



# COON VALLEY AMERICAN LEGION POST 116



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#### Commanders Message:

Great Job Post 116! Our newest member Justin Olson transfers in and makes our legion family complete. We are at 100%. Thank you Wes Guy, 1st Vice Commander; LIFE IS GREAT IN POST 116.

Once again we have a busy month, this time two big events ahead of us.

First is a triple header on THURSDAY, March 21. Our regular (though abbreviated) meeting at 6:30pm, meal hosted by the Auxiliary at 7:00pm, Service Awards following and wrapped up with a county meeting after a short intermission..

#### SERVICE AWARDS

- \*Alvern Mininger- Firefighter of the Year
- \*Andrew Hulst- Educator of the Year
- \*Bruce Olson- Law Enforcement Officer of the Year
- \*Robert Kerska- Citizen of the Year (New, first year award)

With Easter looming around the corner Post 116's annual Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast with all the fixing's is SUNDAY, March 24th. Note: Details and worker schedule follows in newsletter. This event has become a stalwart of our community. Covid isolation is over, the dining room is open and we expect a good crowd. There is room to celebrate! Legion members, families and the community invited. Get the word out and I look forward to seeing you there. BE THE ONE: CHANGING LIVES, SAVING LIVES.

National Commander, Dan Seehafer, continues to focus on veterans suicide. If you know a vet in trouble

- \*ASK a veteran in your life how they are doing
- \*LISTEN when a veteran needs to talk
- \*REACH OUT when a veteran is struggling

To learn more search the American Legion website: [www.legion.org](http://www.legion.org), or in emergency dial 988 and press 1 or text 838255.

Mike Callan,

Post 116 Commander

#### Calendar:

March 14 Bingo

March 21 (THURSDAY) Regular Meeting 6:30pm, Meal at 7:00pm (Auxiliary serving meal), Vernon County Meeting after wards...

March 24 Palm Sunday Pancake breakfast, serving 8-12 (or gone); SEE ENCLOSED WORK SCHEDULE.

April 1 Executive Committee Meeting

April 11 Bingo

April 17 Regular Legion Meeting

April 20 Seventh District Spring Conference in Sparta 9-3

April 20 Emily Helseth Benefit 4-9pm

# March Newsletter

2023- 2024

## Last Bugle:

Carliss Larson  
Sylvester King  
Richard Brose  
Darryl Kacimski  
Vernon Melgard  
Richard Brose



## BUCKET DRAWING

February Membership drawing not known as of this writing.

Next membership meeting drawing for ??.

50/50  
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### Membership Totals to Date

2024 Paid Membership - 174  
2024 Membership Goal- 174

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## MEMBERSHIP:

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Or pay on MyLegion.org !



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

Hello.

Thank you everyone who worked and participated in our tournaments. I will schedule and call everyone for a meeting next week.

Cal Manske  
S.A.L. Commander

### Message from the Auxiliary President:

Hello everyone.

**Memberships:** There are just a few remaining memberships to be paid – if you are one of them, please send in your dues. If you have any questions, contact Gloria Freitag, our Membership Chairperson.

**March County Meeting:** The Auxiliary serves for the Legion's county meeting on Thursday, March 21st. If you are able to help, meet us at the Legion at 5 pm to help prepare and serve the food. Remember to wear red, white and/or blue.

**Next Meeting:** Our next meeting is on Wednesday, April 3rd at 6 pm. We will be discussing scholarships, Memorial Day, etc, so please be there if you can.

Sincerely,  
Julie Nelson, Auxiliary President

**Post Announcements:**

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>

*Sunday March 24*

**Palm Sunday Breakfast Crew**

*7-10am*

*10-12 & clean up*

Cooking Eggs

Ron Piojda

Gary Grethel

Cooking Pancakes

Charlie Nelson  
Mike Miller

Gordy Hellwig  
Roger Anderson

Cooking Sausages

Harlan Helseth  
Runner: New

Jessi Guy  
Runner: New

Window Servers

Wes Guy  
Roger Mathison

Ron Hoff  
Ron Miller

Tables, beverages, coffee

Tom Elsen  
Mike Callan  
Charlie Servais

Bernie Roesler  
Reuben Starch  
Rodney Berg

Cashier

Frank Mathison

Richard Zube

Bartender

Rod Ofte



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