



American Legion Post 196



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VETERAN'S DAY NOVEMBER 11, 2015

The Veteran's Day parade will take place on Sunday November 8.

Muster at Fowler Field at 1:15PM with step off at 2:00PM. All Post 196 members and all other Veterans regardless of affiliation are welcome, invited and encouraged to join this event. Past Commander, Past Chaplain, long time Post 196 member and WW2 Navy veteran Harold Murray will be the Grand Marshall.

The wreath laying ceremony will take place on Tuesday November 11 at 11:00AM as is customary, commencing at the WW1 memorial.

A memorial service for Jordan Pearson USMC, a former Milford resident who honorably served our country and was killed in Iraq will follow the wreath laying.

COMMANDER'S CORNER

The holiday season is upon us and I would like to wish all Veterans, Ladies Auxiliary, Sons of the American Legion and the Legion Riders a very safe and happy holiday season. Our Post continues to grow in all areas and my thanks go out to all through their time and commitment have assisted in keeping our Post moving in a strong direction. Membership continues to increase with more and more people coming to the Post to enjoy our events and time with their fellow members.

The next few months will see more great functions at Post 196. We are participating in the Veteran's Day ceremonies and I invite everyone to join us. We traditionally prepare and deliver Thanksgiving baskets to needy families in Milford. Food donations will be accepted at the Post during normal hours. Anyone wishing to further assist in this endeavor may call the Post for more information or just stop in and sign up.

There will be a Benefit Dinner for Trish, our long time and very loyal bartender who is seriously ill and presently in the Smilo Cancer Center. It will be held on November 14. Cost is only \$10.00 per person. Your attendance, prayers, cards and any donations will be greatly appreciated and will go to help a very fine lady in her time of need.

The December "Meat-O" will be held on December 5 at 7PM.

Cost is \$10.00. This event was a good time and great success in the past and should be even better this time.

In closing I want once again to invite all of you to all of our Post events (and meetings) and wish all of you a great Holiday Season.

LADIES AUXILIARY NEWS

The Ladies Auxiliary is hoping to increase membership as the National Organization has raised the goals of most units considerably. We are asking the Post and the SAL for help in signing up new members. Eligibility includes wives, mothers, daughters, sisters, grandmothers, granddaughters, stepmothers, stepchildren and adoptees. All are welcome to join a great group.

We are planning a Veteran's Gift Shop and other events. Please call the Post or stop by anytime.

FROM THE LOUNGE

There have been a few personnel changes at the Post lounge.

Bartender Brenda has left us to pursue other endeavors. We extend her our sincerest thanks for a job well done. We have added two new ladies to our staff. Kelly and Kathy have joined us and will be glad to meet all of our members and guests. On a very sad note, our long time bartender Trish is seriously ill. We have set up a donation jar at the bar and the Post will be running a benefit for her on November 14. On September 27, 2015 all of our Legion bartenders took the Connecticut TIPPS Certification course. This course focuses on how a bartender should recognize and handle certain situations which may arise such as intoxication and

unfavorable conduct. We ask all of our members and guests to please drink responsibly and respectfully. Our hall is available to members for special events. We are continuing to provide "Happy Hour" snacks on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 4 to 6 PM. On Saturday at noon there are hot dogs or other lunch items available at no cost. We now have four televisions ready to be tuned in to your favorite sports events. The World Series is in progress. College football on Saturday. The NFL on Sunday, Monday and Thursdays along with any other interesting programming which may come up.

If you enjoy a game of pool, shuffleboard on our long board, or darts, you may enjoy them right at your Legion Post 196. There are still some mild weather days with us and our decks are open for your enjoyment. Best of all is that you are always welcome and among friends.

Historian and Legion Riders events coordinator Gary DeSchene ran the 2nd Annual Post 196 Legion Riders Pig Roast which was another great success. There was plenty of other food. Something to satisfy every taste. The Riders are conducting a Bake Sale in November. The Children's Christmas Party will be on Sunday December 13 from 10AM to 1PM. The Post members Party will be on Christmas Eve from 3 to 6PM with food and half price drinks. The Post will close at 6PM.

ADJUTANTS NOTES

Please be sure to get your 2016 dues paid promptly as there will be a \$5.00 dues increase on January 1, 2016 due to the National American Legion mandate. With the Christmas Holiday season approaching and the spirit of giving in the air, may I remind you once again to be very wary of charitable solicitations. They are flooding our mail boxes and unfortunately many, if not most are not what they profess to be. You can go to CHARITYWATCH.COM or to the solicitor's own website to find out how much of your donation actually goes to assist those in need and how much goes to "administrative expenses" like six figure salaries for the executives and managers. Your donations are always safe with the American Legion. Every cent donated is earmarked for Veterans in need. Please remember that the Wounded Warriors Project is NOT endorsed by the Legion or the VFW.

Here's wishing you a very safe and happy holiday season. If you have any news or contributions for the next newsletter (January-February 2016) please let us know by December 15, 2015.

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Meetings third Tuesday of each month at 7PM

LADIES AUXILIARY OFFICERS

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