



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

## Commander's Corner – Fall / Winter 2021



Here we are finishing 2021 the clocks are turned back, and the temperatures will start to fall. We have now been in the Pandemic for 18 months and I believe that we can see the light at the end of the tunnel. I hope this finds all of you healthy and happy. Please contact your doctor or the VA to get your vaccines and Flu shots up to date.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our members and their families a Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukkah. Your post will again have a Thanksgiving dinner for all members on the 25<sup>th</sup> from 1200-1500 hrs. We have designed this specifically for those who have no place to go or just want to spend that portion of the day with post friends. We have a sign-up sheet at the Post for people who can attend, this will give us an idea of how much food to prepare. Christmas Eve day we will have some food and cheers from 1400 to 1700 hrs. {2-5} please join us if you can.

We continue to have food and Football on Sunday Funday and we encourage all to come down and see us. We have a guest cook every Sunday it could be you if you have a specialty food item that you would like to share with us. Let us know. Polar Plunge to benefit Gary Sinise Foundation in February

I would be remiss if I did not touch on membership. Remember our strength is through our members. Look at your neighbors and friends to encourage all who qualify to join your post. We are at 67% of our membership goal for renewals, transfers, and new members. If you have not paid your 2021 or your 2022 dues now is a good opportunity.

As always anyone having any difficulties, please let someone at the post aware, we can be of assistance. Please continue to follow our activities on our Facebook page or our website [milfordctvets.org](http://milfordctvets.org) Looking forward to a Happy and Healthy 2022. See you soon.

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

## Saying Thank You

### Unit 196 Auxiliary

The Auxiliary is collecting for the Home for the Brave, the shelter in Bridgeport for female veterans and their children. There is a box in the lounge with a list of items that are needed. We delivered a box of donations to the Louisiana Department for those members that were affected by Hurricane Ida.

We handed out over 400 flags at the Veterans Day parade, which was a fantastic event. Our Halloween party was a blast and we look forward to our Christmas Ugly Sweater party on December 4.

The Auxiliary member's Christmas dinner will be held on December 14 at Fratelli's on New Haven Ave in Milford and the cost is \$36 per person. Please get your check to Rosie by December 4 and make checks payable to ALA Unit 196. You can drop this off in an envelope at the Post.

We wish everyone a blessed Thanksgiving.

Saying thank you can be as easy as recognizing someone for something they have done for you. "Hey, buddy, thanks for helping me with cleaning up the Post," or "Thanks, guys, for going out of your way to help me with a Final Salute." See? Easy! Now how about someone who is always there for you, someone you call on when you have a problem? Or when you're in a bind, or when you feel the world is closing in on you and you really need help? Yeah Him! We call Him by different names and He's never too busy to listen to our problems. He's a good listener. He can really help. So let's just call Him God.

So how do we say thank you to someone like this? At 196 we have a pig roast or a wonderful picnic to say thanks to all the members and their families or a karaoke night and Saint Patty's Day party, again saying thanks to the members. So, I'm thinking we could have a "Thank you, God, Day! - No. Ann, my wife and editor, said it would be too ostentatious. Wow! Big word!

How about something more "us"? How about taking a moment to think about all He has done for us and asking Him what He would like us to do for Him?

You decide. You don't need me to tell you. This is between you and Him. I just bet you'll come up with something really nice.

Your Chaplain  
Lou Eden

**Valuable Links**

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

- Friday 10th Live Music 5:00-7:00
- Sunday 12th Kids Christmas Party Time TBD
- Friday 24th Christmas Eve. Come join us for some cheer and food. Time 3:30

Polar Plunge February 19th Time 12:00

***DON'T FORGET TO JOIN US FOR SUNDAY FUN DAY - FOOD SERVED FROM 12-3:00***

**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

Our Memorial/Honor/Legacy Wall at the American Legion Post 196 to honor and celebrate our heroes and loved ones is growing strong.



Click on the brick to visit our website for more information on this program. A great Christmas present for a loved one.

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

**POST 196 UPCOMING EVENTS  
NOVEMBER**

- Thursday 11th Veterans Day. Will be serving food at 4
- Foran High students will be serving the food.
- Friday 19th Live Music 5:00-7:00 Chris Radz
- Thanksgiving. Dinner will be served from 12:00 to 3:00

**DECEMBER**

- Saturday 4th "Ugly sweater party" DJ  
Come join us Lots of fun and laughs