



# COON VALLEY AMERICAN LEGION POST 116



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## **Commanders Message:**

February 2025 Greetings! The Legion year is off and running. So What's happening in the Hall?

SAL Corn-hole Tournament Feb 8. Stop in, check out the competition and enjoy a brew.

Bingo Feb 13. The Blackout pot is closing in on \$2,000. Increase your chances, bring the whole family. Plenty of winners each night. Enjoy the Legion lunch..

Chili Cook Off fundraiser Feb 23, for Coon Valley Library. Come sample a large selection of entries for a \$5 donation. Better yet, register your chili and be eligible for cash awards.

Congratulations to our own SAL Squadron 116. At last months regular meeting they were presented two awards. One was in achieving their 100% membership goal. The other recognition was in 2024 accomplishing an all-time high in membership. Congratulations to Cal, SAL Membership crew and all the 116 Squadron members.

Also on the SAL, there is an informational meeting on Sat March 8, 10am, at P51 in West Salem to discuss establishing a district SAL Squadron. Quite simply, SAL members are male descendants of veterans. Several Legion members of our post double dip as members of Post 116 and Squadron 116. If you have interest and the West Salem meeting is relevant to you the address is 148 Leonard St S, West Salem. Some GREAT things happening with the SAL.

We still have the Kegerator, beer cooler and tap for sale. All stainless, on wheels, lines cleaned recently. Call Charlie 608-317-7065 for more info.

Swap/Donate honor guard uniform and components. Response has been good. Keep searching in those closets. Contact Mike 608-632-1538, Commander, or Steve 608-330-1103 Sgt at Arms.

2025 Veterans Benefit Guide now available at [www,VA.gov](http://www.VA.gov) or [www,choose.va.gov](http://www,choose.va.gov), download at no charge, I assure you, benefits exist you did not know you have.

Did you know? On January 16 the Pentagon removed the ban on service members participating in horizontal flag displays. Previously, only civilians participated in stadium size horizontal flag ceremonies, like the Super Bowl and World Series.

And finally, shout out to our honor guard and all those involved in four recent funerals, Chaseburg Trail Days event and Snowflake Ski Tournament Ceremonies. Wisconsin Winters! Baby its cold out there!

Your Commander,

Mike Callan

## **Calendar:**

Feb 3 Exec Meeting 6:30

Feb 8 SAL Cornhole Tournament

Feb 13 Bingo Lunch at 5:00

Feb 19' Regular Meeting 7:00 meal, 7:30 meeting

Feb 23 Chili Cook Off 10-3

Mar 3 Exec Meeting 6;30

Mar 8 SAL District Meeting West Salem 10am

Mar 13 Bingo

Mar 20 Regular Meeting, County Meeting, County Service Awards. Meal 7:00 Meeting 7:30

## February Newsletter

2024- 2025

Last Bugle:

Larry Lichtie

Bud McCormick

John Runice

Roger Strangstalien

Everette Olson

Frank Mathison

Elnor Haugen

Tom Sharratt



### BUCKET DRAWING

January Member-  
ship drawing. Did-  
n't have this infor-  
mation.

Next membership  
meeting drawing  
will be for 80  
bucks.

50/50  
Not Done



### 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  
contact: Steve Nelson

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#### Membership Totals to Date

2025 Paid Membership - 164

2024 Membership Goal- 176

On the web:

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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

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Or pay on MyLegion.org !



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

Thank you everyone who played or worked at the beanbag tour-  
nament. I greatly appreciate it!! No meeting this month due to  
I'm on vacation. See you at March meeting.

Cal Manske

Post 116 SAL Commander

#### Message from Auxiliary President:

Hello from the Auxiliary! We had our first meeting of the year this week.  
Plans are underway for auxiliary members to serve the meal at the Legion  
county meeting on March 20th. We would love to have your help in the  
preparations or serving. If you aren't a meeting person but want to stay in-  
volved here is your chance to help. Please reach out if interested. Just a re-  
minder to pay your 2025 membership dues. Gloria recently sent out re-  
minders to those who have not paid. Please contact Gloria Freitag with any  
questions. As always, we would love to see new faces so if you know any-  
one interested in joining please let us know. Our next meeting will be Mon-  
day, March 3 due to lent.

Sincerely,

Kelly Callan

Auxiliary President

## Post Announcements:

WI Legion online learning as follows (use below link for assistance, copy to your browser):

<https://www.facebook.com/share/1A5hxWNYgs/>

As per the wishes of our membership, we are offering for sale our Kegco XCK-24-48S Stainless Steel Kegerator, along with CO2 regulator KC HL-62-2, to our members (Legion, SAL, and Auxiliary). Please see the links for specific information and details (understanding that we purchased this before the floods so it is an older version, and some things may be slightly different than what is sold today and shown in the datasheets).

Link for Kegerator

<https://kegco.com/products/49-wide-dual-tap-all-stainless-steel-commercial-kegerator>

Link for Regulator

<https://kegco.com/products/premium-commercial-grade-two-product-co2-regulator>

The kegerator was in our legion during the flooding, but it was cleaned and the temperature display ( \$64.20) was replaced, and it was run for several days to verify it was working.

Thus, this will be sold “as is” to the highest bidder.

To bid on this item, please call Charles Nelson at 608-317-7065 and he will place all bids in a spreadsheet and will notify the winning bidder once the bidding has expired. To ensure your bid is recorded properly, please make sure to talk to Charles directly, since he will not be responsible for missed messages, texts, or emails. Also, to ensure no conflict of interest, Charles Nelson will not be allowed to bid himself.

The bidding will open on Wednesday, February 12, 2025 and it will close on Friday, February 28, 2025 at 6pm.





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