



American Legion - Post 196  
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[www.milfordctvets.org](http://www.milfordctvets.org)  
Facebook: [Legion](#), [Aux](#), [Riders](#)

### Commander's Corner – June - July 2023



We hosted a very successful Golf tournament in May with 122 golfers and an army of volunteers. Thanks to everyone who made this a success. We have the opening of our Legion baseball season in June. The calendar should be on our website [milfordctvets.org](http://milfordctvets.org). We have 3 Legion baseball teams. June is the month when we hold our elections for officers. Every member in good standing is encouraged to apply for any Legion position. It is also Father's Day month think, about our memorial brick wall to show respect. Flag day is June 14th. Bring your soiled flags to your post for proper retirement.

Check our calendar for events in July starting with Independence Day. We will have our state convention on July 14 -16 in Trumbull. If you are interested in attending let us know.

It has been my pleasure being your Commander for the last five years. We have accomplished a lot, but we are not stopping there. Stay tuned for additional projects.

This is your post so stop by and see what we have accomplished.

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

#### Membership:

We've made history!!!! Our current membership is 530, which is the highest it's ever been!!! This is due to everyone who continues to bring in new members. Please keep that momentum going as we enter the summer months. As a reminder, FY2024 dues will be due as of July 1, 2023. You will start to receive reminders in the mail from National.

Be sure to bring your Legion I.D. cards to the June meeting if you will be participating in the elections.

Thank you - Colleen



## Charity

“The voluntary giving of help, typically in the form of money, to those in need.”

Last year, Americans gave more than \$389 billion to charity. America is by far the most charitable nation on earth!

For many years now Americans have found themselves in a position to help others. And they don't just talk the talk, they walk the walk. Sometimes, though, being charitable needs a jump start. I used to think, “Do we have enough for us to give money away? After all charity begins at home.” I had a whole drawerful of reasons not to give!

But, alas, my wife Ann showed me a picture of a skinny little girl in the Philippines whose family couldn't afford books or the clothing she would need to go to school. “Oh, wow,” I thought, “she could be my daughter!” Now on the fridge we have pictures of three skinny little girls we've had the honor of helping through grade school, high school and college.

But charity isn't always about money. At the Post I am part of a great group of men and women who are proud members of the Final Salute, a program that honors veterans who have gone home to God. According to our Commander, Tom Jackson, the

Final Salute program gives back so much more than you give. It's just a question of when in life we change our focus from *me* to *us*.

Be safe, be charitable, and have a great summer.

Lou Eden  
Chaplain

### Unit 196 Auxiliary

The Auxiliary is doing great! We are at 118% of quota with a total of 207+ members. We are the envy of our department! Our Brunch was fabulous, and everyone enjoyed the many delicious recipes from our talented and creative Auxiliary members. Thanks to all who attended and helped! It takes a village! Another thanks to everyone that participated and volunteered for our successful golf tournament. We couldn't do it all without you!

The Auxiliary participated in the Milford Memorial Day ceremonies with marchers distributing flags and poppies and placing flags at the cemeteries. At our June meeting will be accepting nominations for the Executive Board, all members in good standing can be nominated. We have awarded (3) scholarships in addition to sponsoring (2) Laurel Girls State attendees from Milford. We have also made a donation to the West Shore Middle School to help purchase bicycle helmets. **MARK YOUR CALENDAR:** The Aux is having a Sock Hop on July 15, 6-10pm featuring Garret Stack's American Jukebox! More details will be posted in the lounge.

Stay tuned! Go Unit 196!

#### Valuable Links

Our Website	<a href="http://Milfordctvets.org">Milfordctvets.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>

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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[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:
<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

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

### 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