



# COON VALLEY AMERICAN LEGION POST 116



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## Commanders Message:

We are closing in our membership goal for the year. First Vice Commander Wes Guy offers that we are within ten (new or renew) members to put Post 116 over the top on membership. Our best resource to achieve this goal is YOU. As a current member you can help by reaching out to lapsed or non members or even active duty military. Then contact Wes, or Mike. There are even applications on the bar at the Legion Hall. We are almost there. Thank you, for your support.

The regular March meeting of Post 116 (Note: Thursday, March 20) is a big event. First off, the meal is prepared by the Auxiliary. Second, we host the Vernon County American Legion Council meeting or county meeting as we call it. It is also the evening to present the annual post and county service awards. This year's winners:

- \*Micah Voss- Educator of the Year
- \*Captain Jacob Nichols- Fire Fighter of the Year
- \*Captain Krista Kohnert- Emergency Medical Responder (EMR) of the Year
- \*Roger Niedfeldt- Coon Valley Citizen of the Year
- \*ATI- Daryl Kinnear, Operations Manager-Business of the Year (Inaugural Award)

Although it seems many weeks in advance Post 116 Palm Sunday Breakfast is Sunday April 13. We have a reputation of preparing a great breakfast with all the fixins'. This is a big event well supported by local churches and the community. Details and work schedule follow in this newsletter. As always it's important all shift positions are filled. If you see your name and have a conflict please call, Mike 608-632-1538.

## SCAM ALERT DIRECTED AT VETERANS

(From December and March issues of the Legion Magazine)

Be on guard! The scammers are targeting veterans at a dramatically increasing rate. Helplines across the country are receiving 300-400 calls per day from veterans and active duty military. Be vigilant, be watchful! The scammers contact you by phone, text or email. They often say there is a problem with your disability, retirement, or social security check and proceed to offer instructions to correct. Please, give them **NO** information. Rather, contact your bank & law enforcement.

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# March Newsletter

**2024- 2025**

**Last Bugle:**

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



## BUCKET DRAWING

February Member-  
ship drawing, didn't  
have a winner.

Next membership  
meeting drawing  
will be for 90  
bucks.

**50/50  
Not Done**



## COON VALLEY AMERICAN LEGION POST 116

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Post 116 Newsletter is published monthly as a service to our members. If you wish to submit an article for a future edition, please contact: Steve Nelson  
*Fire Code:*  
*Legion Hall Max. Capacity*  
*Hall: 234 and Bar: 43*

### Mailing Address:

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Post 116

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Coon Valley, WI 54623

### Phone Contacts:

Legion: (608) 452-3179

### Membership Totals to Date

2025 Paid Membership - 166

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  
PO Box 314  
Coon Valley, WI 54623

Or pay on MyLegion.org !



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

Hello. I will contact everyone for the next meeting this month.

Cal Manske

Post 116 SAL Commander

### Message from Auxiliary President:

Hello,

The days are getting longer and hopefully spring is in the air. March brings the county legion meeting to Coon Valley. The auxiliary will once again be serving the meal. We would love to have some help. Please come to the legion at 5pm if interested. Contact any audio member with questions. Our next meeting is on Monday April 7th. We will resume regular Wednesday meetings in May.

Thank you,

Kelly Callan

Auxiliary President

## **Post Announcements:**

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Other common tactics include falsely claiming there is an emergency involving a family member and for a fee they can help you fix it. Another yet, is a call from someone who claims they have repaired a bank or direct billing problem for you and requests you test it by purchasing a gift card for \$100 or more. Fulfill that request and your money is gone, untraceable.

The bad guys get more creative, professional and convincing all the time. Last year on average the loss for a vulnerable veteran was \$1,450.

Your Commander,  
Mike Callan

**Update:** Rod Ofte was the highest sealed bidder and is the new owner of a kegerator.

## CALENDAR

Mar 8 Coon Valley Baseball Assn fundraiser

Mar 13 Bingo, meal served at 5:00, Bingo starts at 6:00 Blackout pot is over \$2000

Mar 20 THURSDAY; Auxiliary preparing meal and serving at 7:00pm. No Reg. meeting, Service Awards (presented after the meal), County Meeting (after service awards presented)

Apr 7 Exec Meeting 6:30

Apr 10 Bingo

Apr 13 Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast, serving 8-12 (or gone)

Apr 16 Regular Post meeting, meal at 7:00

Apr 19 Spring Conference Tomah American Legion Hall 9:00am

## APRIL 13 Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast Work Schedule

|                  | 7-10           | 10-12           |
|------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Cooking Eggs     | Mike Callan    | Gary Grethel    |
| Cooking Pancakes | Charlie Nelson | Gordie Helwig   |
|                  | Mike Miller    | Dale Gabrielson |
| Cooking Sausages | Harlen Helseth | Jess Guy        |
| Window Servers   | Steve Nelson   | Ron Hoff        |
|                  | Gary Hess      | Wally Cox       |
| Table, Beverages | Tom Elsen      | Roger Anderson  |
|                  | Tom Kapanke    | Richard Zube    |
|                  | Gary Wilson    | Mike Schedivy   |
| Cashier          | Rodney Berg    | Bernie Roesler  |
| Bartender        |                | Mike Callan     |



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