



American Legion Post 196



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HAPPY MEMORIAL DAY AND SUMMER 2016

There has been a lot happening at American Legion Post 196 lately and a lot more coming now that spring and summer are with us.

“The Nutty Bunch”, a group of our Ladies Auxiliary members, acting as a separate entity arranged their second Pancreatic Cancer Benefit Night. Over two years ago we lost a dear friend and very active member Corrine, middle member of the Patton sisters, to pancreatic cancer. Rosie Plank and Barbara Lutte along with their daughters and friends put together a very nice night of dinner, dancing and a raffle which allowed them to make a donation to the Lustgarten Foundation. This year they did even better. The homemade Italian dinner was superb and plentiful as were the desserts made by the ladies themselves. There was plenty of live entertainment which included a great comedy performance by Perry Gardener who you may remember entertained at our 50th Anniversary event. The S.A.T. Girls (that’s Sally, Annie, and Tanya) opened the musical part of the show with group and solo songs. Paula Pettinella followed with a great variety of songs with Carl Pettinella providing dance music for the crowd. Tony Riccio made his first appearance with a tribute to Frank Sinatra in keeping with the Italian flavor of the evening. Emcee Larry Carter got into the act with a few jokes and songs also. The comedy and music went on well into the night with everyone having a fabulous time. The raffle was a huge success which had many people winning some very nice prizes. This all combined to allow the Nutty Bunch to make a very substantial donation to the Lustgarten Fund this year. How do they top this? Let’s wait and see!

Post Judge Advocate Bob Murray was among the many who participated in the Children’s Hospital “Walk-A-Thon” in West Haven, an event to which Post 196 always donates and participates.

At the April General Meeting Post 196 held a new member induction ceremony. In addition to those who joined over the last several months we welcomed another seven new applicants. Past State Commanders Bob Murray, Joe Jackson, Jim LaCoursier, Gus Williams, and Larry Duffany conducted the ceremony which was very well attended. All were invited to stay for a buffet dinner.

On April 24 Finance Officer Tom Jackson and Ed Faulkner were among the group representing American Legion Post 196 in the Milford Rape Crisis “Walk A Mile In My Shoes Event” fund raiser. It was held in downtown Milford and our walkers, in women’s shoes, and volunteers raised \$669 for the cause.

On a sad note, we mourn the passing of Navy veteran and Post 196 Life member Jerry Girard, husband of Ladies Auxiliary president Judi Girard. Jerry was a good member and a fine gentleman who will surely be missed by all.

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR MAY, JUNE, AND BEYOND

Nominations for Post 196 Officer positions will be accepted at the May 17 meeting. The Nomination Committee consisting of Larry Carter, Tom Jackson, and Chad Rose is in place. Elections will be held on June 21 at the monthly meeting. Please come out and vote.

Memorial Day weekend activities:

We will be placing flags on Veteran’s graves at St. Mary’s Cemetery on Saturday May 28 at 8:30AM. All are invited to participate.

The Wreath Laying ceremony will commence at 9:45AM at City Hall. Wreaths will be placed on all the memorials with proper ceremonies. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.

Memorial Day parade muster at Fowler Field at 1:15PM on Sunday May 29. Step off at 2PM.

We had great participation last year and would love to make this year’s event even better.

Anyone who would like to make this march may join in.

The S.A.L.is planning a pancake breakfast in June. Date to be announced and posted on our website. They are asking for volunteers to assist and contact Bruce for information. Their nominations meeting is in May with elections in June. New S.A.L. members may contact Don or Bruce for their initiation package if they missed the ceremony.

The Post is having a “Bloody Mary and Mimosa Buffet” on June 26 at 1PM. Our expert bartenders will help you create your own custom Bloody Mary or Mimosa from the ingredients buffet. The bar is cash and we are asking for help with the food to accompany the drinks. There is a signup sheet at the Post. This is a first that looks like it will be a fun time.

It is beach season and the beach is yours to use and enjoy as are the upper and lower decks.

Tables and chairs are in place. Have fun!

The Post 196 Summer Picnic will be in August as usual. Get you tickets early as we must set a limit. We are working on an “Irish Night” in September and a Pig Roast in October, A Shipwreck Dance, Halloween and more. Always a good time at your Legion.

POST 196 SUMMER HOUR VOTE

Voting Is restricted to Legion(veteran)Members Only

The Question

Should the Post go to summers hours ?

Summer hours are scheduled to begin

MONDAY MAY 30, 2016

Summer hours change Mon To Friday opening hours

From 2:00 P.M. To 12:00 Noon

The Facts

Summer hours have not been a financial or patronage success for the post.

It is the Post's obligation to set hours to best serve our members

Only your patronage can make summer hours a success

It's your choice

Voting Is restricted to Legion(veteran)Members Only

Voting closes Friday May 27 @ 12:00 Midnight

Cut Ballot's And Bring to Post

Ballot	
Should the Post go to summers hours ?	
I vote YES to summer hours for 2016	<input type="checkbox"/>
I vote NO to summer hours for 2016	<input type="checkbox"/>
Member name _____	
<small>Optional</small>	
<small>One vote per member</small>	

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Chaplain Robert Chenoweth Service Officer James Roberts
Sgt at Arms Christopher Sweetwood Historian Gary Deschene

Meetings third Tuesday of each month at 7PM

LADIES AUXILIARY OFFICERS

President Judi Girard Sr. Vice President: Laurie Bucchino
Jr. Vice President: Kelly Mangan Chaplain: Sue Gotta
Secretary: Jackie Sullivan. 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 Chaplian: George DeMayo
Historian : Dan Doerr Next Meeting 4th Tuesday of the month at 7PM
Newsletter Co-Editors, Larry and Sally Carter

Legion Riders Chapter 196

Director: Gary DeSchene
Ass't Director: Stephen Frank
Treasurer: Don DiNapoli
Secretary: Paula Sefcik
Chaplain: Dan Sefcik
Road Cap't: Dave Woodmansee
Historian: Jeff Piazza
Sgt. At Arms: Ed Sanchez
Meetings First Wednesday
of each month