



COON VALLEY AMERICAN LEGION POST 116



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Commanders Message:

Once again our world turned green. Most of us have completed a first or second mowing. Memorial Day is just around the corner. Like it or not summer is at hand and many upcoming Legion events are soon upon us. Syttende Mai Parade May 18, Memorial Day May 26, and a Chicken Que June 8. Dates & times and work schedules appear elsewhere in this newsletter. Also, can use a few extra hands to load/unload chairs at 7:30am from the Village Hall to the Legion for the band members on Memorial Day, and return them after the event.

From the May 2025 LEGION Magazine, ON POINT Article. The American Legion at Work in Washington. "The American Legion has never shied away from the responsibility of being a voice for the veterans, and we will not start now. To veterans listening, the Legion exists for you. The VA exists for you. And we will continue to advocate for an effective VA on your behalf." by Director Cole Lyle of the American Legion Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Division.

At a time of change and uncertainty in the federal government, The American Legion weighed in on 15 pending and draft bills affecting veterans in a hearing before the Senate Committee on Veterans Affairs on March 11.

The testimony, delivered in person and written form, came soon after a leaked VA memo revealed that up to 80,000 agency jobs could be cut this year.

We promise to keep you up to date as this develops and unfolds. The LEGION Magazine is a good source to stay tuned in with real news of veterans policies and benefits.

Your Commander,
Mike Callan

Calendar

May 15-16	Legion floor strip & polish, remove chairs 8am May 15
May 18	Syttende Mai Westby Parade (we'll have a Color guard)
May 21	Regular Meeting, Meat at 7pm, Meeting at 7:30pm.
May 26	Memorial Day (Separate listing for times and duties)
June 2	Exec Meeting
June 8	Chicken Que (work schedule follows)
June 12	Bingo
June 18	Regular Meeting
June 28	Legion Riders: Bar open, light meal, present check

May Newsletter

2024- 2025

Last Bugle:

Larry Lichtie
Bud McCormick
John Runice
Roger Strangstalien
Everette Olson
Frank Mathison
Elnor Haugen
Tom Sharratt



BUCKET DRAWING

April Membership
drawing, Jim Mun-
sch. Not present.

Next membership
meeting drawing
will be for 100
bucks.

50/50
Not Done



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Membership Totals to Date

2025 Paid Membership - 171

2025 Membership Goal- 176

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Or pay on MyLegion.org !



Message from S.A.L. Commander:

Hello. We will have a SAL meeting Wednesday, 7pm, on May 21st at the
legion hall. Judging coloring contest and getting ready for Memorial Day.

Cal Manske
Post 116 SAL Commander

Message from Auxiliary President:

Hello all,

May, our busiest month of the year, is upon us. It is the month where we
honor those who have passed. You will start to notice poppies at local busi-
nesses. We will again be serving lunch on Memorial Day. Please reach out
if you can help work and/or make a cake. We would love to help support the
legion as much as possible.

June 8th is the chicken Q. Once again the auxiliary will be serving the meal.
We will have two shifts this year. The first shift will be from 9:30-12:30.
The second shift will be 12:15-close. Please reach out if you can help.

As always if you know anyone interested in learning more about the auxil-
iary or want to participate in the above activities please bring them along.

Thank you,
Kelly Callan
Auxiliary President

Post Announcements:

Memorial Day parade please consider and be on the legion float! We will have chairs to sit on; just come to the beginning of the parade route before the parade!

Hey, please help Harlan Helseth move items out of the legion hall May 15th at 8am. Harlan is putting new wax down on the legion floor.

Election of new officers will be done at the Legion Regular Meeting May 21st. Let Steve Nelson, Wes Guy, or Mike Miller know if your interested in becoming an officer.

W/CV Legion Baseball and Softball Calendar raffle tickets now on sale. \$20 a piece and a chance to win \$50 a day in the month of July. Tickets available at legion barroom.

Legion Baseball Team upcoming games are playing LaCrescent Legion, June 8th at CV, for the Chicken Q. Play LaCrosse Legion at CV, at 5pm, June 13th. Hosting State Tournament Aug. 1-5, our team will automatically be in the tournament, since we are the host.

National Commander will be visiting Wisconsin June 23-26. He'll be visiting WALLECA and Ft. McCoy, and looking at event in Sparta, Volk Field, others.

Memorial Day Schedule Monday May 26

7:00am Honor Guard meet at the Legion Hall

7:30am Koethe Cemetery

7:45am Trinity Church Mormon Coulee

8:15am St Joseph Ridge Parish

8:30am North Ridge Cemetery

9:30am Bethany Church Esofea

10:00am Coon Valley Lutheran Church

10:30am Parade begins at Post Office in Coon Valley

At conclusion of parade program begins at Veterans Memorial behind Legion Hall.

Lunch served by Legion Auxiliary in the Legion Hall.

ChickenQue Work Schedule Sunday June 8

Saturday am foil wrap potatoes, sour cream in containers, combined effort Legion & Auxiliary

Sunday Chicken Fryers (6am until done) Charlie Nelson, Tom Elson, Fuzzy Miller, Wesley Guy, Brian Janes, Gordon Hellwig, Steve Nelson
Bartender: Rod Ofte 10am to ?

Potato Cookers Ron Miller, Mike Callan

Cashier (10:30-2pm) Bernie Roesler

Kitchen & Serve Food (10:30-2pm) Harlan Helseth, Gary Grethel, Gary Hess, Wally Cox, Ron Hoff, Mike Schedivy

Table Service Reuben Starch, Rodney Berg, Al Goede, Mike Callan



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