



# COON VALLEY AMERICAN LEGION POST 116



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Hello Veterans!

We are getting back to some of our fundraisers this year with some changes. We are having Palm Sunday breakfast either with limited seating and social distancing or can get a carry-out. We are doing Memorial Day by starting off with going to the cemeteries to honor the veterans. We are not having the parade, we will be doing the program at the legion . We are doing great on \$100 raffle, Charlie is doing a great job running it. We are also doing the drive for Tomah Veterans (see attached/enclosed sheet), we would like things turned in by March 20th. We are planning on doing a breakfast for Trout fest. The meeting this month is Thursday March 18th, we will be honoring our Educator and Law Enforcement officer at the meeting. We are also to start making plans for our chicken-que.

**Mike Miller**

**Commander Post 116**

## DATES TO REMEMBER

<b>March 18th THURSDAY!</b>	Regular Meeting Night, 6pm cocktails, 6:30pm meal. Meeting follows with presentation of Vernon County Awards.
<b>March 21st</b>	Ticket Raffle Drawing, 12pm-4pm.
<b>March 28th</b>	Palm Sunday Breakfast (see attached/enclosed work schedule), serving at 8am. Will provide limited seating and carryout's...
<b>April 5th</b>	Exec Meeting at 6:30pm

# March Newsletter

2020 - 2021

Last Bugle:

Don Kammel  
Jack Fletcher  
Merlin Lenser



## BUCKET DRAWING

No winner!  
Next Month meet-  
ing \$90

50/50  
No Drawing!



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### Membership Totals to Date

2021 Paid Membership - 163

2021 Membership Goal- 173

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## MEMBERSHIP:

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

Hello everyone,

No meeting in March!

Cal Manske  
S.A.L. Commander



### Message from the Auxiliary:

Hi everyone! It looks like warm weather is finally coming! I hope everyone is staying safe and healthy!

We are very excited that there will be a Memorial Day program this year. However, there will be no parade, and the Auxiliary will not be serving any food this year. Let's hope next year we can go back to all the usual Memorial Day activities but until then, we can be grateful to have the Memorial Day program honoring those who gave their all.

The Auxiliary had previously voted to sponsor 2 Badger Girls State delegates this year (a junior and a senior because seniors weren't able to attend last year due to the pandemic). Unfortunately, we've been informed that once again due to the pandemic, this year's Badger Girls state has also been cancelled. We are hopeful that this wonderful program can continue next year.

Typically our membership chairperson, Gloria Freitag, creates beautiful Easter baskets for homebound and nursing home residents. Because of COVID, we decided to send cards this year. Thank you Gloria for doing this!

Our next meeting is Wednesday, April 7 at 6:00pm, and we won't be having a potluck. Please remember to bring your masks. I look forward to seeing you at our April meeting!

Thank you,  
Maddie Grethel , President

**Palm Sunday Breakfast - Sunday, March 28th**

<b>Cooking Scrambled Eggs</b>	<b>7:00-10:00am</b> <b>Roger Mathison</b>	<b>10:00am-1:00pm</b> <b>Steve Vance</b>
<b>Cooking Pancakes</b>	<b>Charles Lind</b> <b>Roger Anderson</b>	<b>Gary Hess</b> <b>Brian James</b>
<b>Cooking Sausages</b>	<b>Dan Hofslie</b>	<b>Harlan Helseth</b>
<b>Window Servers</b>	<b>Steve Nelson</b> <b>Wesley Guy</b> <b>Charlie Nelson</b>	<b>Ron Hoff</b> <b>Wally Cox</b> <b>Mike Miller</b>
<b>Tables, Beverages, Coffee</b>	<b>Tom Elsen</b> <b>Richard Zube</b>	<b>Reuben Starch</b> <b>Bernie Roesler</b>
<b>Cashier</b>	<b>Mike Callan</b>	<b>Frank Mathison</b>
<b>Bartender</b>	<b>Gary Grethel and Rod Ofte (9am to 1pm)</b>	

**Post News:**

\*Legion jackets are in, please get yours ASAP! Your cost is \$75.

\*\*Please turn in Tomah VA veteran items by March 20th, contact Fuzzy for questions. We're combining our items/efforts with the Chaseburg Legion. See attached or enclosed sheet for items to donate.

\*\*\*Please look at the CV Business Association website for locals events! Website is CoonValley.org. Contact Geoff Lenser, at 452-3663, to add events to this site.

\*\*\*\*Covid Shots have been available at the new LaCrosse VA Clinic, Valley View Mall. Call them for appointments and questions at 608-784-3886.

\*\*\*\*Memorial Day will be cemetery visits and program. The program will be at 11am, outside on our legion grounds. Main speaker Frank Mathison. No parade.

\*\*\*\*\*All 100 Year March Anniversary Raffle tickets are sold. Thank you to everyone who sold these tickets!

\*\*\*\*\*See attached/enclosed information from Frank Mathison, Historian, Thank you Frank for doing such a wonderful job on our 100 Year History Books!!

**2020-2021 Memberships are due now! Pay online (mylegion.org) mail it to legion enclosed mailing address, or come to legion meeting night, thanks!**



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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.