



American Legion Post 196



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HAPPY NEW YEAR 2017 !

Starting with this issue your newsletter will be sent to you on a quarterly schedule. We will do our best to keep you posted on Post 196 news and events but urge you to consult our website (above) for last minute changes and additions. Sometimes great ideas come up on short notice and we want all of our Legion Family to fully enjoy the benefits of membership in your Post.

2016 was a very good year for Post 196. Membership has again increased during a time when some other organizations are struggling to survive. Many of the newer members are very enthusiastic about participating in American Legion activities. All participation is welcome to whatever extent the member chooses to be involved.

The Connecticut American Legion Midwinter Conferences will again be held at the Trumbull Marriot on Hawley Lane on JANUARY 27-28-29. Everyone is invited to attend at no charge.

You are also invited to join the fun at Post 196 for the NFL Championship games and of course the Super Bowl on February 5th. There will be food, prizes and a great time. As NASCAR season starts with the Daytona 500 we will have all the races on our TVs for the fans.

Check the website or call the Post for Valentine's Day plans on February 11.

At the February 21st monthly meeting there will be a brief but very important induction ceremony for any and all new members who have not been inducted during 2016. This is a great opportunity for newer members to get acquainted with the rest of the membership and the Post Officers. Food and refreshments will be served after the meeting. There will also be a vote held to determine the future of our solar energy plans. Proposals have been submitted and studied. Facts will be presented for discussion and voting by the membership. Your vote counts.

On February 25 the Post will again host a "MEAT-O" event. This is always a fun event and a chance to win some nice food prizes. Food will be served again with lobster roll platters for \$12 and roast beef sandwich platters for \$8. Both are delicious and generous.

St. Patrick's Day is next! The Post party will be on Saturday March 11. Traditional corned beef and cabbage dinners with all the trimmings will be served as will be corned beef sandwiches. This is always a good time.

March Madness basketball always attracts a lot of interest especially if UCONN is participating and you can be pretty sure at least one of the teams will be there. We will have the games on TV for your enjoyment.

Baseball can't be far behind! Yankees, Mets, and Red Sox fans all come together at Post 196 for the games.

The Sons of the American Legion (SAL) are planning another pancake breakfast. SAL Chaplain George Demayo becomes head chef for these events and does a fantastic job. If enough interest is shown George may be persuaded to host this event on a monthly basis. Check the website or call the Post for the date and come hungry. The SAL is again offering a scholarship to a deserving Milford senior. Details are post on the bulletin board. On a very sad note, the SAL has lost a long time member and very good friend with the passing of John Moriarity. John was a great guy and a real presence at Sal and Post events. He will be missed .

Looking ahead again to upcoming events which will be published in future newsletters and posted on the website as plans are finalized, keep you Post in mind.

In May there is flag placement and the Memorial Day parade. Everyone is invited to attend and march with you fellow Legionnaires. Father's Day is in June and the Ladies Shipwreck Dance in July. August brings us to the annual Post picnic which has been a fantastic success and gets better each summer.

American Legion Post 196 had two members honored recently. Post member Richard Ianucci, retired Command Master Chief Petty Officer, U.S. Navy was inducted into the Connecticut Veteran's Hall Of Fame. Richard is a Vietnam Veteran, a long time member of our Post and current Commander of U.S. Naval Veterans Port 5 in Bridgeport. Sgt at Arms Christopher Sweetwood was honored by the AKC as Man of the Year for his outstanding work in training dogs for the disabled and law enforcement. Chris is a U.S. Army veteran and also the Post's coordinator for Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts activities.

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Meetings third Tuesday of each month at 7PM

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