



# 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,

The regional and state finals for the oratorical competition will be held on February 9<sup>th</sup> at Ripon college, if you have never had the opportunity to listen to these talented high school students it is worth seeing. We will also be having coffee with Vets on 2/25/2019 at 8:30 am at Carmel, let me know if you are interested in attending. Also make sure you get your time reserved for the bowling sweeper at Legend lanes.

If you have donations or projects that you would like to see included in next year's budget get them to one of the PEC members or bring them to the next meeting, we need to plan for our 2020 budget.

We had a great turn out for Mid-winter conference, 10 post and auxiliary members from our post attended for some very worthwhile training.

I would like to thank all of the post members who have stepped up and assisted in helping to get our post contestant Jaelyn Stadler to the regional competition, there are too many to list and if I did, I may miss one of you and I don't want that.

The February meeting is on the 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm, see you there!

Respectfully,

Gary Allen, Commander

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## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

February 2019. I'm still in sunny Florida and by the time you read this I hope that the deep freeze in Wisconsin is over. Only three (3) more members paid since last month. All three were paid on line. Nice job. Our Commander's name is Gary Allen and he's a good guy. By paying your dues we can continue to get our 100% award which we have received each year we've been in existence. As in the past, if you're having any kind of trouble paying your dues, email or call me. This will be kept confidential.

John Vonderloh, Membership Chair

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## CHAPLAINS CORNER

My thoughts this month reflect on two of our members. Ken Larsen and Bernie Egan. "I've commanded you to be strong and brave. Don't ever be afraid or discouraged! I am the Lord your God, and I will be there to help you wherever you go."

John Vonderloh, Chaplain

**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. Money raised will go to the Legacy Scholarship Fund.

## AUXILIARY PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

January has come and gone and we are just that much closer to the sun shine lasting longer and warmer temps. I, for one, cannot wait!

While we are waiting for that time to come, we are keeping ourselves busy by carrying out our support of current military members in a number of ways. Clipping and sending coupons to military commissaries around the world. Collecting items for and distributing care packages three times a year (our next shipping is in May). And our new venture, Cell Phones for Soldiers.

We need your help to fulfill these missions. All it takes is for you to clip manufacturer's coupons and bring them to a meeting or give them or mail them to an ALA officer. Even if a coupon is expired, the commissaries can still use them up to 6 months after that date. Another way to help is if a new cell phone or other electronic is in your future, please save your old electronics to be recycled. The Auxiliary will be collecting all unwanted electronic devices, as well as care package donations, at our Support Our Troops Care Package Drive in September. It's easy to help! Save those coupons, old phones & watch for more information or contact me anytime.

Continue to spread the word of all that our Auxiliary does along with the rest of the American Legion Family. Remember that together, we can make a difference.

Stay healthy and warm my friends,

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## AUXILIARY CHAPLAINS CORNER

Our weather has been mostly cold & snowy recently, but our hearts are full of warm wishes for our Auxiliary members who are celebrating or have recently celebrated birthdays. "Happy Birthday!!" to the following: Jordyn & Jennifer Rammer, Connie Raygo, Jordan Huth, Jodi Kallas, Paige Roesler and Bentley Steinert

At this time, we are not aware of any illness, injury or hospitalizations in our membership. If you know of a member who could use some cheer or prayers, please contact me (phone, text or email).

Let us join together to remember, honor and support our veterans and current military.

*"If I cannot do great things, I can do small things in a great way."*

Kathy Boettner, Chaplain  
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## WHAT'S HAPPENING

### *CALENDAR OF EVENTS*

- 02/09** Department Oratorical Contest – Ripon College
- 02/09** 6<sup>th</sup> District Americanism Banquet – La Sure's, Oshkosh
- 02/21** Legion Auxiliary Meeting 6:30 PM @ Tanner's
- 02/27** Post Executive Committee Meeting 6:00 PM @ Tanner's
- 02/27** Post 234 Regular Meeting 7:00 PM @ Tanner's
- 03/03** 9-pin Tap Bowling Tournament @ Legend Lanes, Omro
- 03/05** Auxiliary – Winnebago County Council Meeting, Omro @ Tanner's
- 03/21** Legion Auxiliary Meeting 6:30 PM @ Tanner's
- 03/27** Post Executive Committee 6:00 PM @Tanner's
- 03/27** Post 234 Regular Meeting 7:00 PM @ Tanner's

Happy  
Valentine's  
Day



# ***OMRO VETERANS MEMORIAL***

## **Our Veterans Memorial**

Back in the beginning when we first picked-up the challenge of building the memorial and we began collecting the names that would go on it. We had the name of a woman, a civilian nurse who reportedly was killed in Vietnam given to us.

After a discussion, it was decided that at that time we didn't have the time or resources to dedicate to verify the information. Now you have to realize how busy we were at the time. Our Commander, John Hoeft was scheduling planning meetings where we were ironing out the design, we were also having other meetings with contractors. We were collecting names of veterans and verifying the information to make sure the information was correct, and they qualified to be on the memorial. We were also having fundraisers to raise the money for the memorial.

As a result, she was forgotten and 14 years later she was still not honored by us. The sands of time had all but erased her from our memories. In the last three months or so I happened to remember the event and it made me feel terrible. She deserved better treatment from me. If anyone is responsible to make sure things like this don't happen it is I.

I no longer had her name and I knew it wouldn't be in our veteran database because she was never a veteran. I contacted Cindi Wipf who is currently babysitting her grandson in California. If anyone had the information I needed, it would be her. I knew Bob would have never thrown it away. She didn't know about the civilian nurse and was excited about the prospect of finding her and began looking for her name. Three hours later she called me back with the name Gloria A. Redlin, I now had a starting point.

I searched on line for her obituary and found it. It was pitifully small to recap a person's entire life, only three paragraphs. It gave me needed information to continue the search. I had her parents' names Leslie and Hilda. It also said she lost her life in Vietnam and it said she lived her entire life in Oshkosh. Well that was kind of depressing but I knew better than to take that at face value. I used to have a business and advertised with them. I can't remember a single time where they didn't screw up my ads.

I contacted city hall and had them search to see if Leslie had ever owned a home here and came up empty. Next the library looked at census reports. In 1920, they showed Leslie as a 14-year-old boy living in Omro. That gave me hope, he had a physical attachment to our community. In 1930 report he was living in Portage Wisconsin but in the 1940 census report it showed him his wife and 4-year-old Gloria owning a home in the town of Utica and farming. Part of Utica is in the Omro school district and part not so I had to continue the search at the high

school. In the bottom drawer of a filing cabinet in a closet we found her graduation papers. We now had definitive proof she lived in our school district.

Next, I had to verify that she was killed in Vietnam. There were conflicting reports on what year she died 1969 or 1970. I also had conflicting reports on which organization she worked for. After looking at all the websites where she was mentioned I think I have a clear picture.

On the night of October 13, 1970 Gloria Redlin was driving her scooter back to the hospital she worked at. Sergeant Janca was riding behind her. They were late, past curfew when they spotted the check point in front of them. Not knowing if it was friend or foe, they decided to run it. It was manned by a People's self-defense unit. They opened fire on them killing the sergeant at the scene and severing Gloria's spine. She was taken to a hospital in Kan Rham Bay where she died on October 21 of her injuries, she was 34 years old and was ending a two-year deployment. The soldiers that killed her were placed in custody.

We had all the needed information and I called together our tribunal. In later articles, I will talk about our tribunal and who we are and what we do but this article is already lengthy enough. We were talking by phone about how to honor her properly before our meeting. I thought of a grave marker in the landscaping by panel three and dismissed it. It felt like she was being treated like an outsider. I next mentioned putting her on panel three after all she was killed in war time but none of us were comfortable with the idea. On the way to the meeting I stopped by the memorial hoping to see a solution. The best I could come up with was honoring her with a bronze plaque mounted at the base of the flagpole. The concrete on each of the five surfaces is three feet long and sixteen inches high. After a discussion by our tribunal it was decided that this was the best way to properly honor her for her sacrifices.

I called for a meeting of our entire memorial board of directors after they received all of the information we had, it was voted to honor her with the plaque. Ken Bressers donated \$500.00 to the cost which is around \$1300.00 The plaque will read:

**GLORIA A. REDLIN  
CIVILIAN NURSE  
KILLED IN VIETNAM**

The bronze plaque will be 30X8 and the lettering will be the same size as it is on panel three. We will have a ceremony this Memorial Day to unveil her plaque and place her first red rose by her plaque.

From this Memorial Day forward after the names of the fifteen brave men who lost their lives for our freedom are read and a rose is placed for them a sixteenth name will be read and a rose will be placed to honor Gloria. She is finally coming home to be with the veterans that she gave care to.

As a side note, our first vice commander Sue Koon was related to Gloria.

**Next month's story, all good things come in threes.**

Rick Deiss  
Past Commander Post 234

***The Mission of Daugherty-Hamilton Post 234 Is to Provide Services to  
Veterans, Their Families and Our Communities***