



COON VALLEY AMERICAN LEGION POST 116



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Commanders Message;

Thank you for your service. Veterans Day, November 11 is a day we honor those who served.

For many, their time in service has a lifelong benefit of patriotism and pride in our country. For some the time served was of great sacrifice and for all to many their service carried the ultimate price.

In the November 2023 issue of American Legion magazine (page 4) our National Commander, Dan Seehafer shares the inspiring story of 19-year old navy signalman, Elgin Staples, who in 1942 was serving aboard the USS Astoria when it was attacked by Japanese forces. Not to be a spoiler I strongly urge you to read your own copy, once again on page 4 in your November Legion Magazine.

Thank you for your service. The support from home can be immeasurable and sometimes divinely inspired.

The next few weeks are some of the busiest on our Post 116's calendar. If you are up for one more step on your legion involvement, contact me, 608-632-1538, we'll find that one element that makes your membership and involvement all the more worthwhile.

Again, thank you for your service. We are proud to include you as a member of American Legion Post 116, Coon Valley.

Mike Callan
Post Commander

Calendar:

Nov. 8 Youth Government Day

Nov 9 Bingo Night

Nov 10 Veterans Day Programs at schools, meet at legion at 8am, CV school at 8:30am, at Westby HS 10:15am, program 10:30am

Nov 11 Veterans Day

Nov 12th Legion Veterans Day Chicken Q (work schedule enclosed)

Nov 15 Regular monthly meeting 7:00 meal, 7:30 Meeting (SAL cooking)

Dec 2 Legion Fundraising Raffle at 4pm—Contact Charlie Nelson for tickets and questions...

Dec 4 Legion Exec Meeting

Dec 9 Army-Navy Game watched at the Legion Hall, game starts 2:30pm

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

Dec 20 Meet hall at 9am to deliver cards to shut-ins; be at CV School, 1 pm., with Santa and hand-out candy; Legion Meeting, 7pm.

November Newsletter

2023- 2024

Last Bugle:
Carliss Larson
Sylvester King



BUCKET DRAWING

Gary Ostrem

October Member-
ship drawing win-
ner not present!

Next membership
meeting drawing
for \$50.

50/50
Dan Hofslie



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Membership Totals to Date

2024 Paid Membership - 140

2024 Membership Goal- 174

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Or pay on MyLegion.org !



Message from S.A.L. Commander:

Hello.

We will serve the meal at 7pm for the regular Legion night on Wednesday, November 15th. Please show up 5-5:30pm to prepare the meal. We will set dates for up and coming bean bag tournaments.
Cal Manske
S.A.L. Commander

Message from the Auxiliary Vice President:

The weather is changing and the holiday season is quickly approaching. We will be having a holiday potluck in place of our next meeting. It will be at 6pm on December 6th at the legion hall. Please come, bring a dish to pass, and join in the festivities. There will be no meeting in January. Our next regular meeting will be February 7th. Remember to renew your auxiliary membership. If you have any questions contact an Auxiliary member. Have a safe holiday season.

Sincerely, Kelly Callan
Auxiliary Vice President

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.

A call to action on WILEGION.ORG website as follows:

Thanks to all of you LRB-4460/P2 has received the signatures needed and will be heading to a hearing in the next couple of months. This bill will increase the funding for Camp American Legion operations. Under current law, the Department of Veterans Affairs may annually grant up to \$75,000 to the Wisconsin department of the American Legion for the operation of Camp American Legion. This bill increases the amount the department may grant to up to \$120,000, and directs that the granted money be used to pay up to half of the annual wages and salaries associated with the operation of Camp American Legion, or \$120,000 for the annual wages and salaries associated with the operation of Camp American Legion, whichever is less. There's more you can do, by attending the hearing once it's announced, sign up for notification on the legion website.

Veterans Day Chicken Q Work Schedule (Sunday November 12):

Chicken Fryers - (6am until done) Tom Elsen, Charlie Nelson, Wesley Guy, Brian Janes, Gordon Hellwig, Steve Nelson, Ron Poijda

Potato Cookers –Roger Mathison and Ron Miller

Cashiers– (10:30am-2:00pm) Frank Mathison, Mike Callan

Kitchen & Serve Food (10:30am-2pm)

Harlan Helseth, Mike Miller, Gary Grethel, Gary Hess, Wally Cox, Ron Hoff, Bernie Roesler



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