



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 we are entering into the last leg of summer and it is wonderful what you have accomplished. Thank you to all who have donated time. The Veterans Bar at the Winnebago County Fair was a success again this year. Thanks to Jack Maloney and John Vonderloh for taking the time to get us all to fill the schedule, again thank all of you for helping out. Ken Jungwirth has found an opportunity for us to raise additional funds on September 28th from 9am to 2pm, more information will be coming.

I hope everyone is looking forward to the post picnic as much as I am, this is a great place for all our new and older members to meet and mingle. See you on the 28th of August at lower Miller park 5:30 pm. Be safe and healthy!

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MEMBERSHIP REPORT

As of this writing, we have 108 members renewed. Welcome to our 4 new members: Jack Hartman, Anthony Potratz, Jordan Hanna-Stokes, and Ken Kafer. We would like to be at 100% by December 1st, so send in your renewal as soon as possible. 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.

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CHAPLAINS CORNER

Hi to everyone at Post 234! Summer is gradually winding down but my wife and I still enjoy watching the birds eat out of the feeders we put outside of our dining room window. God sure made a lot of different beautiful birds. I hope that this finds everyone in good health. Please keep Bill Hasenfus in your thoughts and prayers as he is in the hospital at this time. I do not know all the particulars so think of him and his family. I don't have any other news to report at this time so will close. God Bless.

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HONOR GUARD/COLOR GUARD

Legacy Stone Placement Ceremony. Our last trip to The Highground didn't work out very well. Let's try it again on Saturday, October 5th. That's the date for the laying of a Legacy Stone for Don Tritt. Kay, from The Highground, would like the Honor Guard up there for the morning celebration as well, which starts at 10:00. We would have to leave here around 7:15 as it is a two-hour drive. I will have a sign-up sheet at the picnic and the September meeting. Any questions call Dean 920-420-0024.

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

At our August 5th session, the following Officers were elected/appointed: Commander – John Hoeft II; Vice Commander – Todd Braun; Adjutant – Dave Steinert; Chaplain – Tom Artz; Historian – Kevin Kuenzl; Sgt. At Arms – Jamie Steinert. Congratulations to all!

3 new members were signed up: Brian Allison, Kevin Allison, and Shaun Daugherty. Welcome to the Legion Family! The next session of the S.A.L. will be held on Sept. 16th at 6:30 pm. Location to be determined.

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AUXILIARY PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

What a great summer it has been!! I hope life is treating you kindly. My family is doing well and enjoying all that these warm, sunny months can hold.

I would like to take time and welcome our new member Teri Curtis. We are so excited to have you join our Unit!

Please help spread the word about our annual Care Package Drive coming up fast! September 8th is the date and the times are 10:00am-4:00pm in the outdoor seating area by the Omro Pharmacy Drive-thru. We will also be collecting used electronics for the Cell Phones For Soldiers program at the same time. If you have any items you would like to donate for either the care packages or any used electronics, you can drop them off at Omro Chiropractic on Jackson Street during regular business hours or stop by and see us on September 8th.

Remember to keep a lookout for any of the outstanding youths in our Community we can nominate for the Good Deed Hero Award, local businesses that keep our American flag flying high for the "I Spy" Certificates, and young men & women who are newly signed up to serve our country so we can support not only them but their families as well.

I hope to see you at our next meeting in September. In the meantime, if you ever have questions or need a hand, I'm always available. Together we are Legion Family Strong.

Take care -

Jodi Kallas, ALA President
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AUXILIARY CHAPLAINS CORNER

This month, as in each month, we have many things for which we can offer our thanks. We'd like to extend our birthday wishes to our Auxiliary sisters who are celebrating this month: Barbara Maloney, Ginny Braun, Carol San Filippo, Deb Wagner and Ashlee Kallas.

Our country is blessed to have men and women who are currently serving in the military. Besides donating to the upcoming care package drive, another way of thanking and supporting these troops is by clipping and donation manufacturers coupons. We collect and send these coupons to military commissaries. Please help us out by saving your clipped coupons and bring them to our Legion Family Picnic, our Care Package drive, a monthly Auxiliary meeting or call me for pick-up! Any amount makes a difference. Remember that coupons can be used up to 6 months after they expire!

Stand outside this evening. Look at the stars. Know that you are special and loved by the One who created them.

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OMRO VETERANS MEMORIAL

OUR VETERANS MEMORIAL

I promised that this month I would tell many of the hidden secrets of our memorial. There are things hidden in the design of significance as to be important enough to share with you. I think you'll find this interesting.

Our flag pole is twenty-seven feet tall. We were gifted it by the City of Omro. They had removed it from the sewage plant when they made an addition onto the plant. It was only a couple of years old so a half a dozen of us took a large flatbed trailer there and carried it out of the weeds by the fence where it laid and cleaned it up and erected it in our memorial. Two flags fly from the pole. The American flag is 5'X8' and the POW/MIA flag is 3'X5'. The city supplies the American flag when a new one is needed and the memorial buys the POW/MIA flag.

Deep underground is the footing. It is made of concrete three feet wide and at least a foot thick. There is steel I-beams buried flush with the concrete. The purpose of the steel is so the walls which also have steel molded into them could be welded to the footings so when back filled they could not tip to one side or the other. Five feet of the wall is above ground and another five feet is underground.

Above ground each panel is ten feet long and five feet high. We have grey granite where the names are etched. The reason this granite was picked was covered in an earlier article. In order to keep water from seeping between the granite and the concrete it was recommended by Reinke Monument to cap the walls with the cap stones you see there today. The stones are made of Baldor stone. It is a hard type of marble mined right here in Wisconsin.

The type of stone used for the service emblems on the panels was also recommended by Reinke Monument of Oshkosh. It is made of black granite. There are only two places in the world where this granite is mined, China and India. This is the same granite used for the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington DC. Each emblem is laser etched and colored in the colors of that branch of service. The recesses where the emblems rest were molded so they had holes for the emblems to be held in place by thick rods that are epoxied into place.

The tablets on the two daises are also made of Baldor stone and the words engraved into them are colored black.

The concrete inside the memorial is stamped to look like stone and colored gray. Every two years we have it pressure washed and resealed.

After this last season, we went from mercury vapor lighting that needed to have the bulbs replaced periodically to LED lighting courtesy of Russ Kleinschmidt. The LED lighting costs far less to operate and seldom burns out.

Our master gardener, Lori Berndt takes care of our planting with a lot of love and talent. She is looking for help taking care of the watering. Don't be bashful if you want to volunteer your services for an hour or two a week call me at 920-573-2782. The hoses, pump and extension cords are kept right at the memorial.

We used the money that was left from the construction of the memorial to fund the expenses associated with it. When the memorial was completed ownership went to the City of Omro with us paying all of the bills associated with it. They include but are not limited to electric bills, snow removal, etching of names, resealing of concrete, decorative plants and other repairs needed for the memorial. Over the last twelve years the money has slowly been draining from the account that we use. Eventually we may need to have some sort of fund raiser to add to our depleted funds.

NEXT NEWSLETTER, OMRO VETERANS MEMORIAL INC.

Rick Deiss
Past Commander Post 234

AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP

National will be mailing out the first set of 2020 renewal notices in mid-September, but you don't have to wait until then! Renew now!! Our Unit membership goal is 45. Dues are \$30.00 for senior members and \$7.00 for juniors. *Members are encouraged to pay their dues online or over the phone.*

- **Over the phone** - Call National direct @ (317) 569-4500 (Mon. – Fri. 7:00 am – 3:30 pm). National will now be taking membership payments over the phone via debit or credit card. *You will actually speak to a real person.* A member may pay for several members at a time; perfect for the parent/grandparent that pays for several members. Once the payment has been accepted the member will be sent via e-mail a confirmation notice and a temporary membership card.
- **Online** - Membership dues may be paid via debit or credit card by simply visiting the national website (www.ALAforVeterans.org), go to the “Members Only” tab and create a log in ID if you don't already have one. The pay dues option will be at the top of the screen. An email address and member ID# is required.
- **By Check** - Please make checks payable to ALA Unit 234 and mail to Diane Steinert, P.O. Box 234, Omro, WI, 54963 or bring to our next meeting.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

8/28 Legion Family Summer Picnic @ Lower Miller Park Pavilion
9/02 Labor Day
9/03 Auxiliary County Council @ Winneconne
9/08 Community Care Package Drive @ Omro Pharmacy
9/11 Patriot Day
9/16 S.A.L. Session
9/19 Legion Auxiliary Meeting 6:30 pm @ Tanner's
9/20 National POW/MIA Recognition Day
9/25 Post Executive Committee Meeting 6:00 pm @ Tanner's
9/25 Regular Post Meeting 7:00 pm @ Tanner's
9/28 ALA In The Know - Oshkosh

**POST 234 LEGION FAMILY SUMMER PICNIC
AUGUST 28th @ LOWER MILLER PARK
SOCIAL 5:30 pm PICNIC 6:30 pm**

Please bring a paper product (toilet paper, tissues, paper towels, table napkins, etc.) to donate to the Omro Area Food Pantry.

SUPPORT OUR TROOPS CARE PACKAGE DRIVE & CELLPHONES FOR SOLDIERS COLLECTION

Date: Sunday, September 8th
Where: Omro Pharmacy Drive-thru
When: 10:00am – 4:00pm

Requested Items for Care Packages:

Personal hygiene items: Lens cleaning spray & cloths; hand & foot warmers, foot powder, men & women's deodorant (no aerosols), shampoo, conditioner, soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, sunscreen, lotion, Q-tips, fingernail clippers

Snacks: Gum, candy, beef jerky (no pork), tuna & chicken pouches, Ramen noodles, Instant oatmeal, nuts, peanut butter, powdered drink mixes, instant coffee, fruit snacks, Trail mix, microwave popcorn, sunflower seeds, granola bars, cookies, Hormel Complete Meals, Mac & Cheese bowls

Special miscellaneous items: Ziploc bags, socks (men & women), T-shirts (M & L sizes), travel-size board games, dice, small game balls & Frisbees, puzzle books, writing supplies, holiday & sports teams decorations.

Requested Items for Cell Phones for Soldiers:

This Nonprofit Organization collects all types of cell phones and other used electronics (i.e. headphones, tablets, laptops, iPod, iPad, cameras and hand-held game units). Donations of electronic devices allow them to fund their core programs: Minutes That Matter: Domestic; Minutes That Matter: International; and Helping Heroes Home. [For more information on this program, go to www.cellphonesforsoldiers.com](http://www.cellphonesforsoldiers.com)

For questions about this annual event, contact Jodi Kallas at (920) 312-3575

PASTA FOR A PURPOSE EVENT

What: Pasta Dinner, Corn-hole tournament, "Vitamin R" live band, basket and cash raffles, wine cork pull, and Jacob's Sweet Shoppe event for the kids.

When: Saturday September 21st
Corn-hole registration and bracketing at noon - matches at 1pm.
Dinner served 5-7pm.
Live Band, Vitamin R from 7-10.
Raffle baskets and silent auction items throughout the day

Where: Woodeye's Bar & Grill, 700 W. Main St. Winneconne

Why: A fundraiser to support Jacob Lindstedt medical expenses as he is in need of a double lung transplant.

How can you help: Purchase dinner tickets (\$10) at Winneconne or Omro Piggly Wiggly stores, Fortifi Banks in either city, Woodeye's Bar & Grill or contact us at 4teamjacob@gmail.com.

Get a partner and join our corn hole tournament (\$50 each includes 2 dinner tickets) with a cash payout to the top 6 teams as well as drawings for prizes.

**THE AMERICAN LEGION
DAUGHERTY-HAMILTON POST 234
14TH ANNUAL VETERANS DINNER**



GUEST SPEAKER: CAPTAIN NEIL HANSEN

Venture into history with Cpt. Hansen as he recounts his experiences in Air America during the secret war in Laos. Most people have never heard of Air America. The CIA's aviation arm was in existence from 1952 until the fall of Saigon in 1975. It operated covertly in Southeast Asia during the Vietnam War and the Secret War in Laos, unbeknownst to the American public. After 1984, the Freedom of Information Act allowed those employed by Air America to finally begin telling their stories. Cpt. Hansen gives the history of Air America while interspersing it with colorful stories from his days flying for the world's most shot at airline.

SAVE THE DATE
OCTOBER 19, 2019

**OMRO FIRE STATION, 502 W. HURON ST.
OMRO**