



American Legion - Post 196
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Commander's Corner

December 2022

I hope everyone had a good Thanksgiving. We cooked for 25 people and served dinner at the post. I would like to thank Rich Jones and Bill Battaglia for preparing, cooking, and help cleaning up. Also many thanks to, Kim Jones and my wife Chris Jackson for set up and clean up. In December, the Auxiliary has an Ugly Sweater party and contest, the Legion has its annual Kids Christmas and a we will be hosting an afternoon Christmas eve get-together. I hope you can join us.

This is a great opportunity to reach out to family and friends. It is an opportunity to complete a Buddy check. Call a fellow veteran and inquire how they are doing if they need any assistance. If you have not renewed your membership, December 31 is when you become delinquent. Check your membership card it should be a 2023 card if you are current.

We have had a very productive year with rebuilding and painting the upper deck, installing a new floor throughout the Post and installing a new gutter system.

The Polar Plunge raised \$11,500 for The Gary Sinise Foundation in 2022 and is schedule for February 18, 2023. Our sixth Golf event will be

happening again in May. We participated in two parades and a wreath laying event for Veterans Day. Post 196 is looking to start a Color Guard to respond to different events in and around Milford. If you would like to participate in this group, contact us by phone or email.

Merry Christmas to you and your family.

Tom Jackson Commander



Faith: Having trust and confidence in God

You know that God is always there by your side.

You know that there is someone who forgives and loves you for who you are.

You know that God will always guide your path.

This Past year has been difficult for many and downright brutal for some of our good friends here at 196. Somehow these good people are still standing which can only be a testament to their faith, strength, and perseverance. Let's give all our friends here as much love and compassion as possible so that we and they can end this year on a positive note and that we all can enjoy this special season and give us hope and determination that with Gods help next year will be joyous and prosperous. This is a good time to thank the Almighty for what we have and ask for help for what we need. It is time for all of us at 196 to join our hands and hearts together and walk as one into a bright new year.

Lou Eden

Chaplain



A Message from the Senior Vice Membership:

We are very close to our goal of 475 members for 2023. Please remember to send in your 2023 dues of \$40.00 so that we can attain 100% membership.

Polar Plunge:

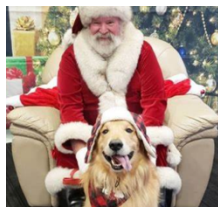
Our 3rd Annual Polar Plunge will take place on 2/18/2023. If you are interested in being part of the planning committee, please join us at our next meeting. The committee meetings will take place at 6:00pm on the following Thursdays: 12/15, 12/29, 1/12, 1/26, 2/2, 2/9, 2/16. Join us to help make this event a success.

NOTICE: Drink Tokens: current drink tokens expire on 12/31/22.

Thank you!
Colleen Weatherspoon

The Sons Membership:

Membership is up. The Sons have 12 new members. Also, we have initiated a new program to have local members come to our meeting to pick up their membership cards so that we can get to know them, hear their fresh ideas and get them involved in the Sons.



Pet Photos with Santa

On December 11th, at What the Pup? in Shelton CT (located on 7 Riverside Drive), Tom Intellisano, our Senior Vice will be playing Santa for our furry little friends. You can bring your pet down to see Santa, get a photo and all donations collected from the event will be donated to the American Legion Post 196! Thank you Tom for doing this great event!

Thanks,
Chris Donnells

Happy Holidays from the Auxiliary!

We are thrilled to report that we have shipped 50 Deployment Boxes with more to follow. Our Ugly Sweater Party will take place on December 10, 6-10pm at The Post. There is no cost for entry; we will provide a DJ and you can bring your own treats! This is OUR thank you for all of YOUR support throughout the year. We are proud to have had so many of our members march in the Veterans Day parade. Our membership continues to rock; we are at 68% renewals with 2 new members this month. Sally Carter, Historian, and Gail Roth, Sergeant at Arms, were obligated at our October meeting by distinguished guests, Kristin Jones, Dept President and Julie Carney, Dept Sergeant at Arts. Colleen Weatherspoon visited our November meeting to talk about the Polar Plunge. Please reach out to Colleen to participate in this fantastic event. Merry Christmas to all and to all a good night!



LOUNGE HOURS - opening earlier on Fridays!

Day	Lounge Hours	Food Times
Monday	2pm to 10pm	
Tuesday	2pm to 10pm	
Wednesday	2pm to 10pm	
Thursday	2pm to 10pm	
Friday	11am to Midnight	4pm to 7pm
Saturday	11am to Midnight	12pm to 5pm
Sunday	11am to 10pm	12pm to 5pm

Click on the Brick to visit our website for more information on this program. A great present for a loved one. Our Memorial/Honor/Legacy Wall at the American Legion Post 196 to honor and celebrate our heroes and loved ones is growing strong.



Proceeds benefit local veterans' programs.

