



BROUNSHIDLE POST #205 LEGIONNAIRE

3354 Delaware Avenue, Kenmore, NY

April 2020

COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

American Legion Family, I hope that this message finds each of you well. Post 205 has had to make unprecedented decisions to comply with the Social Distancing Guidelines prescribed to protect our Legion Family members and prevent the spread of the Covid-19 Virus.

Memorial Hall has been closed until further notice by the Town of Tonawanda which in turn has facilitated the cancelation and or postponing all upcoming Post Meetings & and Events. I have consulted with all of Post 205 Officers and Executive Board members and, as we are a Legion Family, we as an organization would like to do whatever may be necessary to ensure the health & well being of all of our Legion Family members. If at any point during this time of isolation you or your family need any type of assistance, we are requesting that you do not hesitate to contact any of Post 205 Officers or myself. We will do whatever is necessary to assist you in whatever your need may be. We are Family!

On a positive note, it is with great appreciation that I report that your Milton J Brounshidle American Legion Post 205 has reformed our Sons of the American Legion Squadron. Under the direction of Past Commander Bruce Mayfield, we have dusted off our SAL charter and are working towards a common goal of strengthening Post 205 Legion Family. To be eligible a candidate must meet one of the following criteria: (1) Be a male descendant (includes stepsons and adopted sons) of a current member of The American Legion, or (2) the male descendant (stepsons and adopted sons included) of a veteran who died in service during World War I, or any period from December 7, 1941 to Today, including and encompassing World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, Lebanon, Grenada, Panama, the Persian Gulf War, Iraq or Afghanistan; or, (3) the male descendant (stepsons and adopted sons included) of a veteran who died subsequent to (after) his or her honorable discharge from service in World War I, or any period from December 7, 1941 to Today, including and encompassing World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, Lebanon, Grenada, Panama, the Persian Gulf War, Iraq or Afghanistan.

I look forward to meeting each of you at any or all of the upcoming Post events when they resume! Thank

WHAT'S IN THIS ISSUE:

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Upcoming Events – Events for April are Cancelled

Everything Historical – Cold War April 1947-1975

Our Members – Birthdays, etc.

Post Everlasting

Information Corner; Temporary Financial Assistance, Change to Electronic Copes, Sons of the American Legion (SAL), Color Guard Request

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

- Apr 6th American Entry into WW I
- Apr 8th Passover begins
- Apr 12th Easter
- Apr 14th Executive Committee Mtg (tentative)
- Apr 15th Regular Mtg (tentative)
- Apr 16th Deadline for Newsletter Articles

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

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WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING!

Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic Virus, March events were cancelled.

UPCOMING EVENTS

SPRING 2020 RAFFLE

Although the pancake breakfast has been cancelled, a drawing for the Spring Raffle will be held on

4/26/20. Winners will be notified by phone or email. Letters will be going out to membership with a few tickets for this raffle. Please purchase them or sell them to someone you know. 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 have any questions.

MEAT RAFFLE

The Meat Raffle and Basket Drawing was going to be held on April 24th. This event supports the Post and the American Legion Youth Baseball. This has been postponed due to the Covid-19 Pandemic virus. We will notify you when we have decided on a new date.

EVERYTHING HISTORICAL

Conflict of the Month: Cold War "April 1947-1975."

- 4/16/47: Bernard Baruch, in speech given in South Carolina House of Reps, coins term Cold War" to describe relations between US & Soviet Union.
- 4/4/49: North Atlantic Treaty signed (NATO formed).
- 4/7/50: US State Dept Director of Policy Planning Paul Nitze issues (classified report) NSC 68. Advocates policy of "containment" as cornerstone of US foreign policy (would dictate next 20 years of US policy).
- 4/23/51: American journalist William N. Oatis arrested in Czechoslovakia for alleged espionage.
- April 1955: Non-Aligned Movement of India, Indonesia, Yugoslavia, Egypt & Ghana designed as bulwark against "dangerous polarization" of world to restore balance of power with smaller nations. Was International organization considering themselves not for or against any power bloc.
- April 1960: Jupiter IRBM (nuclear tipped medium range ballistic missile) deployment to Italy begins, placing nuclear missiles within striking range of Moscow (as with Thor IRBMs in the UK).
- 4/21/61: Vostok 1 launched by Soviet Union, making Yuri Gagarin 1st human in space.
- 4/17-19/61: CIA backed Bay of Pigs Invasion of Cuba by counter-revolutionaries ends in failure.

- 4/20/64: President Johnson & Soviet Premier Khrushchev announce plans to cut back production of materials for making nuclear weapons.
- 4/25/67: Treaty of Tlatelolco signed by 33 nations seeking prohibition of nuclear weapons in Latin America & Caribbean.
- 4/18/75: Communist Khmer Rouge under Pol Pot takes power in Cambodia (begins Cambodian genocide).
- 4/30/75: South Vietnamese regime falls with surrender of Saigon. North & South Vietnam united under Communist govt.

Next Month: Vietnam War "May."

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

MEMBERSHIP

The Post's membership is currently 298, which is 102% 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

APR: Robert Blount, John Bueme, Gerald Butkowski, Anthony Caruana, Alfred Christopher, Kenneth Crane, Glenn DiTillio, Elmer Eisenhower, Joseph Franco, Gordon Gillies, Raymond Graff, Sean Grohman, David Hainer, Dennis Haslam, William Hock, Thomas Kelly, Michael Maher, John Marchitte, John Mathis, Richard Neidrauer, Steven Rowe, Florian Rzepka, Paul Sabo, John Sassian, John Scinta, Walter Slichta, Douglas Townley, Luis Valenzuela, and Natalie Yaskow.

POST EVERLASTING

CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

It is the Post Commander's sad duty to report that the following Comrades have been called from our midst, and have reported to the "Commander of All" and are hereby transferred from roles at Milton J. Brounshidle Post 205 to Post Everlasting.

Douglas Fox
Frank Gubala
Robert Hansman

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Ed Miller – Chaplain

INFORMATION CORNER

TEMPORARY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

The American Legion Temporary Financial Assistance (TFA) program has awarded cash grants to help families in need meet the cost of shelter, food, utilities and health expenses. For more information, contact the Department of New York at info@nylegion.org or (518) 463-2215

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SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

The Milton J. Brounshidle 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 (716-432-7897). Dues are \$15.00 per year.

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

I do hope you kept warm during our cold spell. Hopefully it's over and Spring is just around the corner.

I hope with this writing that everyone is in the best of health and taking care to do everything to keep you healthy during the Covid-19 Pandemic. If anyone is ill or you know of a member who is, please call our Chaplain, Helen Schalk at 874-7084. Since our last newsletter, I received a call that Patricia Grabowski passed away on 2/24/20. May she rest in peace.

We would like to welcome our new members to the Auxiliary and Post 205; Lisa A. Balbierz and Dawn Marie Marra.

The Meat Raffle has been postponed so desserts will not have to be made at present. Once a new date has been decided, we will let everyone know. The County Meeting at Concord Post #431 in Springville is on hold. The President's Tea set for 4/26 has been postponed to a later date.

April is Children and Youth month. Make a child in your community happy.

Happy Easter to all. Keep safe and healthy. God bless you all and God Bless America.

Marge Manzella – President

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