



DAUGHERTY-HAMILTON POST 234

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Post meetings held the 4th Wednesday of the month and Auxiliary meetings held the 3rd 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 would like to thank everyone who took time out of their busy schedule to support our legion post at the 14th Annual Golf Outing May 18th. Also, a big thanks to those set up the outing, those who got the hole sponsors, gift baskets or spent time on the hole events. Thanks to all.

The Memorial Day program was a great success and the weather held off long enough for us to get everything in during the dry weather. A big THANK YOU to all who volunteered, we couldn't do it without you.

Dave Schmude set up our poppy distribution the first weekend in June. Thanks to everyone who sat for their time at Festival Foods. We did very well again this year. If you didn't have time to help out this year try and keep it in your plans for next year.

The sheephead tournament is just around the corner and the committee is always looking for more hands to help out Saturday, July 6th if you are free. It is summertime and just so much going on, have fun but please be safe.

Looking forward to seeing all of you at our next post meeting June 26th at Tanners.

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HONOR GUARD/COLOR GUARD

Timber Rattlers. Timber Rattlers game is Sunday July 7th. If you haven't signed up yet let Dean know asap (420-0024 or dlarsen513@gmail.com). Veterans are free and others will be \$9.00 if we have at least 20 in the group. As of right now there are only 16 signed up. I have to let the Rattlers know by July 1st on the number of tickets we need.

Legacy Stone Placement Ceremony. If you are going to The Highground with us on July 20th to lay a legacy stone for Don Tritt, we will meet at the Omro High School parking lot by 8:00 a.m. If we are on the road by 8:30 a.m., we will be in good shape. We do need volunteers for driving as we will not be taking a bus. Let Dean know if you are able to drive. We will have the rifles, flags and coolers to take with us. Also, if you are willing to make sandwiches or anything else, we could have for lunch, let Dean know.

July 4th. Anybody able to march should be at Miller Park at 11:30 a.m. Color Guard wear gold ascot.

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION



Sons of the American Legion Daugherty-Hamilton Squadron 234 has received its Charter. We currently have 35 paid members and therefore, we are entitled to 4 Delegates and 4 Alternates to the Detachment of Wisconsin Convention in Middleton, WI on July 19-21, 2019. This would be a great opportunity to learn more about the S.A.L. If you are interested in attending the convention, I will have more information available at our next session, Monday, June 17th at Tanner's at 6:30 pm. See you then!

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AUXILIARY PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

June 2019 Newsletter

At long last, it is warmer weather with graduations, family get-togethers and vacations filling our calendars! As we offset our daily work load with all these fun things, please keep in mind our American Legion Auxiliary and Post events. We have a couple dates coming up that could use your help; the 4th of July parade and the Sheepshead Tournament on July 6th. If you can only spare an hour or two, that's perfect! If you can't be there during the day, but can help set up beforehand, we'd love to see you! Just let me know what fits your schedule best and we'll make it work.

Enjoy your time with friends and family and keep your eyes and ears open for opportunities to talk about our programs and what we stand for. Touching the lives of veterans, educating the youth on Americanism and supporting our military are just a few reasons we continue to be an active part of the American Legion Family.

If you ever have questions or need to talk, I'm always available. Together we are Legion Family Strong.

Take care and let the Summer Fun Begin!!

Jodi Kallas, ALA President

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

06/16 King Day
06/17 SAL Session 6:30 PM @Tanner's
06/20 Unit Executive Committee 5:30 PM @ Tanner's
06/20 Legion Auxiliary Meeting 6:30 PM @ Tanner's
06/26 Post Executive Committee 6:00 PM @Tanner's
06/26 Post 234 Regular Meeting 7:00 PM @ Tanner's
07/04 Post 234 Pancake Breakfast at Tanner's (7 am – 11 am)
07/04 Independence Day Parade, Omro
07/06 Sheepshead Fishing Tournament
07/07 Timber Rattlers Game
7/17-21 American Legion Dept. of WI Convention @ Middleton
07/20 Legacy Stone Ceremony @ The Highground

4th of July

Pancake Breakfast at Tanner's from 7 am – 11 am. Parade begins at 12 noon. More information about both these events at our next meeting.

33RD ANNUAL OMRO AMERICAN LEGION POST 234

SHEEPSHEAD TOURNAMENT

The 33nd Annual Sheepshead Tournament is Saturday, July 6th. We will be asking for volunteers for setup on Friday, July 5th and again on Saturday for the tournament itself. The Auxiliary will also need help with the food/beer stand. Sign-up sheets will be available at our next meetings. If you are not able to make it to the meetings call Tom Schmude at 920-410-7580 or Gary Schmude at 920-209-0395 and let them know when you can help out. To volunteer for the beer/food stand call Angie Schuster at 920-410-7258.

There is also a **FREE Kids Fishing Tournament** from 9:30 am to noon. The Kids Tournament is open to youth 12 years and younger. Kids must be accompanied by an adult or have a signed release. For more information about the Kids Tournament or if you would like to help out, call Dave Lemieux at 920-410-2402.

FIREARMS RAFFLE

6th District American Legion Riders has their firearms raffle up and running. Tickets are \$10.00 each, or 3 for \$20.00. The Riders have 4 firearms they are raffling off. Drawing will be at Fond du Lac Post 75 on October 5, 2019, at 5:00PM. They will also be having a Brat Fry prior to the drawing. Contact Jack Maloney for raffle tickets.

Our Post's firearm raffle is still on hold while we determine when and where our Veteran's Dinner will be held as our drawing will occur at that time.

Since both raffles will be offering in-store credit at Malchow's Sport Shop for the amount that we paid for the firearms, there are no restrictions on who may purchase tickets and win. All winners will need to pick their prize up at Malchow's Sport Shop, where if they opt for the firearm, they will need to pass a background check.

POST OFFICER NOMINATIONS & ELECTIONS

Nominations are now being accepted for the following elected positions: Commander, 1st Vice Commander, 2nd 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 26th 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.



**Poppy
Distribution**
Commander Gary &
Poppy Princess Ella



Memorial Day 2019



Memorial Day 2019
Past Commander
Jack Haynes



OMRO VETERANS MEMORIAL

The support for the memorial from our community was tremendous. The entire school district banded together and went to work to raise the money needed to build the memorial. Ken Jungwirth built a thermometer that was placed in front of the future site of the memorial so the community could see the fundraising progress as it went on.

Businesses got behind the fundraising in a big way coming forward with checks for the project. Youth groups, boy scouts, girl scouts, school groups and church groups had car washes, book readings, bowling tournaments. They were very creative in finding ways to raise money. Even the kindergarteners collected pennies for the cause.

Service organizations, Kiwanis, Lions Club, Masons, snow mobile clubs, boating clubs and others all came forward with donations. Members of our post came forward with checks from \$100.00 to \$500.00.

The red in the thermometer went up in spurts. Sometimes it seemed we were gaining quickly and sometimes it seemed like weeks went by with no movement.

I came up with the bright idea of having a raffle to raise money. The raffle was 2,000 tickets at \$20.00 each or \$40,000.00 we would give a new car away for the grand prize, a PT Cruiser and earn \$20,000.00 for the memorial. Ken Jungwirth made display boxes for us so we could sell them in gas stations, bars and restaurants they were painted red, white and blue and had a small American flag flying over them and a slot to drop the money and stubs into. I distributed the boxes and checked them weekly. I had them in Omro, Winneconne, Poygan, Eureka, Waukau and Oshkosh so I put on a lot of miles each week checking them. Until we got over the half way mark I was a nervous wreck worrying about sales. In the end, we sold all but one ticket. The reason that one wasn't sold is someone filled it out and didn't realize the price and didn't have the money to pay for it.

We had a banquet and the raffle at Van Aables, where the new Dollar General now stands. You have to have raffle drawings at community events to be legal. We made around three thousand dollars that night. Up to that point it was by far the largest fundraiser our young post ever had. Because of its success it became the start of our annual Veterans banquet. The winner was a farmer's wife whose son was serving in Iraq. We called her up from the banquet and she rushed out to tell her husband who was working in a field. He saw the tears flowing and feared the worst until she told him it was good news.

All the money was earned in record time and we were still ironing out the details in the design and waiting for the walls to be poured and the emblems to be laser etched. Remember in past articles I explained how overwhelmed we were with everything that was happening at the same time. The community saw we had reached our goal and nothing was being built in the park. Articles started appearing in the paper saying we raised your money why aren't you building anything, what happened to the money!

I had to write an article in the Omro Herald reassuring the community that all was well. The money was safe in the bank and that we had raised the money so fast we had the money before we had anything to stick in the ground. I told them how proud we were that we had the kind of support that we had for the project. Before winter's snow covered the ground, work would start at the memorial site and everyone's mind would be put at ease.

NEXT MONTH, THE INPUT AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF OUR CONTRACTORS

Rick Deiss
Past Commander Post 234