



# 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

Hello Comrades and friends,

On March 3<sup>rd</sup> we held our annual bowling sweeper at Legend's Lanes in Omro. It appeared that everyone had a good time. Final totals aren't in yet, but we should have them by the meeting. Money raised from the bowling sweeper will go to the Legacy Scholarship Fund. Thank you to everyone who took time out of their busy schedule to participate.

Planning is underway for our 14th Annual Golf Outing at Lake Breeze, May 18<sup>th</sup>. If you have a team, please get your registration in. Registrations forms will be available at the meeting. Also, if you have any door prizes to donate please bring them to the meeting at Tanners.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday March 27, 2019 at 7:00 pm, see you there.

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## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

March 2019. I guess my thoughts from last month newsletter was not heard as the weather remained snowy and cold. Since my last newsletter I only had one renewal. We still have over thirty members with expired memberships. I will be returning to Wisconsin on the 24<sup>th</sup> and will be contacting these members. If you don't know if your paid for 2019, contact me! As in the past, if you're having any kind of trouble pay your dues, email me at [jvonderloh@gmail.com](mailto:jvonderloh@gmail.com) or call me at 920-252-1893. This will be kept confidential. Gods speed. *John Vonderloh, Membership Chair*

## CHAPLAINS CORNER

Jesus, you said, "There is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends." Today we pray for those men and women who have, in their military service, sacrificed their time, strength, ambition, health and even their lives on this earth to benefit 'friends,' known and unknown.

Many of our warriors carry scars in their hearts as well as on their bodies. Dark memories haunt their dreams at night. Fears cloud their waking hours. Jesus, you came to give us abundant life by providing a way for us to release our pain to you. On the cross you bore our sorrows and brokenness and when we trust you, we can exchange our wounds for your joy in a future unhindered by fate. Bring this gift now to the veterans of our nation who bear tangible and intangible wounds. Heal them, Jesus.

Bless the families of soldiers who bear these pains vicariously. Give them patience and wisdom and strength to endure, and more than endure to hope in faith for a blessed life. God, not everything that happens in life is good. But you promise to work all things together for good to those who love you and align their lives with your purpose. Create good in the families of veterans who have experienced pain and loss. Do this miracle, we pray.

We honor our veterans in your name. We thank you – as we thank them – for their sacrifice. We ask you to return to them the favor of your blessing, a gift we on our own could never offer. We ask that you would give our veterans a peace beyond the peace they fought to secure, a peace in their own hearts, wrapped in the joy of a life touched by your strong hand. In Jesus we pray..."

John Vonderloh, Chaplain

## AUXILIARY PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello there –

Please remember to work on your Impact Reports. Don't feel overwhelmed, it's really not that hard, trust me. I'll be taking your volunteer hours and information at our next meeting. Every minute counts ladies and there are many of you out there who do plenty so let's make it count even more. Your valuable time and efforts help shape the Auxiliary into what it is. Thank you for continuing to share your time with us! We do make a difference!

You can contact me any time for anything. If I don't know the answer, I'll find it out for you. Our next meeting will be March 21<sup>st</sup> at Tanner's at 6:30. I hope to see you there!

Take Care and Think Spring -

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## WHAT'S HAPPENING

### **6<sup>th</sup> District American Legion Auxiliary JR. SPRING CONFERENCE APRIL 20, 2019**

**Place:** Markesan Unit # 282, 11 E. Charles St.

**Time:** 9:00am to 2:00pm

**Lunch:** \$5.00 each. Pay upon arrival.

**Bring:**

- 1) \$5.00 Birthday gift appropriate for any age.
- 2) Poppy poster. Read directions!
- 3) Little Miss Poppy (age 6-12) bring your poppy story & come in costume. \*To qualify must also make poppy poster!
- 4) Let's have some Poppy Creations this year.
- 5) Bring a friend!

**ELECTION! CRAFTS! SERVICE PROJECTS!**  
**POPPIES! FUN!**

**MUST RSVP TO CHAR BY 4/13/19!!!**  
920-558-4224 or [char.kiesling@gmail.com](mailto:char.kiesling@gmail.com)

### *CALENDAR OF EVENTS*

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| 03/21 | Legion Auxiliary Meeting 6:30 PM @ Tanner's                                   |
| 03/23 | ALA 6 <sup>th</sup> District Executive Committee Meeting<br>- Oshkosh Post 70 |
| 03/27 | Post Executive Committee 6:00 PM @Tanner's                                    |
| 03/27 | Post 234 Regular Meeting 7:00 PM @ Tanner's                                   |
| 04/18 | Legion Auxiliary Meeting 6:30 PM @ Tanner's                                   |
| 04/20 | ALA 6 <sup>th</sup> District Junior Conference                                |
| 04/21 | <i>EASTER</i>   |
| 04/24 | Post Executive Committee 6:00 PM @Tanner's                                    |
| 04/24 | Post 234 Regular Meeting 7:00 PM @ Tanner's                                   |
| 04/27 | ALA 6 <sup>th</sup> District Spring Conf. – Briggsville                       |
| 04/28 | Legion 6 <sup>th</sup> District Spring Conf. – Two Rivers                     |



**14<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL POST 234 GOLF OUTING** – We've started plans for the golf outing. It will be held Saturday, May 18, 2019 at Lake Breeze Golf Course. We'll need plenty of volunteers, raffle prizes and of course, golfers. Registration forms and donation letters will be available at our next meeting.



# ***OMRO VETERANS MEMORIAL***

## **Our Veterans Memorial**

Our legion post, Post 234 has been in existence since 2004. I don't know how many of you know this, but Post 234 isn't the first legion post to have been in Omro. It isn't even the second post, but the third. You see, good things can and do sometimes come in threes.

The American Legion was formed after the end of World War I. Congress chartered the American Legion in 1919 as a patriotic veteran's organization. This is the time frame when the first legion post graced our community. It disbanded sometime in the late thirties. Its location isn't known for sure but is widely believed to have been in a building that is no longer here that was near the old feed mill. I remember when the building was torn down but I don't remember the year.

The second American Legion Post, Post 34 was located on the north side of town just west of what is now the food pantry. The last commander of the post was John Vonderloh. They were down to their last four members, John Vonderloh, Ed Goss, Greg Clark and Clarence Bennett when they decided they didn't have the membership to carry on. This would have been in the mid-seventies when our military and veterans didn't have the support they enjoy today. The building has since been torn down.

When our new legion post formed, we should have been given the Post 34 designation as post numbers assigned to communities aren't supposed to be reused in different communities. But we couldn't get our rightful number back so we became Post 234 instead of Post 34.

Post 234 was formed in 2004 by the then current commander of Post 70 in Oshkosh. When the post formed, John Hoeft (Hammer) transferred to our post from Post 70 to be back home and to help get us started. Bob Wipf and Dean Larsen joined from the state post and the two members that had transferred to the Winneconne post, John Vonderloh and Ed Goss came back home.

As soon as I saw the newspaper article in the paper, I called the Post 70 commander and joined. I wasn't ready to start going to meetings again after being burned out by over involvement in other groups but I wanted to make sure they had enough signed up to get started. I didn't attend a meeting for the first year.

John Hoeft became our first commander and served for three terms. Not long after we were established Marine, Brent Vroman was killed in Iraq. John Hoeft challenged the post to build a memorial to honor our fallen, challenge accepted!

Most don't know it but this wasn't the first time a veteran's group tried to build a memorial in Omro. The last time there was no community support and their efforts fell flat. But when Brent was killed it galvanized the entire community into action and we had success. Much more on this in later articles.

Most also don't know that Brent has an identical twin brother, Brian who is also a Marine, who was also serving in Iraq at the time of Brent's death. He, of course came home for the funeral and was given the choice by his command to remain in the states or return to his command and rejoin his unit. Being a Marine, he chose to rejoin his unit.

On the wall of our legion hall is a plaque I wrote honoring Brent's sacrifices and explaining what he meant to the efforts to get the Omro Veterans Memorial built. Next time you're at a meeting take a minute to read it. Like Brent, this plaque has an identical twin. One Saturday afternoon a group of eight of us or so went to Brent's mother's home in Oshkosh and presented her with the plaque.

To honor her son's sacrifices for our country Pam can be seen every Memorial Day. This gold star mother honors her son by walking in the parade with her son's combat boots draped over her neck. A mother's love doesn't end with a son's death but continues on as long as the mother still draws breath.....

**Next month's story, we hit the ground running!**

Rick Deiss,  
Past Commander Post 234

## ***LEGION 9 PIN-TAP BOWLING TOURNAMENT***



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