



# COON VALLEY AMERICAN LEGION POST 116



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I would like to thank everyone for all the functions that happened in this last month. Had a great showing for the night at the races, at Tomah VA, burger night was a success, and our December raffle tickets sold out. December 18th is candy packing at 6:30pm, like last year, auxiliary and SAL are welcome and a meal following. December 19th, Santa will be delivering for shut-ins and to Coon Valley school. They will meet at Legion at 10 am and we will need some help with this function. Watch the newsletter for upcoming functions going on at the Legion. I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New year!

**Mike Miller, Commander Post 116**

## DATES TO REMEMBER

|                      |  |
|----------------------|--|
| <b>Dec. 18th</b>     | Regular Post Meeting, at 6:30pm, pack candy for Santa!!<br>Lunch will follow, (delicious chicken from our Chicken Q) Roger Mathison is our cook!   |
| <b>Dec. 19th</b>     | Deliver Cards to the Shut-ins with Santa, please join Santa and will be leaving at 10am.<br>Go to Coon Valley Elementary School at 1pm to deliver candy with Santa   |
| <b>Jan. 6th</b>      | Burger Night and Monday Night Football, 5-8pm  |
| <b>Jan. 11th</b>     | High School Booster Club Tailgate Party, at Legion, starts 2 hours before first football game!   |
| <b>Jan. 12th</b>     | Coon Valley Memorial Fundraiser, Spaghetti Dinner, 11am until gone.<br>Cost \$10 Adults, \$5 for children  |
| <b>Jan. 13th</b>     | Executive Meeting, at 6:30pm   |
| <b>Jan. 15th</b>     | Regular Post Meeting, at 7:30pm.   |
| <b>Jan. 25th</b>     | Oratorical Contest at Onalaska Legion  |
| <b>Feb. 2nd</b>      | Superbowl Legion Breakfast   |
| <b>Coming Soon!!</b> | Legion College Training, at 9:00 am (all day) Coon Valley Legion, County and District Legions welcomed, please ask Commander Miller or Roger Mathison for questions and sign-up information. Also, look at <a href="http://Mylegioin.org">Mylegioin.org</a> to take a basic legion course if interested. |

# December Newsletter

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Last Bugle:

Richard "Dick"  
Nestingen

David Sorenson



## BUCKET DRAWING

Larry Hooverson  
"Not at meeting"  
Next Month \$60

50/50  
No Drawing!



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#### Membership Totals to Date

2020 Paid Membership - 147

2020 Membership Goal- 186

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

Hello everyone,

Help pack candy for Santa at 6:30pm, December 18th! Let's slow down together that night and get into the Christmas spirit! Merry Christmas!

Cal Manske  
S.A.L. Commander



### Message from the Auxiliary:

Hello everyone!

Our Unit met at Timmer's for our annual Christmas party. It was nice to see everyone and spend time together. Fun was had by all. Thanks to all of you who were able to make it, and we missed those of you who couldn't be there.

Our Unit recently made a \$500 donation to be distributed to local veterans in need. Thanks to all of you for belonging to and supporting our American Legion Auxiliary. It is wonderful when the work we do throughout the year allows us to support veterans.

For 2020, our meeting dates will typically continue to be the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month. However, since our next one would fall on New Year's Day, **we will meet on Wed, January 8<sup>th</sup>**. Pot luck is at 6 pm and the meeting starts at 6:30 pm. Please consider making it your New Year's Resolution to join us! Until then, have a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Sincerely,  
**Julie Nelson, Auxiliary President**

*New membership 2020 year starts, please pay your dues on-line on [Mylegion.org](http://Mylegion.org) or mail in at the above address, pay them right away, then your done with it!!*

***Please provide Commander Miller with names of shut-in or Home Bound people you know in the Coon Valley area by next week or at Wednesdays meeting night!***

***We need a new Director of ordering candy for Santa Claus visits and organizing getting cards to nursing home residents during the holiday season! You would have to make these cards up ready for delivering. Mike, Ron, and Nancy have been doing this over 13 years and would love to train their replacement! They will help you until you got it down pat! Also, please volunteer to deliver cards to nursing home residents, some people have volunteered already.***

### **2019 December Raffle Winners**

|                          |                                      |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| \$2500                   | Lucas Nordine, LaFarge               |
| \$1000                   | Jim Elsen, West Salem                |
| \$500                    | Howard Horman Jr, Holmen             |
| \$250                    | Jim Servais, Chaseburg               |
| \$150                    | A J Hess, Coon Valley                |
| \$150                    | Chad Hofslie, Chaseburg              |
| \$150                    | Barry Bergum, Coon Valley            |
| \$150                    | Phil Hewett, Readstown               |
| \$150                    | Don Langaard, Viroqua                |
| \$75                     | Ann Cade & Noreen Haakenstad, Westby |
| \$75                     | Diane Seland, Viroqua                |
| \$75                     | Randy Lenser, Chaseburg              |
| \$75                     | Todd King, Coon Valley               |
| \$75                     | Bryan Berg, Coon Valley              |
| \$75                     | Diane & Gary Slack, Viroqua          |
| \$75                     | Jerry & Patty Johnson, Westby        |
| \$75                     | J J Mendiola, Viroqua                |
| \$150 Early Bird Drawing | Buzz & Becky Schroeder               |

**“Trout Fest 2020 is May 2nd at the Coon Valley Legion!”**



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## **Congress and the White House agree to expand definition of war eras to include all who served since Dec. 7, 1941.**

More than 1,600 members of the U.S. Armed Forces were killed or wounded in periods of time not designated as war eras since the end of World War II. The newly signed Let Everyone Get Involved in Opportunities for National Service Act of 2019 – The LEGION Act – honors those veterans, their spouses and descendants, extending membership eligibility in The American Legion Family to hundreds of thousands who had previously been excluded. The LEGION Act offers American Legion membership eligibility to any U.S. military veteran who served at least one day of active military duty since Dec. 7, 1941, and was honorably discharged or is serving now. The act also affects membership in the American Legion Auxiliary and Sons of the American Legion, expanding eligibility for those groups, as well.