



American Legion - Post 196  
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[www.milfordctvets.org](http://www.milfordctvets.org)  
Facebook: [Legion](#), [Aux](#), [Riders](#)

## Commander's Corner – Summer/ Fall 2021



Since last that we communicated a lot has happened. I will try to catch you up on some of this.

We had a fun Golf Tournament in May. We had the most golfers ever 116. It was a beautiful day, Orange Hills Country Club once again served up a terrific day of golf and lunch was enjoyed back at our Post. Everyone enjoyed friendship and camaraderie throughout they day. Thank you to all of the players and volunteers who made this so successful.

We sponsored 3 American Legion Baseball teams 13U,15U, and 19U. Two of them made it to the tournament. We sponsored a Babe Ruth 15U team, and we will have a Fall team this year as well.

Our Picnic in August was a great day for all with plenty of food, clams, music, raffles, and great weather. The beach and parking lot were full of people having a blast and visiting with friends old and new. Again, thank you to the amazing team of volunteers who delivered this fantastic event.

The Legion organized a “Buddy Check” which involved calling members from our active roster to update their status and make sure they were in any

need of services that Post 196 might be able to provide. Not all phone numbers were valid which is a good reminder to check your information on our website: [www.milfordctvets.org](http://www.milfordctvets.org) and update if necessary, or email at us at [info@milfordctvets.org](mailto:info@milfordctvets.org).

Our Facebook page will have Post 196 events posted, so please visit it regularly. If you do not participate in Facebook, our website may answer some questions. Or feel free to call the post 203 874 9822.

Our American Legion Riders chapter hosted a Motorcycle Ride for the Fallen. They started out on July 8, 2021 and arrived at our post on August 2 2021. They performed a Goldstar service that evening and were headed for NY city the following morning. It was a very moving ceremony, there wasn't a dry eye in the house.

Our Brick program is in full swing again after a supply shortage with the stenciling portion of the brick production. We are currently at 146 bricks sold! Bricks are not limited to veterans – it is a great way to recognize someone or something special. Order forms are available at the Post. More information on how to order can be found on the [brick section of our website](#).

We are having live musical entertainment on Friday nights from 4:30 -6:30 and our kitchen is open to purchase food from 4-7 pm. It's proven to be a very successful program. Come down and enjoy your post.

The Legion Riders are having their Annual Pig Roast on Sept 25 from 12-6, tickets are \$25. It is always a good time with plenty of food and \$1 Bud drafts with a wrist band.

Membership is always important for our Legion Post. If you know someone who will be a great member, bring them down for an application and a tour of your Post. Please pay your dues on time to help us grow. I believe that we are the second largest post in the state.

Hope to see as many of you as possible.

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

Tom Jackson Commander East Shore American Legion Post 196.

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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:
<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

### Unit 196 Auxiliary

September will open our 2021 – 2022 year on Tuesday, September 14 at 7:00 at Post 196. We will be having a 'social' after the meeting and hope everyone can join.

We are happy to announce our new slate of officers:

- President: Mary-Ellen Breen
- Senior Vice: Patty Paris
- Unit Treasurer: Rosie Faulkner
- Chaplain: Jen Schmidtke
- Historian: Bonnie Markoya
- Secretary: Cathy Gorman
- Sgt at Arms: Barbara Luedee and Joan Rogers

Our Board Members at Large are: Sue Gotta, Joyce Kozlowski and Marilyn Deptula

Thank you ladies!

Since our last newsletter we have made children's pajama donations to the BethEl Shelter as well as the Women's shelter in New Haven. We continue to collect food for the Purple Pantry Boxes.

Our Shipwreck Party was a huge success and one of our first large gatherings since Covid began.

We are gearing up for our famous Brunch on September 19. Please get your tickets as we have a maximum amount that we are able to sell. See information on our facebook page and on the board at the Post.

The Auxiliary PIC (Program Information Conference) is on Saturday, October 1st, in Niantic. It is the perfect place to learn about all the different programs the Auxiliary offers. It's also a great opportunity to meet auxiliary members from other units, and pick up new ideas on veteran's service, community service etc.

We also have our Halloween party and Ugly Sweater party on the calendar. Anyone wishing to join the Unit 196 Auxiliary, please reach out to [info@milfordctvets.org](mailto:info@milfordctvets.org).



September can be a somber month as we remember the 2,997 people who died in the devastating Twin Towers tragedy on 9/11. Today, with the U.S. withdrawal from Afghanistan, we think of the 2,372 troops and the 3,846 contractors who lost their lives during that conflict, and of the 13 young servicemen who were killed during evacuation efforts in Kabul.

When we are sick, we go to a doctor. When tragedies like this occur, we know that it's time to have a talk with our God. Yes, mourning for those we've lost is what we do first. But even through our tears we must ask the Almighty for help in preventing these tragedies, something we cannot do on our own.

*God of peace,  
bring your peace to our violent world:  
peace in the hearts of all men and women  
and peace among the nations of the earth.  
Turn to your way of love  
those whose hearts and minds  
are consumed with hatred.  
Pope Benedict XVI*

Lou Eden  
Chaplain

**Valuable Links**

Our Website	<a href="http://Milfordcvets.org">Milfordcvets.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>

**Current Lounge Hours**

Monday	2pm to 10pm
Tuesday	2pm to 10pm
Wednesday	2pm to 10pm
Thursday	2pm to 10pm
Friday	2pm to Midnight
Saturday	11am to Midnight
Sunday	11am to 10pm

\* May close early (8pm or later)  
after one hour with no members