



COON VALLEY AMERICAN LEGION POST 116



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Commander's Message

This month we will be having our annual Post Everlasting Ceremony that honors our departed Comrades from the past year; please be sure to check the newsletter for the complete details. Several members from our Post attended the State Convention in Appleton and we will have a full report from them at this month's meeting. We will be joining Chaseburg Post 202 and the Coon Creek V.F.W. Post 10532 on Sunday September 11th at 6:30pm for our Flag Disposal Ceremony at the Chaseburg American Legion Hall. All are welcome and they have an excellent meal following the ceremony.

As the summer winds down and the nights get cooler it is a good time to get that checkbook out and pay your annual dues. Please help us by paying as soon as you can so the post can save funds by not having to send additional reminders/mailings. Thank you to those members who worked the beer tent at Coon Creek Trout Fest. I look forward to seeing you all at the meeting on August 17th.

Gary J. Grethel

Commander Post 116

August 17th	Regular Post Meeting, 7:00pm Post Everlasting Ceremony, 7:30pm with meal following with family and friends Lunch Committee: Mike Miller and Charlie Nelson
August 27th	S.A.L. Golf Big Cup Tournament at Westby Ski Hill
Aug. 26 - Sep. 1	National Convention in Minneapolis
September 5th	Executive Committee Meeting, 6:30pm
September 7th	Auxiliary Meeting, 7:00pm
September 10th	Department Headquarters Celebration at Portage
September 10th	State Golf Tournament at Sparta
September 14th	Vernon County Meeting - Hillsboro 8:00 pm
September 18th	Vernon County Fair - Am. Legion Trailer - Sunday afternoon
September 21st	Regular Post Meeting, 7:30pm Lunch Committee: Roger Mathison
September 23-25	Wisconsin Women Veterans Conference at Fort McCoy
October 1st	7th District Fall Meeting at Laval
October 3rd	Executive Committee Meeting, 6:30pm
October 5th	Auxiliary Meeting, 7:00pm
October 19th	Regular Post Meeting, 7:30pm : Lunch Committee: Fishing' Crew

August Newsletter

2011-2012
Last Bugle



BUCKET DRAWING

David Torgerson
Not Present

SEPTEMBER
Drawing will be:
\$20.00

50/50 -
DRAWING
Orlin Clark

\$62.00

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



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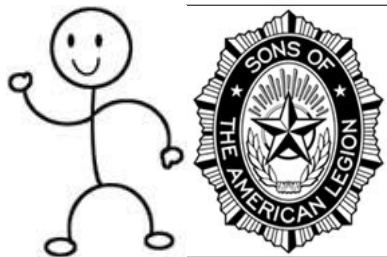
Membership Totals to Date

2012 Paid Membership -
2012 Membership Goal - 223

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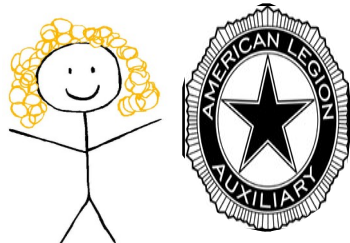
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From the Adjutant's Desk: I hope everyone is enjoying their summer.



Message from S.A.L. Commander : Geoffrey Lenser

Greetings from the S.A.L. Commander: Thank you to all who worked and helped out at the Coon Creek Trout Fest. We had eight teams competing at the corn hole tournament. It made for a fun and easy first year for this event. I would like to thank everyone who helped and who attended our Milwaukee Brewers Bus Trip. We had lots of fun, like always. We sold out of tickets this year and had a good group on the bus. I would like to encourage all members to keep eyes and ears open for new members. With additional members we can recruit, the more we can get involved, with both communities of Coon Valley and Chaseburg. Thank you and I hope to see you at the next meeting. If you need me call my cell. Correction: My correct phone number is: 608-698-5434



Message from Auxiliary President : Julie Nelson

A warm hello from your new American Legion Auxiliary President! I am very proud to take over such an important position not only in our organization but our community. Many thanks to Annette Ihle, our former President, for her years of service. I am very excited to start out this new journey with many experienced officers working with me. Here is our lineup of officers: Vice President: Audrey Nelson, Secretary: Joyce Temp, Treasurer: Yvonne Berg, Sergeant at Arms: Jan Raasch, Chaplain: Mary Elsen, Membership Chairperson: Gloria Freitag, and Historian: Olive Rudie.

We have also been fortunate this year to add some wonderful new members to our ranks: Auxiliary members Michele Stahl and Nancy Miller, and Junior Auxiliary member Abby Miller. A very warm welcome to all of you!

At our August meeting, we heard from our Badger Girls State Representative Anne Griffin. She had a fabulous time and represented our Unit well! Thanks Anne!

Our next meeting is on September 7th. Pot luck starts at 7, and the meeting begins at 7:30. Hope to see many of you there! Even if you haven't attended in awhile, please consider joining us that evening. We plan to sort through our filing cabinet and get it organized, so we can use all the help we can get! It may be a trip down memory lane, and a fabulous way to hear some of the history of our organization.

If you need to contact me, please call 452-2261 and leave a message if I'm not around. If a man answers, you'll be talking to the new Legion Commander, my husband, Gary Grethel - congrats Gary! Hope to see all of you at our September meeting!

Highlights from August 1st County Legion Meeting at Westby

Heroes Freedom Run - 4th Annual is being held on Saturday, September 17th at the Tomah VA Medical Center. Several events including: Registration at 8:00am, 5K Run starting at 9:00am, 3 person / 5K Relay starting at 9:15am, and a Wheelchair/One Mile Fun Run/Walk starts at 9:30am. This events is in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Iraqi Freedom Veterans, and Operation New Dawn Veterans.

Wisconsin Women Veterans Conference is being held on September 23rd to 25th. Website for more Information : www.WisVets.com/WomenVets

VA Benefits: website: www.va.gov

The following forms were picked up at the County meeting. If you are interested in seeing or reading additional information about the following, contact Michele Stahl.

- 1) State Golf Tournament Registration
- 2) Buy a Brick for the Wisconsin American Legion Memorial Building Fund
- 3) Direct Deposit Forms for Federal Benefit Payments
- 4) Wisconsin Persian Gulf Tribute

Wesby Area Legion Baseball - July 18th Raffle winners:

Chad Midtlien	\$50.00
Joanne Midtlien	\$25.00
Kurt Anderson	\$25.00
Chris Soltau	\$15.00
Marlene Fernhole	\$10.00

Flag Disposal Box is mounted by the front of the Legion Building. Please collect and bring in flags so we can properly dispose of them.

Member Roster

Michele Stahl will be updating the member ship roster posted in the Legion Hall. Please send a copy or e-mail Michele your paid membership lists for 2011 and any new members who have joined. We would like to get the Legion, Auxiliary and S.A.L. membership rosters updated. Michele's email: shellykam@hotmail.com

Post Everlasting Honors the Following Fallen Soldiers of Post 116 Coon Valley

- Frank Baker
- Joe Korn
- Roland Engh
- Ramon Ebli



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