



COON VALLEY AMERICAN LEGION POST 116



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Commanders Message:

Before we jump start the New Year your commander wants to thank all Post 116 Legion members, including Auxiliary and SAL for your part in making 2024 a success. It seems like we have been on full throttle since the Veteran's Day Chicken Q. We had great participation in bagging Christmas candy for Coon Valley Elementary students. Visits to 30 shut ins and nursing home residents this year had a brief wrinkle as Santa almost got snowed in, (imagine that?) Heavy snow altered plans but Santa, Roger Niedfeldt driving the vehicle of the Coon Valley Fire Department, and a contingent of Legion members, "Got 'er done!"

Observations from the year in review. So many savvy members take their tasks, roles and jobs in stride in their Legion interests. Your commander often speaks with pride in discussions about our Post. Most times it seems to run like a well oiled machine. Other members have expressed similar views. We all know the chemistry doesn't happen by accident. Thank you, for your involvement.

With the above in mind may your commander offer a New Years resolution type of suggestion? With over 175 members, a few are highly engaged in Legion projects. A good many are loyal to one or two activities. It may be that many more are simply waiting to be asked to be involved. Thus, the request is if your membership seems dormant or inactive reach out and get involved in one thing this year: attend a regular meeting, get in touch with a legion buddy or call your commander 608-632-1538 to help find that first step in involvement. If you are committed to one or two Legion activities consider adding something new this year. And for the valuable stalwarts who are the face and backbone of so many events, your assistance is simply to ask a less involved member to participate in one Legion thing that interests them.

A couple final thoughts as we look ahead to the New Year and new administration. Our National Commander, James La Coursiere wisely requests, "We invite the 47th Commander in Chief and the 119th Congress to join US in the work, to build a stronger America." The American Legion, a large and influential organization, believes America, "is unique in world history with respect to our constitutional form of government and commitment to liberty." Excerpts from The American Legion Magazine January 2025 National Commander Message.

If you are a veteran or know a veteran who may be eligible for disability or is caught up in the quagmire of the process you are urged to contact your County Service Officer TODAY. There is new momentum and enthusiasm to process claims. Even if you are uncertain your health issues are related to your military service make the call, in Vernon County to Crystal or CJ at 608-637-5323.

Your Commander,
Mike Callan

January Newsletter

2024- 2025

Last Bugle:

Larry Lichtie
Bud McCormick
John Runice
Roger Strangstalien
Everette Olson
Frank Mathison
Elnor Haugen
Tom Sharratt



BUCKET DRAWING

December Mem-
bership drawing.
Didn't have this
information.

Next membership
meeting drawing
will be for 70
bucks.

**50/50
Not Done**



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Membership Totals to Date

2025 Paid Membership - 156

2024 Membership Goal- 176

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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:

SAL meeting on Wednesday, January 15th, 7pm at the legion.
Bean bag tournament February 8th.

Cal Manske

Post 116 SAL Commander

Message from Auxiliary President:

Happy New Year! We did not have a meeting in January. Our next meeting
is Wednesday, February 5th at 6pm. If you know anyone who is interested
in becoming a member please invite them to attend.

Sincerely,

Kelly Callan

Auxiliary President

Post Announcements:

Calendar:

January 11 Baseball Fundraiser

January 15 Regular Meeting Meal at 7:00, Meeting at 7:30; Charlie, Steve, and Gary are cooking!

January 18 Midwinter Conference Appleton

January 19 Chaseburg Trail Days

January 31 & February 1 Snowflake Ski Tournament Westby

February 2 Four Chaplains Sunday & Pancake Breakfast serving 8-12 (See work schedule) February 3 Exec Meeting 6:30

February 8 Cornhole Tournament (SAL) February 13 Bingo

February 19 Regular Legion Meeting Meal 7:00, Meeting 7:30

February 26 Chili Cook-Off 11-2

Marketplace and Swap

For Sale: Kegerator, the Legions own two tap beer dispenser. All stainless steel. Holds two half barrels or quarter barrels. On wheels for rolling convenience. Call Charlie 608-317-7065 for more info.

Swap/Donate: If you have a legion uniform or uniform components that can be used by another member our supply is low. Contact us 608-632-1538 Mike, Commander, or Steve, Sgt at Arms 608-

330-1103. Memorial Day Parade will be here soon enough. Please help keep our Color Guard in proper uniform.

Four Chaplains Pancake Breakfast Work Schedule Feb 2:

	7-10	10-12
Cooking Eggs;	Mitch Parker	Gary Grethel
Cooking Pancakes	Charlie Nelson	Gordie Helwig
	Mike Miller	Dale Gabrielson
Cooking Sausages	Harlan Helseth	Jess Guy
Window Servers	Steve Nelson	Gary Hess
	Ron Miller	Josh Humm
Tables, Beverages	Tom Elsen	Rodney Berg
	Gary Wilson	Richard Zube
	Tom Kapanke	Mike Schedivy
Cashier	Mike Callan	Bernie Roesler
Bartender		Rod Ofte



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