COMMANDER’S MESSAGE
Spring is fast approaching and can’t get here fast enough! The sun will return as well as all of you Snowbirds who migrated south for the winter and everything around us will be new again.

As part of Post 205 spring, you should notice the “new look” of the Bi-Monthly Newsletter. I would like to take this opportunity once again to thank Sandy Marranca for all of her efforts over the last 17 years as Post 205 Newsletter Editor and welcome incoming Editor Pamela Borawski, who has volunteered to manage the newsletter moving forward.

The Post membership is strong, hovering right around 300 members and growing; and communication is more important than ever. We currently only have around 70 members’ email addresses which is less than 25%. If we have your email address, you should be receiving reminders on a recurring basis of upcoming post activities and events. If we do not have your email address, you are missing out on important communications that not only encourages your participation but keeps you informed of post functions and activities that may not be covered in the Newsletter. If you have not received an electronic communication from the Post, I am requesting that you take a moment and please forward your current Email address and Cell phone details to the following:

    cmdr@kentonpost205.org
    cc: webadmin@kentonpost205.org

Your contact details will only be used for post communication.

Nominations for Post Officers will be happening in the coming months and we welcome your ideas and expertise to Post meetings (the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7:30pm). It is my honor and privilege to Serve as your Commander! I look forward to meeting each of you at upcoming Post events! May God continue to Bless America!

Ted Balbierz
Commander

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Historian       Bill Kieser            694-0479
Editor          Pam Borawski           228-1105

CALENDAR OF EVENTS
Mar 6th          Social Night at the Post @ 7:00pm
Mar 15-17        American Legion's 99th Birthday
Mar 21st         Regular Meeting @7:30pm
Mar 29th         County Mtg Matthew Glab Post 1477
Apr 3rd          Social Night at the Post @ 7:00pm
Apr 10th         Article Deadline for May Newsletter
Apr 18th         Executive Meeting @ 7:00pm
Apr 26th         Regular Meeting @ 7:30pm

VISIT TO VETERANS
On December 15, 2017, members of Post 205 visited the veterans residing at Schofield Residence Nursing Facility on Elmwood Avenue to
celebrate Christmas. Hats were decorated with their names in glitter. What a mess that was!! Santa also arrived to join the festivities. Thanks to all who participated in this special event.

NEW AT THE POST
The Post Has obtained an automated external defibrillator (AED) which is mounted on the wall of the first-floor hall. A training class is scheduled at the Post at 10:00am on March 3, 2018.

ORATORICAL CONTEST
The Brounshidle Post 205 hosted the Annual 8th District Oratorical Contest on January 14, 2018. This contest develops deeper knowledge and appreciation for the U.S. Constitution to high school students. Since 1938, the program has presented participants with academic speaking challenges that teach leadership qualities, history of our nation's laws, and the duties, responsibilities, rights and privileges of American citizenship. The winning student was Aidan Heaney.

SANDY MARRANCA’S RETIREMENT
Sandy Marranca gave her retirement announce- ment as the Editor of the Post 205 newsletter on January 17, 2018. Our Post Commander Ted Balbierz is shown giving Sandy a commemorative plaque for her 17 years of dedicated service to the Post.

KENMORE ROTARY GRANT
Rotary President Tom Lang invited Post 205 to attend the Rotary Meeting on January 29, 2018 at Jovi's Restaurant. The Post was presented with a $2,000 grant check. The Kenmore Rotary Club will be at our regular meeting on February 21st to present a Ceremonial Big Check to the Post membership.

THANK-A-VET OUTREACH EVENT
Representatives of the Erie County Clerks’ office were present at the Post on January 26, 2018 as a satellite office so that honorably discharged veterans could sign up for the Thank-a-Vet discount cards. During that time, 35 veterans signed up for the cards. Over 1,400 businesses in the Erie County community have joined this program. You can see the listing at www.erie.gov/clerk/thankavet.

VETERAN OF THE MONTH
The Veteran of the Month is a program sponsored by Senator Chris Jacobs for Veterans residing in the 60th District of New York State. For information on how to nominate a veteran, go to the Post's website.

ERIE COUNTY SCHOLARSHIPS
Each year the Erie County American Legion awards several Scholarships to qualified students. Note that an application for either scholarship must be received at County Headquarters no later than May 4, 2018. Refer to the Post's website for the links to the scholarship applications.

ENTERTAINMENT
In January, we began a Social Night at the Post. It will continue the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00pm. We meet in the bar, have a beer and play a game or two of pool. This is a good way for new members to meet the other members in the post. Please join us for a couple hours of camaraderie.

MEMBERSHIP
We are 20 Members short of our goal. Please check your cards to be sure it reads 2018, if not, please get your dues in. If you have paid and you are still getting a notice from National, please just disregard it. Also remember, you do not receive the notice from the Brounshidle Post.

We are getting more members to join and that's what we need. Also, we are doing a lot of good things for the Community, so please try and attend our meetings. Meet our new Commander and his Officers. I am sure they would like to meet you. Hope to see you at our next meeting.

PC Carl Marranca – Chairman
WEBSITE UPDATE – www.legionpost205.org

An "Of Interest" page has been added. Check out the "Story of TAPS". Also, additional pictures of the trip to Schofield, the Oratorical, and Thank-a-Vet have been posted to the Photo Gallery. Also, visit us on Facebook at "milton j brounshidle american legion post 205"

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

POST EVERLASTING
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.

Samuel Nicosia 05/31/17
James Burns 12/21/17
James E Davis 12/24/17
James M. Curran 01/11/18

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

CHAPLAIN’S MESSAGE
If anybody knows of a Member who is sick or in the hospital, please call the Chaplain at 833-1412. Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Clayton Burden is a WW II Navy veteran who is now living at Northgate Health Care Facility, 7264 Nash Road, North Tonawanda, NY 14120. Please visit (Rm 59) or call him at (716) 505-7105.

Bob Manzella is a Korean War Air Force veteran and past Post Adjutant who is now convalescing at McAuley Residence, 1503 Military Road, Kenmore, NY 14217. Please visit. The general phone number for the Residence is (716) 447-6600.

Ed Miller – Chaplain

BIRTHDAY WISHES


 AUXILIARY PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE
It’s hard to believe this crazy weather we are having; but spring is around the corner with many functions coming up. This includes St. Patrick’s Day, the First Day of Spring, Palm Sunday, Easter Sunday, our Poppy Drive, Memorial Day and Parade. I want to wish a Happy Birthday to the American Legion, which is on March 21st. April is Children and Youth month. Why not try to do a little for a child in your community.

I hope with this writing that everyone is in the best of health. If you know of a Member who is sick or in the hospital, please call Marge Fischer @876-5224.

May God Bless you and take care of you and your family. Hope to see you at our meeting in March and April. God Bless America and keep our Servicemen and Women safe and out of harm’s way.

Marge Manzella – President 876-6597

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