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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Greetings Comrades and Friends,

Another year has passed and hopefully you have had a happy and healthy Holiday Season. We ended the year with another fun Christmas Party in December and now we look forward to a new year of events. Our Department Midwinter Conference is January 19-21, 2018, at the Ho-Chunk Casino in Baraboo, WI. On February 11, 2018, we will be having our 9-pin tap bowling tournament at Legend Lanes in Omro. I will have more information on that and other events coming up soon at our next meeting which is January 24, 2018, at Tanner's Tap & Grill in Omro at 7 pm.

Hope to see you at the meeting.

Jack Haynes
Commander

CHAPLAINS CORNER

Well it's a new year and I hope all is well with everyone. We all can look for special blessings from Our Lord God. I believe as long as we turn to Him all things are possible. The cold weather is still with us but it is looking better soon. That's about it for now. See you soon, God's blessings to all.

Your Chaplin, Tom Artz

AUXILIARY NEWS



Diane Steinert presents Mary Bressers with her Continuous Service Award



Mary Bressers (far left) during a Unit 388 Junior Group Event

ALA UNIT 234 HONORS 80 YEARS CONTINUOUS SERVICE – Mary Bressers, age 90, was recently honored by members of Daugherty Hamilton Unit #234 for being an American Legion Auxiliary member for 80 years. Ms. Bressers started her Auxiliary service in 1938, with General William Mitchell Unit #388, Milwaukee, WI.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS – We are at 95% of our 2018 membership goal. Members whose dues were not processed by Department by early December will receive a second dues renewal notice in January. If you have already paid your dues, please disregard.

DUES – Currently Unit 234 membership dues are \$25 per senior and \$5 for juniors. Of that, \$20 for seniors and \$3 for juniors goes to the Department. For the 2019 membership year Department will be collecting \$28 per senior and \$5.25 per junior. Each unit determines what their dues will be. Per our by-laws, the annual membership dues of the coming recruiting year shall be determined by a majority vote of the membership attending the January meeting. Please plan on attending to discuss possible dues increase.

MEMBER YEAR-END IMPACT REPORT – Reporting period will be activities from March 1, 2017 through February 28, 2018. Please report your best estimate of hours volunteered, dollars spent and in-kind donations. Reports are due to me by April 1, 2018. I will have more information at our next meeting.

Our next general meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 18th, 6:30 pm at Tanner's. Executive Committee will meet at 5:30 p.m. See you there!!

Diane Steinert, President

WHAT'S HAPPENING

ORATORICAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM - The American Legion Oratorical Contest exists to develop deeper knowledge and appreciation for the U.S. Constitution among high school students. Participants are required to give an 8 to 10-minute speech related to the United States Constitution, as well as a 3 to 5-minute presentation on an "Assigned Topic". Competition starts at the Post level and progresses to County, District, Regional and State. Scholarships are awarded at each level. See Calendar of Events for dates and locations of this year's contests.

PINEWOOD DERBY - Saturday, January 21st is the annual Omro Cub Scouts Pack 3623 PINEWOOD DERBY!!! Start time 10 AM. Come on out to the Omro Elementary School gym and watch some very cool creations from local scouts race down the track!!! There is a bake sale and cake auction too! All the proceeds go to support the Cub Scouts, so come on out, enjoy some sweets, have some fun and support the area youth! We are looking for volunteers to judge the competition and help with concessions. Please contact Jack Haynes (920-841-6385 or jhaynesusn@yahoo.com) if you would like to participate.

AMERICANISM BANQUET - The 55th Annual Sixth District Americanism Recognition Banquet will be held on Saturday, February 10, 2018, at La Sure's Hall in Oshkosh. The event is held to honor Legion and Auxiliary members recognized for their selfless dedication to "Americanism". Cost is \$21 per person. Banquet seating is by advance reservation only. Reservation forms will be available at our next meeting. If you would like more information please contact Dave or Diane Steinert at dsteinert@charter.net.

LEGION 9 PIN-TAP BOWLING TOURNAMENT - BOWLERS NEEDED - Plans for the annual 9-pin tap tournament are complete. The date is Sunday, February 11th. Bowling sessions will be at 12:00 PM and 3:00 PM. We need our Veterans to come on down and bowl. It's just one of the fun things we do as a Post. Challenge your fellow Veterans, friends, family and neighbors!! We'll be having a 50/50 raffle at each session. Call Legend Lanes at 685-2694 to reserve your spot.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

DAUGHERTY-HAMILTON POST 234 – 103%

January 2018. Wishing everyone a Happy and Healthy New Year. I would like to mention that in Mid-December we reached 100% membership. As in the past I prepaid several members as this year Headquarters offered any post with 100% our size a reward of \$150.00 if paid up by December 31st. If you are a member that has to pay, please don't pay on line as it will cause a double payment. Also, a reminder, Headquarters sends out renewal notices several times a year. They don't check to see if your already paid. Please check your records or send me an email or call if you're not sure. A hardy thank-you to all the members for making this post one of the best posts in Wisconsin.

John Vonderloh, Membership Chair

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

01/07 Post Oratorical Contest, Omro High School Library
01/14 County Oratorical Contest – Oshkosh Post 70
01/18 Legion Auxiliary Executive Committee Meeting 5:30 PM @ Tanner's
01/18 Legion Auxiliary Unit Meeting 6:30 PM @ Tanner's
1/19-21 Midwinter Conference, Ho-Chunk, Baraboo
1/21 Pinewood Derby, Omro Elementary School
01/24 Post Executive Committee Meeting 6:00 PM @ Tanner's
01/24 Post 234 Regular Meeting 7:00 PM @ Tanner's
01/28 District Oratorical Contest - Stockbridge Schools
02/10 Department Oratorical Contest – Ripon College
02/10 6th District Americanism Banquet – La Sure's, Oshkosh
02/11 9-pin Tap Bowling Tournament @ Legend Lanes, Omro



*Bell Ringing for the
Salvation Army*



Christmas Party Fun!



*Veterans Day at Omro
Schools*



*Winner of Post 234 Oratorical Contest
Brynne Boeck*