



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

**Commander's Corner – October 2019**

As we come to the closing of this year, and this decade let's reflect on what we have accomplished, we have made the building smoke free, increased our social calendar, increased our membership. We will go over 500 members very shortly. We have also grown the Auxiliary, Sons, and the Riders. We are also having more activity in our hall. We are now fully connected to our solar program, changed all our lights to LED. We will also install a walk in cooler and new decking on our upstairs deck.

The Legion Act has now been signed into law allowing open membership to all veterans that have one day of active service and a discharge under honorable conditions. I would ask that you invite all veterans that are your friends, family, and neighbors to join this wonderful organization.

We have many volunteer positions available at the post if you have an interest, and the time please contact any one of our EBOARD members. We have a need for a Lounge Manager if you have the credentials and have the time please advise us.

Finally, I would like to be the first one to wish you all a happy and healthy holiday season. MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR. GOD BLESS AMERICA.

Thank you [Commander@milfordctvets.org](mailto:Commander@milfordctvets.org) Tom Jackson

Our annual picnic held in August was a great event. We were fortunate to have great weather and a perfect beach day! Thanks to all who organized, setup, prepared, cooked, served, and cleaned up. Please contact the commander if you are interested in helping for next year's picnic.

The Auxiliary will be hosting our annual Halloween Party on October 26. Tickets will be available through the bartenders. We will have prizes so dress up if you wish! And of course, KARAOKE!!!

Turkey Raffles will begin in October. As we have done in previous years the proceeds will be used to provide Thanksgiving food baskets to needy Veteran's families. Please contact us if you know of a Veteran family in need. We will also provide Thanksgiving dinner at the Post. Volunteers are needed to prepare baskets and help with this event.

*[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

The Ugly Sweater Party will be on Saturday December 7th. Watch for fliers for more information. Wear your best ugly Christmas sweater to win a prize. And get your song list ready for KARAOKE! Hosted by the Auxiliary.

The Auxiliary will be selling their Hoodies from last year. See order forms on the bulletin board in the lounge, or email them at [auxiliary@milfordctvets.org](mailto: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**

<b>William Thompson</b>	<b>Navy</b>
<b>Richard Weaver</b>	<b>Marines</b>
<b>Raymond Barba</b>	<b>Marines</b>
<b>Efran Casa</b>	<b>Marines</b>
<b>Dean Oliver</b>	<b>Army</b>
<b>Tammy Shallis</b>	<b>Army</b>
<b>Carl Shallis</b>	<b>Army</b>
<b>Jonathan Micalizzi</b>	<b>Army</b>
<b>Anthony Forto</b>	<b>Air Force</b>
<b>Anthony Karr</b>	<b>Air Force</b>
<b>Dan Bulkley</b>	<b>Air Force</b>
<b>Robert Pirozzuli</b>	<b>Air Force</b>
<b>Robert Benoit</b>	<b>Navy</b>
<b>Patrick Coleman</b>	<b>Navy</b>
<b>Brian DeCamp</b>	<b>Marines</b>
<b>Andrew Romaniello</b>	<b>Marines</b>
<b>Richard Spryer</b>	<b>Marines</b>
<b>Michael Mish</b>	<b>Army</b>
<b>Donald Simpson</b>	<b>Air Force</b>
<b>David Flaxman</b>	<b>Coast Guard</b>
<b>Chris Gibson</b>	<b>Air Force</b>
<b>Frank Nagy</b>	<b>Navy</b>

Started last year by Post 196 member Lou Eden and seven veteran members. The program has now grown to 28 volunteers. These Post 196 legionnaires have had the honor and the opportunity to have an active role in rendering a final salute to deceased veterans from our community at over 100 services. For more information about this program go to [afinalsalute.org](http://afinalsalute.org) or talk with an E-Board member.



**Auxiliary News** - The Auxiliary was busy over the summer! At the State Conference in July, Unit 196 was recognized with several awards including but not limited to Membership and Community Services. We are so very proud of our members and our Unit for Outstanding Service.

We ran a July 4th basket raffle and raised \$300 which was donated to the Signal Rock Flag Restoration project. We also donated \$200 to Fisher House via the Riders Monument Ride. And of course, our very successful and appreciated book packs for kids including school supplies for children in need in Milford. We brought back the legendary Shipwreck Dance which was enjoyed by many. And our beautiful Sunday Brunch was a treat for all. No doubt that our Legion family enjoys a fine meal! It's so nice to see all of our new members having fun at our events. Thank you to all!

**Valuable Links**

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

If you are a [Facebook](#) user, please "Friend" us and "Like" our pages.

**The American Legion Post 196 Final Salute program.** This program is to renew the tradition of saluting a veteran's casket when it arrives for a funeral at a church, synagogue or mosque.

**Upcoming Events**

Oct 13, Sunday	Breakfast to benefit Boy Scouts
Oct 26, Saturday	Halloween Party
Nov 9, Saturday	Veteran's Day Parade
Dec 7, Saturday	Holiday/Ugly Sweater Party
Dec 8, Sunday	Kid's Christmas Party