



American Legion Post 196



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HAPPY NEW YEAR 2016

Here's wishing all of our American Legion Post 196 all the best in the New Year. There will be plenty of fun things to do and great times to enjoy at your Post. Here are just a few!

The Oratorical contest will be held at the Fowler Building on January 9. This is an opportunity for the young people of Milford to compete and possibly advance to state and even national competition. Post 196 members will be judging and auditing.

On Saturday, January 16 there will be another "MEAT-O" at the Post. This is a game in which food packages are the prizes, and there are some very good ones. The last one was a huge success. We want this one to be even better so come on down and try you luck.

The following day, Sunday, January 17 the Legion Riders will hold the annual Chili Cook Off. There will be many recipes presented for your sampling pleasure. All who wish to participate are encouraged to do so. Put your ingredients together in your crock pot and bring it to the Post for a chance to be the new "Chili Champ."

February will be a busy month also. There will be a Super Bowl event at the Post on February 7, Super Bowl Sunday. All TVs will be tuned to the big game. Special events are being planned right now so enjoy the game with your fellow Legionnaires and friends.

Valentine's Day is February 14 so be sure to check up on what is being planned for that day at the Post. It is always a good time.

At the February General meeting on February 16 there will be a special "New Members Welcome" party. Come to the meeting and meet the new members who joined us in 2015.

Looking further into 2016 there is always a St. Patrick's Day event well worth attending.

Corned Beef and Cabbage sandwiches and dinners along with plenty of Irish music and of course, beer! Easter is early this year and so is the kid's Easter Egg Hunt. April brings the start of the Baseball season. Yankees, Mets, & Red Sox fans will find the games on the TVs whenever they are being broadcast. Also in April are nominations for Post officers. Any member in good standing may run for an office or just come down to make a nomination and support your candidate. Elections are in May.

May brings us to Memorial Day and the big parade. Last year's

Parade was the best ever. Lots of participants and spectators cheering us on. Everyone is invited.

Come June we have the beginning of summer. Here's hoping it arrives early and gives us plenty of sunshine and beach weather. As a member of the Post 196 American Legion family you have access to and use of our private beach and lower and upper decks. It's a great place to go for a swim or just enjoy the sea breeze and a cold summer beverage.

The Fourth of July is always a great time to celebrate the birth of our great country and nobody does it better than Post 196.

The highlight of the summer season is the Annual Family Picnic at the Post. 2015 was the biggest and most successful one ever. The most people had the best time. Music, plenty of food from morning 'til night and best of all good fellowship.

September brings us to Labor Day. October to Halloween, November to Thanksgiving and December to Christmas and New Year's Eve. In addition to all of the good times mentioned here, the Post will be having Karaoke nights, dances, dinners, and other events for you to enjoy. Shuffleboard, pool, darts, card games are just part of the fun times. Make the most of your membership. It is all there for you!

COMMANDER'S CORNER

I hope that everyone in our Legion Family had a great Christmas season and I wish you all a very Happy New Year 2016 as I thank everyone have assisted the Post in the past year. I am very pleased with the direction in which our Post is progressing. Membership continues to grow with more Veterans joining and family members joining the Ladies Auxiliary and the S.A.L. Our Legion Riders chapter is one of the largest in the state. They will be holding a meeting in January and anyone interested in joining may apply. Please remember that American Legion Post 196 is YOUR Post to enjoy all it has to offer all year long as we move along into 2016. Thanks again and stay safe and happy.

Commander Rich Jones

The S.A.L. has welcomed many new members to the squadron in 2015. Commander Bruce Fresher extends his special thanks to Russ Edwards and George De Mayo for their outstanding efforts. The S.A.L. awarded their first scholarship in 2015 and will be awarding two scholarships in 2016. Contact any S.A.L. officer for details. Meetings start at 5:30PM.

The Ladies Auxiliary had a very successful 2015. Membership increased again and as always their participation in all events at the Post was just great and greatly appreciated. Their Christmas party meeting was at Biagetti's and was well attended. Everyone had very good time.

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Meetings third Tuesday of each month at 7PM

LADIES AUXILIARY OFFICERS

President Judi Girard Sr. Vice President: Laurie Buccino
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S.A.L. OFFICERS

Commander: Bruce Fresher Sr. Vice Commander: Steve Bauer
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