



# COON VALLEY AMERICAN LEGION POST 116



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## Commanders Message;

Before we kick off our busy New Year I want to thank all who helped make Coon Valley Post 116 Christmas projects a success. Santa had plenty of assistance packing and distributing Christmas greetings and 150 bags of treats to students and faculty at Coon Valley Elem. On the same day a Coon Valley fire truck (Rescue 1) was filled to capacity with Santa, legionnaires, driver, Roger Niedfeldt, and writer, Angie Cina making visits to shut-ins to spread Christmas Joy. If you haven't seen the December 27 issue of Vernon County Times try to find one as Angie provided exemplary coverage of the event.

Once again we find the joys of the holidays in the rear view mirror and the New Year upon us. First this is a reminder to encourage you to attend the State Legion Mid Winter Conference, in La Crosse this year, on January 20. Please register online. It will never be more accessible and would be great to have good numbers from our post. Post 116 will reimburse your registration fees.

Next, Post 116 Honor Guard will open the ceremony of the 101st Snow Flake Ski Jumping Tournament on Feb 2, and possibly Feb 3. Great pride for our post and fun for those involved.

As always, 4 Chaplains Sunday, February 4 Post 116 will host a Pancake breakfast with all the fixin's open to the public. A good mid-winter outing for family and friends. Six area churches are involved and support the remembrance of 4 Chaplain Sunday.

On February 25 our local library hosts a fundraiser, Chili Cook Off event at our post. Last year, chefs extraordinaire, Wes guy and Harlan Helseth won first place. Can they repeat? Come support them!

A final note: We are closing in on full membership. Please help! If you have a new neighbor who is a veteran, an active duty relative, or know of a newly retired person who served on active duty please pass on the name and info to Wes or Mike. We'll do the rest to encourage their membership in our post.

Your Commander  
Mike Callan

## Calendar:

- January 11 Bingo Nite
- January 13 Baseball/Softball Legion Fundraiser, starts at 1pm and goes all day. Please come!!
- January 17 Regular Meeting, Lunch at 7pm (Steve, Charlie, and Gary are cooks), meeting at 7:30pm
- January 20 Midwinter Legion Conference La Crosse
- January 21 Chaseburg Trail Days Parade at 1:30pm, we will have a group marching...
- January 27 SAL Bean Bag tournament
- February 2-3 SnowFlake Ski Tournament Westby
- February 4 4 Chaplains Sunday Pancake Breakfast (see enclosed work schedule)
- February 5 Exec Meeting at 6:30pm
- February 8 Bingo
- February 21 Regular Meeting
- February 25 Coon Valley Library Chili Cook Off

# January Newsletter

2023- 2024

Last Bugle:

Carliss Larson  
Sylvester King



## BUCKET DRAWING

No Drawing

December Mem-  
bership drawing  
not done.

Next membership  
meeting drawing  
for \$60.

50/50  
No Drawing



## COON VALLEY AMERICAN LEGION POST 116

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to our members. If you wish  
to submit an article for a  
future edition, please  
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### Membership Totals to Date

2024 Paid Membership - 159

2024 Membership Goal- 174

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## MEMBERSHIP:

Please make your check payable to C.V. Legion Post 116 in the  
amount of **\$40.00** 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.

We have a meeting Wednesday, January 17th at 7pm to discuss  
bean bag tournament. Bean bag tournament is January 27th,  
open to public.

Cal Manske

S.A.L. Commander

### Message from the Auxiliary President:

Well another year has flown by. Happy 2024 everyone! If you haven't paid  
your Auxiliary dues yet, please send them to Gloria Freitag. We don't meet  
in January. Our next meeting is Wednesday, February 7th, at 6:00 pm in the  
Legion Hall. Hope to see you there!

Sincerely,

Julie Nelson

Auxiliary President

## **Post Announcements:**

General Manager for Legion Baseball/Softball is needed for 2024. Talk to Roger Mathison for questions and if interested.

Baseball and Softball Legion fundraiser this weekend (January 13th) stop in the legion buy tickets for \$20 per person, this includes a chance to win money and free food! There are other raffles for chances to win or bid on a nice item. This event starts at 1pm and will continue until the last NFL football game is played that day. A lot of money is needed to run these programs, please stop in and have some fun and support these boys and girls!

SAL Bean Bag Tournament January 27th, contact Cal Manske for start time and entry fee. This a 2-person team event.

### **4 Chaplains Pancake Breakfast Work Schedule February 4**

	7-10	10-12
Cooking Eggs	Ron Piojda	Gary Grethel
Cooking Pancakes	Charlie Nelson	Roger Anderson
	Mike Miller	Dale Gabrielson
Cooking Sausages	Harlan Helseth	JessGuy
Window Servers	Steve Nelson	Ron Hoff
	Ron Miller	Josh Humm
Tables, Beverages	Tom Elsen	Bernie Roesler
	Charles Servais	Reuben Starch
		Rodney Berg
Cashier	Frank Mathison	Richard Zube
Bartender	Rod Ofte	



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