



# 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,

Please believe me when I say that I belong to the best American Legion Post anywhere! I can't thank you all enough for the kind words and prayers in Pat's and my time of need. Legion brothers and everyone from the auxiliary you got me through my time in Houston. Also, your generosity is above and beyond anything I could have ever expected. God bless every one of you!

Our 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Outing is coming up May 18<sup>th</sup>. If you have door prizes or team registrations to submit contact Dave Steinert (379-7052) as soon as possible. Check-in for the golf outing starts at 7 a.m. with a starting time of 8 a.m. Memorial Day is on Monday, May 27<sup>th</sup>. The procession starts at Miller Park at 9 a.m. with the Ceremony at Scott Park at 9:30 a.m. We will need help with setting up at Scott Park prior to the event. More information will be available at our next meeting on May 22<sup>nd</sup>. See you at our meeting and again THANK YOU ALL!

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## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

May 2019. This will be the first time in my history of being the membership chairman that it is almost the end of our membership year and we are not at **100%**. Several of our members passed away, seven members have decided not to renew and 17 members have yet to send in their renewals.

So, with this in mind I ask each of you who know a friend that has served and doesn't belong to ask if they would be interested in joining the BEST Legion Post in Wisconsin. Thanks for serving and helping our post.

As in the past, if you are having problems paying your dues, contact me at [jvonderloh@gmail.com](mailto:jvonderloh@gmail.com) or call me at 920-252-1893. This will be kept confidential. **John Vonderloh, Membership Chair**

## HONOR GUARD/COLOR GUARD

**May 29<sup>th</sup>** - The first **Old Glory Honor Flight** out of Appleton this year will have four veterans from Omro on it: Bob Rohan, Gary Marks, Jim Bartels and Bob Crowe. The flights are usually scheduled to land around 8:20 p.m., but it is a good idea to be there around 6:30 p.m. The parking lot fills up fast. Carpooling is a good idea! As of this writing, Dean Larsen has room for two more. Call Dean at 420-0024.

**July 7<sup>th</sup> – Timber Rattlers.** Our Color Guard will be presenting the colors at the game. This is Veterans Appreciation Day and all veterans are admitted free of charge. Dean will check on the price for other tickets before our next meeting. If you are interested in going let Dean know and he will order the tickets as a group. Email Dean at [dlarsen513@gmail.com](mailto:dlarsen513@gmail.com) or sign up at our May meeting. Dean is still trying to get a date to do the colors at a Milwaukee Brewers game and will keep us informed.

**July 20<sup>th</sup> – Legacy Stone Placement Ceremony.** The family of Don Tritt will be placing a Legacy Stone in his honor. We will be carpooling as we don't have enough people signed up to charter a bus. If you are interested in going let Dean know. He needs volunteers to drive, make sandwiches and other goodies for the lunch. He also needs volunteers to help during the ceremony, readers, bell ringer, flagger, sing the National Anthem, etc. Email Dean at [dlarsen513@gmail.com](mailto:dlarsen513@gmail.com) or sign up at our next meeting.

## SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION



Sons of the American Legion Daugherty-Hamilton Squadron 234 held their first informational session last month. 30 members were signed up and the charter was sent in. We will be having future sessions on Monday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, June 17<sup>th</sup>, and July 15<sup>th</sup>. They will be held at Tanner's at 6:30 pm. If anyone is interested in joining, please contact Dave Steinert at 920-379-7052 or email [djdmsteinert@gmail.com](mailto:djdmsteinert@gmail.com).

## AUXILIARY PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

"In the spirit of Service, Not Self, the mission of the American Legion Auxiliary is to support The American Legion and to **honor** the sacrifice of those who serve by enhancing the lives of our veterans, military, and their families, both at home and abroad."

The month of May is Military Appreciation Month. What better way to honor and support your family member's service to our country than through the work of the American Legion Auxiliary. Your membership provides a support system for the men & women across the world that have fought for our country. The programs the Auxiliary participate in strive to make a difference in the lives of all military personnel, including your own husband, son or grandson.

Please help to get the word out about the strength of the Auxiliary, the world's largest women's patriotic organization, and see who will stand with us to continue assisting the American Legion and the entire Legion Family. Talk to your friends who have family members currently serving in the military. We are always accepting new members and look forward to many more years of working side by side with our Post.

Legion Family Strong –

Jodi Kallas, ALA President

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## AUXILIARY CHAPLAINS CORNER

May is a month when we are thankful to have more hours of sunlight, warmer days, and the promise of new life sprouting out of the ground and trees and birds filling the air with their songs. We're thankful to have men and women who have decided to be part of something bigger than themselves to serve in a branch of our military. We're thankful for spouses who "hold down the fort" while their loved one is away for a day, a weekend drill, or a 6 – 9 month (or longer) deployment. We remember and honor those who gave their lives while serving and those who have served and since died.

We're thankful for our Auxiliary sisters and wish Happy Birthday to those having birthdays in the next couple weeks: Diane Steinert, Michelle Rohan, Lauryn Rammer, Ellianna Luther, and Linda Verwiell.

We ask God's care for those in any form of distress especially Pat Allen. We ask God to place his loving healing arms around her so that she may gain strength and complete her recovery.

Kathy Boettner, Chaplain

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## WHAT'S HAPPENING

### *CALENDAR OF EVENTS*

- 05/16 Legion Auxiliary Meeting 6:30 PM @ Tanner's
- 05/18 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Outing, Lake Breeze, Winneconne
- 05/20 S.A.L. Session 6:30 PM @ Tanner's
- 05/22 Post Executive Committee 6:00 PM @Tanner's
- 05/22 Post 234 Regular Meeting 7:00 PM @ Tanner's
- 05/24 National Poppy Day
- 05/27 Memorial Day
- 06/04 ALA Winnebago County Meeting, 6:00 PM, Oshkosh Post 70

***SEE OMRO LEGION  
BASEBALL  
SCHEDULE AT THE  
END OF  
NEWSLETTER!***

## 14<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Our annual golf tournament will be held Saturday, May 18, 2019 at Lake Breeze Golf Course in Winneconne. This is a 4-person; 18-hole scramble with a shotgun start at 8:00 am. Entry fee is \$50 per person and includes 18 holes with cart, prizes and food after golf. Check-in begins and driving range opens at 7:00 am. Event is limited to 36 teams. Entry form available at [omropost234.org](http://omropost234.org). For more information contact Dave Steinert; 920-379-7052 or email: [djdmsteinert@gmail.com](mailto:djdmsteinert@gmail.com)



**MAY IS POPPY MONTH!! WEAR YOUR POPPY WITH PRIDE!!**  
*Friday, May 24<sup>th</sup> is National Poppy Day!*

American Legion Post 234 will be distributing poppies as a tribute to our fallen warriors. You are invited to stop by and see us and receive a poppy to wear in remembrance of those who paid the ultimate price for our freedom. We will be distributing poppies June 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>, from 8 am – 6 pm at Festival Foods in Oshkosh. If you would like to help with distribution, please contact Dave Schmude (920) 420-7861.

### POST OFFICER NOMINATIONS & ELECTIONS

Nominations are now being accepted for the following elected positions: Commander, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander, Chaplain, two (2) Sergeant-at-Arms, Service Officer, Historian, Parliamentarian, and one (1) Executive Committee Member-at-large. If you are interested in stepping up or know someone that is, please contact Nominating Committee Chairman Dean Larsen at (920) 420-0024.

Elections shall be held at the June 26<sup>th</sup> regular Post meeting. The Nominating Committee shall present its recommendations for each Post elective office. Nominations from the floor shall be opened at this meeting.

Also, if you would be interested in any of the appointed positions (Adjutant, Finance Officer, and Honor/Color Guard Commander), let the Commander know as he/she will be asking after the elections.

### **MEMORIAL DAY - Monday, May 27<sup>th</sup>**

Procession begins at 9:00 am at Miller Park (8:30 am line-up). A trailer will be provided for those who prefer to ride. The Memorial Day Program will begin at approximately 9:30 am at the Veterans Memorial in Scott Park.

**Attention all Color Guard members.** If you are able to march in the procession for Memorial Day, be at the Miller Park line-up by 8:30. Full uniform with black ascot. We will also be posting colors at the Memorial and doing the rifle salute.





# ***OMRO VETERANS MEMORIAL***

This month we will cover the search for names. Bob Wipf was our computer guru and many of our programs we still use were written and developed by him. At one point, he was the chair for the American Legion, Dept. of Wisconsin communications committee. We lost a lot when Bob died and it will be covered at a later date.

The first thing we needed was a form for veterans or their families to fill out. At a memorial committee meeting, it was decided what the criteria for being placed on the memorial would be. You needed to have an honorable discharge, you needed to have been a resident of the Omro school district for at least one year at some point in your life and you needed to be deceased. Bob made the forms with that information and other needed contact information on them. We had the forms available at Hammer's business and at the library.

Once the forms started to come in Bob needed to build a data base to collect the information on. The three criteria I mentioned above had bullets by them. When all three were pushed the name automatically went onto a list that was ready for the walls.

The names started to come into us first at a trickle and then faster. John Vonderloh, Ken Jungwirth and Eddie Mason searched for the names at the county veterans service office in Oshkosh. Countless hours and days were spent trying to clear the names that didn't have a DD214.

Ed Goss, Wayne Schmick and myself took applications that were missing information and contacted the person who submitted the form for the needed additional information. That's how I found the name of the only Korean War Vet that was killed during the Korean War from our community. Ken Ochalla, was a retired school administrator and went to the school and searched for residency verification.

This was all being done at the same time our design meetings, meetings with contractors and fundraising were all going on. We were all very busy trying to get as many veterans on the memorial who deserved a place there.

There was a big fire in Kansas City where they keep our military records. Many of the records of WWII veterans were destroyed but we did everything humanly possible to honor them. Women are sometimes difficult to verify. Think about it, they go into the military with their maiden name, come home and get married. After years no one outside the family knows what their maiden name was and if they're all gone it makes the job nearly impossible. That is but one reason we ask veterans to fill out their own paperwork while they are still living.

When there is a question about the eligibility of a veteran it goes before our tribunal and they have the final say on if a name is going to make it onto the memorial or not. We have four veterans on the tribunal and they have been on it since the start. We have one member from each branch of service. We don't have a member of the Coast Guard on it but there is an opening when one joins.

The four members are John Vonderloh Army, Ken Jungwirth Marine Corps, Dean Larsen Air Force and myself representing Navy. We try to get as many deserving veterans on the memorial as we can. But sometimes circumstances prevent it. Either we can't verify they lived here, or their discharge can't be verified or on a very rare occasion their discharge is less than honorable.

We spent many months collecting names for the first Memorial Day held at our new memorial. To this day the tribunal still meets a couple of times a year to verify veteran information and as long as there is room on our memorial walls, we will continue meeting. Between you and me, my fondest hope is the memorial is filled up before my name goes on it. Just kidding, it will be an honor to be placed alongside my fellow veterans. But not too soon!

**NEXT MONTH, THE FUNDRAISING EFFORT GETS STARTED.**

Rick Deiss,  
Past Commander Post 234



## ***Omro Post 234***

# ***American Legion Baseball***

## **2019 Schedule**

<i><b>Fri</b></i>	<i><b>June 7</b></i>	<i><b>Omro at Adams</b></i>	<i><b>7:00pm</b></i>
<i><b>Mon</b></i>	<i><b>June 10</b></i>	<i><b>Waushara at Omro</b></i>	<i><b>6:00pm</b></i>
<i><b>Tue</b></i>	<i><b>June 11</b></i>	<i><b>Omro at Manawa</b></i>	<i><b>7:00pm</b></i>
<i><b>Thu</b></i>	<i><b>June 13</b></i>	<i><b>Manawa at Omro</b></i>	<i><b>6:00pm</b></i>
<i><b>Fri</b></i>	<i><b>June 14</b></i>	<i><b>Omro at Amherst/Rosholt</b></i>	<i><b>7:00pm</b></i>
<i><b>Mon</b></i>	<i><b>June 17</b></i>	<i><b>Winneconne at Omro</b></i>	<i><b>6:00pm</b></i>
<i><b>Thu</b></i>	<i><b>June 20</b></i>	<i><b>Omro at Berlin</b></i>	<i><b>7:00pm</b></i>
<i><b>Tue</b></i>	<i><b>June 25</b></i>	<i><b>Adams at Omro</b></i>	<i><b>6:00pm</b></i>
<i><b>Mon</b></i>	<i><b>July 1</b></i>	<i><b>Omro at Waushara</b></i>	<i><b>6:00pm</b></i>
<i><b>Mon</b></i>	<i><b>July 8</b></i>	<i><b>Amherst/Rosholt at Omro</b></i>	<i><b>6:00pm</b></i>
<i><b>Thu</b></i>	<i><b>July 11</b></i>	<i><b>Omro at Winneconne</b></i>	<i><b>6:00pm</b></i>
<i><b>Tue</b></i>	<i><b>July 16</b></i>	<i><b>Berlin at Omro</b></i>	<i><b>6:00pm</b></i>
<i><b>Fri – Mon</b></i>	<i><b>July 19 – 22</b></i>	<i><b>Regional Tournament</b></i>	<i><b>TBD</b></i>
<i><b>Fri – Tue</b></i>	<i><b>July 26 – 30</b></i>	<i><b>State Tournament</b></i>	<i><b>TBD</b></i>

- All home games are played at Omro High School***