the drawing is put to-
wards the building
fund*



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2014 Paid Membership - 000
2014 Membership Goal - 200

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From the Adjutants Desk:

Post 116 is working on creating a Post Constitution and By-Laws that will be used by the Post and turned in to State Headquarters. Committee members are Roger Mathison, Frank Mathison, Dan Hofslie, Michael Miller, Harlan Helseth. A draft will be presented at the September regular meeting.

Planning is in the works for the 100th Anniversary of the American Legion. We will update our history pamphlet and any other pertinent information so we can join in on the Anniversary.

Larry Hass got a quote for a replacement door for the kitchen from Nuzum's in Viroqua for an aluminum clad door, no installation, for \$800. The other bid was for \$1400 from Glass Service for an industrial quality door and included installation. It was decided by the Executive Committee to recommend to the body the \$1400 bid from Glass Service.

The compressor for the cooler in the shed has been fixed by Larry Torgerson. Thanks Larry!
Charlie Nelson is the new Vice Chairman for the Membership Committee at the State level.

Steve Vance has fixed up the lawn mowers. Thank you Steve!

October 12 – Necedah – is the 7th District Fall Conference

A thank-you card was read from Mathew Armbruster in regards to him receiving the school award from our Post.



Message from S.A.L. Commander:

Where has the summer gone? Too fast as always!!! A meeting will be held on Tuesday, Aug. 28th @ 8:00 pm. Topics to discuss will be memberships, parades, Halloween party and a bus "road trip". Please attend if possible.....it makes the meeting more enjoyable.

Cal Manske, SAL Commander



Message from Auxiliary President:

A warm hello to all of you.

Our next meeting is on September 4th. Potluck will be served at 7:00pm and the meeting will begin at 7:30pm. Please attend if you can!

Julie Nelson, Auxiliary President

2013 Westby Area American Legion Baseball

Congratulations to the Westby American Legion baseball, Senior and Junior teams, on another very successful season. Thanks to Roger Mathison for all he does for the kids!

The State American Legion Scholarship this year was won by Westby Legion player Caleb Fernholtz.

Vernon County American Legion

Thanks to everyone who helped sell the 90 tickets for the Vernon County Raffle!

Vernon County Drawing winners from August: \$50 Viki Mulenberg, \$25 Carla Shaker, \$25 Steph Wright, \$15 Dan Elsen \$10 Daryl Bolstad.

Wisconsin State American Legion Convention—July 17-21, Oconomowoc

The 95th Annual Department Convention took place in Oconomowoc, Wisconsin on July 17-21, 2013.

The delegates from our Post participated in the 7th District Caucus each day from 7:30am to about 9am and also the Convention Sessions which usually take place from about 9am to noon. They voted for the new State Officers on Saturday. A couple of the delegates were assigned to be ballot counters representing the 7th District. Ken Rynes from Richland Center was elected State Commander.

Flag Disposal Ceremony

Our annual Flag Disposal ceremony that we participate in with the Chaseburg Legion will take place on September 11th. Let's have a great turnout. Be at the Chaseburg Legion Hall by 6pm.

Service Awards

It is once again time to begin thinking about who we can nominate for the Service Awards from our community. A motion was made and accepted at the August Vernon County meeting to create a First Responder of the Year award that will be recognized at the Post and the County Level. The other awards are for EMT of the Year, Firefighter of the Year, Law Enforcement Officer of the Year, and Legislator of the Year.

Wall Covering

Harlan Helseth has been working on getting information, quotes, and samples for various types of wall coverings that could be used to cover the preambles in the banquet hall during anniversaries, weddings, etc. At the July meeting a motion was made and seconded to accept a bid from Georgia Expo Manufacturing Corporation in the amount of \$306.28 for a Navy Blue wall covering and associated hardware.

Active Duty Map

We are looking for names and information to update our active duty map hanging in the banquet hall. Please help us with this!

Post Everlasting Honors the Following Fallen Soldiers of Post 116 Coon Valley, August 21st @ 7:30pm

Oswald Ihle	Leonard Olson	George Bahr	Merwin Bjornstad
Virgil Gilbeck	Richard Christianson	John Nerison	

Tree Trimming

John Thurk has talked to Mike Schedivy about trimming the trees on the Legion property back by the Veterans Memorial. Mike has quoted a cost of roughly \$300.00 if we help him out with some of the work.

December Raffle

The December Raffle needs to be discussed at an upcoming meeting. The last few years we have had trouble getting workers to work their shifts. We need to make sure we can get workers and everyone is willing to help with this important fundraiser, or we will need to cancel it.

Freedom Honor Flight - September 21, 2013

Post 116 has 3 members, that we know of, who will be participating in the flight. John Thurk, Ken Kammel, and Don Kammel. The Executive Committee recommends to the body that we discuss making a possible donation to the Freedom Honor Flight at the August regular meeting. We should all try and send them off and welcome them back!



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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 200 paid memberships and we would love to get there by the end of 2013. Please get your membership renewal sent in as soon as possible.

Eagle Project

Jacob Berg gave a presentation at our July meeting about an Eagle Project that he is working on for solar power lamps for the Chaseburg walking trail. Total cost is about \$4,300.00. Jacob was looking for a donation from the Coon Valley American Legion and mentioned that a \$150.00 donation would cover the cost of a single solar powered lamp and in addition it would include a plaque with the donating organizations name. A motion was made and approved to donate \$150.00 to cover the cost of one lamp.

Roof update

We are still working on paying off the loan we had to take out to put the roof on our building. The loan currently stands at \$14,959.20. Thanks to everyone who has helped us raise money through fundraisers, or has donated to this cause. We have been really blessed to receive some significant donations!

Vernon County Fair - September 12-15

Post #116 has once again volunteered to donate a flag to the Vernon County American Legion to give away at the Fair. We also need volunteers to work Sunday at the booth the Vernon County Legion will have set up.