



American Legion Post 196



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WELCOME TO SUMMER 2015!

What the American Legion does:

Processes more than 600 disability claims appeals per month for veterans trying to get their VA benefits.

Sponsors more than 5,000 American Legion Baseball teams, more than 100,000 players.

Helps families of deployed troops through our Family support Network and Operation Military Family Outreach.

Awards college scholarships to children whose mother or father have sacrificed their lives in the global war on terrorism.

Through our Temporary Financial assistance program, helps the children of veterans who are suffering hardships.

Through our Heroes To Hometowns program, works with communities to welcome back returning veterans and help them transition back to civilian life.

Lobbies Congress to upgrade and improve Post-9/11 GI Bill education benefits. The Legion wrote the original 1944 GI Bill that educated 8 million veterans.

Urges Congress to provide VA funding to take care of veterans' medical needs and authorize appropriations in advance.

Volunteers about one million hours every year at about 160 VA medical facilities nationwide.

Gives emergency financial assistance to Legion families hit by hurricanes, floods, tornados, and other disasters through the American Legion National Emergency Fund.

Offers community programs that encourage the intellectual and social growth of America's children.

Raises funds to improve the life for active duty troops through Operation Comfort Warriors.

American Legion Post 196 is actively involved in local and national projects and all funds and donations are disbursed properly. Your involvement to whatever your comfort level and time availability is voluntary and always welcome.

The American Legion State Convention will be held at the Trumbull Marriot on Hawley Lane on July 9-10-11-12. All Legionnaires are invited and encouraged to attend at your convenience. It is an informative, entertaining and very social event. State Officers will be elected at the convention and all Legionnaires are eligible to vote.

Election of American Legion Post 196 Officers was held on June 16.. 2015. Results are as follows:

Commander Richard Jones Sr. Vice Commander Leo Mahoney

Adjutant Larry Carter Judge Advocate Bob Murray

Finance Officer Tom Jackson Chaplain Bob Chenoweth

Service Officer Jim Roberts Historian Gary DeSchene

Sgt at Arms Chris Sweetwood

3 Year Trustees Alan Cegan and Mike Paoletta.

The Junior Vice Commander position is open. Anyone interested in filling this position may contact any of the Post Officers for information. Any member in good standing is eligible to serve.

There will be a \$5.00 increase in membership dues effective January 1, 2016. All 2016 dues paid before that date will be at the current rate of \$30.00. After January 1, 2016 dues are \$35.00.

You may pay your 2016 dues starting August 1, 2015.

More great events at American Legion Post 196

The Ladies Auxiliary annual "Shipwreck Dance" will be held on July 25, 2015 at 8 PM Ticket price is \$12.00 This is always a fun event. Costumes are optional, food is great and so is the music. But best of all are the Legion Family people who will be at the dance!

The Annual Post Picnic will be on August 8, 2015. Tickets are \$25 per person and must be purchased by August 1. This event is always a sellout so please get your tickets early.

From the Ladies Auxiliary:

By the time you read this the 2014-2015 Auxiliary Year will virtually be over (on June 30th). We have had an outstanding 12 months with many functions, we have been of great service to our Veterans and our community - instilling patriotism and pride, and our membership continues to grow! Why? Because we offer a quality product, a successful organization that people want to be a part of. My thanks to Senior Vice Laurie and the entire slate of officers who made this happen! And now is the time to turn in your 2016 dues to "keep the ball rolling".

If I may be allowed a moment of personal privilege: I want to sincerely thank the membership for allowing me to continue this next year as your Unit President. Obviously most of you know I am still under medical care but God willing I will get through this crisis. And don't ever tell me prayers don't work! Your confidence and love will see me through this terrible time. I am sure of this! And some of you know that on June 10th I was elected to also serve in the high position of 2nd District President. The 2nd District consists of 22 Auxiliary Units in New Haven County - from Milford to Waterbury to Wolcott to Meriden to Madison and all towns in between. The largest District of the seven in the Department of Connecticut and again I plan and trust that I will be able to uphold the great responsibility. I am truly trying my best.

A happy 4th of July to you all and God bless each one of you.

Lee Murray President, Unit 196 President, District 2

The above was the last entry from Lee Murray who passed away on June 22. Lee served the American Legion on the Post, District and State levels for many years. She will be missed by all of the Post 196 Family. Our condolences go out to her husband Bob and all of her family.

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LADIES AUXILIARY OFFICERS

President: Lee Murray Sr. Vice President: Laurie Bucchino
Jr. Vice President: Kelly Mangan Chaplain: Sue Gotta
Secretary: Judy Girard. Meetings 2nd Tuesday of each month

S.A.L. OFFICERS

Commander: Bruce Fresher Sr. Vice Commander: Steve Bauer
Jr. Vice Commander: John Brown Adjutant: Dan Sefcik
Finance Officer: Don DiNapoli Chaplain: George DeMayo
Historian : Dan Doerr Next Meeting 4th Tuesday of the month at 7PM

Newsletter Co-Editors, Larry and Sally Carter