**COMMANDER’S MESSAGE**

In a significant legislative victory for the American Legion, President Trump signed a bill July 30th that declares the United States has been in a state of war since Dec. 7, 1941. The LEGION Act (Let Everyone Get Involved in Opportunities for National Service Act) also opens the door for approximately 6 million veterans to access American Legion programs and benefits for which they previously had not been eligible. Now that the legislation has been signed, the American Legion’s eligibility criteria immediately changes from seven war eras to two: April 6, 1917, to Nov. 11, 1918, and Dec. 7, 1941 to a time later determined by the federal government. No other restrictions to American Legion membership are changed.

At last month’s General Meeting I challenged each member of Post 205 to sign up at least one member during this upcoming Legion year. While our membership is strong and stable, we are hovering at right around 300 members. If each of Post 205 current Legionnaires sign up an eligible friend, relative neighbor or acquaintance, the post could possibly double in size! Going back approx. 40 years ago, Post 205 membership swelled to 900 members. Bottom Line is that You are Today’s American Legion and more importantly each of you represent the Legion’s future. We all bound by a continued Pride in Service. Reach out to fellow Veterans you may know to join together in our continued service and commitment to this Great Country we call home…

All that considered, your Milton J Brounshidle Post 205 will be hosting our 3rd Annual Open House Saturday, November 2nd, from 1pm to 3:30pm. We have invited our sister VFW & DAV posts along with Veterans Service Organizations from across Western NY to join us to answer any service-related questions that you or your fellow Veterans may have. Please join us and bring a friend or two…

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! Wishing each of you and your families a Very Happy & Healthy Holiday Season!

In Continued Service for God & Country…

Ted Balbierz
Post 205 Commander

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* Tonnewanta Veterans Club open daily from Noon to 11:00pm.
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OPEN HOUSE
The Open House is scheduled for November 2nd. The following will be there to answer any questions you or any other veterans may have:

Veterans Benefits Administration, VA Healthcare System, Buffalo Naval & Military Park, Buffalo Veterans Treatment Court, Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), Disabled American Veterans (DAV) Chapter 120, Erie County Veterans Service Agency, Gold Star Mothers, Hospice Buffalo, Legal Aid Bureau, Military Order of the Purple Heart, NYS Division of Veterans Affairs, Thank-A-Vet, Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 2472, Veterans On-Stop Center, Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 77, WNY Heroes, and WWI Memorial Fund.

We hope to see you there!

VETERANS DAY
We will be having the Veterans Day ceremony at the Village Green in Kenmore on November 11th at 11:00am. The Kenmore East High School band will be in attendance.

EARLY BIRD DINNER
The Early Bird Dinner will be held on November 20th after the General Meeting. You are eligible to attend the dinner if you have already paid your 2020 membership dues or pay them by October 20, 2019.

CHRISTMAS AT SCHOFIELD HOME
Christmas at Schofield Home will be held on December 6th. Post 205 and auxiliary will be hosting this event this year. If you are interested in being there to assist, Schofield Home is located at 3333 Elmwood Avenue in the Town of Tonawanda.

CHRISTMAS WITH SANTA
Santa will be arriving at Post 205 on December 14th at 12:00 Noon. Please see the insert for details on this upcoming event.

BILLS GAME AT VA HOSPITAL
The Bills game at the VA Hospital will be held on December 29th, when the Buffalo Bills take on the New York Jets. Festivities start around 12:30pm. Pizza and wings will be available at half-time. All are invited to the game!

WWI MEMORIAL
Town of Tonawanda resident and Navy veteran Derek Sansone, a member of the Milton J. Brounshidle American Legion Post 205, is on a mission to make the National World War I Memorial a reality. To do so, he is holding local fundraisers to support construction of the memorial. Sansone, who does not have a relative who served in the war, said he was motivated to support the cause due to his love of American history and his status as a military veteran. To help support construction of the memorial, Sansone and the Brounshidle Post held a fundraiser on Sept. 7th during the Kenmore Pub Crawl, setting up a table at the post and educating the public about the planned memorial and fundraising effort. For the complete story, see the Community News page on the Post website.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST
The pancake breakfast will be coming back again in the New Year. More information will follow in the next newsletter.

BIRTHDAY WISHES

MEMBERSHIP
We would like to welcome new members to Post 205: Kristina Brown, David Christ, Kenneth Kelkenberg, Shari Mancuso, Richard McOwen, Kenneth O’Leary, Wayne Sorrentino, Jerry Witt, and John Zemak.

The Post’s membership is currently 224, which is 77% of the goal assigned by National Headquarters. This includes 6 new members as well as 9 members who have transferred from other posts. Thanks to all our recruiters, keep it going! If you know any veteran who is eligible to join, please give them my phone number and I will take it from there.

Please remember to get your 2020 dues paid by October 20, 2019 to be eligible to attend the Early Bird Dinner on November 20, 2019.

As always, feel free to contact me directly with any concerns about membership.

Ray Borawski – Membership Chairman

CONTINUOUS MEMBERSHIP AWARDS
30-Year Certificate - Bradley Crane, Dennis Haslam, Daniel Helmbrecht, John Shevlet*, Luis Valenzuela
40-Year Certificate - George Dispensa, Joseph Finn, Kenneth Greene, Michael Maher, George Rogers, Donald Wahl

WEBSITE UPDATE – www.kentonpost205.org
Added article on the WWI Memorial.

As always, any comments or suggestions may be submitted to 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. Broushidle Post 205 to Post Everlasting.

Thomas H. Pesko
Anthony M. Vitrano
Raymond C. Wilkie

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Ed Miller – Chaplain

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 5th and vote.

On Saturday, November 10th, the Erie County American Legion Mass will be held at St. Margaret’s Church, 1395 Hertel Ave., Buffalo, at 9:30am. A continental breakfast will follow at the Niagara Frontier Post #1041, 533 Amherst St. On Monday, November 11th, flags will be placed on all the Veteran’s graves at 8:00am and service to follow at 9:00am at Forest Lawn Cemetery.

For our November meeting, please be there by 6:00pm, as the men are having there Early Bird Dinner that night, and the auxiliary is invited to attend.

We will be having a joint Christmas Party following the meeting on December 18th. We are asking the men and women to bring a dish to pass. Your effort would be greatly appreciated.

It is time to pay your 2020 membership dues. I am sure you all got your dues notice by now. Please send them to our Treasurer, Amelia Parish, at 82 Plymouth Ave, Bflo, NY 14201. Dues are $22.00. Please help us make our membership quota.

We lost two more members since May; Nancy Peterson and Leona H. Belcher.

I want to wish everyone a happy Thanksgiving, a blessed Christmas and a healthy and prosperous New Year.

Marge Manzella – President

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An Invitation To:
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