

# COON VALLEY AMERICAN LEGION POST 116



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## Commanders Message;

Holiday Greetings! May the joy of the Holidays be in your heart. May the Spirit of Christmas overwhelm you, and may peace and prosperity welcome you into the New Year. Recently, you received a letter from the officers of your Legion Post 116 in Coon Valley. To recap a few mementos from that letter:

- •We are a very active Legion Post
- •We are a proud organization and have a strong presence in the community
- •We have a strong membership and a plethora of active members

As we are closing in on the end of the year I'd like to have you think about your roll as a member of Post 116.

- •For a dedicated few their membership is a calling. It is part of their heart and soul.
- •A healthy number of members are active and Post 116 is part of their lifestyle.
- •A goodly number of members engage in things that interest them.
- •Many members, less active, like to stay informed of what's going on in the American Legion.

If you aren't as active as you might be I offer a challenge as a New Year's resolution. If you are a member with a little extra energy looking for some purpose and inner reward, or some camaraderie with fellow veterans, or participation in events with positive outcomes, and the feeling that you are appreciated and making a difference, LET'S TALK! (608-632-1538) Or better yet, attend the next Legion Post meeting, on Wednesday, December 20th at 6:30pm.

As a side note an upcoming State Legion project "Be the Next You" will focus on bringing veteran prospective members to a meeting. We promise to welcome new members. And you benefit by seeing your veteran pal every month.

Happy Holidays Your Commander Mike Callan

#### Calendar:

Dec. 14 Bingo Nite

Dec. 18 Pack Santa's candy for the schools at 1pm, Legion Hall

Dec 20 Meet at hall at 9am to deliver cards to shut-ins. Also, go to CV School at 1 pm., with Santa and hand-out candy.

Dec. 20 Legion Fun Night, at 6:30pm. Auxiliary, SAL and spouses invited!

Jan. 2 Exec. Meeting

Jan. 11 Bingo Nite

Jan. 17 Regular Meeting

Jan 20 Midwinter Legion Conference La Crosse

Jan 27 SAL Bean Bag tournament

# December Newsletter

2023- 2024 Last Bugle: Carliss Larson Sylvester King



#### COON VALLEY AMERICAN LEGION POST 116

Commander: Mike Callan (608) 632 - 1538 Adjutant: Charles E. Nelson (608) 452 - 3018 Post 116 Newsletter is published monthly as a service to our members. If you wish to submit an article for a future edition, please contact: Steve Nelson

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#### Membership Totals to Date

2024 Paid Membership - 149

2024 Membership Goal- 174

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## **MEMBERSHIP:**

Please make your check payable to C.V. Legion Post 116 in the amount of <u>\$40.00</u> and send to: Coon Valley American Legion Post 116 PO Box 314

Or pay on MyLegion.org!

Coon Valley, WI 54623



### Message from S.A.L. Commander:

Hello.

Come to Legion fun night at 6:30pm, Dec. 20th. Bean bag tournament January 27th.

Cal Manske

S.A.L. Commander



## BUCKET DRAWING

Jerry Dunnum

November Membership drawing winner not present!

Next membership meeting drawing for \$60.

# **Message from the Auxiliary President:**

Merry Christmas everyone. The Auxiliary Christmas party was a lot of fun. Our next meeting is on Feb 7th (no meeting in Jan). Have a safe holiday season and a Happy New Year.

Sincerely,

Julie Nelson, Auxiliary President

50/50 Charlie Nelson

P.S. See you at the Legion Fun night party 6:30pm, Dec. 20th!

#### **Post Announcements:**

New legion shirts are ordered! Cost maybe \$65. Charlie said it maybe end of the year before they might come in?

General Manager for Legion Baseball/Softball is needed for next year. Talk to Roger Mathison for questions and if interested.

Thank you all who sold tickers, supported and worked at the Legion Building Fundraiser! It was a great success! A special thank goes out to Charlie Nelson for his over the top hard work he put into this event and Rod&Deb Ofte for the food donation!! The list of winners as follows:

- 1. Greg Sina
- 2. Ann Berra
- 3. Rita Erlandson
- 4. Kevin Larson
- 5. Marty Erlandson
- 6. Jelaine Modawel
- 7. Tom Saxton
- 8. Frank Mathison
- 9. Shannon & Gabe
- 10. Kelly Haakenson
- 11. Gary Erickson
- 12. Chris Wills
- 13. Kevin Mathison
- 14. Lori Clements
- 15. Kenzie Berg



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