



# American Legion Post 196



25 Merwin Ave. Milford, CT 06460

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## Having a great summer at American Legion Post 196 !

This year's Annual Legion Picnic was the best we ever had thanks to the outstanding efforts of all factions of the Post 196 Legion family. Legionnaires, Ladies Auxiliary, S.A.L., Legion Riders, members and friends of the Legion all pitched in to make this day very special. Over 200 people had a great time starting with a big breakfast of liver, bacon, onion, and eggs on the grille. Clams galore all day long and plenty of clam chowder along with the hot dogs, burgers and salads leading up to the barbequed chicken and delicious pulled pork. No chance for anyone to leave hungry! Draft beer, several wines, soda and bottled water quenched all thirsts. It was a hot day but there was plenty of room under our huge tents and in the hall for those avoiding the sun. For the sun lovers there was our clean, private beach and upper and lower decks. It will be a big task to top this next year but we sure will try. Get your tickets early!

Commencing September 6, 2016 the Post lounge will return to winter hours:

Monday thru Thursday 2:00 PM to 10:00 PM

Friday 2:00 PM to Midnight Saturday 11:00 AM to Midnight

Sunday 11:00 AM to 10:00 PM.

### **LEGION RIDERS PIG ROAST OCTOBER 2, 2016**

This has always been a great day at the Post so be sure to be there. If you are a motorcyclist check into membership for some fun events with fellow riders.

Check in on our website [www.milfordctvets.org](http://www.milfordctvets.org) for information updates on more events at the Post. Halloween and the Chili Cook Off are in the planning stages now and the winter holidays are approaching.

September and October are the best months of the year for sports. Baseball playoffs begin leading up to the World Series and both college and NFL football seasons get

underway. You'll find plenty to watch and enjoy on our multiple TV screens at the Post while enjoying the beverages of your choice at the best prices around. Chairman of Trustees and Master Chef Bill Battaglia reminds you that our Happy Hour snacks will continue on Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons. Additionally Bill will be preparing a special meal for all members attending the next regular monthly meeting on September 20, 2016 at 7:00 PM. So come hungry! If you know anyone who may be eligible for membership in any branch of our Legion family please stop in for the appropriate applications. We have accepted many new and transferred members this year and we always welcome more.

### **MEMBERS HELPING MEMBERS**

Post member Lou Eden, a firearms training instructor has offered his expertise to Post 196 members and friends at a greatly reduced cost. He will conduct a training seminar at the Post for adults at \$35.00 and juniors at \$10.00 in September, date will be posted on line or you may call the Post at 203 874 9822 for information. Newly appointed Trustee Brian Conatser, MBA employed in Milford at Connecticut Capital Management Group, LLC is offering his services to Post members and friends also. He can be reached at 203 877 1520 for appointments and consultation. There are many other members with special skills who are more than willing to assist and work with fellow members. All you have to do is to come to some meetings and meet your fellow members to learn more.

### **SPECIAL PARADE NEWS**

Change to Days and Times of Veterans Day and Memorial Day Parades and Ceremonies: Beginning with the City of Milford's 2016 Veterans Day Parade, the parade will be held on Saturday, Nov 5th, with a step-off at 10:30am. The Milford Veterans, Ceremony and Parade Commission, with the approval of the Mayor's office and the Board of Alderman has instituted these changes in an effort to increase attendance at our parades. It is felt that having a parade at 10:30am on a Saturday morning is preferable to a parade that steps-off at 2:00pm on a Sunday afternoon. This change will allow for participants and attendees to formally commemorate our veterans' service to our country without interrupting a long weekend with a Sunday afternoon parade. Additionally, the weather should be more

favorable in the morning and it will place all of the parade participants and attendees squarely in downtown Milford when the parades end at approximately 12:00pm. A plus for our downtown Milford restaurants and merchants. Accordingly, Milford's 2016 Veterans Day Parade will form-up at Wasson Field at 9:30-10:00am on Saturday, Nov 5, with step-off at 10:30am. Our annual Veterans Day Wreath Laying Ceremony will still be held on Nov 11, at 11:00am in front of City Hall commemorating the 11th hour, of the 11th day, of the 11th month on which the armistice was signed officially ending WWI and serving as the precursor to what we now celebrate as Veterans Day.

Tom Flowers

Chairman, American Legion Post 196 Americanism Committee

Chairman, Veterans, Ceremony and Parade Commission

City of Milford

All members of the Legion family are welcome and encouraged to participate in the parades. We hope the new starting times will make participation more convenient.

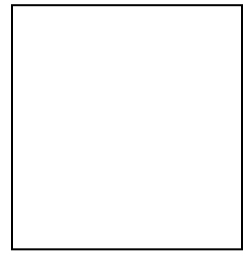
We are very proud to announce that Matt Zanowicz of Jonathan Law H.S. and James Stacy of Fairfield Prep have successfully completed the American Legion Boys State program. This program introduces outstanding young men into the procedures and workings of government. They and their families were guests at the August Post meeting.

Sgt at Arms Sweetwood, our Boy Scout liaison proudly reported that Taylor Benoit of Troop 196, our American Legion sponsored troop has been elevated to the rank of Eagle Scout.

Post 196 also sponsors and supports two American Legion youth baseball teams which have had another fine season.

Commander Jones and the Executive Board have unanimously decided that commencing immediately all World War Two veterans dues will be paid by the Post. This is our way of thanking the Greatest Generation for a job so very well done.

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Adjutant Larry Carter      Jr. Vice Cmdr VACANT  
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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**

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Secretary: Jackie Sullivan.      Treasurer Rozanne Plank

Meetings 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month      of each month

**S.A.L. OFFICERS**

Commander: Bruce Fresher      Sr. Vice Commander: Steve Bauer  
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**Newsletter Co-Editors, Larry and Sally Carter**

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Director: Gary DeSchene  
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Meetings First Wednesday monthly