



BROUNSHIDLE POST #205 LEGIONNAIRE

3354 Delaware Avenue, Kenmore, NY

August 2020

COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

On Wednesday July 15th your Milton J Brounshidle Post met in a combined Executive Board & General Membership meeting for the first time since meeting in February prior to Covid Restrictions. I was extremely pleased to see over 20 Members in attendance wearing masks and practicing social distancing. It was great to see everyone and to be able to conduct some long overdue business. Next meeting using the same format is scheduled for Wednesday, August 19th at 1900 (no food or drink can be provided).

Per American Legion National & Department direction, the body voted to carry over all officers from the 2020 Legion Year with the exception of one change which was also approved. I would like to thank Otto Regensdorfer for all of his years serving as Post 205 Sgt at Arms. Otto has decided to retire as Post 205 Sgt at Arms after training his replacement Legionnaire Nick Scott who has been serving as Post 205 Children & Youth Chair. Special thanks go to both Otto & Nick for having stepped up to the challenge. Otto will still remain on the Post Budget & Finance Committee as well as Bell Jar Administrator. Past County Commander Wayne Sorrentino has accepted the position of Children & Youth Chair replacing Nick Scott.

In other exciting news, a **Huge Thanks!** goes out to all Legionnaires of Post 205 who volunteered to bring the Post 205 Adjutant's office into the 21st Century! Under the guidance of our current 2nd Vice Commander Wayne Baumgartner & Past Commander Bruce Mayfield and Finance Officer Mike Walsh, volunteers gutted our Adjutant's office, scraped up the old carpeting, oversaw the painting and installation of new carpeting, matching blinds and new (to us) office furniture. The office looks phenomenal! Many thanks for the everyone's efforts. Please make a point to take a look...

Unfortunately, it is with great regret that I must inform you that in order to ensure members of Post 205 Health & Well-being, that we have made the difficult decision to cancel this year's Family Picnic that had been scheduled for Sunday September 13th. Until further notice, there will still not be a Social Nite or Executive Board meetings. Vice Commander Ruth Ann Coppola remains in contact with the Buffalo VA about the resumption of Post 205 VA LCR Game

WHAT'S IN THIS ISSUE:

Upcoming Events – We're Having a GI Party

Everything Historical – Revolution

Our Members – Birthdays, etc.

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Past Issues

Nite and the Hospital still has not relaxed its restrictions and we will not resume functions at the Buffalo VA until approved.

For those who are not aware, TVC Bar Steward Curt Collins has decided to retire from managing the TVC Bar & Memorial Hall. Your TVC Board is currently accepting applications to fill this position as well as to fill available part-time bartender positions as well. Please reach out to Past Commander Bruce Mayfield or Wayne Baumgartner if you have any interest. The board is continuing to meet weekly to determine the best course of action for the reopening of the TVC Bar and will be making a determination as to when it will be cost effective to reopen the TVC Bar. Thank you, Curt Collins for all of your years of dedicated service to the Post & the TVC (Stay Tuned).

In other news, many of you know that during the 2020 Legion year I had been an Aide to Erie County American Legion Commander Tom O'Connell. At the July 30th meeting of the Erie County American Legion, I was invited to step up and become the Erie County Sgt at Arms and I have accepted and will ensure that Post 205 interests are presented to the County Staff.

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's officers or myself. 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

Aug 4 th	US Coast Guard's 230th Birthday
Aug 4 th	Social Night – Cancelled
Aug 7 th	Purple Heart Day
Aug 8 th	Post 205's 101 st Birthday
Aug 18 th	Executive Committee Mtg (cancelled)
Aug 19 th	Regular Mtg (will be held)
Aug 20 th	Articles for Sep Edition due

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

POST OFFICERS

Commander	Ted Balbierz	534-6288
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2 nd Vice Cmdr	Wayne Baumgartner	837-2077
3 rd Vice Cmdr	Ruth Ann Coppola	446-0321
Adjutant	Bob Haug	725-4220
Finance Officer	Mike Walsh	834-2161
Chaplain	Ed Miller	833-1412
Sgt @ Arms	Nick Scott	783-4990
Historian	Derek Sansone	585-313-9671
Editor	Pam Borawski	228-1105

UPCOMING EVENTS

We're Having A GI Party!!!!!!!

On Saturday 8/15 at 10am we need bodies to help get the building, equipment, tables and chairs cleaned in an attempt to reopen the bar around 9/15. We are going to start with the lower hall. We are planning to clean tables and chairs; then scrub the floor with our machine. We want to get this done so that we can use it as an overflow area for the bar. Remember to bring a mask as we have to wear them in the building. Thank you in advance for your support. Looking forward to seeing everyone on the 15th.

Bruce Mayfield

EVERYTHING HISTORICAL

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS IN U.S. MILITARY HISTORY

Revolution – 1916 (August)

AMERICAN REVOLUTION

1775: King George III delivers "Proclamation of Rebellion" to Court of St. James's stating

American colonies "have proceeded to state of open & avowed rebellion."

- 1777: Under Gen. John Stark rout British & Brunswick troops at Walloomsac, NY.
- 1782: Purple Heart Day. Gen. Washington awards 3 Purple Hearts for Military Merit.
- 1779: Penobscot Expedition - Worst US Naval defeat prior to Pearl Harbor (43 ships lost).
- 1794: Pres. Washington invokes Militia Law of 1792 to suppress Whiskey Rebellion in Western PA.

TRIPOLITAN WAR (1801)

Schooner USS Enterprise defeats 14-gun Tripolitan Corsair Tripoli.

WAR OF 1812

- Gen. William Hull surrenders Fort Detroit w/out fight to British Army.
- Defeat of HMS Guerriere earns USS Constitution nickname "Old Ironsides."
- British invade Washington, D.C., set fire to White House.

CIVIL WAR

- 1861: Congress adopts 1st income tax to finance the war.
- 1862: Major Gen. J.E.B. Stuart assigned command all Cavalry of Army of Northern Virginia.
- 1863: Charleston, SC, Union batteries & ships bombard Confederate held Fort Sumter.
- 1864: Adm. David Farragut "Damn the Torpedoes, Full Speed Ahead" runs minefield at Mobile Bay, AL & captures defending ships.

SPANISH AMERICAN WAR (1898): Officially ends after 3 months & 22 days of hostilities.

- 1907: Air Force Day: Aeronautical Division, Office of Chief Signal Officer of the Army established.
- 1912: US Marines invade Nicaragua to support U.S.-backed government.
- 1916: Congress creates US Naval Reserve.

OUR MEMBERS

MEMBERSHIP

We would like to welcome new members to Post 205: Jeff Eck-London, Ronald Hoffman, Stephen Kaus, Robert McTigue, James Morris, Robert Myszka, Charles Scarpine.

The 2021 Membership Year began on July 1 as usual. Everyone should have received a Renewal Notice from National by now, please contact me if you have not. Be aware that you will receive another one in early October if dues have not been paid by September 10th. The Post's paid membership currently stands at 187, which is 61% of our goal. It should be noted that we didn't hit the 61% mark until Aug 24th last year. Keep those renewals coming! Thanks again to all our recruiters! 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

August: Anthony Adimey, Raymond Belter, Raymond Borawski, Kristina Brown, William Burger, James Cavallaro, William Chelikowsky, Donald Connolly, Bradley Crane, Anthony Deaville, James Dillon, Joseph Duguay, Robert Englehardt, Charles Fischer, Steven Galus, Kenneth Greene, Daniel Helmbrecht, John Kalarovich, Edwin Kazmierski, , aniel Kramer, Norman Lipkus, Keith LoCicero, Austin Mascari, Mitchell Matyevich, Bruce Mayfield, Thomas Meaney, Raymond Metzger, Kevin Murphy, Scott Penton, Vincent Polito, Patrick Riley, Daniel Rung, Jim Schaller, William Schneider, David Schreiber, Michael Sia, Paul Stipanovich, Joseph Wagner, Mike Walsh, Jerry Witt, Joyce Zawistowski

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 of Milton J. Brounshidle Post 205 to Post Everlasting:

Robert Denman
Richard Young
Jeffrey Conley

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

PAST ISSUES

During the pandemic, some months of the newsletter were only available in electronic format. If anyone would like a copy of a past newsletter, please contact the editor.

AUXILIARY VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello to all Auxiliary Members!

The virus is still running strong through the country. Our prayers go out to all of those states who are now going through what New York had with this virus epidemic. Please stay safe and follow all guidelines.

Our prayers go out to Marge Manzella for a full recovery from her surgery. If you know of anyone who is ill, 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 September. 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

AUXILIARY OFFICERS

President	Marge Manzella	876-6597
1 st Vice Pres	Pamela Borawski	228-1105
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