



# COON VALLEY AMERICAN LEGION POST 116



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Thank you, members of Coon Valley Post 116 for the trust and confidence you have placed in me as incoming commander. We have a very well run post, good involvement of membership in supporting post projects, effective presence in the community and respect of our fine peer Legion posts in the county.

As I write this we have just finished the 100<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration of fellow Legion member, Elnor Haugen. What an event! Dignitaries including Denise Rohan, past National Legion Commander, Brad Pfaff, WI State Senator, and Loren Oldenburg, WI State Assembly, attended bearing gifts and birthday wishes for Elnor. Channel 19 was present to record the celebration and provide clips for the six and ten news. Positive things can happen for the Legion when the media is involved.

As the first assignment, nine days under my belt, I beam with pride at how well things get done at Post 116. When members are generous with their time and knowledge the projects engage seamlessly. We know it doesn't get done by accident.

As we begin the new Legion year we are over 170 members strong in Coon Valley. Impressive! For a village of 750 that's off the charts. For the past several months I have been very interested in learning the "how's" and "why's" our post is successful. We are blessed to have a core of strong committed members who make the American Legion part of their lives. Reaching out to all members, thank you from the bottom of my heart for your involvement.

What's ahead for us? This month two items come to mind. A national program called, "Be the One" is rolling out to address, train and prevent veteran suicide. Good background information on this is found in your monthly Legion magazine. The goal is for us to identify, report and assist our comrades at risk.

Next, far out in 2024 there is the 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the village of Coon Valley. The committee is gaining momentum and we expect our post to have plenty of visibility and support for the celebration.

Also, for the most part Co-vid is over. Our lives have returned to normal. Meeting attendance is inkling upward. If you have been hesitant about attending please note, third Wednesday of the month, meal at 6:30, meeting at 7:00. Come on Down.

Thank you to Post 116 Auxiliary and SAL units who have also weathered the Co-vid storm. We share some common goals and should jointly celebrate successes. Their leaders welcome a plug for members to get involved, starting by attending the next meeting of your unit.

What's the most impactful feature of any newsletter? It's the calendar, of course! We need to know what's going on at our Legion Post this month, next month, and beyond. At home we plug in the Legion events on the family calendar. Note: below this message is the schedule of upcoming events.

Finally, thank you again for the opportunity to be involved in the success of Coon Valley American Legion Post 116. I look forward to the challenges of the upcoming year.

Hope to see you at the next meeting July 19th.

Mike Callan Commander

## Calendar:

- July 13th Bingo Night
- July 16th Lions Chicken Q
- July 19th Legion Meeting at 7pm, meal at 6:30pm
- August 7th Legion Exec Meeting
- August 10th Bingo Nite
- August 16th Legion Meeting and Post Everlasting

# July Newsletter

2023- 2024

Last Bugle:



## BUCKET DRAWING

No Winner

June Membership  
drawing winner  
Roger "Thunder"  
Anderson won  
\$120!

Next membership  
meeting drawing  
for \$10.

50/50  
No Drawing!



## COON VALLEY AMERICAN LEGION POST 116

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### Membership Totals to Date

2024 Paid Membership - 52

2024 Membership Goal- 171

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## MEMBERSHIP:

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Or pay on MyLegion.org !



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

Hello.

Meeting at 7pm, July 19th to discuss various topics..

Cal Manske

S.A.L. Commander

### Message from the Auxiliary President:

Summer is here. We don't have a July meeting, so our next meeting is on Wednesday, August 2nd at 6 pm. That is our annual elections, so please come to the meeting. See you in August!

Sincerely, Julie Nelson

Auxiliary President

## Post Announcements:

### 2023-2024 Official Officers:

Commander: Mike Callan, 1st Vice Commander: Wes Guy, 2nd Vice Commander: Richard Zube, 3rd Vice Commander: Ron Piojda, Chaplain: Bernard Roesler, Service Officer: Harlan Helseth, Sargent-of-Arms: Dan Hofslie, Finance Officer: Roger Mathison, Historian, Frank Mathison and Adjutant: Charles Nelson. *We need a new website administrator to replace Don Salter. Let Charlie or Commander Mike know your interested?!*

### 2024 MEMBERSHIP POLOS

New legion shirts will be ordered! Cost maybe \$65.  
Contact Adjutant Charlie for details...



We need workers for Trout Fest, August 28th. Consider bartending at a shift or two between 2pm to midnight! Left Commander Mike know if you want to work?!

### Elnor Birthday Party Pictures!





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