



American Legion - Post 196  
25 Merwin Ave, Milford CT 06460  
[www.milfordctvets.org](http://www.milfordctvets.org)  
Facebook: [Legion](#), [Aux](#), [Riders](#)

## Commander's Corner – November 2022



There is a lot going on at your Post 196. We had a new floor installed. We are getting the pool table up and running once again.

We are continuing our first Monday night family style dinners. See our menu on Facebook or at the post. Next dinner is Nov 7 from 6-8pm. Come early

5-6pm is a social hour. Our kitchen is open once again on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Our soft music is there on Friday nights from 5-7pm.

Veterans day parade is Sunday Nov 6 in Milford steps off at 2pm. There will be a Wreath laying ceremony at the WW1 memorial on Nov 11 at 11am.

We will be serving our traditional Thanksgiving Day meal [free] on Nov 24 at 12 noon. Please call the post for reservations.

If you have NOT renewed your membership, please renew your membership soon. It gives us the strength we need to continue the important work that needed to support our veterans, their families, and our community.

Thank you for allowing me to serve you and all our members.

Tom Jackson Commander East Shore American Legion Post 196.

[Commander@milfordctvets.org](mailto:Commander@milfordctvets.org)

### **Membership update:**

We are close to our 2023 goal of 475 members. Please be sure to pay your dues via the options below:

- Mail a check to American Legion Post 196 - 25 Merwin Ave., Milford, CT 06460
- Drop off check or cash in an envelope with your name/phone # and membership # written on it
- Online at [legion.org](http://legion.org) enter your name and legion # and select the red button "Renew"
- Call the State of CT Legion office at 860-436-9986 and they will take credit card payments

### **Save The Date:**

Our 3rd Annual Polar Plunge will take place on Saturday 2/18/2023. Our first planning meeting will be 11/16/2022 at 6:00pm. Please join us at that time if you would like to be part of the planning committee.

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## Unit 196 Auxiliary

Thank you to the Legion for the beautiful new floor. It looks great.

Our Halloween Party was a huge success. In classic Auxiliary fashion, tons of great food, fun music and great friends, old and new. Due to the success of the event, we will be providing the Deployment box program with \$1800! Speaking of Deployment boxes, we are collecting items at the Post and accepting monetary donations (shipping is quite costly). Please reach out to Jen Schmidtke via TEXT with any questions: 203-676-7147

We have our monthly meeting on November 8 at the Post. We will be having a visit from the District Officers and are excited to welcome them to our Post. At Convention, Unit 196 was awarded for Service and Membership – impressive efforts! About our outstanding membership initiatives, Unit 196 initiated 13 new members at our October meeting, we are the envy of the State of Connecticut. We also installed Sally Carter as our new Historian and Gail Roth will be our new Sergeant at Arms. We are still in need of a Junior Vice (this could be a 2-man job). Let us know if you are interested. All who wish to march in the Veterans Day parade on November 6 should be at Parsons at 1:00. We are preparing for the Christmas Shop at the VA Hospital in West Haven, where veterans can shop for free for Christmas gifts for their families. Our next event will be the Ugly Sweater Party on December 10. Thank you to everyone for your support.

God Bless America and our Legion Families.



## Charity

*The practice of charity is the voluntary giving of help to those in need, as a humanitarian act, unmotivated by self-interest.*

When we were young and could barely make the rent payment the saying “Charity begins at home” was a given, but as the years went by and we started to do a little better - our own home, a new car, nice school for the kids - now it's time to think about all those unfortunate folks not so lucky as we are. Time to think about how we can help.

Sure, you have to be very careful about who you send money to because there are so many scammers out there. Don't let that stop you. Be vigilant but do it. You can make a difference in someone's life. There are lots of ways to be charitable. Giving money is just one.

A five-year-old little girl was walking with her mommy down the sidewalk when she suddenly pulled away and scooted over to talk to an old man standing there with his little dog. She said, “Hello.” The old man looked a bit startled when he saw the little girl. “How are you today?” she inquired. The sad look on his face instantly turned to a smile and he said, “Fine, and how are you?” “I'm fine, too. My name is Emmy and I'm five.” “My name is Arthur and I'm old,” he chuckled. “My doggie's name is Pepper.” “That's a nice name. He's a pretty dog. You're very lucky.” “I like him very much, too.” “I have to go now, Arthur. Have a nice day.” As they

were leaving, he motioned to Emmy’s mom to come over and said to her, “Your daughter is a wonderful little girl. She made my day!”

If we put our minds to it there are really many ways to be charitable. A smile, a kind word, a helping hand - and I’m sure you can think of many more.

Enjoy this season, the crisp, cool air, the smell of wood smoke as folks start up their fireplaces, and the beautiful color of the leaves. (Worry about raking those leaves up later.)

See you right here next month for another exciting episode of the Chaplains Corner.

*Your Chaplain*  
*Lou Eden*

**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>

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**Membership:**

Membership is doing well, and we have six more members to bring in to the Sons.

To help increase attendance at meetings, get new and current members more involved in the Sons activities as well as just getting to know our members, a motion was made and approved to have those who are local, come to a meeting to pick up their membership cards after their dues are paid.

**Veteran's Day:**

The Sons will be providing wings, hot dogs, burgers, a pot of soup, potato salad and coleslaw after the Veteran's Day parade at the Post.

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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**

		Food Times
Monday	2pm to 10pm	
Tuesday	2pm to 10pm	
Wednesday	2pm to 10pm	
Thursday	2pm to 10pm	
Friday	2pm to Midnight	3pm to 7pm
Saturday	11am to Midnight	12pm to 5pm
Sunday	11am to 10pm	12pm to 5pm

**Lounge News**

We are having our annual turkey raffle with proceeds going to needy families. Raffle ends Nov 15. See bartender to enter.

The lounge will implementing a new drink token system beginning January 2023. Current drink chips will expire on January 1. Please any drink chips you have before they expire.

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



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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.

Proceeds benefit local veterans programs.

## **POST 196 UPCOMING EVENT'S**

### **November**

- **Friday 4th Music by Take Two**
- **Sunday 6th Veterans Parade Milford**
- **Monday 7th Monday night Dinner (Pork Chop dinner)**
- **Friday 11th Music by Jenn (Auxiliary member)**
- **Tuesday 15th General Meeting at 7pm is open to all members**
- **Friday 18th Music By Steve Bettencourt (Legion Member)**
- **Thursday 24th Thanksgiving dinner. 12-2**
- **Friday 25th Music and Karaoke By Jocelyn**

## **December**

- **Friday 2nd Music by Tom (Sal member)**
- **Monday 5th Monday Night Dinner (Stuff Shrimp dinner)**
- **Friday 9th NO MUSIC**
- **Saturday 10th Food will be served until 4:00**
- **Saturday 10th UGLY Sweater Party (Lots of FUN!!)**
- **Friday 16th Music By Steve Bettencourt (Legion Member)**
- **Saturday 17th Kids Christmas Party 12-2 Signups are required**
- **Friday 23rd Music by Chris and Irena**
- **Sunday 25th "CLOSED" Merry Christmas!**

**WE ARE NOW Serving food**  
**FRIDAY 3-7**  
**SATURDAY 12-5**  
**SUNDAY 12-5**