



3354 Delaware Avenue, Kenmore, NY

**COMMANDER’S MESSAGE**

Fall is shaping up to be very busy... On Thursday October 25<sup>th</sup> at 6pm, Milton J Brounshidle Post 205 will be hosting the Erie County American Legion monthly Meeting. Please join us as the Brounshidle Post hosts the County Leadership along with all of our sister Posts for an Octoberfest themed meal (\$10) catered by Schnitzel and Company with Dessert donated by Andersons Ice Cream.

Saturday November 3<sup>rd</sup> Post 205 will be Hosting our 2<sup>nd</sup> Veterans Open House from 1-4pm (Sponsored by Paddock Chevrolet). In an effort to make this year’s event an even larger success than last year, we have invited both VFW and DAV and several other local Veterans Organizations to join us and we have doubled this year’s attendees from 7 to 15 groups. This event is a great opportunity to bring Veterans who may be interested in joining the American Legion. We look forward to your participation at this event.

Veterans Day 2018 is Sunday November 11<sup>th</sup> at 11am. This year is the **100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** of the War to End All Wars. In recognition of this milestone Anniversary, please join the Post 205 Honor Guard for a Wreath Laying Ceremony at the Ken-Ton Municipal Building at the corner of Delaware Avenue and Delaware Roads. Prior to the ceremony, the Kenmore East High School Band will be performing at 10:30am. The ceremony will start promptly at 11am. This year’s Keynote Speaker will be Post 205 Legionnaire John Higgins (Col USAF, Retired) and will be followed by lunch at the post.

Due to the proximity of Thanksgiving, your Board has decided to move November's Post meeting from 11/21 to 11/14 at 6pm. We will be hosting this year's ***Early Bird Dinner*** immediately after the Post Meeting. All Post 205 members who have paid their 2019 Dues and have the Early Bird Stamp on their 2019 Membership Card are welcome to join us. Post 205 2018 Boys State Participants and their families will be joining us and will be invited to provide a Boys State briefing at this year’s event. You still have time;

please remit your dues as soon as possible to be included in this event.

As the Holidays approach, I am Thankful for each of you and your families as we reflect on the Sacrifices of all those who have Served this Great County. May God Continue to bless each and every one of you and your families and may God Bless America! Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas, and Happy Hanukkah to you all!

Ted Balbierz  
Commander

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**WEBSITE UPDATE** – [www.legionpost205.org](http://www.legionpost205.org)  
All Post 205 events scheduled for the VA Center Freedom Hall (Rm 301) are posted on the Events Calendar. All of the VA Center events and all County Post events are posted on the Special Events Page.

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

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

Nov 3<sup>rd</sup> Veteran's Open House  
Nov 6<sup>th</sup> Social Night at the Post @ 7:00pm  
Nov 11<sup>th</sup> Veteran's Day Ceremony @11:00am  
Nov 14<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting @ 6:00pm  
Early Bird Dinner to Follow  
Nov 22<sup>nd</sup> Happy Thanksgiving to All !!  
Nov 28<sup>th</sup> Game Night @ VA Hospital  
Nov 29<sup>th</sup> County Mtg @ Iroquois Post 1587  
Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> Happy Hanukkah !!  
Dec 4<sup>th</sup> Social Night at the Post @ 7:00pm  
Dec 10<sup>th</sup> Article Deadline for Newsletter  
Dec 19<sup>th</sup> Executive Meeting @ 7:00pm  
Regular Meeting @ 7:30pm  
Dec 20<sup>th</sup> County Mtg @ Donovan Post 1626  
Dec 25<sup>th</sup> Merry Christmas to All !!  
Dec 30<sup>th</sup> Bills Game @ VA Hospital 1:00pm

## **BIRTHDAY WISHES**

**NOV:** Philip Barker, Ronald Baty, David Brammer, Bruce Brand, James Cornwell, James Delair, Peter DeLisle, Norberto DiSante, Letcher Gray, Frank Gubala, Valerian Gulczewski, Mark Karcher, Timothy Logue, Russell Scinta, Anthony Vitrano, Casimir Wilbert.

**DEC:** Theodore Balbierz, James Calnan, Pierre Clabeaux, James Concialdi, Joseph Coppola, Robert Denman, Robert Dommell, Patrick Finucane, William Fuller, Robert Gore, Cyril Jankola, William Langheier, David Peck, Ann Marie Pfohl, Salvatore Schillaci, Richard Semko, Donald Wahl, Henry Zuger.

## **INFORMATION REQUEST**

As we head into the 21<sup>st</sup> century, we are now sending out information and reminders via email. If you are not getting any of these email reminders, please send your email information to Ted Balbierz at [cmdr@kentonpost205.org](mailto:cmdr@kentonpost205.org) or Ray Borawski at [vcmdr1@kentonpost205.org](mailto:vcmdr1@kentonpost205.org).

## **TONNEWANTA VETERANS CLUB**

The Tonnewanta Veterans Club is open to the public from Noon to 11:00pm, seven days a week. It has a full-service bar and five viewing screens. Look on the Post 205 website under Available Facilities for a

picture of the bar area. Stop in any day with your 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!

## **INSTALLATION OF HANDICAP RAMP**



Thanks to our intrepid installation team of Wayne Baumgartner, Nick Scott, Ray Borawski, Ted Balbierz, Mike Walsh and Chuck Reichle. A ramp

was donated by Joan Peck through the WNY Heroes and was installed on August 18, 2018, at the home of Bob and Marge Manzella.

## **KEN-TON CLOSET BACKPACKS**

Thank you to all the busy beavers who assisted in the event at the Kenton Closet. A volunteer effort for school children was held there on August 23<sup>rd</sup> and we, as an organization, devoted 10 and one-half hours of service.

## **COLOR GUARD – VETERANS DAY**

Color Guard should report to the Post at 10:00 am. We will be at the Ken-Ton Municipal Building by 10:30am

## **CHILDREN AND YOUTH RAFFLE**

We will be selling raffle tickets for \$1.00 each to benefit Ken-Ton Closet. Prizes include a Sharp "Smart" 55-inch Flat Screen TV, Buffalo Bills 40-yard line tickets vs. the Jacksonville Jaguars, a Liquor basket and a Wine basket (donated by Straight up Liquors) or a Bowling package (donated by Kenmore Lanes). Drawing to be held at the Veterans Open House on November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Please contact Wayne Baumgartner for more information.

## **LOTTERY CALENDAR SALE**

The Erie County American Legion Family has 2019 Lottery Calendars for sale (\$25) which include possible winnings every day of the month for the whole year. The numbers used are the NYS Lottery Evening Daily Drawing of three numbers. If

matched, you will win the amount shown on that day, ranging from \$25 to \$100 with a special of \$150 on New Years Day. Please email Ted Balbierz or Ray Borawski if you would like to purchase one. They will also be available at the Veterans Open House.

## **MEMBERSHIP**

We would like to welcome our new members to Post 205: John Barone, Robert Beasley, David Berry, John Camardo, Ronald Carney, James DeLair, Elmer Eisenhauer, John Ennis, Richard Hawker, Michael Maher, Austin Mascari.

We now have 215 paid up members and are at 76% of our membership goal. Those who have yet to pay their dues still have time to gain admittance to the Early Bird dinner which will be held November 14th.

Please remember that every member of the Post is also a recruiter for new members. If you know of anyone who would like to join, please give them my phone number and I will take it from there.

I would encourage everyone to review and/or update their profile (branch of service, war era, address, etc) at [www.legion.org](http://www.legion.org) under Members, Manage Your Membership. You will need your Member ID. You can also go to [www.MyLegion.org](http://www.MyLegion.org), My Profile, as well.

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.

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](mailto: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 November 28<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30pm, and the Bills Game at the VA is December 30<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm.

## **AUXILIARY PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

The Holiday season is fast approaching and along with that, Election Day. Please exercise your rights by getting out there November 6<sup>th</sup> and vote.

Veteran's Day is Sunday, November 11<sup>th</sup>. I am not sure as yet if the Legion and Auxiliary will be at Forest Lawn on Sunday or Monday for putting the flags on all the Veteran graves at 8:00am and for the Service which starts at 9:00am. The post will have a service at the Ken-Ton Municipal Building at Delaware Ave and Delaware Rd at 11:00am.

Our meeting in November will be on the 14<sup>th</sup>, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday, due to Thanksgiving the following week. Please be at the Post by 6:00pm as the men are having their Early Bird dinner that night after our meeting and we are invited to it.

It's time to pay your 2019 dues. I am sure you all got your dues notice by now. Please send them to our Treasurer, Amelia Parrish at 82 Plymouth Avenue, Buffalo, NY 14201. Our dues are twenty (\$20) dollars. Please help us make our quota.

We will be having a joint Christmas Party following the meeting on December 19<sup>th</sup>. We are asking the men and women to bring a dish to pass. Your effort would be greatly appreciated.

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

Marge Manzella – President

## **AUXILIARY OFFICERS**

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