



American Legion - Post 196
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Commander's Corner – October 2022



As we move into the fall season there is a lot in our agenda going forward. We are supporting the Airwing Marine Corps band on October 8,9, and 10th. This Newsletter may not reach you before these dates. You can always find what is going on with us on our Facebook page or website milfordctvets.org.

We have finished the repairs on our upper deck and the deck and stairs have been refinished. We are putting down a new floor in the post and we will be closed on October 24,25 and maybe 26. This is going to be a commercial grade glue down vinyl floor that can be repaired and will require limited maintenance.

Our membership renewal rate is 70% which is the best in our district. I would encourage you to renew your membership as quickly as possible. We have brought new members into our post every month and had a swearing in ceremony during the monthly meeting. It is our obligation to grow the membership of this post, if you know of a viable candidate bring them down to the post and show them around. There is strength in numbers and our influence is a positive force in the legion.

If you have not been to the post recently, please come down and notice the changes. We are one of the friendliest posts in the legion. The music on Fridays, the kitchen on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, the sports on our four tv's and our friendly drink prices will make you happy. Thank you for allowing me to serve you and all our members.

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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:
Legion: Third Tuesday: 7pm
Riders: First Wednesday: 7pm
Auxiliary: Second Tuesday: 7pm
S.A.L.: Fourth Tuesday: 7pm

Unit 196 Auxiliary

On September 13th, The Auxiliary had our first general membership meeting of the 2022-2023 year. We were thrilled to welcome new members and thanked everyone for their support over the summer with the Shipwreck Party and the Picnic. We also collected non-perishable food for the Purple Pantry Boxes.

One of our new endeavors for this year is re-instatement of the Deployment Boxes. These boxes will be assembled and shipped to our deployed troops. There will be a wish list posted at the Legion. Postage is expensive so donations are welcome and needed for this very important initiative. If you know of deployed troops or just want to help, please TEXT Jen Schmidtke at 203-676-7147. Monetary donations will be accepted at the Bar.

We are also in the planning stages for our annual Halloween Party to be held on October 29, 60-10pm. \$15 tickets may be purchased at the bar and include DJ, Appetizers, Desserts, Best-Of prizes and lots of fun. You may also feel free to bring your own snacks for your table if you prefer. We are looking forward to a great year!

God Bless America and our Legion Families.



A FRIEND

According to the dictionary, a friend is a favored companion, a person you know, someone with whom you have a bond of mutual affection. There are different kinds of friends: school friends, work friends. Legion friends, even, sad to say, fair weather friends.

And then there are true friends, the ones who stand by you in good times and in bad, when it's convenient and when it's not - the friends who will get out of bed to help you when you call at 2 a.m. Here are some characteristics of a true friend:

A true friend shows up when you need them, even when it's uncomfortable, inconvenient, perhaps even a little dangerous. A true friend recognizes your blind spots, loves you anyway, and even calls you out on them. What are blind spots? Things we can't see, things outside of our line of vision. Just like today's cars and trucks that have blind spot mirrors, true friends can see our blind spots, point them out to us, and help keep us out of trouble.

All of us have habits that aren't very attractive, and that's where being a true friend comes in. Do you have someone who will point out your flaws and love you anyway? A true friend can do that, sit you down and say, listen, I'm seeing some things that you need to take a look at. True friends are honest, but lovingly honest.

True friends are always in your corner. They're not the kind of people that root for us, but are secretly pleased when we falter - somehow, they think that makes them look better. True friends are happy for us, pleased when we're doing great. They recognize

that we all have different gifts and talents and follow different paths, and they are there to cheer us on, no matter what.

A true friend is not jealous. A true friend is not superficial, doesn't disappear when someone *better* comes along. A true friend makes your friendship a priority. A true friend wants you to be better, to become your best self. Wow that's a lot!

If you are blessed to have such a friend, cherish that friendship and be a true friend in return, cheerfully doing all the things described above. Can you do that?

Oh, and one more thing. The cardinal rule!

Never hurt your friends' feelings.

There's a snap in the air, the temperature's becoming crisp. A great time for friends to enjoy Autumn.

Your Chaplain
Lou Eden

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	4pm to 7pm
Saturday	11am to Midnight	12pm to 5pm
Sunday	11am to 10pm	12pm to 5pm

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 195 bricks!

Valuable Links

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



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.