



3354 Delaware Avenue, Kenmore, NY

COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

First, I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone involved in the Post 205 Nominations & Elections conducted at the May 23rd meeting where I was nominated and re-elected to serve as your Commander for a second term. Also re-elected were Bob Haug (Adjutant), Carl Marranca (1stVice), Wayne Baumgartner (2ndVice), RuthAnn Copolla (3rdVice), Mike Walsh (Finance), Ed Miller (Chaplain), Otto Regensdorfer (Sgt@Arms) and newly elected Historian Janice Casarsa.

I would also like to thank all those who participated in this year's Memorial Day ceremonies and parade. Weather could not have been better and the community really turned out and enjoyed the parade.

On Saturday, June 2nd, Carl Marranca, Ray Borawski, Bruce Mayfield and I attended the 100th Erie County American Legion Convention hosted by Iroquois Post 1587 in Irving, NY. Congratulations goes out to newly elected County Commander Tony Solina from Thomas E. Tehan Post #1449, Vice Commander Thomas O'Connell from Niagara Frontier Post #1041, Vice Commander George Barton from David McKeever Post #64, Vice Commander Gerald Wald from East Aurora Post #362, Finance Officer Joseph Porempski from Kensington Post #708 and Sergeant-at-Arms Joseph Cash from Orchard Park Post #567. The Erie County Convention also endorsed William Miskell to run for 8th District Vice Commander.

MJ Brounshidle Post was recognized several times during this convention. Our Post received



recognition in the large-post category for achieving 100% of the membership goal set for the 2017-18 Legion Year. Many thanks go out to each of you who assisted in

hitting this goal! We finished just one new member short of being the top recruiting post behind East Aurora. MJ Brounshidle Post also received 1st place for the submission of its 2017-18 Scrapbook compiled by 2017-18 Historian Bill Kieser and assembled by my wife Lisa Balbierz. Thank you both for all your time and effort putting the book together. I will make the scrapbook available at the

June meeting for everyone to appreciate. Also announced at the convention was that MJ Brounshidle Post 205 nominee, Town of Tonawanda Police Officer Mark Muscoreil, was selected as Erie County Law & Order Officer of the Year! This submission will be moving forward to be considered at the District level. Best of Luck to Officer Muscoreil!

As stated as part of my second term, I would like to continue to move forward to focus on strengthening post membership, assisting Veterans at the Buffalo VA and placing a special emphasis on supporting Children & Youth in our community by providing support to Kenton Closet. I would like to recognize Legionnaire Chuck Reichle for volunteering to Chair the Post Children & Youth effort. We passed the hat, or should I say "Pinocchio", at the May meeting and collected \$100 in support of Children and Youth. I will also be donating any remaining unused funds budgeted for the Commander from the 2017-18 budget to be moved into this effort and look for your continued support of this great cause throughout the 2018-19 Legion Year!

It is my honor and privilege to serve as your Commander in the 100th Year of the American Legion! I look forward to meeting you and hearing your ideas at Post events throughout the coming year and continue to encourage your participation and involvement in Post functions starting with Post meetings the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 1930 hours.

May each and every one of you enjoy your summer with family and friends and may God continue to Bless America in her 242nd year! I am thankful for every one of you and for your continued service.

Ted Balbierz
Commander

WHAT'S IN THIS ISSUE:

- Post Picnic in August
- County Law & Order Award
- Game Night @ VA Hospital
- Veterans' Day at the Erie County Fair

POST OFFICERS

Commander	Ted Balbierz	534-6288
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Sgt @ Arms	Otto Regensdorfer	833-9196
Historian	Janice Casarsa	816-5557
Editor	Pam Borawski	228-1105

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Jul 3 rd	Social Night at the Post @ 7:00pm
Jul 4 th	Happy Independence Day!!!
Jul 17 th	Game Night @ VA Hospital
Jul 18 th	Regular Meeting @7:30pm
Aug 4 th	Post 205 Annual Picnic US Coast Guard 228 th Birthday
Aug 7 th	Social Night at the Post @ 7:00pm
Aug 8 th	Article Deadline for Sept Newsletter Post 205 99 th Anniversary
Aug 15 th	Executive Meeting @ 7:00pm Regular Meeting @ 7:30pm
Aug 22 nd	Game Night @ VA Hospital

WEBSITE UPDATE – www.legionpost205.org

All events that are scheduled for the VA Center Freedom Hall (Rm 301) will now be posted on the Events Calendar. Remember to check out the Special Events Page. As always, any comments or suggestions may be submitted to webadmin@kentonpost205.org or call Ray Borawski (832-8969).

BIRTHDAY WISHES

JUL: Henry Bogdan, Robert Boyle, Stephen Buda, John Camardo Jr., James Curran, David Dolce, Keith Greiner Jr., Michael Hennessy, John Hess, Richard Hubbard II, Jeffrey Johnson, Richard Keffer, Paul Kramer, Ralph MacVittie, James Pernick, Frank Pfalzer, Andrew Raymond, Robert Ritter, Raymond Trendle Sr., Denis Uminski.

AUG: Anthony Adimey, Raymond Borawski, James Cavallaro, John Ceder, Anthony Deaville, Joseph Duguay, Charles Fischer, Charles Graber,

Kenneth Greene, Daniel Helmbrecht, John Kalarovich, Edwin Kazmierski, Norman Lipkus, Joseph Manzella, Mitchell Matyevich, Bruce Mayfield, Thomas Meaney, Raymond Metzger, Kevin Murphy, Manuel Novo, Robert Raiff, Daniel Rung, Dave Schreiber, Paul Stipanovich, Joseph Wagner, Mike Walsh Jr.

POST PICNIC

The Post 205 picnic will be held on Saturday, August 4, 2018 at the Police Clubhouse, 25 Roswell Ave. Parking will be in the lot off River Road, NOT ON ROSWELL. The rear entrance is level entry and the Roswell entrance has stairs up and down just to get in. The hours will be 12-4 with food served from 1-2:30.

The sign-up sheet will be made available starting at the April meeting. You can also sign up at the bar or call me at home. Just remember to sign up so we know how much food to buy.

Wayne Baumgartner – 2nd Vice Cmdr

2018 COUNTY LAW AND ORDER AWARD



Officer Mark Muscoreil has been awarded 2018 Erie County Law and Order award. On the evening of October 23, 2017, Officer Muscoreil responded to a house fire at 22

Glenside in the Town of Tonawanda and found the residence in flames. Without any fire safety gear, Officer Muscoreil used his training as a SWAT (Special Weapons and Tactics) team member to breach and force entry into the heavily secured doors of the structure. Although he was unable to make it to the woman trapped upstairs due to the heavy smoke, he did remain in the burning building and lead Brighton Fire Chief Andy Hallman to her. Officer Muscoreil and Chief Hallman were able to safely remove her from the residence. Officer Muscoreil's action also directly allowed another fire rescue team to locate an elderly resident who was trapped in another room. That resident, an 80-year old veteran combat pilot, was seriously injured but was removed alive and transported to the hospital. Officer Muscoreil's selfless actions directly contributed to saving two lives that day. He is also very active in the community.

POST EVERLASTING

For all those who have been called from our midst, were reported to the "Commander of All", and transferred from roles at Milton J. Brounshidle Post 205 to Post Everlasting,

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

MEMBERSHIP

It is with great pleasure to announce that we made 100%. Thank you to those who paid. You will be getting your renewal notice around the end of July or middle of August. If you pay early, you are eligible for the Early Bird dinner in November. Also, you won't receive any reminder calls or mail.

If you know of anyone who would like to join, please give them my phone number and I will take it from there.

God Bless America

PC Carl J. Marranca - 1st Vice Cmdr

ADVERTISING

There are three open spaces for advertising in our newsletter. If anyone knows of someone who would like to advertise, please contact Ray Borawski at webadmin@kentonpost205.org or (832-8969) with the information or any questions you may have.

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.

Ed Miller – Chaplain

VETERANS' DAY AT ERIE COUNTY FAIR

Veterans' Day at the Fair is Sunday, August 12, 2018. This is free admission for all veterans. There is a Catholic Mass at 10:00am in the Family Entertainment Center. 11:30am will be the Veterans Memorial Ceremony located inside the Racetrack. The parade will begin at 1:00pm at the Racetrack as well.

GAME NITE AT THE VA HOSPITAL

Enjoy an evening playing Left-Right-Center in Freedom Hall, Room 301. Visit with other veterans who come to play the game. Next event is on July 17th, and the following is August 22nd, both at 6:30pm.

AUXILIARY PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Congratulations to Commander Ted Balbierz and his officers. We wish you a successful year and extend the Auxiliary's cooperation, as well as our support.

To my officers and my committee people, a special thank you and I know we will have a good year together.

The Department Convention is being held in Rochester, New York on July 19-21, 2018.

As I send this message, thank you again for the confidence in me, and I wish all of you a very safe, happy and healthy summer. See you all at our next meeting on the 3rd Wednesday of September.

Thank you and may God bless all of you.

Marge Manzella – President 876-6597

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