



COON VALLEY AMERICAN LEGION POST 116



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Commanders Message:

Thank you, to the volunteers especially the Auxiliary for making Service Awards and County Meeting a success. There are some fine and outstanding people in our neighborhood. It was a joy to recognize their value to our community.

Thank you, to Post 116 members who continue to make the annual Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast a worthwhile and profitable event. Six area churches announced the breakfast at their services and 165 hungry souls found their way to pancakes and all the fixings'.

What's ahead? We are reaching out to Post 116 members to attend the Emily Helseth Benefit in our hall April 20 4-9pm. Your presence and support is requested. Emily, daughter of Post 116 member Harlan Helseth, was seriously injured as a pedestrian in a hit & run accident. Your commander will be reaching out to a few members for specific assignments and jobs to fill.

Farther ahead! Memorial Day in Coon Valley is a huge undertaking put together by Post 116 and is a few short weeks away. Be ready to participate, get involved and show your American Legion pride.

And, to start the summer save the date. P116's annual Chicken Q, June 9th. 500 plus chicken halves to be sold/served. A major fundraiser with over 30 members involved to make it work. If you aren't yet a volunteer call or text me (608-632-1538) or email (mjcallan@hotmail.com) We have a job for you!

At our April meeting we will recognize some of our own. Please attend!

42 years Dan Hofslie Sgt-at-Arms

15 years Don Salter WebMaster & IT

50 year membership Viki Burgemeister

50 year membership Leo Nelson

50 year membership Gary Ostrem

50 year membership Roy Stephan

50 year membership Ralph Frydenlund

50 year membership Robert Jothen

50 year membership Marvin Temp

Mike Callan, Commander

Calendar:

April 11 Bingo

April 17 Regular Legion Meeting, 7pm Meal, 7:30pm Meeting

April 20 Seventh District Spring Conference in Sparta 8-3pm.

April 20 Emily Helseth Benefit 4-9pm

April 22 County Meeting Ontario

May 1 Auxiliary Meeting

May 6 Exec Committee Meeting

May 9 Bingo

May 15 Regular Legion Meeting

May 19 Syttende Mai Parade

May 27 Memorial Day

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Last Bugle:

Carliss Larson
Sylvester King
Richard Brose
Darryl Kacimski
Vernon Melgard
Richard Brose
Don Bina



BUCKET DRAWING

March Membership drawing not known as of this writing.

Next membership meeting drawing for ??.

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Membership Totals to Date

2024 Paid Membership - 175
2024 Membership Goal- 174

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Message from S.A.L. Commander:

Hello.

We will have a meeting next Wednesday, at 7pm, April 17th, during the Legion meeting.

Cal Manske
S.A.L. Commander

Message from the Auxiliary President:

Greetings and Happy Spring!

At the April meeting, we discussed how everything went well when the Auxiliary served at the County meeting in March. Thanks to all who helped!

We began talking about Memorial Day plans, including distributing poppies, serving food, etc. We will continue to plan at our May meeting, along with getting the poppies and canisters ready for distribution. We can really use all of the help we can get, so please come to the May meeting. Please call Ellie Brye and tell her that you can bring a cake for Memorial Day. Ellie's number is 608-452-3549. It helps so much if you can call her and let her know. Thanks.

The 2024 Coon Valley American Legion Auxiliary Scholarship recipient was selected at our April meeting and will be announced in May.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday, May 1st at 6pm. This is a very important meeting, since so much planning goes into poppies and Memorial Day, so please attend.

Sincerely,
Julie Nelson, Auxiliary President

Post Announcements:

“Welcome to The American Legion” video is now available to be shown to new members, please use the following link: <https://vimeo.com/americanlegion>

What's new in the Legion? tangoalphalima

Featured in November 2023 issue of American Legion Magazine tangoalphalima is a weekly podcast created by professional broadcast journalists and military personnel, tangoalphalima is simply TAL or The American Legion.

In reality it's not quite so new. Initiated over 5 years ago there are 250 episodes (20 minutes to an hour) with a new one each week. Listening to them is like getting a booster shot of the American Legion. Built on an entertainment framework each week is a new dose of information and entertainment relevant to veterans. Check it out! Let me know if it's worth your time (let Commander Mike know).

Were still waiting for our legion shirts to come in, we think the embroidering is taking longer than it's suppose to take? Thanks for your patience.

Get ready for spring and Memorial Day by buying a beautiful new flag from our legion post. Get ride of that worn out flag! All old flags can be dropped off at our drop off box outside the legion hall. Red, white, and blue are beautiful spring colors!

If you have a legion uniform or other extra items that can be used by someone else to use at funerals and marching please return these to the legion. New members or members who want to start being active in our color guard or firing squad please let Sargent Dan Hofslie know or let someone else know, and we will get you started in this great service we provide to the community and military funerals. You will never regret being part of the firing squad, this the best way to get involved, and get back in touch with God, family, and country.



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