COMMANDER’S MESSAGE

July 1st marked the beginning of the American Legion’s 100th year. Formed at the end of World War I by twenty somethings returning from service in Europe, the American Legion has since grown to be our nation’s leading Veterans Organization of which you have chosen to be a member. As Legion members “We associate ourselves for God and Country to continue to uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America... and sanctify our comradeship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness.” These words are just an excerpt of the Legion’s Preamble that reflect just two of the core values of being a legionnaire.

When I joined the Legion four years ago, I really did not know what it was all about. It had been ten years since my retirement from the Air Force. I had served in Iraq & Afghanistan and had seen the world serving beside the best men and woman that this country has to offer. During that time after my separation, I did feel that something was missing. Yes, I missed the travel, but the things I missed most were the camaraderie & sense of purpose; both things that I have since rediscovered as a member of the American Legion.

Milton J Brounshidle Post membership is currently at 316 members and growing. In years past, when the post was triple the size, we sponsored Softball and Bowling Teams and held all kinds of social functions. (Dances, dinners etc.). We are an organization tied by and for service. Please ask yourself what involvement in the post has to offer you? Membership is what you make it. No matter your time of service (WWII, Korea, Vietnam, Grenada, Panama, GW1, Iraq or Afghanistan), our fraternity crosses all lines of branches served or eras served.

Entering this 100th year of the American Legion, it is my wish that you find the camaraderie and sense of purpose that binds us together as Post 205 of the American Legion. Please join us at First Tuesday Social Nights or attend the Monthly Meeting on the Third Wednesday of each month. We look forward to your participation and involvement in upcoming events and I encourage you to bring friend who may be eligible.

Also, just a quick plug, I encourage all members to pay their dues as soon as possible to be included in the Early Bird Dinner being planned for November.

May God Continue to Bless America and continued good health to each and every one of you.

Ted Balbierz
Commander

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WEBSITE UPDATE – www.legionpost205.org
All Post 205 events scheduled for the VA Center Freedom Hall (Rm 301) will be posted on the Events Calendar. If you would like to see all of the VA Center events, they are now posted on the Special Events Page.

The Executive Committee Page has been updated to include all Past Commanders as members of the Executive Committee

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

Sep 3rd  Happy Labor Day!!
Sep 4th  Social Night at the Post @ 7:00pm
Sep 19th  Regular Meeting @ 7:30pm
Sep 26th  Game Night @ VA Hospital
Sep 27th  County Mtg @ Concord Post 431
Oct 1st  Social Night at the Post @ 7:00pm
Oct 8th  Article Deadline for Newsletter
Oct 17th  Executive Meeting @ 7:00pm
Real Meeting @ 7:30pm
Oct 24th  Game Night @ VA Hospital
Oct 25th  County Mtg @ Post 205

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We received a surprise visit from State Senator Chris Jacobs at the Post picnic. Senator Jacobs is a strong proponent of Veteran’s benefits. He initiated the Thank-A-Vet Program in Erie County and the Veteran of the Month Program in the 60th District. He was here to give the Veteran of the Month award to Wayne Baumgartner. Wayne was discharged from the US Air Force in 1969 as a staff sergeant; a recipient of the Air Force Commendation Medal and Good Conduct Medal with one oak leaf cluster, as well as the Republic of Vietnam Medal. He has been involved in many local charities and veterans’ organizations. He is a 50-year member of Post 205, having previously served as Commander. He has been involved in a number of veterans’ charities assisting needy veterans and has been involved with charity hockey games in the Ken-Ton community. He has been the coordinator and Marshall of the Ken-Ton Memorial Parade and Erie County Fair Veterans Day Parade. Being Chairman of the Tonawanda CERT, and visiting the infirmed veterans at the VA and local nursing homes, he is still committed to serving veterans today. From all of us to Wayne, very heartfelt congratulations for a job well done serving our country and veterans!!

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family and/or friends and have a beer or two and watch your favorite team playing or your news service. Hope to see you there!

POST EVERLASTING
It is the Post Commander’s sad duty to report that the following Comrade has been called from our midst, and has reported to the “Commander of All” and is hereby transferred from roles at Milton J. Brounshidle Post 205 to Post Everlasting.

Robert P. Boyle
MAY HE REST IN PEACE

MEMBERSHIP
We would like to welcome our new members to Post 205: Thomas Gill, Valerian Gulczewski, Jr., Stephen McCloskey, Amy Muehlbauer, Kevin Murphy, Nicholas Scott, Richard Senko, and Frederick Thur.

The membership drive for 2019 has begun. We now have 183 memberships paid and are at 60% of total membership. Ensure that your 2019 membership card has an “Early Bird” stamp. This will gain you admittance to the Early Bird dinner which will be held sometime in November.

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

Ray Borawski – Membership Chairman

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.

Valerian J Gulczewski, Jr. who is one of our new members to the Post, is unable to make meetings right now as he is undergoing cancer treatments. If you would like to send him a card, the address is 128 Pilgrim Road, Tonawanda, NY 14150.

Ed Miller – Chaplain

ADVERTISING
There are two 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.

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 September 26th, and the following is October 24th, both at 6:30pm.

AUXILIARY PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE
I hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable summer. As the Fall season approaches, it signals the time for meetings and the business of the Auxiliary to begin.

The annual Eighth District Fall Conference will be held Saturday, September 1, 2018, at Batavia Downs.

Our dues for 2019 are now due. Please send your membership dues to our Treasurer, Amelia Parish, 82 Plymouth Avenue, Buffalo, NY, 14201. The dues are twenty ($20.00) dollars. If you have any questions, please call Amelia at 883-0434

Looking forward to seeing everyone at our first meeting on the 3rd Wednesday of the month, September 19th, at 7:00pm.

God bless all of you and keep you all in the best of health.

Marge Manzella – President

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