



COON VALLEY AMERICAN LEGION POST 116



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Commanders Message:

Memorial Day parade and program was a heartfelt success. Thank you, to all who participated and supported the huge and somewhat daunting event. Featured speaker, David Gough, past National Vice Commander was very observant and complimentary of our post and community. Memorial Day is a time for remembrance of lives lost in all wars. It is also a time to present our best colors and our best selves. We truly did! Again, thank you.

Elections were held at the May meeting and at June 18 meeting will be installation of officers by County Commander, Ted Wicker. Be sure to attend! Newly elected, incoming commander, Roger Mathison, will re-engage and bring a plethora of new ideas and enthusiasm to P116. In his year as National Vice Commander I'm sure he has seen best of the best at other posts and is looking forward to adding some polish to P116.

On a personal note I want to thank all involved with P116 for your support, hard work, honesty and dedication during the past two years with yours truly as commander. Included in that appreciation is thank you to the Auxiliary and SAL. We couldn't do it without you.

As I come to the final days of commander responsibilities I want to share some parting thoughts on P116 and share what I have learned.

- Things don't get done by accident. The exec committee takes things seriously and makes sure the body is duly informed when decisions are at hand. "For the Good of the American Legion"
- Sometimes it takes a long time, too long, to reach consensus, and get projects done. The speaker system and the chicken pit are good examples. Up next is the repair and replacement of the ceiling. It has been voted on to proceed. Get it done, and get it done right. The useful life may be fifty years.
- Sometimes personalities and egos get in the way. True, but again, our common goal, "For the good of the American Legion" helps guide us. We are all in this together.
- The 80/20 Rule applies. 20% of the members do 80% if not nearly all the work. If you are in the 80% find one thing you like about our post and start there. Ask questions! You will make new friends with common interests.
- Collectively, the American Legion has 12,000 posts including international units. Nationwide, we are the largest veterans organization. We can thank the collective voice of National and the clout we have for veterans benefits, our county service offices, VA benefits and family benefits. These benefits would unlikely exist if not for the American Legion. We must keep our membership strong.

Your Commander,
Mike Callan

June Newsletter

2025- 2026

Last Bugle:



BUCKET DRAWING

June Membership
Drawing

Didn't have last
meetings name, no
winner.

Next membership
meeting drawing
will be for 100
bucks.

50/50
Not Done



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2025 Paid Membership - 176

2025 Membership Goal- 176

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Message from S.A.L. Commander:

Hello. We will have a SAL meeting Wednesday, 7pm, on June 18th at the legion hall.

Cal Manske

Post 116 SAL Commander

Message from Auxiliary President:

First, I would like to personally everyone who made a cake and/or worked on Memorial Day. It's quite possible that we set a record of people served this year! Second, thank you to all who supported the auxiliary by enjoying the meal. The speaker at the presentation gave many accolades to our small town for the numbers of people who come out to participate. We should take pride in being a part of the celebration. We will not have a meeting in July. Our next meeting will be held on August 6th at 6pm. We will hold elections during this meeting. Please bring anyone who might be interested in joining!!

Kelly Callan

Auxiliary President

Post Announcements:

Installation of new officers will be done at the Legion Regular Meeting June 18th. Thank you Steve Nelson, Wes Guy, and Mike Miller for finding new officers.

W/CV Legion Baseball and Softball Calendar raffle tickets now on sale. \$20 a piece and a chance to win \$50 a day in the month of July. Tickets available at legion barroom.

Baseball games will start at 11am for the Chicken Q. Junior Legion Baseball Team will play at 3pm, June 8th at CV, for the Chicken Q. Senior Legion plays LaCrosse Legion at CV, at 5pm, June 13th. Hosting State Tournament Aug. 1-5, our team will automatically be in the tournament, since we are the host.

National Commander will be visiting Wisconsin June 23-26. He'll be visiting WALLECA and Ft. McCoy, and looking at event in Sparta, Volk Field, others.

ChickenQue Work Schedule Sunday June 8

Saturday am foil wrap potatoes, sour cream in containers, combined effort Legion & Auxiliary

Sunday Chicken Fryers (6am until done) Charlie Nelson, Tom Elson, Fuzzy Miller, Wesley Guy, Brian Janes, Gordon Hellwig, Steve Nelson Bartender: Rod Ofte 10am to ?

Potato Cookers Ron Miller, Mike Callan

Cashier (10:30-2pm) Bernie Roesler

Kitchen & Serve Food (10:30-2pm) Harlan Helseth, Gary Grethel, Gary Hess, Wally Cox, Ron Hoff, Mike Schedivy

Table Service Reuben Starch, Rodney Berg, Al Goede, Mike Callan

Calendar

June 8 Chicken Q & Baseball games starting at 11am (see above work schedule)

June 10 County Meeting Stoddard

June 12 Bingo

June 14 Camp American Legion 100th Anniversary

June 18 Regular Meeting at 7:30pm, Meal at 7pm. Installation of Officers

June 28 Legion Rider In Coon Valley

July 7 Exec Meeting

July 10 Bingo

July 16 Regular Meeting

July 16-20 106th Wisconsin State Legion Convention, Green Bay, WI

August 1-5 State Legion Baseball Tournament in Westby



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