



American Legion Post 196



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SPRINGTIME 2017

Spring is almost here and American Legion Post 196 is ready for another great season of events and activities.

The postponement of the St. Patrick's Day parade did not affect the enthusiasm and good times at your Post. The food, prepared by our very good friend Steve Bagoli was delicious and plentiful. Steve has been instrumental in many of our events requiring his expertise. Members of every part of the American Legion family pitched in with help in preparation and serving sandwiches and dinners.

The new member induction ceremony held in February welcomed many of the new members who joined us in 2016 along with several new members who were induced at that meeting. Past Department Commander Bob Murray administered the proceedings after which Chairman of Trustees Bill Battaglia provided food for all in attendance.

The "MEAT-O" event on February 25th. was the best ever with more people attending than ever before. Another one is planned for May 27th.. This is a fun time with food bundles as prizes. Lobster roll and roast beef platters will again be served at \$12 and \$8 respectively. The Ladies Auxiliary has planned an April Fool's Day dance. Tickets are only \$10 each. DJ Keith will be providing the music and refreshments will be served. Tickets are available at the Post or through Unit members.

On April 29th “The Nutty Bunch”, a group of our hardest working Ladies are presenting the 3rd Annual Pancreatic Cancer Benefit event. Tickets are \$15 each and dinner will be served. This is an evening of comedy and music. Comedians Dave Sheehan and Kevin Doyle will be performing along with vocalist Michael Rae. There may be a few surprise acts in the show also. All of these performers are generously donating their time and talent to assure the success of this event. Every bit of money raised will be donated directly to Pancreatic Cancer Research. Please join in for a great night for a great cause.

Our ever active Ladies are holding a “Cinco De Mayo” party on May 6th. at 7PM until midnight. Again, cost is a very nominal \$10 per person for which you will be treated to music, dancing, a taco bar, chips, dips and other refreshments, and most of all a good time with good friends.

The Sons of the American Legion (SAL) are planning pancake brunches for both Mother’s Day and Father’s Day from 9AM until noon. Cost is only \$5.00 per person SAL Chaplain George Demayo will appreciate all the help his fellow SAL members can provide to ensure the success of these events. The SAL is also sponsoring a scholarship for a graduating senior from Foran, Law or Platt. Please contact the SAL at the Post for details.

The Vietnam Wall will be on display at Seaside Park on May 4th thru 7th. Post member and Port 5 Naval Veteran’s Commander Richard Ianucci (USN ret.) is chairman of the event and Port 5 members will be providing 24 hour security and lighting for this event. There is no cost to attend. May brings us to Memorial Day and Americanism Chairman and Post member Tom Flowers informs us that the placement of flags at the graves of Veterans at St. Mary’s cemetery will commence at 8:15 AM on Saturday May 27th.. All who wish to volunteer to assist this noble effort please see Tom at the site. On Sunday May 28th. the annual Memorial Day

Wreath Laying will begin at City Hall at 10AM and will proceed to each of the memorials on the green. Everyone is invited to attend this ceremony and the Memorial Day Parade the following day, May 28th.. Muster will be at 1:15 PM at Wasson Field with step off at 2PM. All branches of the American Legion Family are encouraged to participate. Anyone who would like to march will be welcomed to do so. Just show up and enjoy being part of this parade.

Nominations for Post Officers will take place at the April and May monthly meetings with elections held at the June meeting. As always, every member is encouraged to participate. All members in good standing are eligible to be nominated. Any member seeking information on a position may do so at any regular monthly meeting.

Our First Annual American Legion Golf Tournament will be held on Monday July 17 at the Oronoque Country Club in Stratford. Starting time will be 10AM. Cost will be only \$110 per golfer for 18 holes of golf with a cart and a \$5.00 credit at the pro shop. Breakfast and lunch will be served. There will be prizes and raffles and a day of fun for all. Anyone wishing to participate or volunteer to assist in running this event can check in at the Post any time. If you have a hole sponsor, a foursome or any other contribution please contact Tom Jackson, Bill Battaglia or Brian Conatser at the Post.

Happy Hour food is still being served on every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 4PM along with our traditional Saturday Hot Dog lunch at no cost.

Our I.T. people, Chad and Norm will update our website and Facebook pages with any events not covered in this newsletter. Check it out and come to the Post for good times with good friends any time.

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Meetings third Tuesday of each month at 7PM

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