



DAUGHERTY-HAMILTON POST 234

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Post meetings held the 4th Wednesday of the month, S.A.L. sessions held the 3rd Monday 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,

It looks like we are settling into Fall and with that plenty of activities are approaching, Veterans' Dinner, Jacob Lindstedt Benefit, placing a stone at The Highground and I hope that you have an opportunity to take part in all you can. A big thank you to Chuck and Lori Schumacher and the crew they put together for the post picnic, it looked like a great time was had by all, also the Venturing Crew for assisting. I look forward to seeing you all at the September meeting on the 25th at 7:00 at Tanners.

Thanks again!

Commander Gary Allen

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MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Membership eligibility has changed. If you have served federal active duty in the United States Armed Forces since December 7, 1941, and have been honorably discharged or are still serving - you are eligible for membership in The American Legion! If you have a friend or relative that previously served during an unrecognized period please ask them to join Post 234.

As of this writing, we have 135 members, 58% of our 2020 membership goal. That includes renewals, PUFL's and new members. 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.

Dave Steinert, Membership Chair

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CHAPLAINS CORNER

Hello to all at Post 234, As you all know we have lost a longtime member with the passing of Dave Schmude. Dave was a very active member and his services will be greatly missed. All of our condolences go out to the Schmude family. If anyone else is ill or in the hospital please let me know. Until next month, I remain your Chaplain Tom Artz.

Tom Artz

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HONOR GUARD/COLOR GUARD

Just a reminder that we will be going to The Highground on Saturday, October 5th, for the laying of a Legacy Stone for Don Tritt at 1:00 pm. Our Honor Guard has been asked to also help with the 10:00 am ceremony. We will be providing the rifle salute, taps, readers, Pledge of Allegiance, bell ringer, etc. Let me know by (email dlarsen513@gmail.com) or phone (920-420-0024) or sign up at our September meeting. We will be leaving the Omro High School parking lot by 7:15 am. Let's show Don's family the support and respect he truly deserves. We will need volunteer drivers and some snacks or sandwiches for our lunch. Thanks. *Dean Larsen*

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

Hello Everyone,

At our August Squadron meeting, I was elected Charter Commander for the newly formed Omro SAL I want to thank our members in attendance and give a warm welcome to the other newly elected officers. Our membership is strong and continues to grow every month and I hope to see that continue. I am proud to be your commander and belong to SAL My sons Johnny & James are also charter members. I am Not a veteran but have been living with war stories and trauma since I can remember as a child. My father John Sr. served Vietnam -Army. My grandfather Ray Hoeft served WWII -Navy. My Great Uncle Merlin Hoeft served WWII -Army. My mother Sue's only brother Uncle Don Mongan served Vietnam -Army.

The SAL will continue to meet @Tanners every 3rd Monday at 6:30pm. Thank You Legion Family –John II

Commander John Hoeft II

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AUXILIARY PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As sad as I am to see the warm Summer months fade, I'm looking forward to the crisp air and beautiful colors of Fall. I hope your family was able to make some fun memories to pull out and reflect on to keep you warm in the coming winter months.

I'm writing this the day after our Support Our Troops Care Package Drive. In all honesty, my body is exhausted...but my soul is ecstatic! What a huge success we had! And our first ever Cell Phones for Soldiers collection filled the collection box to the top! Thank you so very much for helping to spread the word and donate items. Our local service men & women will be receiving care packages full of goodies for a long time. If you have a family member who is actively serving our Country, state-side or overseas, please get their information to me so we can add them to our list of recipients. We send out boxes 3 times a year as well as individual special occasion boxes.

Please keep in mind membership renewals are due. You can pay online or by check. Checks can be mailed to PO Box 234, Omro or bring to our next meeting which is September 19th at 6:30pm at Tanner's Tap. Remember, 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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OUR VETERANS MEMORIAL

Shortly after I became the post commander, we took on the task of forming a new organization, Omro Veterans Memorial Inc. All during the construction phase of the memorial we had been operating out of one check book for both the post and the memorial construction. We felt it was time to make the two separate entities. It was too difficult to keep the finances of the two separated.

If you'll remember in past letters I talked about our tribunal and the role it had in verifying the names going onto the memorial. The tribunal was made up of one member of each branch of service and our adjutant. They were John Vonderloh Army, Ken Jungwirth Marines Corps, Dean Larsen Air Force, Rick Deiss Navy, Bob Wipf Adjutant and we didn't have a Coast Guard member to round it out. There is still an opening for a Coast Guard member if we ever get one into our post. The tribunal became the catalyst we formed the new organization around. To that we added the commander who happened to be me at the time and the immediate past commander John Hoeft.

We felt strongly that the community had much to do with the building of the memorial. Without them we could never have raised the funds needed to complete the project. So, we included five members of the community. The way the board of directors was formed veterans would always have the final say because of the majority. We were trying to think ahead. We knew the people we chose were strong members of the community and would do what was right for the memorial. But what about forty or fifty years from now? We put safeguards in place so after all of us are gone our memorial would be in good hands.

The five members of the community we chose were, Ken Bressers, Pat Tanner, Cindi Wipf, Russ Kleinschmidt and Larry Schuster. As you can see, we couldn't have picked better people to start out with. After the death of her husband Bob, Cindi moved to the property they bought in New Mexico. Cindi now splits time between there and California where she babysits her grandson. Recently Cindi told me it was alright to replace her as she was no longer in our area. We chose Jay Treleven our fire chief as her replacement.

When we made up our Bi-laws we had it so four of our board members could be replaced on any given year. They also made it so my term as president was lifetime or until I didn't want to do it anymore. I think that was probably Bob Wipf's idea. So far no one other than Cindy who relocated out west and her husband Bob, who passed away have ever been replaced. I can't say enough about how much those two meant to our memorial and our post.

The only purpose of this organization is the safeguarding and care of the memorial. We schedule the sealing of the concrete every two years. We have the name of our honored Veterans engraved before every Memorial Day. We pay to have the snow removed and pay for the lighting of our memorial. We replace any of our ornamental plants that die over the winter and plant new annuals. Lori Berndt, our master gardener has donated countless hours to keeping the memorial beautiful.

All of this money comes out of the money left over from the construction of the memorial. Slowly over the past twelve years the money has slowly drained out of the account. We only have a few thousand dollars left in the bank. Ed Goss went to the Oshkosh foundation when we were still designing it and got a twenty-thousand-dollar endowment grant. We can't spend any of the twenty thousand but we can spend the interest created from it. Currently the fund has over thirty thousand in it. But they make it difficult to get so we only use it for the bigger bills like resealing and engraving. Both the Post and the Auxiliary give us yearly donations to help keep our funds in the local bank from draining out. We also receive yearly donations from one or two businesses. The day may come where we will need to have a raffle or fundraiser to support our memorial, but for now we are in okay shape.

We don't have scheduled meetings. I don't believe in having meeting just to have meetings. So, I schedule them when they are needed. This is the story of how this organization formed and our purpose.

NEXT NEWSLETTER, WE READY THE NEW MEMORIAL FOR THE DEDICATION

Yours in comradeship

Rick Deiss, Past Commander Post 234

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

9/16	S.A.L. Session
9/19	Legion Auxiliary Meeting 6:30 pm @ Tanner's
9/20	National POW/MIA Recognition Day
9/21	Pasta for a Purpose
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
9/29	Gold Star Mothers' Day
10/05	The Highground
10/19	Veterans Dinner

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.

POST 234 VETERANS DINNER - OCTOBER 19, 2019

The 14th Annual American Legion Daugherty-Hamilton Post 234 Veterans Dinner will be held Saturday, October 19, 2019 at the Omro Firehouse. Social hour begins at 5:00 pm with dinner starting at 6:00 pm. Lauri Piper, Pat Tanner and Connie Raygo will be catering the event. Former Air America pilot, Captain Neil Hansen will be our guest speaker. Post 234 will be presenting their Legionnaire of the Year and Patriot Awards. There will be a silent auction and raffles. All proceeds support American Legion community programs and veteran services.

Banquet seating is by advance reservation only. The cost is \$20.00 per person and reservation requests with payment must be received by October 9, 2019. Seating is limited. Reservation forms are available at omropost234.org or contact Jack Haynes (920-841-6385) email: jhaynesusn@yahoo.com

With our **FIREARMS RAFFLE** going on, I would like to **CHALLENGE** every member to sell 1 or 2 packets of tickets prior to the drawing at the Veteran's Dinner on October 19th. This can be a huge fund raiser for us, and every little bit helps us to help our Veterans, their families, and our community. Making it easier this year is that since there is an in-store credit option anyone can purchase a ticket. Tickets are only \$10.00 each, or 3 for \$20.00. Contact me at (920)410-0121 if you would like some tickets or have any questions. The rifle is a Ruger Model 114 in 7mm mag. Thank you everyone! **Jack Maloney, 2nd Vice Commander**

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