



COON VALLEY AMERICAN LEGION POST 116



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Commanders Message:

I would like to thank everyone who was involved with the Memorial Day activities. There was a lot of effort put forth by many people to make this day successful and for that, you have my gratitude.

Thanks also for those who put in so much hard work in making the annual Chicken Q a success. This event really exemplifies how well all of our Legion Family comes together for the collective good and works hard hand-in-hand.

We have our annual Rendezvous Breakfast coming up, so please refer to the work schedule for that. If you are not on the work schedule and would like to help out, come to the breakfast and we will find some work for you to do!

Lastly, I wish to thank each and every one of you, Legionnaires, Auxiliary and SAL for your support over the past year. Being Commander is a truly humbling experience because so many people do so much to make Post 116 successful. I look forward to the next year because of how much I have enjoyed working with everyone in our entire Legion Family.

Gary M. Hess
Commander Post 116

June 18th	Regular Post Meeting, meal at 7:30pm, meeting at 8:00pm Lunch Committee: Cox, Hoff, Cary, Banta
June 22nd	Rendezvous Breakfast
June 28th	SAL sponsored Milwaukee Brewer Bus Trip - Brewers vs Rockies - SATURDAY \$85/person includes motorcoach, game ticket, drinks, pre and post game tailgate, etc.
July 2nd	Auxiliary meeting, potluck at 7 and the meeting at 7:30
July 6th	Military/Veterans Family Day at the Milwaukee County Zoo
July 7th	Legion Executive Meeting at 6:30pm
July 16th	Regular Post Meeting, meal at 7:30pm, meeting at 8:00pm Lunch Committee: S. Vance & E. Williams & F. Mathison
July 17-20	State Convention - Appleton, WI
July 26th	Coon Creek Trout Fest
August 4th	Legion Executive Meeting at 6:30pm
August 20th	Regular Post Meeting, meal at 7:30pm, meeting at 8:00pm Lunch Committee: Gary Grethel
September 17th	Regular Post Meeting, meal at 7:30pm, meeting at 8:00pm Lunch Committee: Roger Mathison

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Last Bugle:

John Nerison
Willfred Bushek*
Jacob Ward*
Mike Brown
Howard Hofslie
Henry Trinkes*
Kennard Lubbs

* Not a Post 116 member



**BUCKET
DRAWING**

Dave Verse
Not Present

June
Drawing will be:
\$120.00

Drawn until
gone!!

50/50
DRAWING
Roger Mathison
\$52

Donated to Legion Baseball

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



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Membership Totals to Date

2014 Paid Membership - 191
2014 Membership Goal - 205

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From the Adjutants Desk:

- ◇ Past Wisconsin State Commander, Roger Mathison, thanked Larry Torgerson at our last meeting for the great job he has been doing around the Legion. A large thanks was given to Larry by all in attendance.
- ◇ Gordy Hellwig has been driving his Military Mule with the Post 116 Color Guard unit during parades. It adds a really nice touch. Thanks to Gordy for doing this.
- ◇ Roger Mathison handed out raffle tickets to sell at the May meeting for the Legion Baseball team fundraiser. See Roger Mathison if you would like to purchase a ticket.
- ◇ Be sure and come to the June meeting and enjoy the rib dinner cooked by Cox, Hoff, Banta, and Cary and also have the chance to win the \$120 monthly drawing. We will be drawing until the name of someone in attendance is read.



Message from S.A.L. Commander:

First I want to thank everyone that participated with the Memorial Day activities. It is greatly appreciated! Second, the S.A.L. Brewers bus trip is June 28th. \$85 / person includes food, refreshments and game ticket. For tickets or info, call me at 483-2239.

Cal Manske, SAL Commander



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

Thanks to everyone who helped with Memorial Day. There are so many Auxiliary members who work behind the scenes and the day of the event. We could not do this without each and every one of you. This year we had several children distribute poppies door-to-door... special thanks to Devin and Bianca Nelson, Olivia and Hanna Nelson, and Madeline and Margaret Grethel. A big thank you to the members who brought cakes, made poppies, distributed and picked up poppies from businesses, picked up food, etc. Thanks to Organic Valley for donating the milk. It was a great day (despite a few raindrops)!

Remember Chicken Q this month. Check the schedule printed in the May newsletter for when you need to be here. We definitely need everyone's help who can make it!

Our July meeting is on the 2nd, with potluck at 7 and the meeting at 7:30. Hope to see you all there!

Julie Nelson, Auxiliary President

2014 Memorial Day

Thanks to everyone that helped with the 2014 Memorial Day Ceremony. The help goes well beyond the reaches of the Coon Valley American Legion. Thanks to all!

The guest speaker was Fort McCoy Garrison Commander, Col. Steven Nott and he did a wonderful job portraying the message of the day.

Vernon County Veterans Service Office (Jim Young and Tami Saleska)

The Vietnam Veterans Memorial Foundation project "Faces Never Forgotten" needs help obtaining missing photos of Vietnam veterans from Wisconsin. These photos will help complete an electronic "Wall of Faces" in the new education center at the Vietnam Memorial Wall.

Please check the wall's website for friends and loved ones, and help with the effort to supply faces, that they may be "Never Forgotten". Simply go to <http://www.vvmf.org/Wall-of-Faces/> and search for a name. Submit digital photos, or send to your local newspaper for submission.

Please contact Jim Young or Tami Saleska with any VSO questions at 608-637-5323.

Pancake Breakfast - Sunday, June 22nd

	7:00-10:00am	10:00am-1:00pm
Cooking Scrambled Eggs	Roger Mathison Harlan Helseth	Steve Vance Dennis Kammel
Cooking Pancakes	Chuck Lind Ron Miller	Gary Grethel Fuzzy Miller
Cooking Sausages	Stuart Peterson Dan Hofslie	Rolv Ihle Gary Hess
Tables, Beverages, Coffee	Sherman Olson Herb Cornell Mary Schmidt Roger Starkey Ken Kammel Don Kammel	Tom Elsen Tom Sharratt Don Salter Carl Holte Reuben Starch Wally Cox
Cashier	Frank Mathison	James Hammes
Bartender	Charlie Nelson	Rod Ofte
Cleanup (12:00 - 1:00)	The people on the second shift are asked to stick around and clean-up.	

100th Anniversary of the American Legion

Planning is in the works for the 100th Anniversary of the American Legion. A year ago Roger Mathison recommended that we update our history pamphlet and any other pertinent information so we can join in on the Anniversary. We are looking for an individual or individuals to take up this task.

Vernon County American Legion

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

August – 1st Monday- Westby

March – 3rd Thursday – Coon Valley

September – 2nd Wednesday – Hillsboro

April – 4th Monday – Ontario

October – 3rd Tuesday – Stoddard

May – 4th Wednesday – Chaseburg

January – 2nd Thursday – Viroqua

See Commander Gary Hess if you wish to purchase a ticket. We need your help to sell the 100 tickets!



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Election of Officers

Election of Officers took place at our May meeting and was led by Past Wisconsin State Historian Francis Mathison.

The officers we elected are: Commander - Gary Hess; 1st Vice Commander (Membership chairman) - Steve Nelson; 2nd Vice Commander (Children & Youth chairman) - Larry Hass; 3rd Vice Commander (Americanism chairman) - Rod Ofte; Chaplain - Rolv Ihle; Historian - Frank Mathison; Webmaster - Don Salter; Sergeant-at-Arms - Dan Hofslie; Service Officer - Tami Saleska; and Finance Officer - Roger Mathison.

*** Remember, that as an elected official, and recent Past Commander, you are expected to attend the Executive meetings! ***

2014 State Convention - Appleton, WI - July 17-20

The 96th Annual State Convention will be held in Appleton on July 17-20. We need to decide who we will be sending as delegates and alternates. We will be allowed three of each.

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 about 9am to noon. They also have the responsibility to vote for the new State Officers on Saturday.

Vernon County American Legion Officers for 2014-2016

Commander: Charles Nelson

1st Vice Commander: Randy Lenser

Sgt-at-Arms: Tom Heller

Chaplain: Mike Miller

2nd Vice Commander: Lisa McCarty

3rd Vice Commander: Gary Gilbertson

Sgt-at-Arms: Kelly King

Adjutant: Steve Nelson