



BROUNSHIDLE POST 205 LEGIONNAIRE

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NEWSLETTER IS GOING DIGITAL!

Starting with the January 2021 Edition, the Newsletter will be distributed in electronic format. A very limited number of paper copies may be made available, depending on the quantity needed. Please contact the editor, Pam Borawski, or Vice Commander, Ray Borawski, if you will be unable to access the newsletter from the website.

COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

On Wednesday, September 16th, your Milton J Brounshidle Post met in a combined Executive Board & General Membership meeting. The meeting was chaired by 1st Vice Commander Ray Borawski in my absence. I would like to thank Ray for running the meeting and all those who took the time out to attend.

For the second year in a row, the Milton J Brounshidle Post Children & Youth program has purchased and donated 100 winter coats to The Kenton Closet. This will give the the gift of warmth to children 0-18 years old in the Village of Kenmore and Town of Tonawanda who need it most. Thanks to all involved in this Great project!!

Third Vice Commander Ruth Ann Coppola is working on this year's clothing donation for the Buffalo VA Medical Center. During 2019, Post 205 donated 100 winter coats to the VA Hospital. This year, after consulting with the VA on veteran needs, Post 205 is collecting new clothing items for Men's & Woman's items. These items include (in all sizes): Sweatpants, Sweatshirts, Underwear, T-Shirts and Socks. The Post is sponsoring this donation up to \$1000 and is also asking our MJB Legionnaires for donations as well. We will set up a Donation Barrel in the lower hall of the Post to accept your generous donations to cloth our fellow Veterans at the Buffalo VA Hospital. Thank you for your support of this worthy cause!

I would like to extend my sincerest thanks to all those who attended the Upper Hall GI Cleaning Party that was held Saturday, September 26th. The fruits of your & the TVC Boards labors are paying off. The bar is reopening with abbreviated hours. We are also starting to receive calls about Hall rentals.

Post Social Nite and Executive Board meetings continue to be on Covid hold and Vice Commander Ruth Ann Coppola remains in contact with the

WHAT'S IN THIS ISSUE:

Upcoming Events – Chiavetta's Pick-up; Bar Reopens with new hours

Our Members – Birthdays, etc.

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Buffalo VA about the resumption of Post 205 VA LCR Game Nite. The Hospital still has not relaxed its restrictions and we will not resume functions at the Buffalo VA until approved.

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. 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

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| Oct 6 th | Social Night – (cancelled) |
| Oct 12 th | Columbus Day |
| Oct 13 th | US Navy's 245th Birthday |
| Oct 20 th | Executive Committee Mtg (cancelled) |
| Oct 21 st | Regular Mtg (will be held) |
| Oct 22 nd | Articles for Nov Edition due |
| Oct 24 th | Chiavetta's BBQ Chicken |
| Oct 29 th | Cty Mtg – Brounshidle Post 205 |

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WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING!

On September 17th, members of the post helped celebrate Peter Ninos' 100th Birthday with a 20-car motorcade to his house (complete with police escort). He was then serenaded with a rousing rendition of Happy Birthday by the post's members and his neighbors. Peter is a veteran of the US Army and a 66-year member of the Brounshidle Post.


UPCOMING EVENTS

BAR REOPENING


The TVC Bar has reopened on a limited schedule on Thursdays thru Sundays for Football Season. As Past Commander Bruce Mayfield mentioned during the September Meeting, we are asking for members of the organizations who call Memorial Hall their home to support the bar whenever able. The hours are Thursday-Saturday 3 to 10pm, Sunday Noon to 6pm.

CHIAVETTA'S CHICKEN BARBEQUE

On Saturday October 24th between 1-5pm, Your MJB Post will be Hosting a Chiavetta's Chicken BBQ fundraiser. \$12 Donation includes ½ Chicken, Potato Salad, Cole Slaw, Roll & Butter. We need approximately 20 volunteers to assist in the assembly and distribution of all of the dinners during this event & are also asking for each member of the Post to purchase 2 meals. We are requesting all those able-bodied Legionnaires join us for the Post Fall Fundraiser. For tickets, please contact 1st Vice Commander Ray Borawski (716-292-0564) or Past County Commander Wayne Sorrentino (716-891-5164).



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OUR MEMBERS

MEMBERSHIP

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 had not been paid by September 10th. The Post's paid membership currently stands at 222, which is 73% of our goal. 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

Legion: Alfons Beck, John Bogdan, Robert Carncross, Ronald Crane, Kenneth Czubaj, Edward Dash, Lawrence Jasinski, Kevin Kerr, William Kieser, John LaFalce, John Lavin, Gordon Moreau, Salvator Muscarella, Dennis O'Connor, Lawrence Williams.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Please contact Vice Commander Ray Borawski with any changes to your contact information. We want to make sure that you continue to receive all communications from our Post.

INFORMATION CORNER

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

The Milton J. Brounsidle 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

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

It's a mess out there now. Hard to discern between that's a real threat and what is just simple panic and hysteria. For a small amount of perspective at this moment, imagine you were born in 1900. On your 14th birthday, World War I starts and ends on your 18th birthday. 22 million people perish in that war. Later in the year, a Spanish Flu epidemic hits the planet and runs until your 20th birthday. 50 million people die from it in those two years. Yes, 50 million.

On your 29th birthday, the Great Depression begins. Unemployment hits 25%, the World GDP drops 27%. That runs until you are 33. The country nearly collapses along with the world economy. When you turn 39, World War II starts. You aren't even over the hill yet. And don't try to catch your breath. On your 41st birthday, the United States is fully pulled into WWII. Between your 39th and 45th birthday, 75 million people perish in the war. Smallpox was epidemic until you were in your 40's, as it killed 300 million people during your lifetime.

At 50, the Korean War starts. 5 million perish. From your birth, until you are 55 you dealt with the fear of Polio epidemics each summer. You experience friends and family contracting polio and being paralyzed and/or die. At 55 the Vietnam War begins and doesn't end for 20 years. 4 million people perish in that conflict. During the Cold War, you lived each day with the fear of nuclear annihilation. On your 62nd birthday you have the Cuban Missile Crisis, a tipping point in the Cold War. Life on our planet, as

we know it, almost ended. When you turn 75, the Vietnam War finally ends.

Think of everyone on the planet born in 1900. How did they endure all of that? When you were a kid in 1985, you didn't think your 85-year old grandparent understood how hard school was. And how mean that kid in your class was. Yet they survived through everything listed above. Perspective is an amazing art. Refined and enlightening as time goes on. Let's try and keep things in perspective. Your parents and/or grandparents were called to endure all of the above – you are called to stay home and sit on your couch.

AUXILIARY VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello to all Auxiliary Members!

Our prayers go out to all who are going through this virus epidemic. It is still here among us in New York, so please stay safe and follow all guidelines.

If you know of anyone who is ill, please call our Chaplain, Helen Schalk at 874-7084.

All Auxiliary Meetings are still cancelled. Once our department is open and decisions can be made, we will discuss when we can begin meeting again. Please watch for updates.

Also, I hope everyone got their membership renewals. The renewal is \$23.00 for 2021. We have already received several renewals. Keep sending them in to Amelia Parrish so we can reach 100%.

October happy birthday wishes go out to Pam Borawski and Helen Schalk.

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

Pam Borawski – Vice President

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