



BROUNSHIDLE POST #205 LEGIONNAIRE

3354 Delaware Avenue, Kenmore, NY

June 2020

COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

I hope that this finds each of you and your families all well. June is here and we have not formally met since our February meeting but that has not stopped Post 205 from being active in our community.

Milton J Brounshidle Post 205 efforts to support the Kenton Closets Food Pantry-Kenton Cares have received recognition from Department of New York & American Legion National! Articles have been posted on both websites and an article is set to appear in the Departments upcoming magazine. Great work to all that were involved in this great project!

We all continue to do our best in dealing with all of the cancelations and recognize that the cancelation of this year's Memorial Day Parade couldn't be prevented. The cancelation of the Post's Eight Memorial Day Wreath Laying services did not sit well with myself or Post 205 Officers. As Veterans & Legionnaires, honoring our Fallen is part of our DNA and was unacceptable to not be allowed to conduct any service this year.

As such, this motivated our reaching out to the Town Supervisor for permission to hold one single service keeping social distancing and individual safety in mind, which was approved and on Monday morning May 25th members of your Milton J Brounshidle Post were allowed to conduct one single Wreath Laying Ceremony at Memorial Hall, Saluting those who gave all for the protections of the Freedoms that we enjoy today! Much appreciation to all those who participated in this ceremony. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Vice Commander Ray Borawski, Legionnaire Dr. John Long and his wife Marina, and Developer John Duerr for all their efforts in putting together a full-page story in the Kenton Bee that recognized Post 205 WWII Legionnaires who would have been Grand Marshalls in this year's Memorial Day Parade.

With regard to the resumption of Post Meetings and Functions, we are currently still hamstrung by the mandatory shutdowns and we are hoping to be able to resume Post meetings and functions sometime in July. Stay Tuned...

If at any point during this time of isolation, you or your family need any type of assistance, do not hesitate to contact any of Post 205 Officers or myself.

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We will do whatever is necessary to assist you in whatever your need may be. We are Family!

I look forward to meeting each of you at any or all of the upcoming Post events when they resume! Thank you for your Continued Service and Support of your American Legion and the Milton J Brounshidle Post! In Continued Service for God & Country... Stay Well!

Ted Balbierz
Post 205 Commander

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Jun 2nd Social Night – Cancelled
- Jun 13th County Convention – Cancelled
- Jun 14th Flag Day
- Jun 14th US Army's 245nd Birthday
- Jun 16th Executive Committee Mtg (tentative)
- Jun 17th Regular Mtg (tentative)
- Jun 21th Happy Father's Day
- Jun 22nd Newsletter Articles

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

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WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING!

ROSELLI AWARD



Fran Roselli, shown with his wife, Candyce, was the recipient of the Council of Food Service Association's 2020 Silver Medal Award from the Western NY Society for Health Care Food Service Administrators.

The award recognizes dietary staff members who exhibit dedication, innovation, and quality standards. DePaul, the senior living center, called the honor a well-deserved testament to the over 55 years of service Roselli has provided to the industry, his associates and colleagues, and the clients and residents he has served. Congratulations Fran!!

MEMORIAL DAY EVENT

Members of the Milton J. Brounshidle Post 205 held a small ceremony on Memorial Day, keeping our distance, with the permission of the Town of Tonawanda. See below for a few of the pictures of the event. Pictures can also be viewed on the Post Website.



Here is a link for the Kenton Bee if you would like to see what was in "The Bee" for our post on Memorial Day, dated 5/27/20. You can also view the 5/20/20 article on page 10 on the honoring of WWII veterans. This link will also be on the Post 205 website.

[The Bee, Wednesday, May 20, 2020](#)

[The Bee, Wednesday, May 27, 2020](#)

KENTON CARES DELIVERY

Members of Brounshidle Post 205 had another fresh produce delivery to Kenton Cares on May 7th.

UPCOMING EVENTS

At this time, all meeting dates are tentative. Please check with the officers for any updates or check the Post 205 website.

EVERYTHING HISTORICAL

Former Yugoslavia

- 2/22/92: NATO urges belligerents to allow UN peacekeeper deployment.
- 11/16/92: Operation "Maritime Guard" authorized NATO to halt inward & outbound shipping in order to inspect cargos & ensure compliance w/sanctions.
- 6/10/93: NATO & UN agree aircraft under Operation "Deny Flight" to provide air support to UN Forces.
- 6/15/93: Operation "Sharp Guard" (Naval blockade of Yugoslavia) begins. Warships & maritime patrol aircraft of 14 nations involved in searching for & stopping blockade runners.
- 7/9/93: Pres. Clinton approves deployment of 350 troops to Macedonia for UN Protection Force duty.
- 2/28/94: U.S. fighters shot down 4 Serb aircraft engaged in bombing mission (in violation of Bosnia's no-fly zone).
- 3/24/94: In response to "ethnic cleansing" against Kosovo Albanians by Serbs, NATO commences air strikes w/bombing of Serb positions in Kosovo.
- 4/10/94: NATO launched 1st close air support mission against Serbs at request of UN Commanders.
- 8/95: NATO plans aggressive new air campaign against Bosnian Serbs.
- 8/28/95: Serbs mortar Sarajevo marketplace, 37 killed. NATO Commander (Adm. Leighton Smith) recommends NATO launch retaliatory air strikes under Operation "Deliberate Force."
- 8/30-9/20/95: NATO launches large-scale bombings of 338 Serb targets.

- 3/20/99: Kosovo Verification Mission monitors withdraw due to "steady deterioration in security situation."
- 3/23/99: Yugoslavia announces State of Emergency citing "imminent threat of war by NATO." NATO Secretary General directs Allied Commander (Gen. Wesley Clark) to "initiate air ops in Yugoslavia."
- 3/24/99: Operation "Allied Force." NATO air campaign intended to halt violence against Kosovo Albanians by regime of Slobodan Milosevic begins.

June 1999:

- Serb Pres. Milošević accepts conditions offered by Finnish-Russian mediation & agreed to UN military presence in Kosovo incorporating NATO troops.
- Operation "Joint Guardian" begins. NATO-led UN peacekeeping force "K-For" enters Kosovo.
- 1st NATO troops enter Pristina (British SAS & Norwegian SF). Norwegians 1st to contact Russians.
- W/out prior coordination, Russians enter Kosovo & seize Pristina Airport (to NATO's embarrassment).
- Initial US force form AO around towns of Uroševac (Camp Bondsteel) & Gnjilane (Camp Monteith),
- establishing order in Southeast Kosovo (continues today).
- Following military campaign, involvement of Russian peacekeepers proved tense & challenging to NATO
- Kosovo force. Russians expected independent sector of Kosovo, to be surprised w/prospect of operating under NATO command.

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

Next Month: "Tanker War"

OUR MEMBERS

MEMBERSHIP

The Post's membership is currently 304, which is 104% 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

JUNE: Lelan Allen, Virginia Barnhill, Nelson Brackett, Joseph Browning, Jeffrey Conley, Jeffrey Gates, Joe Gerrie, Thomas Gill, Daniel Glor, Richard Hawker, Thomas Matters, Michael McClure, Kenneth O'Leary, Christopher Poje, William Poole, Alfonzo Sanfilippo, Derek Sansone, Richard Schlia, Matthew Wagner.

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

AUXILIARY VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello to all Auxiliary Members!

Here we are still wearing masks or staying at least six feet apart. But things are starting to open up slowly. I just ask that everyone take care and follow all instructions for safety so that we can all be healthy and get back to having meetings again. It will be so good to see each other.

I hope with this writing that everyone is in the best of health. However, if anyone is ill or you know of a member who is, please call our Chaplain, Helen Schalk at 874-7084.

All Auxiliary Meetings have still been cancelled at this time. Hopefully we can start up meetings again in July. Please watch for updates. It has also been stated that all officers can continue in office for the 2020 year until elections next May. This can be discussed further if our meetings begin again soon.

Stay healthy and hopefully we will be together again in the upcoming months.

Pam Borawski – Vice President

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