COMMANDER’S MESSAGE

I would like to begin by thanking all of the Post 205 Volunteers who supported this year’s Buffalo VA Hospital Super Bowl Party. Members of MJB Post 205 served chips and dip along with pizza & wings to 80 Veterans and Staff and the event was such a success that we have already been asked back to host next year’s Super Bowl Party. The Veterans in attendance really had a good time and expressed their thanks for all of our efforts.

Post 205 has also hosted All-You-Can-Eat Pancake Breakfasts the last Sunday in January and February. Contrary to my initial report where I had announced that our Good Friends at WNY Heroes had donated $500 to support our Breakfast fundraisers, when I went to their office to pick up their donation, it was not for $500 but was actually for $1000! Huge Thanks go out to Chris Krieger and Lynn Magistral and everyone at WNY Heroes for all they do for WNY Veterans! Please come on out and support the Post 205 Pancake Breakfast fundraisers scheduled for March 31st & April 28th.

We are still planning a Post 205 Meat Raffle which is looking to be Friday April 5th and I will be forwarding more details as the event is finalized.

Celebrating both the Legion’s & Post 205’s 100th anniversary, you have already taken the first step and are part of Americas Leading Veterans Organization. The American Legion is what you make it and we look forward to meeting each of you at upcoming events!

Continued wishes for Good Heath & Prosperity for you and your families 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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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).

BIRTHDAY WISHES


PANCAKE BREAKFAST
We started the breakfast on January 27, 2019. It was moderately successful. We have decided to continue the breakfast every last Sunday of each month from 9:00am to 1:00pm. Breakfast will include all you can eat pancakes, sausages, coffee/tea and juice. Adult price is $7.50; children under 12 are $5.00; and children under 5 are free. We hope to see you there.

FOOTBALL AT VA HOSPITAL
The Post sponsored two football games at the VA Hospital. December 30th was the Bills vs. Dolphins game and on February 3rd, the Superbowl party was sponsored with the UAW.

DISTRICT 8 ORATORICAL CONTEST
Memorial Hall played host to the 2019 District 8 Oratorical Contest on January 13. Congratulations to Melissa Barnosky of Orleans County who is the winner of the 2019 District 8 Oratorical Contest. Second place went to Shawn Calmus of Wyoming County. They will be going on to compete in the Zone competition in February.

MINT COIN - NATIONAL LEGION NEWS
American Legion National Commander Brett Reistad holds an American Legion 100th anniversary commemorative coin during a ceremonial striking at the U.S. Mint in Philadelphia.

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

MEMBERSHIP

We now have 281 paid up members and are at 99% of our membership goal. That leaves 26 members from our 2018 roster that have yet to renew their dues. Let’s make this a banner year by have our Post reach 100% two years in a row. 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

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.

Joe Coppola recently had surgery and is recuperating at home. Sincere wishes for a speedy recovery.

Ed Miller – Chaplain

AUXILIARY PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE
I do hope you kept warm during our cold spell. Hopefully it’s over and Spring is just around the corner.

I hope with this writing that everyone is in the best of health. If anyone is ill or you know of a member who is, please call our Chaplain, Marge Fisher.

We would like to welcome our new members to the Auxiliary and Post 205: Maria A. Blasting, Annette Daeschler, Laura E. Scott, Pamela C. Borawski, and Danielle V. Volpe.

We want to wish a Happy Birthday to the American Legion, which they will be celebrating on March 20th and also to our Auxiliary and Legion members who will be celebrating their birthdays in March and April.

Happy St. Patrick’s Day and a Happy Easter to all. April is Children and Youth month. Why not try to do a little something for a child in your community. Make a child happy.

Keep safe and healthy. God Bless you all and God Bless America and Keep our Servicemen and Women safe and out of harms way and may they all come home soon.

Marge Manzella – President

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