



American Legion - Post 196  
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### Commander's Corner – April - May 2023



Hope all is well with everyone spring is here and a good chance that winter is in the rear-view mirror. I would like to ask everyone to contact a friend, neighbor, or hopefully a Veteran that you have not heard from recently. I called a 91-year-old Marine today. It is a BUDDY CHECK. It feels good to get one, even better to give one.

Our Polar Plunge held on Feb 25 has raised \$16,487.70 and the ambassador for Tunnels to Towers will come to the post for the check presentation on 4/1. Congratulations to Colleen Weatherspoon and her group of volunteers and supporters for making this event a great success.

We had a successful Vietnam Veterans Day on March 29 on the Milford green I invite all to come out next year. We have the National Commander in the state this week and a Good Friday fish fry on 4/7. Our lounge will be open on Easter and the Riders will have a Chili Cook Off on 4/16. Our next membership meeting is 4/18 @1900 hrs. with Mission Bar B Q catering for the small food after. The Auxiliary will have their famous Brunch on 4/23 it is worth a trip from anywhere.

Our Chef Mike will have knee surgery on 4/4 and will be on sick call for a few weeks but the kitchen will continue to put good food with a limited menu, music on Fridays all adds up to some good fun. Our 7th annual Golf Tournament will happen on May 8th. We are limited to 125 golfers and the foursomes are filling up fast. We have added more fun things to the day. We are always looking for volunteers for our events thanks to all who volunteer.

Thanks for allowing me to be your Commander!

Tom Jackson Commander East Shore American Legion Post 196.  
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#### Important Dates:

Annual Picnic will take place 9/9/2023  
Annual Golf Tournament 5/8/2023

#### Membership:

Currently at 519 members.  
Thanks to everyone recruiting new members every day - keep up the great work.



## *“Talking the Talk”*

I was coming home from a VA appointment recently, taking my time on the Parkway, doing about sixty miles an hour in the right lane. Suddenly a bright blue Subaru WRP with tail wing and exhaust pipes the size of economy size soup cans pulled up alongside. The driver revved up his engine to an impressive roar - I thought I had been transported to Daytona! - and the challenge was on - he thought. Since my little Ford truck is an 18-year-old six cylinder he should have figured no race was going to happen.

Undeterred, the Subaru driver decided to challenge the car in front of me, what looked like a very worn-out Toyota about the same age as my truck. He was persistent, revving up his engine and jumping forward a foot or two each time. No reaction from the Toyota! With a mighty roar the Subaru driver floored it and went screaming down the road. Then, what a shock! The old Toyota seemed to stay right with him. Wow! And then surprise, surprise the "Little Toyota That Could" left the Subaru in a cloud of exhaust.

How about that?! Here was your chaplain who needed some clever little story for my Chaplain's corner and the good Lord just handed it to me right there. When we try to improve or do the right thing, we all find it easy to talk the talk. The Subaru was

all talk, no follow through. But the little Toyota, quietly, no bluster, walked the walk. So, folks, the moral of the story: How much better we could all be with a little less talk and a lot more walk!

Lou Eden  
*Chaplain*

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### **Unit 196 Auxiliary**

The Auxiliary is currently at 195 paid memberships. If you have not sent your dues in yet, please do so. We will be initiating new members at our next meeting on April 11. Our Brunch plans are in full swing, and we encourage anyone that wants to attend to get your tickets soon. They are \$20 per person, and you can get them at the Lounge. There will be no tickets sold at the door, cut off for ticket sales is April 16 so we can shop and plan accordingly. There is also a sign up sheet in the lounge for volunteers. It's sure to be the best Brunch yet!

We have collected pajamas for the Connecticut Children's hospital and are looking for candidates from the local high schools for the Girls State program.

Watch for the return of the "Soc Hop" sometime in July.

### **Sons of American Legion**

Our meetings are the 2nd Tuesday of each month, September through June. Thank you all for your great support, we appreciate you all!

The Sons are in good shape membership-wise with our membership increasing to 175 members currently.

## American Legion Riders

With spring weather rolling in, our Post 196 Riders are excited to kick start a new season of motorcycling.

Importantly, as a band of brothers, we ride for God and Country and to support veterans everywhere. Because we proudly wear the flag of our country on our vests, we hope this helps our fellow citizens to see our message of patriotism. This unites us as a community and as a country.

Please join us for the Chili Cookoff, April 16, as this will be our 1st event at the post.

Roll on!

ALR Historian

### Valuable Links

Our Website	<a href="http://Milfordcivets.org">Milfordcivets.org</a>
	<a href="#">Officers</a>
	<a href="#">Veteran Solutions</a>
	<a href="#">Events Calendar</a>
Facebook	<a href="#">Legion Post 196</a>
	<a href="#">Auxiliary</a>
	<a href="#">Riders</a>

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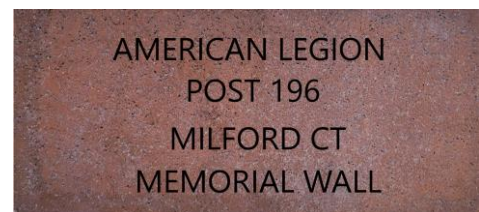
*[Visit our website](#) and our [Facebook](#) pages for all upcoming events. Remember that this is your post - please support and help this Post grow! The goal of Post 196 is to be here for our future generations of patriots. Thank you and God Bless America.*

<b>Monthly Meetings held at Post 196:</b>
<b>Legion:</b> Third Tuesday: 7pm
<b>Riders:</b> First Wednesday: 7pm
<b>Auxiliary:</b> Second Tuesday: 7pm
<b>S.A.L.:</b> Fourth Tuesday: 7pm

### Current Lounge Hours

Monday	2pm to 10pm
Tuesday	2pm to 10pm
Wednesday	2pm to 10pm
Thursday	2pm to 10pm
Friday	1pm to Midnight
Saturday	11am to Midnight
Sunday	11am to 10pm

Our Memorial/Honor/Legacy Wall at the American Legion Post 196 to honor and celebrate our heroes and loved ones is growing strong.



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Click on the brick to visit our website for more information on this program. A great present for a loved one.



## GOLF TOURNAMENT

May 8, 2023, at Orange Hills Country Club. Visit [www.milfordctvets.org](http://www.milfordctvets.org) and look for **golf** tab to register to play or to be a Sponsor. The generosity of businesses and individuals like yourselves are what we rely upon to make this event a success and enable us to assist our local Veterans with their many different needs. We also welcome any items that might be donated for our raffle table. All sponsors and contributors will be listed on our website at [www.milfordctvets.org](http://www.milfordctvets.org), and will be displayed on the TV screen at the awards ceremony and on our slide show at the Post. We have some new 'attractions' this year that you won't want to miss!!!

## POST 196 UPCOMING EVENTS

### April

- Friday 7th SAL'S Famous Fish Fry!
- Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> Riders Chili Cookoff
- Sunday 23rd Auxiliary Award Winning Brunch!

### May

- Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> Memorial Day Parade 10am