COMMANDER’S MESSAGE

Happy New Year to each of you and your families! As I look back on 2018, I am very pleased by what we as Legionnaires of Post 205 have accomplished and am looking forward to doing more in 2019.

It has been a busy year. In 2018, we as an organization sponsored the National Veterans Creative Art Festival held here in Buffalo; We began hosting a monthly Social Night at the Post the First Tuesday of each month; Started Hosting a Game Night at the Buffalo VA Hospital; Hosted a Bell Jar/Membership tent at Kenmore Days; Hosted our Post Family Picnic with the VFW; Post Children & Youth has Adopted and Provided Support to The Kenton Closet by building Backpacks and Donating $2000 in financial support raised by Raffle Sales; Attended the Erie County Convention; Hosted October Erie County Staff Meeting; Hosted the Post 2nd Annual Veterans Open House; Coordinated the 100th Anniversary of the Armistice Ending WWI/Veterans Day; Held Post Early Bird Dinner; Participated in the WNY Heroes Red White & Blue Gala; Sponsored 2 Veterans and 1 Non-Veteran families for the Holidays all while being one of the only Large Posts in Erie County to have met 100% of our Membership Goal! Legionnaires of Post 205 I Salute You!

Special Thanks to all the Post Officers, Members of the Event Committee along with members who volunteered their time and have been the driving force behind all of our success in 2018. 2019 promises to be an even busier year. Starting with the last Sundays in both January and February, Post 205 will be hosting an All you Can Eat Pancake Breakfast and we are in the initial planning stages of planning a Meat Raffle and a Spaghetti Dinner.

We stand together in support of the Four Pillars of Our American Legion: National Defense, Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation, Children & Youth and Americanism. Membership in your American Legion is what You Make It. Join us at upcoming meetings the 3rd Wednesday of each Month at 1930 Hours. Six Months into our Legion year and we can boast double-digit New Membership! I can only encourage your involvement in this Great Organization, it is up to you to take the first step and become involved. I can promise you that the Sense of Purpose and Camaraderie will make it worth your time.

Wishing you and your families Good Heath & Prosperity in the coming year. May God Continue to Bless Our Troops around the World and God Bless America!

Ted Balbierz
Commander

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Jan 1st  HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!!
Jan 2nd  Game Night @ VA Hospital
Jan 8th  Social Night at the Post @ 7:00pm
Jan 16th  Regular Meeting @ 7:30pm
Jan 27th  Pancake Breakfast 9:00-1:00
Jan 31st  County Mtg @ Niag Frontier Post 1041
Feb 5th  Social Night at the Post @ 7:00pm
Feb 6th  Game Night @ VA Hospital
Feb 11th  Article Deadline for Newsletter
Feb 20th  Executive Meeting @ 7:00pm
Feb 24th  Pancake Breakfast 9:00-1:00
Feb 28th  County Mtg @Newcomb-Long Post 928

* Tonnewanta Veterans Club open daily from Noon to 11:00pm.
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VETERAN’S OPEN HOUSE
The Veteran’s Open House was held on November 3rd. There were 17 participating organizations at the event this year. We would like to extend a thank you to all of the volunteers who made this year’s event a success for the veterans and organizations.

VETERAN’S DAY CEREMONY
The Veteran’s Day ceremony was held on the Village Green in Kenmore. The Kenmore East Quintet provided music before the ceremony. Two trumpet players performed TAPS. The Town Historian, Ed Adamczyk gave a short presentation on the history of the town’s participation in the first World War.

BIRTHDAY WISHES


INFORMATION REQUEST
As we head into the 21st 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 or Ray Borawski at vcmdr1@kentonpost205.org.

WEBSITE UPDATE  – www.kentonpost205.org
2019 meeting dates have been posted on the Events Calendar. All of the VA Center events and all County Post events will be posted on the Special Events Page once they become available.

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

RED, WHITE & BLUE GALA
A fund-raising event hosted by WNY Heroes. The Brounshidle Post was represented by Ray & Pamela Borawski, Chaz & Danielle Volpe, Nick & Laura Scott, Chuck & Rose Reichle, and Jeff Gates & Nikki Murray.
**PANCAKE BREAKFAST**
We have decided to start a new fundraising event starting on January 27, 2019 from 9:00am to 1:00pm and continuing every last Sunday of each month. Breakfast will include all you can eat pancakes and coffee/tea, as well as a serving of sausages and juice. Adult price is $7.50; children under 12 are $3.50; and children under 5 are free. We hope to see everyone there!

**CHRISTMAS FOR THE NEEDY**
This is the second year we have helped needy families in the area. Last year we assisted one family. Due to the generosity of our members we are able to assist three families this year. We have tried to get veteran families from Ken-Ton but only one was listed. We are also going to do a Vet family from NT and three civilian families from Ken-Ton. Many thanks to those who gave to make a difference to these five families.

Wayne Baumgartner
2nd Vice Commander

**MEMBERSHIP**
We would like to welcome our new members to Post 205: Marla Cheney, Glen DiTillio, Jerry McNelis and Levern Zehler.

We now have 257 paid up members and are at 90% of our membership goal. 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.

Ray Borawski – Membership Chairman

**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. Broushidle Post 205 to Post Everlasting.

Don G. Vosburgh
Henry L. “Hank” Zugger
Victor G. Daley

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

**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 Year’s Day. Please email Ted Balbierz or Ray Borawski if you would like to purchase one.

**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

**AUXILIARY PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE**
Hope you all had a great Holiday with family and friends. May the New Year bring you all Prosperity, Good Fortune, and above all, Good Health.

I would like to thank everyone who brought a dish to pass at our party and help to clean up afterwards. I know everyone who came enjoyed it and had more than enough to eat.

The Department Mid-Winter Conference is January 24-26 in Albany. The Department American Legion Family Leadership Team will be visiting Buffalo on February 16, 2109, at the Hamburg Post, where a dinner is being held for them.

If you know of a member who is sick or in the hospital, please call our Chaplain Marge Fisher at 876-5224 so she can send a card to them from the Auxiliary.

Keep our Troops in your prayers and that they all get home safely. God Bless You and keep you safe and healthy.

Marge Manzella – President

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