



American Legion - Post 196
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www.milfordctvets.org
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Commander's Corner – Spring 2021



The last newsletter I mentioned all the repairs and improvements that have been completed at your post. Let us discuss what our future should look like.

Legion Riders April 18 Sunday Chili Cook Off 12-3 or until the Chili is gone

Annual Legion 196 Golf Tournament May 17th Orange Hills Golf Course Come out and play it is fun. We are honoring our first Commander of our post Mel Shea. A man with a vision and the courage to act on it.

We are hopeful that we will soon have food available at your post on Friday afternoons Saturday and Sunday for lunch. We will notify everyone on Facebook, our website, and notices at the post.

We also have a Brick Program that is being managed by a few of our members. The construction will start in a few weeks. Cost is \$100 per brick. Inscriptions are a maximum of 72 characters. We have done this to honor our friends and family.

Our membership program has diminished due to the Covid Crisis. I would ask that you contact your friends, family members, and neighbors and alert them to our Great Private Club.

Membership applications and payment procedures are available online and at the Post.

We had a successful 4 Chaplains celebration put on by our Chaplain Lou Eden.

Our first observance of National Vietnam Veterans day at the Korea/ Vietnam memorial on the Milford Upper Green.

The weather is changing for the better and more people have been vaccinated we hope to see everyone at Your Legion come on down and join us.

We have had several different sub-contractors working with our General Contractor Chris Moran of Moran Construction. Chris has proven that he is a great friend of our Post 196. He has sacrificed his time and resources to improve our Post and this will ensure that our Post will be here to serve all those who have served and will serve. We owe him a great debt of gratitude when you see him please thank him.

Thank You for the opportunity to serve all those who have served!

Tom Jackson Commander East Shore American Legion Post 196.

Commander@milfordctvets.org

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

We had an amazing Food Drive in March and provided three truckloads of food to the Milford Senior Center, The Milford Food Bank and Purple Pantry Boxes, along with generous monetary donations. Thank you to everyone for your constant support. We will have a box at the Post for ongoing food collection for Purple Pantry Boxes. ALA Unit 196 has the greatest percentage of membership in in the 2nd district (96.92%.) Go Unit 196. We continue to welcome new members and look forward to seeing them at our upcoming meetings and events. Our St Patrick's Raffle basket was won by Rozie and we hope that she and her family enjoyed the treats.

GOLF: Please join us at our 5th Annual Golf Tournament on May 17 at Orange Hills CC. Registration forms can be found at www.milfordctvets.org and payments are also accepted online.

Anyone interested in donating an item for our Raffle, please email us at info@milfordctvets.org or drop the item at the Post. We appreciate everyone's support and are looking forward to another fun and successful tournament.

Cathy Gorman – President – Auxiliary@milfordctvets.org

Valuable Links

Our Website	Milfordctvets.org
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As we start a new year my hope is that it will be a much better than last year. We are not out of the woods yet, but we can see light at the end of the tunnel.

Monday, March 29th, was National Vietnam War Veterans Recognition Day. At the Vietnam statue on the Milford Green members of Post 196 and others gathered to ask the Lord for his blessing on all the men and women who answered our nation's call to duty and fought in Vietnam.

We see them even now bearing the scars after so many years, still feeling the pain of sights they did not want to see, sounds they did not want to hear, friends they did not want to lose. Their tears tell of a terrible time. We came together on that Monday to thank them, and their families, for their incredible service and sacrifice.

They gave of their youth and their spirit yet received so little. Dear Lord, we prayed, give them respite from the pain in their hearts, in their souls and in the memories that none should endure. Let them sleep the sleep of the innocent, let them feel our embrace, let them feel our love and appreciation today and every day.

As Post 196 American Legion members we should always let these veterans know that they are special. They earned it.

Lou Eden
Chaplain

Current Lounge Hours

Monday	2pm to 8pm
Tuesday	2pm to 8pm
Wednesday	2pm to 8pm
Thursday	2pm to 8pm
Friday	2pm to 9pm
Saturday	11am to 9pm
Sunday	11am to 8pm