



American Legion - Post 196
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Commander's Corner – Year End 2021



I hope this finds all in good health and good spirits. As we start off 2022, I would hope that everyone has a health care worker either with the VA or outside the VA. There are certainly conflicting reports on the progress of Covid 19 as it affects us all. If are eligible to sign up at the VA and have not, I recommend a phone call to the eligibility office (203) 932-5711.

Membership is important to our Post. The more members that we have the more credibility we have in our community and state. If you have a 2021 card, your membership is overdue and on March 1 it will expire. I would encourage you to renew now. I would also remind you that if you know of anyone who may be eligible for membership at our Post please assist them with the membership process, or contact someone from the E-Board.

As some of you may know, we have Chef Mike Chutka at the post now. Food is available on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. See our website, milfordctvets.org, or our Facebook page for available times. The food is delicious, he offers a good selection and is very reasonably priced. We are planning a Porketta dinner on Jan 17 for \$15 from 2-7 pm. We have been having live music and karaoke when available and other events are planned.

Registration for our Baseball programs will be available in January. See our website for more information. Remember this is your Post, please keep supporting it. Our brick Wall of Honor has sold 170 bricks to this point. If you have not purchased a brick in the name of someone who has influenced your life or has meant a lot to you, there is plenty of space available for your brick.

As always anyone having any difficulties, please let someone at the Post know, we can be of assistance. Please continue to follow our activities on our Facebook page or our website milfordctvets.org Looking forward to a Happy and Healthy 2022. See you soon.

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

A Christmas Story



The Boy Who Could Not Cry

Tony was going to die – open heart surgery, worst case scenario – the end was near. His wife Fran was looking desperately for the West Haven VA chaplain, who wasn't available, away on an emergency. All she could find was a civilian chaplain, a guy from the American Legion. Not quite the same, but he sat with her at the chapel and told her he'd put Tony on the prayer line and ask his fellow legionnaires to pray for him.

No good. Tony, an orphan, didn't want any help or any friends. He'd lost his only friends, one to an overdose after the orphanage, the others during Vietnam. The hurt was so deep he'd lost his ability to cry. But Tony pulled through and the Legion chaplain sent Fran a story about Father James Flanagan of Boys Town and asked her to share it with Tony. Father Flanagan had a boy who never cried, Jimmy, a rough product of the streets. Father came upon Jimmy one day, struggling up the stairs with Rubin on his back. Jimmy didn't know Rubin, a new kid, whose heavy steel leg braces virtually screamed *polio*.

“Jimmy, me boy,” Father said, “he's far too big for you. Let me give you a hand.” When he looked more closely the priest was amazed. Tears were streaming down Jimmy's face. He could barely see, but his voice was strong: “He ain't heavy, Father, he's my brother!”

Fran said as she finished the story, for the first time in fifty years Tony started to cry. See, Tony, the men and women of American Legion Post 196 are your brothers and sisters!

A blessed holiday season to you all.
Lou Eden
Chaplain

Unit 196 Auxiliary

Happy New Year!

We had a lovely fourth quarter enjoying the Ugly Sweater party and our annual Christmas dinner at Fratelli's. The Auxiliary made a wonderful delivery of goods and goodies to the Home for the Brave shelter in Bridgeport, and we will continue to collect for them throughout the year. There are collections boxes at the Post with “Wish List” items. Thank you for your help!

We are looking forward to a great 2022, and hope that everyone stays healthy. If you know of anyone that needs help in these trying times, please be sure to reach out.

Some upcoming events that have been discussed are a Food Drive, Sunday Brunch on Sunday April 10 and hopefully some more karaoke parties and games!



Valuable Links

Our Website	Milfordcivets.org
	Officers
	Veteran Solutions
	Events Calendar
Facebook	Legion Post 196
	Auxiliary
	Riders

**POST 196 UPCOMING EVENTS
JANUARY**

- Monday 17th Porketta dinner for \$15 from 2-7 pm
- Saturday 23rd Riders Chili cook off Noon-4pm

FEBURARY

- Saturday 12th Valentine’s Day Dinner
- Saturday 19th Polar Plunge Time Noon

Current Lounge Hours

		Food Times
Monday	2pm to 10pm	
Tuesday	2pm to 10pm	
Wednesday	2pm to 10pm	
Thursday	2pm to 10pm	
Friday	2pm to Midnight	2pm to 7pm
Saturday	11am to Midnight	12pm to 3pm
Sunday	11am to 10pm	12pm to 3pm

* May close early (8pm or later)
after one hour with no members
Times subject to change (see Website)

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 present for a loved one.
