



BROUNSHIDLE POST #205 LEGIONNAIRE

3354 Delaware Avenue, Kenmore, NY

February 2020

COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

As I am half way through my 3rd term as your Commander, I continue to reflect on all of the positive things that we continue to accomplish as an organization. Many of you have heard me discuss the 4 Pillars of American Legion; Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation, National Security, Americanism & Children & Youth. In continued service to God & Country, we as an organization are working together to ensure that the Milton J Brounshidle Post is doing everything we can in support of the above.

Which brings me to my monthly motivational sermon... What Motivates you? Why are you a member of the Legion? For me it is a tie between a continued Commitment to Service & Camaraderie. I applaud each of you for taking the first step in becoming a member of America's leading Veterans Organization and would like to encourage each of you to take the next step and attend an upcoming meeting or function to find what motivates you? I can assure you that you will find it if you look!

Please check your most recent ID Card if it says 2019, you may not have sent in your 2020 dues? Please send them in as soon as possible as we are attempting to be the 1st Post in Erie County to achieve 100% during this legion year.

Post 205 is hosting a Spaghetti Dinner Saturday February 15th from 4 to 7pm. Tickets will be \$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). Please spread the word!

In January Post 205 resumed our All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfasts on the last Sunday of the Month from 9am to 1pm and will run thru the end of April. If you are interested in attending, please contact 2nd Vice Commander Wayne Baumgartner for Discount Presale Tickets at upcoming meetings.

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!
In Continued Service for God & Country...

Ted Balbierz

WHAT'S IN THIS ISSUE:

What's Been Happening – Activities from January

Upcoming Events – Superbowl LIV @ VA, Pancake Breakfast, Spaghetti Dinner

Everything Historical – WWII Februarys

Our Members – Birthdays, etc.

Post Everlasting

Information Corner – Web Site Info, Change to Electronic Copes, Color Guard Request

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Feb 2nd Superbowl LIV @ VA Hospital
- Feb 4th Social Night at the Post @ 7:00pm
- Feb 5th Game Night @ VA Hospital
- Feb 15th Deadline for Newsletter Articles
- Feb 15th Spaghetti Dinner @ Post 205
- Feb 18th Executive Mtg. @ 7:00pm
- Feb 19th Regular Meeting @ 7:00pm
- Feb 23rd Pancake Breakfast @ Post 205
- Feb 27th County Mtg @ Mthw Glab Post #1477

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

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WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING!

GIFTS FOR VETERANS @ SCHOFIELD

3rd Vice Cmdr. Ruth Ann Coppola and Auxiliary VP Pam Borawski visited the veterans at the Schofield Home and delivered lap quilts to all of the veterans to brighten their day and keep them warm.

UPCOMING EVENTS

SUPERBOWL LIV @ VA HOSPITAL

On February 2, 2020 there will be a Superbowl party at the VA Hospital, 3rd Floor, Freedom Hall, Room 301. All Veterans are invited to attend this party and watch the Superbowl. Pizza and wings will be served at half-time. Come on out and have a good time with fellow veterans.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Our "All You Can Eat" Pancake Breakfasts continue on the last Sunday of the Month from 9am to 1pm and will run through the end of April. We added 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. Come join us for good eating!!

SPAGHETTI DINNER

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EVERYTHING HISTORICAL

Conflict of the Month: World War II "February."

- 2/1/43: Japanese begin evacuation of Guadalcanal.
- 2/20/43: Allies occupy Kasserine Pass, Tunisia.
- 2/2/44: First Allied Troops set foot on Japanese territory.
- 2/3/44: US Troops capture Marshall Islands.
- 2/7/44: Germans launch counteroffensive in Anzio, Italy.
- 2/15/44: Allies begin attack on Axis held monastery in Monte Cassino, Italy.

- 2/1/45: US Army arrives at the Siegfried line.
- 2/3/45: Almost 1,000 B-17 flying fortresses drop 3,000 tons of bombs on Berlin.
- 2/5/45: US Troops under General Douglas MacArthur enter Manila, Philippines.
- 2/13/45: Allied planes begin bombing Dresden, Germany.

- 2/16/45: US forces land on Corregidor.
- 2/19/45: Under fire, NCB 31 & 133 unload equipment from landing craft and put down matting enabling USMC tanks to roll off Iwo Jima beach, 340 Seabee KIA (largest day of casualties in Seabee history).



- 2/23/45: US Marines raise American flag atop Mt. Suribachi on Iwo Jima.

HISTORIAN'S NOTE: If anyone has pictures of Spring/Summer '19 Post 205 events, please provide copies to Derek Sansone. Email electronic copies to: killerbee05@hotmail.com.
Next Month: Korean War "March."

OUR MEMBERS

We would like to welcome new members to Post 205: Russell Badame, Alfred Christopher, Joe Gerrie, Russell Ghoston, William Marks, Scott Penton, Michael Strayer, and Paul Wolcott.

MEMBERSHIP

The Post's membership is currently 283, which is 97% 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

82 have been conducted to date. This includes 22 WW II members, and 53 Korean War members. If you have NOT been contacted, please contact Vice Cmdr Ray Borawski (716-832-8969 or vcmdr1@kentonpost205.org). Let us know how you're doing Thanks to Derek Sansone, Nick Scott, Wayne Sorrentino, and Mike Walsh.

Ray Borawski – 716-832-8969

BIRTHDAY WISHES

FEB: Michael Allen, Russell Badame, William Bates, Wayne Baumgartner, Ronald Carney, Joseph Chudoba, Patrick Conner, Patrick Cunningham, Robert Daeschler, Matthew Digati, George Dispenza, John Ennis, James Gaiser, Steven Gross, Russell Kenjockety, Anthony Laforanara, Thomas Lockhaven, William Marks, Carl Marranca, John McCarthy, Richard Patterson, William Rowe, Elizabeth Sawin, John Shevlet, James Slattery, John Traina, Scott Van Alstine, Joseph Vizzi, Donald Zorn.

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. Brounshidle Post 205 to Post Everlasting.

Joseph Manzella

MAY HE REST IN PEACE

Ed Miller – Chaplain

INFORMATION CORNER

WEBSITE UPDATE – www.kentonpost205.org

Articles have been added to the "Of Interest" page about the Washington Monument and "Why Mr. Rogers Wears a Sweater"

As always, any comments or suggestions may be submitted to webadmin@kentonpost205.org or call Ray Borawski (832-8969).

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JOIN THE COLOR GUARD

Can you walk for a mile? How about march for a mile?

We, at Post 205, are not going to just attend the Kenton Memorial Day Parade; we are going to be in it.

We need volunteers to march in the Memorial Day Parade. We will be wearing the Battle Dress Uniform (Woodland print). You will be supplied the uniform, hat, and boots. You have to supply the PRIDE. Call Bob Haug @ 716-725-4220.

Marching is not your thing? We have room for those who would like to honor our fallen comrades and render them a rifle salute. We wear the supplied Legion Blue Ike Jacket, blue trousers with gold stripe, with silver helmet liner. The M1 Garand's significant report tells the world; WE HAVE NOT FORGOTTEN OUR HEROES.

It is not an either/or proposition. You can join both. Give me a call, 716-725-4220.

AUXILIARY PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Our County Meeting will be held at the Niagara Frontier Post at 533 Amherst Street on 2/21/2020.

If you know of a member who is sick or in the hospital, please call our Chaplain, Marge Fischer so she can send them a card. We have lost five members this past year: Carol Kenjockety, 5/9/19; Nancy Peterson, 6/4/19; Lena A. Belcher, 8/2/19; Linda MacPherson, 10/15/19; and Priscilla Stevens, 12/23/19. May they rest in peace.

The Spaghetti Dinner is being held at the Post on 2/15/2020. If any auxiliary member would like to assist the post by serving meals to the customers or kitchen detail for setting up the plates of food. Please contact Fran Roselli at 716-874-4011.

Thank you to all who have paid their dues. We have reached 100% for the Post 205 Auxiliary.

God Bless you and keep you all safe and healthy. See you at our meeting on February 19, 2020.

Marge Manzella – President

AUXILIARY OFFICERS

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