



# COON VALLEY AMERICAN LEGION POST 116



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## Commanders Message:

As we are beginning the new Legion Year, let's take the time to thank last year's officers for their time and commitment to Post 116. Commander Mike, Adjutant Charlie, and the rest of the officers...Thank You!

And Thank You to Adjutant Jess Guy and all the officers who stepped up to serve Post 116 this year. We look forward for continuing the legacy of Coon Valley Post 116 and hoping to expand our influence in the community. If you have new ideas or projects for the good of our veteran population and the area community, please share with us your ideas.

I still have responsibilities as National Vice Commander until the end of the National Convention, so 1st Vice Wes Guy has graciously offered to oversee Post affairs in my absence.

Many are unaware how busy the Post and the Legion Hall is between meetings. We have a small cadre of members who participate in Funeral Honors, bartend, cook and serve for Bingo Nite, get supplies, and clean up. A special shout out to Mike Callan and Harlan Helseth who have done a great job mowing the Legion Hall grounds and around the Veterans Memorial.

Coon Valley Post hosted a stop for The Wisconsin American Legion Riders on June 28th. The Post did good! The Riders appreciated the stop and the refreshments offered by the Post, and our donations. The Riders collected over \$65,000 that weekend for Camp American Legion and to aid mental health services in Wisconsin. Thank you all, a very good cause that will do great things to help our fellow veteran families cope with the stress of mental health issues like PTSD and hopefully prevent any more veteran suicides.

We have a busy schedule in the coming months. The new officers will be serving lunch at the Post meeting on July 16th. The meal will be served at 6:30pm with the meeting to follow at 7:00pm. On August 1st – 5th our W/CV Legion Baseball team will be hosting the State Championship Tournament in Westby. Official Opening Ceremonies will be held at 6:30pm with all teams and local dignitaries taking part. All are welcome, no admission charged. No volunteer help will be turned away.

Our August Post meeting is also our Post Everlasting, honoring those deceased members this past year. The Rod Ofte family has volunteered to serve the meal again, they have done this for several years. The meal will be served at 6:30pm with the ceremony to be held following.

On August 23rd the Coon Valley Heritage Days will be held. Post 116 will be serving our traditional pancake breakfast to kick off the day's activities. The work schedule will be forthcoming.

Remember to be Proud of your membership in The American Legion, be Positive while representing the Post and the organization, and be Productive in Promoting The American Legion to the community and your fellow Veterans!

Post 116 Commander,  
Roger Mathison

# July Newsletter

2025- 2026

Last Bugle:  
James Onshus



## BUCKET DRAWING

June Membership  
Drawing

Didn't have last  
meetings name...

Next membership  
meeting drawing  
will be for 10  
bucks.

50/50  
Not Done



## COON VALLEY AMERICAN LEGION POST 116

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*Legion Hall Max. Capacity*  
*Hall: 234 and Bar: 43*

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### Membership Totals to Date

2026 Paid Membership - 28

2026 Membership Goal- 174

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## MEMBERSHIP:

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Or pay on MyLegion.org !



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

Hello. We will have a SAL meeting Wednesday, 7pm, on July 16th at the legion hall. Discuss dart tournament, memberships and Halloween.

Cal Manske

Post 116 SAL Commander

### Message from Auxiliary President:

Happy Summer!

I hope the summer heat and humidity is treating everyone well! We did not have a meeting in July. Our next meeting will be Wednesday August 6th at 6pm at the legion hall. It is election month. Please bring anyone who might be interested in joining!

Kelly Callan

Auxiliary President

## **Post Announcements:**

W/CV Legion Baseball and Softball Calendar raffle is going on, listen to Gary Gilbertson on the radio everyday for current winners, during his morning show from 11am-noon, Mon-Sat. on WVRQ 1360AM or on TV, CH. 18. If you haven't listened to Gary yet, you have to get your priority's straight! He's the best polka broadcaster and show in the world!

Winners so far: July 1st Reva Chambers, July 2nd John Griffin, July 3rd Derek Christianson, July 4th Rod Ofte, July 5th Angie Nelson, July 6th Chelsey Nedland, July 7th Mary Jo Hess, July 8th Jocelyn Mlsna.

A special message goes out to the James Onshus family, of the passing James Onshus, May 24th, 2025. We give our deepest sympathy from Post 116 members to them! His obituary is in the Vosseteig website. James way back when had a trout hanging in our barroom for many years, it was seen by many patrons. Also, James would donate money every year to our post to go to veterans in need. That money was used every year, thank you so much to the late James Onshus!

Post 116 color guard will do opening ceremonies August 1st, at 6:30pm, for the State American Legion Baseball Tournament at Westby Varsity Field. Will need 6 people, including Legion Riders, SAL members, and Legion members. Let Sargent of Arms, Steve Nelson (608-330-1103) know if you want to participate. We will be part of other legion posts doing the presentation.

## **Calendar**

July 16 Regular Meeting, Meal at 6:30pm, Meeting at 7pm, cooks are executive committee

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

August 1-5 State Legion Baseball Tournament in Westby

August 4th Westby Vernon County Meeting

August 11th Exec Meeting, 6:30pm

August 20 Regular Meeting and Post Everlasting

August 23rd Heritage Days, serving breakfast, will need marchers for the parade!



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