



COON VALLEY AMERICAN LEGION POST 116



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Commanders Message;

We want to start off February by welcoming three new members to Post 116

Gary Wilson – Coon Valley

Mark Boland – Chaseburg

Warren Nedegaard – La Crosse

I am reaching out encouraging them to attend our Regular meeting on Wednesday Feb 21. Please be sure to greet them and welcome them to Post 116.

Next, looking ahead to March, Regular Meeting night is THURSDAY, March 21. The Post 116 regular meeting will be at 6:30, meal at 7:00 (hosted by the Auxiliary), followed by the Vernon County meeting. Several American Legion awards will be presented, including Educator of the Year, Law Enforcement Officer of the Year, Firefighter of the year, and the newly created local Citizen of the Year.

Recently six Post 116 members had the pleasure of attending Wisconsin American Legion Midwinter Conference in La Crosse. A door opened to the expanding and more readily available benefits to veterans. The feds appropriated an additional 16.9 billion dollars to upgrade veterans' programs. The broad spectrum improvements includes additional funding to support spouses, children, education, disability, aging benefits to veterans and spouses, VA home loans, and health care including dental. One example, if you used the GI bill benefit to cover education in the past you may be able to reset and be eligible for up to four more years of education. In some cases, the education benefit can be implemented for spouse or children. Anyway, here is contact information for you to learn more...

Toll Free 1-844-WIS-CVSO (947-2876)

On the Web [WICVSO.ORG/locate-your CVSO/TVSO](http://WICVSO.ORG/locate-your-CVSO/TVSO)

Vernon County Service Officer 608-637-5323

Our very own, Harlan Helseth, Post 116 member has offered to assist post members in opening doors and getting on the right path for information and upgraded benefits.

As I write this, 50 degrees in January. There goes winter!

Post 116 Commander,
Mike Callan

Calendar:

- February 8 Bingo
- February 10 SAL Euchre Tournament
- February 21 Regular Meeting at 7:30pm, meal served at 7:00pm, (Cooks are Jessi and Wes Guy)
- February 25 Coon Valley Library Chili Cook Off
- March 2 SAL Bean Tournament
- March 4 Exec Meeting, 6:30pm
- March 14 Bingo
- March 21 (THURSDAY) Regular Meeting 6:30pm, Meal at 7:00pm (Auxiliary serving meal), Vernon County Meeting afterwards...

February Newsletter

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Last Bugle:

Carliss Larson
Sylvester King
Richard Brose
Darryl Kacimski
Vernon Melgard



BUCKET DRAWING

January Member-
ship drawing not
known as of this
writing.

Next membership
meeting drawing
for \$70.

50/50
No Drawing



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Membership Totals to Date

2024 Paid Membership - 173

2024 Membership Goal- 174

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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
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Or pay on MyLegion.org !



Message from S.A.L. Commander:

Hello.

Euchre tournament this Saturday and bean bag tournament (luck of the draw) on March 2nd..

Cal Manske
S.A.L. Commander

Message from the Auxiliary President:

Hello everyone!

Membership: If you have not paid your membership dues yet for 2024, please do so as soon as possible. You can send them in to Gloria Freitag, our membership chairperson.

Auxiliary Serves at Legion County Meeting on March 21st: We will be serving the meal for this event. Please show up and help if you are able. We are once again making a meatball dinner. **We will meet in the kitchen at 5 pm on Thursday, March 21st.** Remember to wear red, white, and/or blue, and wear your Auxiliary pin/magnet if you have one.

American Legion Auxiliary Scholarship: Our annual scholarship is available to a graduating senior who is the daughter, son, granddaughter, grandson, great-granddaughter or great-grandson of a member of the Coon Valley American Legion Auxiliary or Coon Valley American Legion. An application must be submitted. If you have any questions, feel free to contact us.

Upcoming Meeting Dates: Because of Lent, our next meeting will be on **Monday, March 4th at 6 pm.** Our April meeting will be on Wednesday, April 3rd at 6 pm. We hope to see you at both of these meetings, since we will be planning and finalizing upcoming events!

Sincerely,
Julie Nelson
Auxiliary President

Post Announcements:

General Manager for Legion Baseball/Softball is needed for 2024. Talk to Roger Mathison for questions and if interested.

SAL Euchre Tournament February 10th, contact Cal Manske for start time and entry fee. See SAL Facebook for details...

March 21st we will be hosting Vernon County Meeting. The Auxiliary will serve a delicious meal at 7pm. The Vernon County Meeting will follow after the meal. Part of this meeting, we will present awards for Law Officer of the Year, Firefighter of the Year, Teacher of the Year, and Citizen of the Year. Post 116 submitted all the winners of these awards, thank you to all who played a role on getting these awards to the people who deserve them! Before the county meeting and meal at 6:30pm, we will have a short informal post meeting, so please come and attend.

“Welcome to The American Legion” video is now available to be shown to new members, please use the following link: <https://vimeo.com/americanlegion>



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