



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,

Well it has been a hot, busy July already and with so much more to come. I hope everyone had a fun and safe 4th of July weekend. Poppy distribution, pancake breakfast and the parade went well. Thank You to all who were able to be involved. The sheephead tournament will be in the books by the time we get this newsletter out and we will follow up at our next meeting. Then there's the Timber Rattlers game, Brewers' game, placing a stone at The Highground and the Department Convention in Middleton. So much to do, so please get involved. I hope to see all of you at Tanner's for our next meeting July 24th at 7:00 pm.

Commander Gary Allen

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MEMBERSHIP REPORT

We finished the year with 210 paid members. It's time to renew! Renewal notices have been sent out for the 2020 membership year. You can renew on-line, by mail or at our next meeting. Dues remain the same, \$35.00. Checks should be made payable to American Legion Post 234 and sent to me at PO Box 234, Omro, WI, 54963. Thanks to those that have already renewed.

Dave Steinert, Membership Chair

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CHAPLAINS CORNER

I want to thank you all for voting me back in as your Chaplain. I see so many things that we all can be thankful for. Our Commanders wife is getting her health back and that is nothing short of a miracle, Tom Schmude escapes more injuries than he did. I lost my Dad May 22nd and even though I will miss him immensely I know that he is at peace with Our Lord. I would ask that if there are any needs in our Legion that someone contact me. Until next time, I remain your Chaplain.

Tom Artz

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HONOR GUARD/COLOR GUARD

Legacy Stone Placement Ceremony. Just a reminder about the trip to The Highground on Saturday, July 20th for the laying of a Legacy Stone for Don Tritt. We will meet at the Omro High School parking lot at 8:00 am and would like to be on the road by 8:30. Hopefully, we can car pool as parking up there can be a problem. As of right now for lunch there are three people making sandwiches (should have at least one more), we have chips, cookies, water and soda. There are about 35 people signed up to go so if you want something else for lunch, let me know. I would like all available Honor Guard members in uniform as we will be doing the rifle salute, taps, colors, etc. As a side note: if anyone is thinking about laying a Legacy Stone for a family member, friend, etc., contact The Highground well in advance. The dates for 2020 are filling up fast. *Dean Larsen (920) 420-0024*

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

Daugherty-Hamilton Squadron 234 Sons of the American Legion has lost one of its members. Jacob Quast passed away on June 20, 2019. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.

Our next session will be on Monday, July 15th at Tanners Tap and Grill at 6:30 pm. Hope to see you there!

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AUXILIARY PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello there! As many of you know, being a member of the American Legion Auxiliary comes with so many benefits, seen and unseen. Before you know it, you find yourself making new friends and becoming a member of a larger "family", having support when times in your life need it, or watching an event unfold and know you had a part in making that take place.

Did you know, however, that the ALA has tangible benefits for its members as well? There are healthcare benefits such as hearing and dental. If you are traveling this summer, check out the rental car discounts and hotel chains we are affiliated with. Going to a movie or dinner, there is an entertainment discount program as well as car insurance options to keep you safe on the drive.

Membership with the American Legion Auxiliary is more than just our local group of women working with our veterans and community having a good time (which we do!). Consider all that we accomplish and strive to do and you'll see that its benefits, seen and unseen, far outweigh any reason to not be a part of this world-wide organization. Joining is easy. Go to alaforveterans.org and print off the application, fill it out and get it to me. Then let the fun, and all the benefits, begin.

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

Take care -

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AUXILIARY CHAPLAINS CORNER

Our recent Independence Day celebrations were a good chance to show our pride in our country. We are blessed to have freedoms that much of the world only dreams of. We have the privilege to belong to organizations, such as our American Legion Auxiliary, where we honor the sacrifices of our Veterans who have served our country and those who are currently serving.

As a family we need to honor the triumphs and tragedies of our members. We thank God that Pat Allen's struggle back to health is progressing. We send birthday wishes to our sisters: Wendy Roesler, Morgan Schuster, and Pat Allen. We send our sympathy to the Quast family on their recent loss and ask God to give them Peace in the coming days.

May God bless you today, and every day, as you search out ways to enhance the lives of our veterans and current military members.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

07/15 SAL Session 6:30 PM @Tanner's
7/17-21 American Legion Dept. of WI Convention @ Middleton
07/18 Legion Auxiliary Meeting 6:30 PM @ Tanner's
07/20 Legacy Stone Ceremony @ The Highground
07/24 Post Executive Committee 6:00 PM @Tanner's
07/24 Post 234 Regular Meeting 7:00 PM @ Tanner's



OMRO VETERANS MEMORIAL

OUR VETERANS MEMORIAL

The memorial could never have turned out the way it did without the expertise and input of our contractors. Many of them donated their services for free while some gave us their services at a discounted rate. Each and every one of them were eager to help us with this project with most of them coming to us to volunteer their services rather than us contacting them for bids. They all felt a sense of patriotism for the project to honor our fallen. They helped with design changes and explained why we should go in the direction they recommended.

John Hoeft, as I said in past articles was our commander at the time and he lined up the contractors for the project. He scheduled meetings with the contractors and our committee to go over the design and listen to their recommendations for any changes they might have.

The lighting was installed by Russ Kleinschmidt. In the original design, I had the emblems on the walls lit up with a soft glow by lighting hidden in the plants. The inside of the walls had the lighting embedded in the concrete walls. Russ explained how concrete, aluminum and Wisconsin winters don't get along very well together. He suggested we go with the lighting you now see at the memorial. This past year Russ changed all of the light bulbs over to LED lighting at no charge. Our lighting cost dropped significantly and the lights rarely need to be replaced because they hardly ever burn out.

Jason and Trish Bauer from Always Concrete did all the concrete work on the memorial. Jason recommended that we go with colored stamped concrete inside the memorial. For the walkway into the memorial he suggested broomed concrete to make it less slippery. He also advised us to use plastic shovels when shoveling snow so we wouldn't scratch the finish on the stamped concrete.

A group of us went to Reinke Monument in Oshkosh to meet with Bob Reinke. He showed us samples of different granites. The day we went it was fortunately spitting rain. I noticed the rain acted differently with different granites. On some grave markers, the wording etched into the stone seemed to disappear when it got wet while others seemed to soak in the moisture like a sponge without even looking wet. We chose our granite because of the properties it showed. Bob recommended we cap the walls with a stone to keep moisture from getting in between the granite and the concrete, freezing and causing problems. The service emblem stones were chosen because it could be laser etched. Bob continues to etch our names on the memorial every year at a discounted rate.

PCS built our concrete walls for us. At meetings Jack Schroeder showed us samples of their concrete with color options. We chose the color you see today at the memorial. PCS helped to design the daises and the concrete form that surrounds the flagpole. They also poured the footings with the help of Potratz Concrete Pumping who donated his services.

Matt Eiden from Eiden Property Management did the landscaping for us. He had his landscape architect design the decorative plantings. The last thing I asked for when building the memorial was the retaining wall. He set all the block with the help of legion members, brought in the dirt and sodded the entire area to make it ready for the dedication on Memorial Day 2007.

The caulking was volunteered and donated by Dennis Sterns and expertly done. I apologize to anyone I may have forgot. It's been twelve years already since the dedication. We are very thankful for the contributions of our contractors. Without their help, knowledge and support our memorial wouldn't have become the community gem that it came to be.

NEXT NEWSLETTER, THE MEMORIAL GIVES UP MANY OF ITS HIDDEN SECRETS

Rick Deiss
Past Commander Post 234

