

American Legion - Post 196 25 Merwin Ave, Milford CT 06460 www.milfordctvets.org Facebook: Legion, Aux, Riders

Commander's Corner - January 2020

We are in a new decade and the future looks very bright for our country and our legion post. We have a few projects that are in the planning stage. We are installing a walk-in cooler that will get us closer to our electrical consumption goals. We will be installing a new floor behind the bar. We are also planning an upgrade to our galley kitchen to make it more user friendly. We will have to re-deck our upper deck this year. We are planning our Golf Tournament to be held June 8, 2020 at Orange Hills golf course.

Membership is on target if we get all of our current members to renew their membership. If you have a friend who has not renewed or have a great candidate, please give them a call. Bring them down to the post and give them a tour.

We had a very good 2019. We assisted our Coast Guard personnel when the government shut down. We have completed over 150 "Final Salutes" since we started the program. Our kids Christmas party welcomed 30 kids with activities and toys. Our social calendar was very busy last year. Look at our website milfordctvets.org and our Facebook page for a calendar of events.

God bless our members, families, friends, country, and all who are deployed and bring them home safely.

Thank you <u>Commander@milfordctvets.org</u> Tom Jackson

Our annual picnic will be held on Saturday, August 8 2020. Mark your calendars. This is always a great event. Please contact the commander if you are interested in helping.

<u>Visit our website</u> and our <u>Facebook</u> 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.

Auxiliary: Thank you for a great year! Lots of fun and new members involvement! Our Halloween party was a blast, the Ugly Sweater Party was enjoyed by all and a great way to kick off the Holiday season. We also had a Christmas Raffle basket – thanks for all who participated. We have plans for the upcoming year but will be securing dates at our January meeting (January 14th). Hope to have a Meat-O, will have our annual St. Patrick's Day Raffle Basket which will be raffled at the Legion St. Pat's party. We are talking about a painting party and maybe even a Prom! The shipwreck is sure to be back as it's return last year was welcomed and enjoyed!

The midwinter conference is coming up on January 24-25 and we encourage you to attend this very informative and interactive event at the Trumbull Marriot. Our scholarship committee will be working on getting applications in by early March. We also have the girls state information and will be distributing this to the local high schools as well. If you have any graduating seniors, please reach out for an application:

auxiliary@milfordctvets.org. Keep an eye on the website for event dates. And don't forget to get your membership renewals in!

Monthly Meetings held at Post 196:

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

The Auxiliary is selling their Hoodies from last year. See order forms on the bulletin board in the lounge, or email them at auxiliary@milfordctvets.org. Also see order forms for Red, White and Blue winter scarves hand knitted by Chris Jackson. For every scarf sold, \$5 will be donated back to the Auxiliary Unit 196.

Please welcome our new Veteran members

Joseph Uva	Army
Thomas Dillon	Army
James Santamauro	Marines
Gerald Walters	Navy
Madelyn Molyneaux	Army
Justin Pacelli	Army
Frank Quartano	Army
Jeffrey Borlen	Army
Bettyann Peck	Navy
Richard Barrows	Air Force
Raymond Berry	Army
Michael Blake	Army
Wayne Webb	Navy
Peter Meglaris	Navy
William Slater	Marines
Anthony DiBiase	Marines
John Martin	Army
Robert Adkins	Army

Valuable Links

Our Website	Milfordctvets.org
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Facebook	<u>Legion Post 196</u>
	Auxiliary
	<u>Riders</u>

If you are a <u>Facebook</u> user, please "Friend" us and "Like" our pages.

The American Legion Post 196 Riders spent the 2019 riding season visiting veterans monuments in our area as to raise funds for the Fisher House at the West Haven VA Hospital, More monuments will be visited this spring and they will present a check to Fisher House when the program ends this this summer. Pledges and contributions are still being accepted. Please contact Gary Deschene, director for more information.



Upcoming Events

Jan 16, Thursday	Female Veterans meeting -
	6pm
Jan 18, Saturday	Riders Chili Cook Off
Feb 2, Sunday	Super Bowl Potluck dinner
Feb 15, Saturday	Meatball Cook Off
Mar 14, Sunday	St Patrick's Day Lunch and
	Dinner
Jun 8, Monday	Golf Tournament
Aug 8, Saturday	Annual Picnic