



3354 Delaware Avenue, Kenmore, NY

COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

I would like to begin by thanking all Post 205 Volunteers and all those who supported this year's Pancake Breakfasts which ran from January thru April. All of the proceeds from these successful Breakfasts will be used to support legion functions and causes. As summer is time to spend with your families, we will be taking the summer off and the Breakfasts will resume this Fall!

Post 205 Meat Raffle details have been finalized and will take place on Friday May 24th at 6pm. Presale Tickets are \$8 or \$60 for a table (seating 8) or \$10 at the door and will include Beer/Pop and Bottled Water. No outside alcohol will be allowed. Proceeds will benefit American Legion Youth Baseball and Post 205. Only 250 tickets will be available for purchase at Memorial Hall or by contacting the 2nd Vice Commander Wayne Baumgartner at: vcmdr2@kentonpost205.org. Any Post 205 members who may be interested in Volunteering to assist at the Meat Raffle please contact Children & Youth Chairman Chuck Reichle at (813)818-2455 or via email at: charles_reichle@yahoo.com In order to ensure the success of this event we will be looking for assistance in Setting up, Salespeople, Beverage Servers, Ticket Sellers & Takers, Meat runners, Take down & Cleanup etc... We will also be conducting a Basket Raffle during the Meat Raffle and we would very much appreciate if Post 205 Members assemble and donate at least one Basket for this cause. Please email 2nd Vice Commander Ruth Ann Coppola (Vcmdr3@kentonpost205.org) to coordinate this effort.

Memorial Day is approaching fast. Post 205 Honor Guard will be conducting Wreath Laying Ceremonies at 8 locations in the town. For those interested in participating and paying their respects, please contact Post Adjutant Bob Haug at adjutant@kentonpost205.org. As part of this year's 100th Year Celebration, Post 205 will continue to coordinate this year's Memorial Day Parade and will also be looking for Volunteers to support this event as well as Post 205 will hosting a Hot Dog Fundraiser in front of the Post during

the Parade and will be looking for Legionnaires and Grill Masters to participate in this highly visible recruiting opportunity. Stay tuned for more details as they become available.

WHAT'S IN THIS ISSUE:

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- AL Mint Coin

There are so many good things happening at Post 205 but I am limited by the space of this Column. Just to touch on a couple, we are in the process of securing a Commercial Grade Entrance Awning for the Post parking lot entrance as well as for the main entrance on Delaware and we are in the process of applying for a Grant to update the Lower Hall. For more information about the above events and or about the many Good Things happening at Post 205, I can only encourage you to come to a Post meeting the third Wednesday of each month at 7:30pm or to any of the other post functions throughout the Month!

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

MEAT RAFFLE – MAY 24, 2019

MEAT RAFFLE
 BASKET RAFFLE & 50/50 DRAWINGS
 FRIDAY, MAY 24TH (DOORS 6PM FIRST DRAW 7PM)
 MEMORIAL HALL, 3354 DELAWARE AVE, KENMORE NY
 TICKETS: PRESALE \$8 TABLES 18} \$60 DOOR \$10
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 1 st	Game Night @ VA Hospital
May 5 th -18 th	Armed Forces Week (see Website)
May 7 th	Social Night at the Post @ 7:00pm
May 15 th	Executive Meeting @ 7:00pm Regular Meeting @ 7:30pm
May 16 th	County Mtg @ Hamburg Post 527
May 24 th	Meat Raffle – Memorial Hall
May 27 th	Wreath Laying 8:00am Memorial Day Parade 11:00am
May 31 st	National Poppy Day
Jun 1 st	County Convention - Matthew Glab Post 1477
Jun 4 th	Social Night at the Post @ 7:00
Jun 5 th	Game Night @ VA Hospital
Jun 10 th	Newsletter Article Deadline
Jun 15 th	District Convention – Dunkirk Memorial Post #62
Jun 19 th	Executive Meeting @ 7:00pm Regular Meeting @ 7:30pm

* Tonnewanta Veterans Club open daily from Noon to 11:00pm.

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

MAY: Erik Ulatowski, Nicholas Scott, Kenneth Perry, James Garvey, John Higgins, Kenneth

Kuchta, Robert Beasley, Philip Todaro, Joel Emmett, Paul Angrisano, Edward Miller, Valentine Fudala, Paul Kennedy, Curtis Collins, Dennis Conroy, Henry Kapela, Leon Rousselle, John Redner, Jerome Maragliano, Michael LaPorta, Michael Dunn, Donald Rinus, James Hustead, Otto Regensdorfer, Robert Manzella, Kenneth Fox, Raymond Peterson, Robert Golibersuch, Courtland LaVallee, Joseph Bosa, Allan Wark, Richard Hastings, Carl Hagan.

JUN: Jeffrey Gates, Derek Sansone, Christopher Poje, Thomas Gill, Richard Hawker, Michael McClure, Jeffrey Conley, Joseph Browning, Nelson Brackett, Lelan Allen, Daniel Glor, William Poole, Gerald Nolan, Thomas Matters, Matthew Wagner, Richard Schlia, Alfonzo Sanfilippo.

VETERAN OF THE MONTH

New York State Senator Chris Jacobs Attended Milton J Brounshidle Post 205 April Meeting and Presented 1st Vice Commander & Membership Chairman Ray Borawski as NYS 60th District Veteran of the Month for April 2019.

Ray is a United States Air Force Veteran who served as an Aircraft Radar Navigation Systems Repairman Deployed to Indochina in support of the Vietnam Conflict between 1970-71 and is the recipient of the National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, The Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal and the US Air Force Good Conduct Medal.

Ray is always one of the first members of the post to volunteer his time to coordinate and plan Post 205 events and in addition to Post Membership Ray also manages Post 205 Website & Social Media pages and he is very active in the local community and volunteering his time for his Parish and Meals on Wheels. Congratulations to Ray and his family as this award is well deserved! Thank you for all that you do!

MEMBERSHIP

We would like to welcome our new members to Post 205: Geoffrey Johnson, Henry Kolb, Gregory Rapp, Derek Sansone, and Marc Tronolone.

CONGRATULATIONS to all of our recruiters. The Post's membership is currently at 288, which is 4 over our goal for 2019. As we have many members who are new to the Legion and Post 205, I want to let you know what to expect for 2020. The 2020 membership drive begins in early July. I will have received the pre-printed 2020 membership cards by

this time. Please confirm that Headquarters has your correct address on file by the beginning of May to ensure that you receive the notice. You can see and update your membership information by visiting the Manage Your Membership page on www.legion.org or call me for assistance.

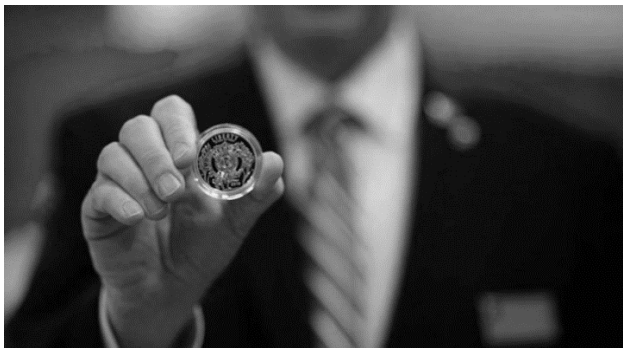
American Legion membership is annual, the Legion year being from January 1 to December 31. Dues are payable by October 20, 2019 for the 2020 membership year. We've had good response from our previous transfer invitations to Post 1 members (25 transferred during 2019). Therefore, I intend to continue sending the invitations in conjunction with a mailing of the newsletter. Expect to attach it to the July issue.

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

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.



CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

It is the Post Commander's sad duty to report that the following Comrades have been called from our midst, and have reported to the "Commander of All" and are hereby transferred from roles at Milton J. Brounshidle Post 205 to Post Everlasting.

Richard C. Catalano
Charles F. Graber

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Ed Miller – Chaplain

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.

AUXILIARY PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

My sincere thanks to everyone who has made this year a successful one. To Commander Ted Balbierz, I would like to thank you and our officers for all the courtesies extended to the Auxiliary and myself.

May is the month of remembrance of our servicemen and we remember our mission as the Auxiliary of the American Legion. In the spirit of service, the mission is to support the American Legion and to honor the sacrifice of those who serve by enhancing the lives of our veterans, military, and their families, both at home and abroad. For God and Country, we advocate for veterans and our citizens, mentor of both, and promote patriotism, good citizenship, peace and security.

May is poppy month and the proceeds from this program are used for the veterans and no other purpose.

The Department Convention is being held in Buffalo this year from July 15th to the 20th. All are welcome.

Our meetings are the 3rd Wednesday at 7:00pm. Please attend; there are only two meetings left for this year, May and June.

I hope everyone had a healthy and safe Easter. Again, thank you for a wonderful year as your President.

Marge Manzella – President

AUXILIARY OFFICERS

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