



American Legion - Post 196
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Commander's Corner – August - September 2023



Greetings Post 196 Legion Family

I hope you are doing well during the “Dog Days of Summer”. I am happy to be providing my first Commander's Corner.

Per usual, our Post is busy with many activities from the Legion, Auxiliary, Sons of the Legion and Riders -all of which benefit local veterans, elementary & high school students, and the community in general. As we continue to schedule and plan events – please join us to volunteer in any capacity you are comfortable with. The success of our events is always directly related to the great volunteers we have.

A few reminders:

- Join our FB page to be kept up to date with events and volunteer opportunities.
<https://www.facebook.com/AmericanLegionPost196>
- If you are available, please check out our sponsored baseball team schedule and attend a game to cheer them on.
- Shirts, Sweatshirts and hats all for sale – see the bartender.

- Parking in the lot adjacent to the building is for legion members – the only exception is the first spot which is for the bartender on duty. All others (Aux, SAL, and guests) should use the lot across the street.

Finally, please join me in thanking the following:

- Outgoing Commander Tom Jackson and Jr. Vice Ray Cruciani for all they have done for our Post and welcome to the new Jr. Vice – Justin Pacelli.
- Past Commander Rich Jones for his many contributions on the E-Board.

Colleen Weatherspoon - Commander East Shore American Legion Post 196.

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Important Dates: Annual Picnic will take place 9/16/2023

Membership:

This is my first article regarding membership. We finished out our year ending 6/30/23 with 535 paid

members. That was 112% of our target 475. We are the second largest in membership with a very small parking lot. We have some obvious perks with 100 feet of private beach, a working kitchen, live music on Fridays, a very active calendar, and a well-stocked lounge. But I believe that our largest attribute is that we are known as the friendliest post in the state.

We have made it very easy to join our post, you can join in person, through our website, we have cards with a QR code that brings you to the application page. Other Legion family members have streamlined their application process as well. Membership is due 1 July of every year. If you are reading this, I encourage you to process your membership soon. You can renew at the post, through the mail, or online whatever you feel most comfortable with. Thank you for your membership.

Tom Jackson Senior Vice American Legion Post 196



***We Are Legion!
God and Country***

***As veterans we have served.
As Legionnaires we now serve:***

****Honoring Deceased Veterans:***

***Rendering the Final Salute
Laying wreaths in remembrance of:
Revolutionary War, World War I,
World War II, Vietnam, Veterans' Day
Giving aid and assistance to local
needy veterans and their families***

****Remembering POWs, MIAs***

****Sponsoring Scholarships:
Boys State, High School Oratorical
Contest***

****Supporting Community Programs
and Projects:
East Shore Middle School, Memorial
Day Parade,
Coat drive, Milford Bank 5K run***

****Supporting Youth Organizations:
American Legion Baseball, Boy Scout
Troop 196***

***This is who we are!
This is who we really are!
God bless Post 196. God bless
America.***

We ARE Legion

Lou Eden
Chaplain

Unit 196 Auxiliary

At the June meeting the continuing/new officers were sworn in.

EBoard

- President: Mary Ellen Breen
- Senior Vice: Patty Paris
- Treasurer: Open position
- Junior Vice: Open position – can be (2) people – position
- Chaplain: Jen Schmidtke
- Historian: Open position
- Recording Secretary: Sally Carter
- Sgt at Arms: Gail Roth
- Assistant Sgt at Arms: Celeste Falcone
- Junior Past President: Cathy Gorman Rose
- Marilyn Deptula
- Sue Gotta
- Joyce Kozlowski

The unit is pleased to announce this year’s winner of the Betty Shea Award for outstanding service to the unit, Sally Carter. Sally really outdid herself this year, between chairing more than one social event, co-chairing the golf tournament, and stepping in as secretary when needed. Our congratulations to her. On July 15th, the Auxiliary hosted a successful, fun-filled Sock Hop. Thank you to the Sock Hop committee for all their hard work and creativity. It was enjoyed by all!

Members are asked to bring back-to-school supplies to be donated to a local school to our next meeting which will be held on Tuesday, September 12th at 7:00 PM. Post members keep an eye out in September for a school supply donation box which will be located in the lounge.

As a reminder, our dues were increased to \$33 per year. Membership for Juniors is \$8.00.

Stay well!

God Bless America and our Legion Families.

Riders

Proud to serve once again!

We ride for God and Country, the American Legion family, allied veterans everywhere, and to defend the Constitution of the United States of America. Your Post 196 Legion Riders, this summer, are participating in motorcycle rides that benefit the needs of various charities, therefore fulfilling this obligation as members of the American Legion.

(Personally, I like to remind myself of this promise, as we are out there defying the 4 wheelers!)

ALR Historian : G. Richard

The Post 196 Legion Riders have been on a couple of rides, the last to Mt Greylock in MA. We are also planning our annual Pig Roast to be held on October 1st from 1200 hrs. to 1700 hrs. The cost will be \$25.00 same as last year.

Have a great Summer
 Dave Woodmansee
 Director

Valuable Links

Our Website	Milfordctvets.org
	Officers
	Veteran Solutions
	Events Calendar
Facebook	Legion Post 196
	Auxiliary
	Riders

[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.

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



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