COMMANDER’S MESSAGE
Happy New Year to each of you and your families! I am hoping that each of you had a Healthy & Happy Holiday Season.

I would like to thank all of the members of Post 205 who donated and assisted in sponsoring four Veterans families during this last Holiday Season! I would also like to extend a huge thank you to all those who ensured that Post 205 Veterans Open House, Veterans Day Ceremonies and Early Bird were all huge successes!

As Post 205 continues to get busier, a recommendation was made by our Executive Board and was passed by the General Membership to resume sending Post 205 Newsletter on a Monthly basis reversing the Bi-Monthly change from 2016. We have also have considered making the Post Newsletter a digital only product, but at this time with 1/3 of our membership not having an email, we have decided to continue with the print copy of each month’s newsletter and we will review this option again at a later date.

For those who have already paid your 2020 Dues. Thank you! As of the writing of this column, Post 205 is at 90% of its 2020 membership goal! If you have not already sent in your dues, please send them in as soon as possible, as we are attempting to be one of the first Posts in Erie County to achieve 100% during this legion year.

I look forward to meeting each of you at any or all of the upcoming Post events! Thank you for your continued service and support of your American Legion and the Milton J Brounshidle Post! Wishing each of you and your families a Very Prosperous 2020!

In Continued Service for God & Country…
Ted Balbierz
Post 205 Commander

CALENDAR OF EVENTS
Jan 1st       Happy New Year!!!
Jan 6th       Deadline for Newsletter Articles
Jan 7th       Social Night at the Post @ 7:00pm
Jan 14th      Executive Meeting @ 7:00pm

WHAT’S IN THIS ISSUE:
What’s Been Happening – Activities from Nov/Dec
Upcoming Events – Pancake Breakfast, Spaghetti Dinner
Our Members – Birthdays, etc.
Everything Historical
Post Everlasting

Jan 15th       Regular Meeting @ 6:00pm
Jan 20th       Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday
Jan 26th       Pancake Breakfast
Jan 30th       County Mtg @ Niag Frontier Post #1041

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

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WHAT’S BEEN HAPPENING!

CHRISTMAS AT SCHOFIELD HOME
Christmas at Schofield Home was held on December 6th. Post 205 and our auxiliary hosted the event this year. It was enjoyed by all.

In the photo:
- Ted Balbierz
- Pam Borawski
- Ray Borawski
- Otto Regensdorfer
- Ed Miller
- Derek Sansone
- Mike Walsh
- Ruth Ann Coppola
- Bob Haug
- Wayne Baumgartner
- Matt McLean
- Ray McLean
- Ray McLean (back right)
CHRISTMAS WITH SANTA

Santa arrived at Post 205 on December 14th at 12:00 Noon. Children enjoyed decorating cookies and their own special stockings. Then Santa handed out their gifts. Everyone had a wonderful time.

UPCOMING EVENTS

PANCAKE BREAKFAST
In January Post 205 will be resuming our “All You Can Eat” Pancake Breakfasts the last Sunday of the Month from 9am to 1pm and will run thru the end of April. After many requests, we will be adding scrambled eggs to this year’s menu and the cost will be $8 per Adult, $5 Children 12 and under and Children 5 and under will be free. Discount presale tickets will be available for purchase at upcoming meetings for $7.

SPAGHETTI DINNER
Post 205 will also be hosting a Spaghetti Dinner Saturday February 15th from 4 to 7pm. Tickets will $9 for a full order and $5 for a half order and will include: Pasta, Meatball, Salad, Bread, Non-alcoholic Beverage & Dessert. (Beer & Wine will be available for purchase).

OUR MEMBERS

We would like to welcome a new member to Post 205: Joseph Maline

MEMBERSHIP

The Post’s membership is currently 276, which is 95% of the goal assigned by National Headquarters. 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.

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

BUDDY CHECKS
We have begun contacting members whom we haven’t seen in a while. To date, we have attempted to contact 37 members, including all 22 of our WW II era members.

BIRTHDAY WISHES

JAN: George Brock, David Christ, Douglas Fox, Scott Gorton, Gary Hare, Thomas Hastings, John Long, Shari Mancuso, Donald Mundt, John O’Connor, John O’Connor, Allan Patterson, Mary Pierce, Francis Roselli, Andrew Rotola, Richard Rybski, Ralph Sirianni, Dennis Woodard, Levern Zehler.

CONTINUOUS MEMBERSHIP AWARDS
50-Year Certificate – Wayne Baumgartner, James Flynn, Douglas Fox, Jeffrey Johnson, Courtland LaVallee
60-Year Certificate – John Kalarovich

Ray Borawski – Membership Chairman

EVERYTHING HISTORICAL

Conflict of the Month: World War I era “January.”

1/3/1918: 11th Marine Regiment established as part of 5th Marine Expeditionary Brigade (France).
1/5/1918: 8th Infantry Division “Pathfinders”, U.S. Army (France) established.
1/15/1918: I Corps, U.S. Army (France) established, Major Gen. Hunter Ligget, Commanding. Included 1st & 2nd ID’s (played decisive role during 2nd Battle of the Marne).
1/17/1918: 200 Chinese soldiers fire on USS Monocacy patrolling Yangtze River. 1 crewman killed, 2 wounded before fire returned.
1/26/1918: German submarine sunk in St. George’s Channel by U.S. Navy torpedo boat (loss of all hands).
1/24/1919: Red Army surround Shenkursk, Russia. Gen. Ironside orders break
POST EVERLASTING

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.

Wallace J. Kasper
Clayton J. Burden, Jr.
John D. Ceder
Gerald W. Nolan
Walter F. Frerichs
Salvatore J. Schillaci
Robert D. Manzella

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Ed Miller – Chaplain

INFORMATION CORNER
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).

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If you haven’t paid your dues as yet, please send them to Amelia Parrish at 82 Plymouth Ave., Buffalo, NY 14201, so we can make our quota.

Our County Meeting will be held at the East Aurora Post #362 on 1/17/2020.

The Department Mid-Winter Conference is January 24th & 25th at the Marriott on Wolf Road, Albany, NY. Also, the Department Commander, Department President and Detachment Commander will be visiting Erie County on February 15th, where a dinner honoring them will be held at the Matthew Glab Post #1477, 1965 Abbott Rd, Lackawanna.

If you know of a member who is sick or in the hospital, please call our Chaplin, Marge Fischer so she can send them a card. We have lost four members this year: Carol Kenjockey, 5/9/19; Nancy Peterson, 6/4/19; Lena A. Belcher, 8/2/19; and Linda MacPherson, 10/15/19. May they rest in peace.

God Bless you and keep you all safe and healthy. See you at our meeting on January 15, 2020.

Marge Manzella – President

FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT
Our auxiliary sponsored a family this Christmas and it was due to the auxiliary efforts with poppy sales and your membership. We also assisted the Post with their Open House in November and celebrated Christmas with Veterans in the Schofield Home. On December 29th we will be with the Post at the VA to watch the final regular season Bills game with the veterans. We will also assist at the Superbowl event at the VA. Join us if you can. It will be held in Freedom Hall, Rm 301.

Pam Borawski – 1st Vice President

AUXILIARY PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE
I hope you all had a great Holiday and that you received everything you wanted from Santa.

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

HISTORIAN’S NOTE: If anyone has pictures of Spring/Summer ‘19 Post 205 Events, please provide copies to Derek Sansone. E-mail Electronic copies to: killerbee05@hotmail.com. Next Month: World War II era “February.”
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