

**M J BROUNSHIDLE POST #205  
Nov. & Dec. 2017**

On Thursday August 24<sup>th</sup> Post 205 participated in two functions. Members of the Post donated a New Flag and participated in a Flag Raising Ceremony at the Oakwood Nursing facility on Delaware Ave. Several Veterans in residence along with residents of the facility joined members of Post 205 in the Flag Ceremony. Residents were very appreciative of the new Flag and time was spent with each of the Veterans who proudly shared photos and stories of their time in service to this country.

That same evening Volunteers from Post 205 joined members of the Kenton Closest at the old Sheridan Parkside School to build Donated Back Packs for children in the Kenton School District. Thank you to all who participated in both functions. Both organizations expressed thanks to all who were involved.

On Friday September 8<sup>th</sup>, Post 205 was the location of a meet and greet with nationally recognized Comedian Bobby Henline. Henline, an Iraq War Vet who was the only survivor of an IED/Roadside Bomb attack of the Humvee he was riding in Iraq. Henline was in the Buffalo area promoting veteran causes and took time out his exhausting schedule to meet with members of Post 205.

Please mark the following on your Calendars: As stated in my last column, November is going to be a very busy month... Milton J. Brounshidle Post 205 is Hosting a Veterans Open House on Sunday November 5<sup>th</sup> from 1300-1700 (1pm-5pm). Current members of the Post are encouraged to participate and to bring any interested Veterans who may not already be American Legion members.

Representatives of the Veterans Administration (VA), WNY Hero's, Veteran One Stop Centers of WNY, D'Youville College Veterans Benefits will all be available to answer any questions that you may have with regards to Veterans Issues. Sandwiches, Pizza, Soda & Beer will be provided at no cost. This event is being sponsored by our neighbors at Paddock Chevrolet and the Kenmore Rotary Club. Members of the Town of Tonawanda Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) will also be in attendance. We look forward to your participation of this event.

The 99<sup>th</sup> Veterans Day Ceremony is Saturday November 11<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am Sharp. All available Legion members are Encouraged to participate in a Wreath Laying Ceremony at the Kenmore Village Green at the Kenmore Municipal Building, located at Delaware Avenue & Delaware Roads. We will meeting at the Post at 0930 (9:30am).

Wednesday November 15<sup>th</sup> 1800 (6pm) will be the November Post Monthly meeting and this year's Early Bird Dinner. I have invited Chris Kreiger, Founder and Chairman of Western New York Hero's, to be our Guest Speaker. Chris is an Iraqi War Veteran who is extremely active in the Western NY Veterans Community. With the Holiday Season just around the corner, Post 205 will be working together with WNY Hero's to Sponsor Kenton Veterans Families who may have needs for the Holidays. I look forward to seeing you all at this event.

Little by little I am working to send our membership text messages and emails of upcoming events. But we need your help in an effort to strengthen communication. I am requesting that each member please verify and participate in a brief Member Census.

We are looking to confirm your Name, Address, Home phone, Mobil Phone, Email Address along with any background that you may bring to the table to make our organization stronger. Please e-mail your contact information to me at [cmdr@kentonpost205.org](mailto:cmdr@kentonpost205.org) or call me to confirm your information if you do not have access to email.

Post 205 is still looking for your ideas for future Post functions and events. Please bring your ideas and expertise to Post meetings (the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7:30pm).

I look forward to meeting each of you along with your inputs and hope that your families enjoy the Beautiful Fall Season and this Thanksgiving. May God Bless America. Thank you for your Service to the Greatest Country in the World!

Ted Balbierz  
Post 205 Commander  
716-534-6288

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Nov. 7 <sup>th</sup>	Election Day – Get out & Vote
Nov. 10 <sup>th</sup>	US Marine Corps 242 <sup>nd</sup> Birthday
Nov. 11 <sup>th</sup>	Veteran's Day-See Article Under Color Guard
Nov. 15 <sup>th</sup>	Early Bird & Meeting
Nov. 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Thanksgiving
Nov. 30 <sup>th</sup>	Cty. Meeting @ Troop I
Dec. 5 <sup>th</sup>	Open House @ Post 1-5PM
Dec. 7 <sup>th</sup>	Pearl Harbor
Dec. 20 <sup>th</sup>	Meeting & Christmas Party
Dec. 21	Cty. Meeting – Donovan Post
Dec. 25 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Day
Jan. 1 <sup>st</sup>	New Years Day - 2018

PLEASE TAKE  
NOTE THAT THE EXECUTIVE  
MEETINGS WILL BE EVERY  
OTHER MONTH FROM NOW  
ON. Oct. Dec. Feb. April and June

SPECIAL NOTICE

webadmin@ The Post now has a website as follows:

[www.kentonpost205.org](http://www.kentonpost205.org).

any comments relating to the website may be submitted to:

[kentonpost205.org](http://kentonpost205.org).

WEBSITE UPDATE-

[www.legionpost205.org](http://www.legionpost205.org)

Look for the new MIA/POW page, featuring James Roza, under POST INFORMATION.

Memorial Sites and Bobby Henline Folders have been added to the PHOTO GALLERY

As always, any comments or suggestions may be submitted to [webadmin@kentonpost205.org](mailto:webadmin@kentonpost205.org) or call Ray Borawski @ 716-832-8969

Happy Holidays to all.

Ray Borawski

COLOR GUARD

On Saturday November 11<sup>th</sup> is Veterans Day. We will be doing the Service at the Village Green.

Please be at the Post by 9:45 am, bring your whole Uniform. You never know what the weather will be like. Thank you

PC Carl Marranta - Captain

## MEMBERSHIP

We are at 195 paid Members, there are still 105 members to go. You will have to be a paid member for 2018 in order to attend the Early Bird Dinner on Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>. Please get your dues in ASAP.

We have lost a few members, so we need to pick up the slack. If anybody knows of someone who is eligible to join, please contact me and I will set them up.

Remember, any paid up Member can attend a meeting, so try & be at the one on Wednesday Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>.

I look forward to see you then.  
Happy Holiday to all and be safe.

PC Carl Marranca - Chairman

## EARLY BIRD DINNER & MEETING

The Early Bird Dinner & Meeting will start at 6:00PM. Please try to let me know if you are coming. It makes it easier to let the Caterer know how many to expect. Please call me at 716-876-5528 With your response by Nov. 8<sup>th</sup>. Thank you.

PC Carl Marranca Chairman

## CHAPLAIN'S REPORT

If anybody knows of someone sick or in the Hospital, please call the Chaplain at 833-1412. Remember, we are here to work together. Our new Chaplain, does not know everybody yet.

Thank you for your help in advance.

Ed Miller - Chaplain

## SPECIAL NOTICE PLEASE READ

It has been brought to my attention by phone calls and in person, that Members are receiving renewal notices after they have paid and received their cards.

This has nothing to do with me. I send in your renewal cards and I deposit your checks on a timely manner. It is National who is behind. This is out of my hands. I'm sorry for any inconveniences you may have, but National deals with a lot of Members and it takes time to process everybody. Please be patient.

PC Carl Marranca

**Veterans Open House**  
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The Milton J Brounshidle Post 205, will be hosting a Veterans Open House Sunday November 5<sup>th</sup> from 1pm – 5pm.

Representatives from the Veterans Administration, W.N.Y Heroes, Veterans One-Stop Centers of WNY and D'Youville College Veterans Affairs Office will be available to assist with Veterans Benefit questions. All Honorably Discharged Veterans are encouraged to attend.

Members of the Tonawanda Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) will also be in attendance to provide information about their program.

Food and Beverages will be provided at no cost to attendees.

Please contact Ted Balbierz @ 716-534-6288 or email at [cmdr@kentonpost205.org](mailto:cmdr@kentonpost205.org) for more information.

**Ted Balbierz - Commander**

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**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

The Holiday season & Election Day are fast approaching. Please exercise your right to Vote on November 7<sup>th</sup>.

Veteran's Day Service will be November 11<sup>th</sup>, Decoration of the Graves at Forest Lawn is at 8:00 AM and Services are at 9:00AM at the American Legion Monument.

The Gold Star Mothers Mass will be held on Saturday November 11<sup>th</sup> at St. Gregory the Great Church, 5:00PM Mass, on Maple Rd., 200 St. Gregory Court, Williamsville. Reception to follow at the Francis J. Donovan Post, 3210 Genesee St. Cheektowaga.

For those of you who have slipped off the tracks of good health, we hope that recovery is prompt and timely, our prayers are with you all.

Please help our Membership Chairman, Helen Schalk make her quota by sending in your dues for 2018, my appreciation goes out to those who have sent them in already, Thank you!

If you know of a Member who is sick or in the hospital, please call Marge Fischer @ 876-5224 so she can send a card to them, Thank you in advance for your help.

Our Christmas Party for the Auxiliary and the Legion is Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday. We are asking everyone, by that Auxiliary Members & Legion Members to bring a dish to pass. Your efforts will be greatly appreciated

In closing, I wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving, A Blessed Christmas and a Healthy and Prosperous New Year.

**Marge Manzella - President**

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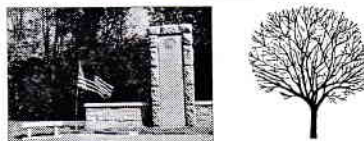
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