



**COMMANDER'S MESSAGE**

It has been a very busy last couple of weeks. I would like to extend my sincerest thanks to all those who contributed to the success of the following events: Post's Meat/Basket Raffle, Memorial Day Wreath Laying Ceremonies, Memorial Day Parade & Hot Dog Sale. The Post Meat/Basket Raffle was a Huge Success and will provide the funds necessary to support both our American Legion Baseball team as well as our Children & Youth Programing for the remainder of this year. Big thanks to Children & Youth Chairman Chuck Reichle & Ruth Ann Coppola and the Post Events Committee and all of the Volunteers for a job well done! We need to consider making this an annual event.

On Memorial Day morning, I presided over 8 Wreath Laying Ceremonies across the Kenton Area. The weather couldn't have been better. Thanks to PC Carl Marranca, the Post Honor Guard and all those who participated to include Jim Delair (Taps Bugler) for all their participation at this solemn event.

Thanks to Carl & Sandy Marranca, Wayne Baumgartner, Bill Rowe and all of our Parade Marshals for all your efforts in making Kenton's 70th Memorial Day Parade a success and to Fran Roselli, Mike & Clair Walsh, Otto Regensdorfer Jan Casarsa, PC Bruce Mayfield & PC Rick Williams and all those involved for conducting the Post Hot Dog Fundraiser. We made enough to make it worth our efforts and will be using the leftover supplies to Host a Hot Dog Roast at the Buffalo VA in the coming weeks.

I look forward to meeting each of you at any or all of the upcoming Post events! Thank you for your Service and for your continued support of your American Legion and the Milton J Brounshidle Post! Enjoy your Summer!

For God & Country

Ted Balbierz

Commander

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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

- Jul 2<sup>nd</sup> Social Night at the Post @ 7:00pm
- Jul 3<sup>rd</sup> Game Night @ VA Hospital
- Jul 4<sup>th</sup> Independence Day!!
- Jul 18-20 American Legion NY Convention
- Jul 16<sup>th</sup> Executive Meeting @ 7:00pm
- Jul 17<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting @ 7:00pm
- Aug 4<sup>th</sup> US Coast Guard 229<sup>th</sup> Birthday
- Aug 6<sup>th</sup> Social Night at the Post @ 7:00
- Aug 7<sup>th</sup> Purple Heart Day
- Aug 8<sup>th</sup> MJ Brounshidle Post 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday
- Aug 10<sup>th</sup> Newsletter Article Deadline
- Aug 20<sup>th</sup> Executive Meeting @ 7:00pm
- Aug 21<sup>st</sup> Regular Meeting @ 7:00pm

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

**ERIE COUNTY CONVENTION:**

Saturday June 1st, Cmdr Ted Balbierz, PC Carl Marranca, 1st Vice Ray Borawski, Finance Officer Mike Walsh, PC Bruce Mayfield, PC Wayne Baumgartner, & Amelia Parrish (Post 205 Auxiliary) attended the 101st Erie County American Legion Convention at the Matthew Glab Post in Lackawanna.

Erie County elected the following Officers for 2019 - 2020: Commander Thomas O'Connell from Niagara

Frontier Post #1041, Vice Commander Gerald Wald from East Aurora Post #362, Vice Commander Paul Wackowski from David McKeever Post #64, Vice Commander Fred Pask from L.L. Tillman Post #900, Finance Officer Joseph Porempski from Kensington Post #708, Sergeant-at-Arms Joseph Cash from Orchard Park Post #567. Cmdr Ted Balbierz was also asked and accepted a position as an Aide to incoming County Commander Tom O'Connell for the 2019-2020 Legion year.



Milton J Brounshidle Post 205 stood tall at the County Convention. The Post's congratulations go to Past Commander & Current Post 205 2nd Vice Cmdr Wayne Baumgartner as the 2019 Erie County American Legion "Legionnaire of the Year"! Great Job Wayne & Thank you for all that you do for the Legion and our community.



The MJB Post 205 candidate, TTPD Officer Michael Lewandowski, was selected as Erie County American Legion Officer of the Year! His package is being forwarded to

8th District of NY for further consideration as Law & Order Officer of the Year at the District Convention in Dunkirk on June 15th.

Post 205 also received recognition for surpassing 100% of its membership goal and took 2nd place to Jurek Post for our Children & Youth programming.

Lastly, thanks goes to Post 205 Historian Janice Casarsa for assembling & submitting the Post 205 2018-2019 History Scrapbook. Janice did an excellent job documenting all of the Post 205 events and her efforts were well received by the county Judges. This year's scrapbook met all of the criteria necessary and will be moving forward to 8th District Convention for potential additional recognition. Book Looks Great!

Just a reminder American Legion Department of NY 101st Convention is being held at the Buffalo Hyatt July 18th thru 20th. For more information check: <https://nylegion.et/news-events/department-convention/>

## POST PICNIC

Post 205 Summer Picnic will be held on September 8<sup>th</sup> from Noon to 4:00pm. This year the picnic will be held at the Lincoln Park Kunzelman Pavilion. The ice rink is behind the building and it is next to the pool. Parking is next to the building with the entrance on Parker Blvd.

## EAGLE SCOUT CEREMONY



On June 9, Officers of the Milton J Brounshidle Post attended an Eagle Scout Court of Honor at St Amelia's Troop 529. Congratulations to Ethan M. Kuczkowski, John C. Speyer, William D.

Speyer for attaining the rank of Eagle Scout. Each scout was presented with a Certificate of Recognition from National Headquarters as well as a Good Citizen Citation and Medal from the Post

## MEETING CHANGES

Please update your calendars as Post Meetings have changed. Moving forward Post 205 Executive Board Meetings will be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 7:00pm. The General Membership Meetings will continue to be held on the Third Wednesday of each month with a new start time of 7:00pm.

## DEPARTMENT OF NY CONVENTION

The Department Convention is being held in Buffalo this year. The date is July 18-20, 2019. It is being held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel which is the Convention Headquarters.

## BIRTHDAY WISHES

**JUL:** Charles Bainbridge, Stephen Buda, John Camardo, James Curran, David Dolce, Keith Greiner, Michael Hennessy, John Hess, Richard Hubbard, Jeffrey Johnson, Dennis Kaniecki, Richard Keffer, Henry Kolb, Paul Kramer, Ralph MacVittie, James Pernick, Frank Pfalzer, Robert Ritter, Carlton Rusch, Joseph Sardo, Marc Tronolone, Denis Uminski, James Vitale, Daniel Woitas.

**AUG:** Anthony Adimey, Raymond Belter, Raymond Borawski, William Burger, James Cavallaro, John Ceder, William Chelikowsky, Donald Connolly, Anthony Deaville, James Dillon, Joseph Duguay, Charles Fischer, Walter Frerichs, Steven Galus, Kenneth Greene, Daniel Helmbrecht, John

Kalarovich, Edwin Kazmierski, Daniel Kramer, Norman Lipkus, Keith LoCicero, Joseph Manzella, Austin Mascari, Mitchell Matyevich, Bruce Mayfield, Thomas Meaney, Raymond Metzger, Kevin Murphy, Vincent Polito, Patrick Riley, Daniel Rung, Dave Schreiber, Michael Sia, Paul Stipanovich, Joseph Wagner, Mike Walsh.

## **MEMBERSHIP**

We would like to welcome our new members to Post 205: Michael Allen, Jim Davern, John Ende, Kevin Hicks, William Preston, and Shawn Stevens.

This year we will be recognizing Post members for continuous years of membership. 5-year members will receive their first Membership Star in July. 20-year members will receive a certificate in August. 30-year members will receive theirs in September. 40-year members will receive theirs in October. 50, 60, & 70-year members will receive theirs in November at the Early Bird Dinner.

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

**WEBSITE UPDATE** – [www.kentonpost205.org](http://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](mailto:webadmin@kentonpost205.org) or call Ray Borawski (832-8969).

## **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.

Daniel A. Rydzynski  
Elmer C. Eisenhauer

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Ed Miller – Chaplain

## **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:Ray Borawski at vcmdr1@kentonpost205.org).

## **AUXILIARY PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Congratulations to the Commander and his officers. We wish you a successful year and extend the Auxiliary's cooperation, as well as our support.

Our congratulations to 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander, Wayne Baumgartner, who was presented the "Erie County Legionnaire of the Year" at the 101<sup>st</sup> Convention at the Matthew Glab Post #1477.

On behalf of the Auxiliary, we wish to offer our condolences to the family of Carol Kenjockety, the children and her husband, upon her death. She will be greatly missed.

The Department Convention is being held in Buffalo, NY on July 18-20<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at the Buffalo Grand Hotel. All are welcome to come to the Convention that convenes at 8:30am in the Ballroom of the Buffalo Grand Hotel.

Always keep our troops in your thoughts and prayers and let's hope they arrive home soon and be with their loved ones. Have a safe and healthy summer. See you all at our first meeting in September. God bless you all.

Marge Manzella – President

## **AUXILIARY OFFICERS**

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