



COON VALLEY AMERICAN LEGION POST 116



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Commanders Message:

It is with great humility that I extend my thanks to everyone in the Coon Valley American Legion Post 116 family for all that you do to contribute towards our goals of supporting veterans' causes, promoting patriotism and supporting our community. I truly believe in the Legion Family and TOGETHER we have accomplished much. So, again, my heartfelt thanks to all of you.

Memorial Day is as early in the year as it can get this year, so we have a short fuse on getting everything ready for our Memorial Day Parade and Program and there are many tasks in front of us in getting the hall in tip-top order for this special event. Adjutant Charlie Nelson has been spearheading our landscaping project on the north and west sides of the hall and there is much to do yet, so if you have some spare time here and there, your help would be greatly appreciated. I extend a huge thank you to everyone who has helped out around the hall with all of the various projects we have going on. Once again, together we can accomplish much.

Our Chicken Q is coming up in June along with the Legion Riders Spirit Run stop the following Friday and many other events, so please check the events calendar and work schedule. We will need as many helpers as we can get for all of the upcoming events. If you are not on the work schedule and can, please let Adjutant Charlie know or just show up and join in on the fun wherever you can!

Finally, we will be holding elections for our officer positions at the May regular post meeting. Naturally, we would like to have people come forward to be a candidate for any officer position. We need people to make this commitment and continue our tradition of involvement within the post as well as within the American Legion.

The May meeting will be an important one where we will be finalizing all of our tasks for Memorial Day. I hope to see lots of you there!

Gary M. Hess

Commander Post 116

DATES TO REMEMBER

- May 20th** Regular Post Meeting, meal at 7:30pm, meeting at 8pm
Lunch Committee: Ken Kammel
- May 25th** Memorial Day Parade and Program - Main Speaker - Fred Berns from Whitehall WI
- May 27th** Vernon County Meeting - Chaseburg - 8:00pm
- June 1st** Executive Committee meeting at 6:30pm
- June 1st** VA&R, CPR, & Children & Youth Reports due at State!
- June 3rd** Auxiliary Meeting, Potluck at 6:00pm and meeting at 6:30pm
- June 9th** Vernon County Meeting - Genoa - 8:00pm - CANCELLED
- June 14th** American Legion Chicken-Q
- June 17th** Regular Post Meeting, meal at 7:30pm, meeting at 8pm
Lunch Committee: S. Vance & F. Mathison
- June 18-21** 2015 Spirit Run for the Legacy Scholarship Fund - Stop at Coon Valley on June 19th.
- July 6th** Executive Committee meeting at 6:30pm
- July 15th** Regular Post Meeting, meal at 7:30pm, meeting at 8:00pm
Lunch Committee: Cox, Hoff, Cary, Banta
- July 15-19th** State Convention - Radisson Paper Valley, Appleton, WI

MAY Newsletter

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Last Bugle:

James Miller*
Howard Holen
Rodney Berg, Sr.*
Ervin Jacobson
Leon Kogut
Thelmer Johnson
Pete Kerska*

* Not a Post 116 member



**BUCKET
DRAWING**

Viki Lyn
Burgemeister
Not Present
May
Drawing will be:
\$90.00

50/50
DRAWING
Tom Sharratt
\$57

Legion \$58



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Membership Totals to Date

2015 Paid Membership - 197
2015 Membership Goal - 196

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Landscaping

Back in April 2014 the Coon Valley American Legion received an anonymous \$1,000 donation from one of our members attending the monthly Legion meeting. We have finally got around to putting this money to the use it was intended, and greatly appreciate the generosity of this individual to make our building and grounds look top notch. We are still in the process of completing the work, but plan to have it completed by Memorial Day.

Waxing the Floor

Harlan Helseth led the charge of waxing the Legion Hall floors in preparation for Memorial Day and other events. Please lend a thank-you to Harlan and his helpers for the great job!



Message from S.A.L. Commander:

First I want to thank everyone that went on the Brewer's trip on May 9th. It was nice to see the Brewers win, especially against the Cubs! Our next meeting will be on May 20th @ 8pm during the Legion meeting. We will discuss the Memorial Day activities, etc. I encourage all members to attend Memorial Day and if possible march in the parade. More marchers the better!

Cal Manske, SAL Commander



Message from Auxiliary President:

A warm hello to all of you. Memorial Day is just around the corner. Please look for the Memorial Day work schedule in this newsletter. If you are not listed but are able to work, then please show up – we'd love to have you! If you are baking a cake, bring your cake to the Legion kitchen that morning.

We have already distributed poppies to many local businesses. Thanks to everyone who helped. Also thanks to everyone for getting the meal organized behind the scenes – this is a lot of work. This year we are serving barbeque plate lunches and hot dog plate lunches. We hope we have better weather this year.

The Chicken Q work schedule is also in this newsletter. For both Memorial Day and Chicken Q, if you need to switch times, please try and contact someone on the list to see if they will switch shifts with you.

Election of officers is coming up soon.

Our 2015 Badger Girls State Delegate is Annika Olson. Congratulations Annika!

Our next meeting is on June 3rd with potluck at 6 and the meeting at 6:30.

Julie Nelson, Auxiliary President

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

May is Mental Health Awareness Month. To commemorate the month, the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is encouraging Veterans, along with their families and friends, to visit and view recovery journey stories on the website, MakeTheConnection.net.

Make the Connection is a national awareness program operated by VA aimed at reducing the negative perceptions and stigma associated with seeking mental health care. Through the Website, Veterans and their loved ones hear from hundreds of other Veterans who may be experiencing similar challenges, learn strategies for support and recovery, along with local resources available through a resource locator.

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

State American Legion Riders

The May State American Legion Riders Quarterly Meeting was held at Weiske-Farrell, Inc., WI Post 351 in Montello on Saturday, May 2nd. Post 116 Legionnaire Gary Hess was sworn in as State Vice President.

The May 7th District American Legion Riders monthly meeting was held at North Freedom Post 172 on Saturday, May 9th. Among the items discussed was the desire to get out around the 7th District and visit posts that we haven't been at. The June meeting will be held at Post 138 Viroqua. After the meeting we plan on getting out and riding around Vernon County. We are looking for Posts in Vernon County who might want to open for a short period of time to help us hoist a few root beers.

CHICKEN-Q WORK SCHEDULE

Sunday, June 14, 2015

Chicken Fryers (also need to assist with hauling the food into the kitchen and clean-up in the pit area)

6am- until done - (This will be one shift this year. Please come and have a good time at the pits!)

Wesley Guy
Mike Miller
Ron Miller

Carl Holte
Gary Hess
Brad Role

Charles Nelson
Gordon Hellwig
Steve Nelson

Tom Elsen
Matt Semke
Larry Hass

10am-1:30pm
Gary Grethel

Bartenders:
1:30pm-5pm
Rod Ofte

10am-1:30pm
Frank Mathison

Food Tickets:
1:30pm-5pm
Steve Vance
Tip Boards

11am -2pm
Ron Hoff

Snack Stand at Ball Park:

11:30am-3:00pm
Harlan Helseth
Dennis Kammel
Jim Hammes
Donald Langaard
Steven Mader
Herb Cornell
David Moilien
Mary Schmidt
Stuart Peterson

3:00pm-6:30pm
Roger Starkey
Randy Schlicht
Cal Manske
Richard Zube
Mike Callan
John Rudie
Knute Brye
Wally Cox
Lee Nerison

6:30pm-close
Scott Berg
Dan Hofslie
Darin Berg
Bryan Berg
Chad Hofslie
Jim Elsen
John Elsen
Rolv Ihle
Linda Berg



Chicken-Q —Auxiliary Work Schedule

Saturday, June 13th:

9:00 am - Wrap potatoes:
Gloria Freitag, Joyce Temp, Nancy Miller

Sunday, June 14th:

5:30 am: Virginia Nerison, PauleneAspenson

10:00-1:00 pm: Ellie Brye, Joyce Temp, Gloria Freitag, Lenore Henley, Pat Kammel, Mary Elsen, Nancy Miller, Abby Miller, Rachel Berg, Liz Hellwig, Geraldine Nestingen, Rebecca Lind

1:00-until food sells out: Judy Hofslie, Sylvia Thurk, Phyllis Galstad, Jan Ihle, Corrine Amundson, Mary Hess, Linda Keuser, Taylor Berra, Bernie Gerke, Hazel Cornell

**If you can't work your shift please find someone to take your place. Thanks to all who work this event!*



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Auxiliary Memorial Day Work Schedule – Monday, May 25th

<u>9am - 12pm</u>		<u>11:45 am – 2pm</u>	
Rachel Berg	Mary Elsen	Corrine Amundson	Jan Ihle
Ellie Brye	PauleneAspenson	Sylvia Thurk	Pat Kammell
Phyllis Galstad	Nancy Miller	Hazel Cornell	Linda Keuser
Liz Hellwig	Geraldine Nestingen	Mary Hess	Bernie Gerke
Joyce Temp	Virginia Nerison	Judy Hofslie	Rebecca Lind
Gloria Freitag	Lenore Henley	Julie Nelson (when available after parade/program)	

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 (Gary G, Michael M, Charlie N) 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.

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

2015 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 and start at 10:30am. The ceremony will begin after the completion of the Parade. The guest speaker will be Judge Fred Berns from Whitehall, WI. Lunch after the ceremony will be provided by the Legion Auxiliary.