



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,

I am hoping that all of the Honor Guard and comrades that attended the ceremony for Don Tritt at the Highground have had a chance to thaw out, mother nature tried her darnedest to slow us down but we all made it. Thank you all. I am honored to be offered a seat on the last Old Glory Honor Flight of the year, October 23rd and I am looking forward to a wonderful time. It happens to be the same day as our next meeting and I will miss not seeing you all. On Friday night, October 4th the Honor Guard presented the colors at the Omro High School Homecoming game. Our annual Veterans Dinner is Saturday, Oct. 19th, hope everyone has their seats reserved as registration ended on October 9th. We need help setting up on Saturday morning. If you are available, stop down at the firehouse about 10:00 am and give us a hand with the tables and chairs. Our next meeting is Oct. 23rd at Tanners 7:00 pm.

Thanks again!

Commander Gary Allen

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MEMBERSHIP REPORT

As of this writing, we have 146 paid members, 63% of our 2020 membership goal. National has sent out a second renewal notice. 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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HONOR GUARD/COLOR GUARD

We will be having breakfast with the veterans at the Omro Care Center at 7:00 am on Monday, November 11th. I need a head count on who will be going so they know how many to plan for. Please let me know (420-0024) or sign up at the Post meeting on October 23rd. We will also be going to Parkview Health center for a 2:00 pm service honoring all of the veterans living there. They put on a really good program and all of the residents appreciate us being there.

The next Old Glory Honor Flight out of Appleton will be October 23rd. There will be two flights on the same day and our commander will be on one of them. If you plan on going to the airport, you might want to be there early as the parking lot fills up fast.

We had a good turn-out at Highground on October 5th for the laying of a Legacy Stone for Don Tritt. The rain held off for most of the ceremony, but we made it through OK. Plans are in the works for laying a Legacy Stone for Dave Schmude on May 30th of 2020. If there are other members thinking about laying a stone for themselves or a loved one, this would be a good time as our Honor Guard will be there in full force. Contact The Highground for more information. Thanks. *Dean Larsen*

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

Our next meeting is Monday, October 21st, 6:30 pm at Tanner's.

AUXILIARY PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

October, one of my favorite months! Fall festivals, apple anything and flannel shirts. I love it all! I hope you are able to get out and enjoy the changing of the seasons in whatever fashion you like too.

The end of summer doesn't slow our Auxiliary Unit down though. We are still involved in quite a few activities. We just co-sponsored the annual Chili Supper this past Saturday, October 5th in Oshkosh. There is a Fall Fun Day in Green Lake coming up October 12th which involves the Junior and Senior members this time. The annual Veterans Dinner for Post #234 is on October 19th at the Omro Firehouse. On Tuesday, October 29th, is the Winnebago County Youth Government Day in Oshkosh which we are assisting in. And when you add in our regular meeting at Tanners on Thursday, October 17th, it's a busy month for us.

At our next meeting, we will be going over the annual budget, Committees chair positions as well as donation recipients just to name a few things on the Agenda. If you have any ideas, suggestions or you are interested in being more active (even from home), get in touch with me or plan on attending our next meeting October 17th at 6:30 at Tanner's.

Remember, if you ever have questions or need a hand, Auxiliary members are always here for you. Together we are Legion Family Strong.

Take care -

Jodi Kallas, ALA President

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AUXILIARY CHAPLAIN

As the leaves change color and fall to the ground ... as our temperatures become cooler ... as crops are harvested around us, we are reminded of the change of seasons. Each of us has within us the Fruits of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. These fruits should feed us as we carry out the Mission of our Auxiliary... Service before Self.

There are many ways you can carry out this mission even if you can't attend meetings. We have a few faithful coupon clippers, but could use some more. Contact one of our officers to find out how you can share the Fruits of the Spirit.

Birthday wishes go out to our Auxiliary sisters for recent and upcoming birthdays:

Connie Ertmer, Paula Luther, Roxanne Lemieux, Hannah Bass, Janet Baker, Sophia Cutler, Patti Daugherty, Kayannah Luther, and Jamie White.

Kathy Boettner, Chaplain

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OUR VETERANS MEMORIAL

When I left off on the construction of the memorial, we had broken ground in the fall of 2006. The foundations had been poured and the walls placed in their permanent location. It was November when we placed the walls and it was snowing. The monument company who had laser etched our emblems had placed them into the walls while they were lying flat at PCS.

Spring came and we only had a couple of months to finish the memorial in time to dedicate it on Memorial Day. The holes needed to be back filled and the memorial area had to be formed up so we could pour the concrete.

Next the concrete around the flagpole that PCS had formed up for us needed to be lifted in place with a crane and both daises needed to be set. Always Concrete took care of forming, pouring and stamping the concrete so it would look like stone. It was starting to look like the vision we had imagined it would become.

Commander Hoeft called for a work detail for a week or two before Memorial Day. It was all hands-on deck as we hurried to ready our communities new Veterans memorial for the big day. A few of us helped Russ, our electrician, wire the memorial with the new lighting. Some helped Matt from Eiden Property Management set the blocks for the retaining wall while others helped to cut and lay out the sod to cover all of the bare ground.

Dirt was shoveled into the landscaped area once the retaining wall was in place. The cub scouts and boy scouts wanted to be a part of the memorial so they were on hand to help plant all of the plants in the landscape area.

I went home and got my gas-powered pole saw and we cut all of the low hanging branches off of the trees in the memorial area. So those attending the dedication would have an unobstructed view of the event. One of our members brought his big flatbed trailer to haul away the branches. By the end of the day the memorial was ready for the dedication on Memorial Day 2007.

On Memorial Day channel 11 did four interviews from the Memorial starting at 5:30 that morning. John Hoeft, Bob Wipf, Ed Goss and myself were interviewed about the memorial and what it meant to our community.

It's important to remember what it took to get us to this important day. Two years our memorial committee spent planning, designing, fundraising and building this community gem. It took the loss of one of our own, Marine Brent Vroman to fire up the community to get behind the project. In the end, we had a memorial everyone in the community could be very proud of. It is a tribute to what a community can do when we come together as one. All who live here know someone honored on our memorial walls, a friend, neighbor or relative. Over the years I have spent more time at the memorial than anyone else in our post. I have seen young mothers weeping and old men crying openly at seeing the name of a lifelong friend they miss. The memorial is very powerful and very moving to everyone whose life is touched by it.

Two months after the dedication I would become commander of our post for the next three years. We continued to search for names that needed to go on the memorial. The second year we placed 69 names and the next year it was 45 names. We now get around 20 to 25 names annually. That concludes the story of how our memorial came to be. I hope everyone got something from my narrative.

Next month I will start to tell the stories of the fifteen men on panel three, those who lost their lives in defense of our country.

Yours in comradeship
Rick Deiss
Past Commander Post 234

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 10/12 ALA 6th District Fall Fun Day – Green Lake
- 10/17 Legion Auxiliary Meeting 6:30 pm @ Tanner’s
- 10/19 Veterans Dinner - Omro Firehouse
- 10/21 SAL Meeting 6:30 pm @ Tanner’s
- 10/23 Post Executive Committee Meeting 6:00 pm @ Tanner’s
- 10/23 Regular Post Meeting 7:00 pm @ Tanner’s
- 10/27 Legion 6th District Fall Conference - Oshkosh
- 10/29 Winnebago County Youth Government Day



Jack Haynes drumming up business at the Brat Fry



Don Tritt Family and Friends gathering at The Highground



Honor Guard braving the weather at The Highground