



American Legion Post 196



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March-April 2015

From the Ladies Auxiliary:

Looking out the window you'd never know it but spring is right around the corner. When you're out shoveling snow try to remember how hot it gets on our beach during the summer and how we all looked forward to these "cooler" days!

Membership in the Unit is still doing great. Let's keep the word out there and remind our Legionnaires that their wives, daughters, grand-daughters, etc. are eligible to join us. The more members we have the more we can do for our veterans and our community. After all that's the reason for us being here! And your 2nd District - the 22 Auxiliary Units in New Haven County - continues to be in first place in the Department of Connecticut! Congratulations to everyone!!

I want to remind everyone that our monthly meetings are the second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm, held in the Post Home. Please try to attend these if you can. Information is passed out and shared and your comments, questions and suggestions are always welcome. These meetings don't take a lot of time but are very important to the life of our Unit. We want everyone to be in on planning our various activities. Your participation will be much appreciated. And please remember also that the 2015 dues have been due for a while now. If you haven't paid them already please do so as soon as possible. Hard to believe but the 2016 dues will be due in less than 5 months (due on July 1st)!

Lee Murray
President, Unit 196
Senior Vice President, District 2

SPECIAL EVENT NOTICE

Rosie Plank along with Barb, Kelly, Kim and Laurie will host an ITALIAN NIGHT Dinner fund raiser with proceeds going to benefit pancreatic cancer research. Cost is only \$12.00 per person. Dinner will be served from 5 to 7PM. There will be music by our DJ and a raffle. Tickets will be available at the Post.

New American made American flags are now available at the Post.
Cost is only \$10.00. Old flags will be accepted.

The March General membership meeting which was scheduled for Tuesday March 17 will be postponed until March 24 due to the St. Patrick's Day festivities at the Post.

MORE UPCOMING EVENTS AT POST 196

Saturday, March 14: To celebrate St. Patrick's Day the Post will serve corned beef sandwiches for \$6.00 and dinners for \$12.00 from 1PM to 7PM. All servings include one green beer.

On Saturday March 28 there will be the annual kid's Easter Egg Hunt. This event will start at 12 noon and is always a fun time for the kids. Sign up at the Post.

On April 18 the Post is sponsoring a trip to Foxwoods Casino. Cost is \$15 per person. Reserve early since this is always a sellout!

The Legion Riders are sponsoring a Pot Luck Dinner on Sunday, March 29 1PM to 4PM. Cost is \$6.00 per person. Tickets available at the Post. The riding season is nearing and Dean White is working on plans for rides. If you have a 750cc or bigger motorcycle and are a Legion member you may join the Riders. New members always welcome. Weather permitting the Legion Riders will participate in the Milford St. Patrick's Day parade. Marchers are also welcome to participate.

At the April 2015 meeting (third Tuesday of the month), there will be a special induction ceremony for all new and transferred members who joined Post 196 during the 2014 year. Refreshments will be served, This is a great opportunity to get to know your fellow members and to meet your local, District, and State Officers. Please attend.

To assist us in ordering food and beverages please notify the Post by phone or E-mail of your intention to participate. Your attendance is welcome and important. As a member your thoughts and comments are always welcome. Participation is always voluntary.

A special note of thanks to Mike Paternoster, John Moriarity, Dave Woodmansee, and Mike Paoletto for the outstanding job they did in refurbishing the floors. It took a lot of time, effort and hard work but the end result is just great! We will be planning to repaint the meeting room soon as part of our ongoing effort to make Post 196 a great place for our members, The Post's annual Super Bowl party was a tremendous success!

Organized by Junior Vice Commander and excellent party planner John Lyden there was all the good food anyone could want, drink specials and best of all a lot of good company. Many people showed up in team jerseys, hats, jackets and t shirts to make it even more festive.

The Legion Riders 2ND annual Chili Cook Off was even better than last year. There were 13 entries and 13 varieties of chili, all delicious. Congratulations to SAL member George DeMayo who was the repeat winner.

Lee Murray and the Ladies Auxiliary ran the Valentine's Day party again. This is another annual event that always turns out well. Music, dancing, good food and good company make this an event not to miss.

Thanks again to John Lyden and Sue Gotta of the Ladies Auxiliary for chairing the Oscar Night event. It was well attended with many people dressing up for the occasion. Tina and Joe Yadnosy each won a prize for best costumes which was not easy since there were a lot of really good competitors. There was also a raffle in addition to a delicious prime rib dinner. Before dinner appetizers were served, after dinner there was dessert. The prime rib was steak house quality and the company of course was simply the best!

Commander Rich Jones received a letter from the Veteran's Administration thanking American Legion Post 196 for the very generous donation of coats and cold weather clothing for the needy. A large SUV was filled to capacity with items donated by our fellow members.

For safety sake please call ahead if you plan to visit the Post during questionable or inclement weather. If it is bad we may alter hours or close. Call ahead. If no answer assume the post is closed.

TAPS

It is with great sorrow that we pass along notice of the passing of two of our finest members Harvey Girard and Donald McGuiness. Both of these gentlemen served the Post as great members as well as officers and trustees. They will be sorely missed.

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Historian: Gary DeSchene Sgt at Arms: John Anderson.
Permittee: Brian Longley Chmn of Trustees Bill Battaglia

Chaplain-position is currently vacant. Svc. James Roberts

Meetings are on the third Tuesday of each month at 7 PM

Happy hours have been an ongoing success and will continue so stop by and enjoy a snack and reduced drink prices.
Please be sure you 2015 dues are paid.

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
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