COMMANDER’S MESSAGE
On Saturday, February 15th, I had the pleasure of attending Department of NY Legion Leadership Visitation Dinner at the Matthew Glab Post 1477 and was introduced to current State Commander Mike McDermott.

Mike and I spoke about the challenges facing today’s American Legion and how the Legion Act has opened the Legion’s doors to over 9000 new members in the department since being signed into Law by President Trump.

One of the biggest excuses heard when recruiting is “you didn’t want me b4 why now?” Our best rebuttal to this is that the American Legion has always wanted Veterans and has lobbied Congress for years to include those who did not meet the older eligibility requirements.

If you have attended any of our meetings, you may have heard me talk about +1. The best way to explain this membership concept is the equivalent of Compounding Interest in Legion Membership. Your American Legion Post 205 continues to remain stable just shy of 300 members. We take three steps forward but any gains are held in check by Post Everlasting Memorials. If each of our existing members brings in one new member each year we can double in size in a very short time. Compounding membership is the key to ensuring the stability of the Post in coming years and adds to your experience to share a common purpose with a close friend or relative. Each of you are our best recruiters.

Your Milton J Brounshidle Post is doing everything we can to support the Four Pillars of the American Legion, supporting Veterans, Children & Youth, National Security & Americanism, and we cannot do it without the participation of all Veterans and our Legion Family… Bring a friend who is veteran to share your interest and compound this great experience.

Special thanks to all those Legion family members who volunteered their time to ensure that the Spaghetti Dinner was a huge success.

I look forward to meeting each of you at any or all of the upcoming Post events! Thank you for your continued service and support of your American Legion and the Milton J Brounshidle Post!

In continued service for God & Country…
Ted Balbierz

CALENDAR OF EVENTS
Mar 3rd  Social Night at the Post @ 7:00pm
Mar 4th  Game Night @ VA Hospital
Mar 15th American Legion 101st Birthday
Mar 15th Deadline for Newsletter Articles
Mar 17th Executive Mtg. @ 7:00pm
Mar 18th  Regular Meeting @ 7:00pm
Mar 26th County Mtg @ McKeever Post #64
Mar 29th Vietnam War Veterans Day
Mar 29th Pancake Breakfast @ Post 205

* Tonnewanta Veterans Club open daily from Noon to 11:00pm.

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WHAT’S BEEN HAPPENING!
SPAGHETTI DINNER
On Saturday, February 15th, we held our Spaghetti Dinner. It was a full sit-down dinner and the guests enjoyed being fully served their drinks, salad, dinner
and dessert. It was a huge success and many asked when we would be holding this event again.

**SUPERBOWL LIV EVENT AT VA**
Your Post 205 hosted a Superbowl event at the VA Hospital Freedom Hall on February 2nd. The veterans enjoyed the game, was served pizza, wings and drink; and enjoyed getting prizes after each score and at ends of quarters. All had a great time.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST**
Our “All You Can Eat” Pancake Breakfasts continue on the last Sunday of the Month from 9am to 1pm and will run through the end of April. Just look at the calendar on page 1 to see when the next event will happen. We added chocolate chips in pancakes if desired. The menu cost will be $8 per Adult, $5 Children 12 and under and Children 5 and under will be free. Discount presale tickets will be available for purchase at upcoming meetings for $7. Come join us for good eating!!

**SPRING 2020 RAFFLE**
During the last pancake breakfast in April, we will be holding our Spring 2020 Drawing. Tickets are on sale now for $5.00 per ticket. Prizes will be a 50” LG 4K Smart TV; a Thurman Thomas Autographed Football, and a Paddock Chevrolet Golf Bag with accessories. Contact Wayne Baumgartner at 837-2077 if you would like to purchase tickets.

**MEAT RAFFLE**
We will be holding our Meat Raffle and Basket Drawing on April 24th. More information on the meat raffle to follow. This event, which supports the Post and the American Legion Youth Baseball, is in need of basket and raffle items. Please bring raffle items or prepare a basket for this important fundraiser to support military veterans and their families. Common themes are movie nights, dinner night, gardening, family fitness, sports, pets, and gift cards. If you have questions or need delivery information, please call RuthAnn Coppola at (716) 725-2561.

**EVERYTHING HISTORICAL**
Conflict of the Month: Korea “March.”

March 1951: US, UK, Canadian, ANZAC, South Korean, Philippine & India forces participate in Operations: Tomahawk, Courageous, Killer, Ripper & the Battle of Maehwa-San.

3/15/51: UN Forces recapture Seoul, South Korea. 4th & final time city changes hands during the war.
3/21/51: 2.9 Million U.S. Troops are in South Korea.
3/29/52: President Truman announces he will not run for re-election.
3/5/53: Joseph Stalin dies of a heart attack.
3/30/53: Communists announce prisoners from both sides who want to be returned should be repatriated immediately after armistice. Propose that prisoners unwilling to be repatriated be transferred to a neutral state.

HISTORIAN’S NOTE: If anyone has any thoughts on how to support the deployed Niagara Security Forces, please call me at (585) 313-9671.

If anyone has pictures of Spring/Summer ’19 Post 205 events, please provide copies. Email to: killerbee05@hotmail.com.

Next Month: Cold War “April.”

**OUR MEMBERS**
We would like to welcome new members to Post 205: Gerald Butkowski, Raymond Graff, Gordon Moreau, Carl Seager, and Joyce Zawistowski.

**MEMBERSHIP**
The Post’s membership is currently 291, which is 99% of the goal assigned by National Headquarters. Thanks to all our recruiters, keep it going! If you know any veteran who is eligible to join, please give them my phone number and I will take it from there.

As always, feel free to contact me directly with any concerns about membership.

Ray Borawski, Membership Chairman

**BIRTHDAY WISHES**

POST EVERLASTING

CHAPLAIN’S MESSAGE
It is the Post Commander’s sad duty to report that the following Comrade has been called from our midst, and have reported to the “Commander of All” and are hereby transferred from roles at Milton J. Broushidle Post 205 to Post Everlasting.

Salvatore N. “Murph” Barone

MAY HE REST IN PEACE

Ed Miller – Chaplain

INFORMATION CORNER

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SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION
The Milton J. Broushidle Squadron 205 is reviving itself. We have 17 members as of 2/19/2020. Membership is open to sons or grandsons of Legionnaires or deceased Veterans. Applications are available at the Post or by contacting SAL Adjutant PC Bruce Mayfield. Dues are $15.00 per year.

OPERATION RECOGNITION
According to the New York State Division of Veterans’ Services, veterans who left high school without graduating are eligible to earn New York State high school diplomas. Operation Recognition, created by Section 305 of NY’s Education Law, recognizes the devotion and sacrifice of all Veterans who left school early by presenting them with a high school diploma. For more info on Operation Recognition from Div Veteran Svcs, visit veterans.ny.gov/content/operation-recognition-0. For diploma info, call Kenmore West HS at 716-874-8401 or Kenmore East HS at 716-874-8402.

JOIN THE COLOR GUARD
Can you walk for a mile? How about march for a mile? We, at Post 205, are not going to just attend the Ken-Ton Memorial Day Parade; we are going to be in it. We need volunteers to march in the Memorial Day Parade. We will be wearing the Battle Dress Uniform (Woodland print). You will be supplied the uniform, hat, and boots. You have to supply the PRIDE.

Marching is not your thing? We have room for those who would like to honor our fallen comrades and render them a rifle salute. We wear the supplied Legion Blue Ike Jacket, blue trousers with gold stripe, with silver helmet liner. The M1 Garand’s significant report tells the world; WE HAVE NOT FORGOTTEN OUR HEROES.

It is not an either/or proposition. You can join both. Give Bob Haug a call, 716-725-4220.

AUXILIARY PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE
We can’t complain about the weather this year. Spring is around the corner; Daylight Savings Time, St. Patrick’s Day, and the First Day of Spring. Our County Meeting will be held again at the Niagara Frontier Post at 533 Amherst Street on 3/20/2020.

The Post will be holding a Meat Raffle on April 24th. The auxiliary will have a dessert table at the raffle with poppies as the theme. Any dessert will have a poppy shape and this will help to increase our poppy fund. Anyone wishing to donate a poppy dessert either in the shape of a poppy or with a candy poppy or frosting poppy on top, please contact Amelia Parrish or Pam Borawski.

If you know of a member who is ill, please call our Chaplin, Helen Schalk, at 874-7084 or Amelia Parrish at 883-0434.

Thank you to all who have paid their dues on time.

God Bless you and keep you all safe and healthy. See you at our meeting on March 18th.

Marge Manzella – President

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