



# DAUGHERTY-HAMILTON POST 234

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Post meetings held the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month and Auxiliary meetings held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month at Tanner's Tap & Grill 207 W. Main St., Omro.

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## COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Greetings Comrades and Friends,

I hope you all had a great holiday season. Thanks to Sue Koon for chairing the Christmas Party, a good time was had by all. We completed our post Oratorical Contest on Sunday, January 6<sup>th</sup>. The winner, Jaelyn Stadler a freshman at Omro High School will go on to the County Oratorical contest scheduled for January 11<sup>th</sup> at Omro High at 3:30 pm. If anyone is interested in lending a hand at the district oratorical contest at St. Mary's Springs in Fond du Lac on January 27, 2019 please contact me. Our Mid-Winter Conference is January 17<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> and we will have a report on it at our meeting. A bowling sweeper to raise money for the American Legion Legacy Scholarship fund is in the planning (see newsletter for more information). Ken Flock is making the arrangements.

Hope to see you all at our next meeting on January 23rd. Be safe.

Gary Allen, Commander

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## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

January 2019. Hello from sunny Florida. I hope this message finds you in good health. Presently our membership dues are being paid in time. Out of 232 members we have 172 renewed. For those of you who haven't paid, pick up your renewal notice and send it in and make my highly paid position easier. Wishing everyone a healthy Happy New Year. As in the past, if you're having any kind of trouble paying your dues, please contact me. This will be kept confidential. Godspeed.

John Vonderloh, Membership Chair

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## CHAPLAINS CORNER

January 2019. Happy New Year. I would like to take this time to remember those members that we lost in 2018:

**Jamil C. Roggow, 86 - US Navy; Charles L Fleck, 79 - US Navy; Laurie Koepke, 73 - US Navy; Loren M Stokes, 85 - US Army; Warren L Bohn, 86 - US Army; James Yost, 86 - US Navy; Rocky D. Wischow Sr, 58 - US Navy; Bruce J. Berger, 72 - Army National Guard; Robert E Wolff, 88 - US Navy; Larry D. Carpenter, age 73 - US Army; Andrew H Oleson, Sr., 81 - US Army; Charles H. Danke, 86 - US Army.**

If I missed someone I apologize. This may be hard for you to believe, but I'm getting older and at times forget or I don't state the facts correctly. With Gods help I will do the best I can. With this in mind, I along with all our Veterans ask God for continued HEALTH. And for those of you that are sick, we pray for you that you won't suffer, AMEN.

John Vonderloh, Chaplain

## AUXILIARY PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome 2019! As with the beginning of every New Year, the talk is all about New Year's Resolutions. Have you made yours? We are a full week into 2019... I hope whatever you decided to take on is going well.

For some reason, I'm not much of one for "New Year's Resolutions". If I'm going to begin something new, I pick a day and start. That's just me. However, there is one thing that comes to mind with respect to our Auxiliary Unit that I would like to improve and need your help. I would like to find a way to get the hidden members of our Auxiliary active in at least one event or meeting this year. We have a solid core group of volunteers and a few who step in when they can but what can we do to get a few more of you to participate? Should the meetings take place on a different day or time? Would you attend if it was live streamed (I don't know how but if it gets you there, I'll figure it out!). What event would you be more apt to take part of? I'm open to all suggestions and ideas just let me know what they are.

I don't mean to put on the pressure, I really don't, that's not my style. However, I am concerned that we aren't reaching the potential that this great organization has because we need more hands on deck. If each of you could take 1 hour a month to attend a meeting or 2 hours to show your support in a parade or a few hours to help out at one of our events just imagine how much more publicity the Omro American Legion Auxiliary would get and in turn, the recognition and support the veterans would receive!

Each and every one of you are appreciated and I know we all have busy lives. Perhaps though with the start of the New Year and the fresh outlook it brings, you could take some time to think about how you can help bring our Unit to a new level one step at a time.

Our next meeting is in the dining room section of Tanners on Thursday, January 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30. I would love to see you there.

Take care -  
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## WHAT'S HAPPENING

**AMERICANISM BANQUET** - The 56th Annual Sixth District Americanism Recognition Banquet will be held on Saturday, February 9, 2019, 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 \$22 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 [djdmsteinert@gmail.com](mailto:djdmsteinert@gmail.com).

**LEGION 9 PIN-TAP BOWLING TOURNAMENT - BOWLERS NEEDED** - Plans for the annual 9-pin tap tournament are complete. The date is Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> at Legend Lanes in Omro. Cost is \$20 per bowler. 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. Legend Lanes is also having a meat raffle. Call Legend Lanes at 685-2694 to reserve your spot.

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**01/14** County Oratorical Contest – Omro High School  
**01/17** Legion Auxiliary Unit Meeting 6:30 PM @ Tanner's  
**1/17-20** Midwinter Conference, Ho-Chunk, Baraboo  
**01/23** Post Executive Committee Meeting 6:00 PM @ Tanner's  
**01/23** Post 234 Regular Meeting 7:00 PM @ Tanner's  
**01/26** ALA Leadership Training – Oshkosh Post 70  
**01/27** District Oratorical Contest – St. Mary's Springs, FDL  
**02/09** Department Oratorical Contest – Ripon College  
**02/09** 6<sup>th</sup> District Americanism Banquet – La Sure's, Oshkosh



# ***OMRO VETERANS MEMORIAL***

## **Our Veterans Memorial**

I got thinking about the beginnings. The beginnings of our post and our memorial. I thought of those our post has lost since the beginning. Veterans who were instrumental in building the memorial or were just active members. Just off the top of my head I could come up with 15 names. Back when it was just an idea, we had far less than 50 members. Now our post numbers over 230 members and is the third largest post in our district that is comprised of six counties. Only Oshkosh and Fond Du Lac have larger posts.

I realized not many of us know the entire story, the history of our memorial. To some it is only a place where we hold our Memorial Day ceremonies to honor our dead. Truthfully, not very many members that were here from the beginning know everything about it. Together we will explore and learn about the memorial. Hopefully when done you will have a new appreciation for what our memorial is and what it means to our community and especially to us as Veterans.

I have been heavily involved in the memorial from the design, fundraising, construction and care of it. I will talk about these things and more. I will talk about memorial committee members we have lost and what they meant to the effort. When the story is fully told I will talk about the men on panel three who lost their lives for our freedom. I am now the president of the organization whose responsibility is the care and safeguarding of our memorial.

Over the years I have witnessed old men openly crying when they have found the name of a lifelong friend. I have seen young mothers weeping and others take a quiet moment alone to leave a flower or a memento to honor a loved one. Our memorial touches the hearts of everyone in our community. We all have family members, friends or neighbors honored within its walls.

Next month I will kick off the series with a very special story of a very special woman who will be honored on our memorial this coming Memorial Day. After that we will begin telling the history of our memorial starting at the very beginning. I hope you enjoy the series and get something meaningful out of it.

Rick Deiss  
Past Commander Post 234