



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,

We had another very successful Veteran's Dinner last month, thanks to our chairman Jack Haynes and all who helped out. Congratulations to our Legionnaire of the year –Duane Foote and to our Patriot of the Year Award recipients –Omro Chiropractic Joanie & Jeff Beem and Austin Heried. The post annual Christmas Party will be held on December 14th at Tanners. Cost is \$16.00 per person. Sign up at our next meeting. I wanted to mention if you have never been on the Old Glory flight and you are eligible to go please consider signing up, it was a wonderful time that we should all get to enjoy. Hope to see everyone at our next meeting on November 27th.

Commander Gary Allen
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CHAPLAINS CORNER

Greetings to all of you at this time of year. It is almost Thanksgiving and I hope you are doing well and I am sure you and your family will enjoy this time of the holiday. God gave us a lot to be thankful for and I know that we are blessed so much. I hope that those who deer hunt will be safe and successful. Till next time I wish you a blessed Thanksgiving.

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MEMBERSHIP REPORT

As the end of the year approaches, we still have a few members that have not paid their dues. Right now, we are at 73%. We are trying to get to 100% renewals by Dec. 31. When you receive your renewal card, you can pay at the meeting, pay by check through the mail or go to <http://omropost234.org/> and pay on line. The dues are the same, \$35.00.

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HONOR GUARD/COLOR GUARD

This is a very busy time of the year and I'm still waiting for Indian summer. That might be a long wait. With Veterans Day there were quite a few activities for us to be involved in. The University of Wisconsin Oshkosh had two military appreciation events scheduled and all veterans were admitted free. The first was Friday, November 8th for the UWO hockey game at the YMCA on 20th Street. On Saturday there was the UWO football game. Our Color Guard is presented colors for both of these events.

On November 11th we started the day at H.B. Patch with an 8:15 am program, then went on to the Elementary School and Middle/High School, posting colors at all the schools. We then went to the Veterans Memorial and then to Tanner's for lunch. After lunch we went to Parkview Health Center for a 2:00 pm program. This was again a touching moment as we got to interact with the veterans living there. Thanks to all that joined us for these events.

The Omro Christmas parade is Saturday, December 7th at 5:00 pm. Anybody from the Color Guard marching in the parade, be at Miller Park for line-up around 4:30 pm. Thanks. *Dean Larsen*

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

Hello Everyone,

Our current membership stands strong with 35 in our squadron. Veterans Day is November 11th, but if you can, try to thank a veteran every day of the year!!!

I was unable to attend the annual dinner last month, but heard it was a super turnout. On Saturday October 19th, my family was attending my father's 50th Vietnam Reunion of his Army Co. in Washington D.C. and I learned so much more about this terrible conflict, made new friends and made great memories.

I want to wish our entire Legion Family a wonderful holiday season. Be thankful and giving.

Commander John Hoeft II

AUXILIARY PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hi there,

I hope whoever is reading this is doing well. This time of year, can be a little difficult with the time change, darkness earlier in the day and the cold weather begins. Remember to stay connected and active with family and friends to help turn those long days into happier times.

If you are looking for something to do, the Auxiliary always seems to have a project going on. One of the many things we are doing this month is the packing of our Christmas care packages for our military men and women. If you like to bake cookies, I know some people who would love to eat them! Please let me know if you would be able to contribute any cookies to these packages. We will be packing them up at our next meeting, Thursday, November 21st.

Also, a little something to keep you busy this winter and lend a helping hand at the same time is clipping coupons. Those coupons in the Sunday paper help our service members who are stationed overseas. You clip them, we ship them and they use them. Up to 6 months past the expiration date even! It's such a simple way to show your support.

Keep in mind, if you ever have questions or could use a little help, Auxiliary members are always here for you. Together we are Legion Family Strong.

Enjoy the holiday season and give thanks -

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Meeting:	Thursday, November 21, 2019
Time:	6:30 pm
Location:	4403 Rushford Ave. Omro, WI 54963

AUXILIARY CHAPLAIN

Giving Thanks and sharing Good Will are not just one or two days a year, but every day!

We're thankful for our veterans and active military for the many sacrifices they have made and continue making to help keep us free. We're thankful for the families who support them. We're thankful for the opportunities to share a smile, a handshake or hug, a card or package to show our gratitude.

We're thankful for our American Legion Auxiliary sisters and send sunshine to Pat Allen and Diana Artz as they get stronger each day. Birthday wishes go out to our following sisters: Laurel Franz, Lynn Beck, Casey Braun, Bobbi Jo Steinert, Camryn Steinert, Beth Schmitz and Cheryl Grabner.

*"I would maintain that thanks are the highest form of thought, and that gratitude is happiness doubled by wonder."
~G.K.Chesterton*

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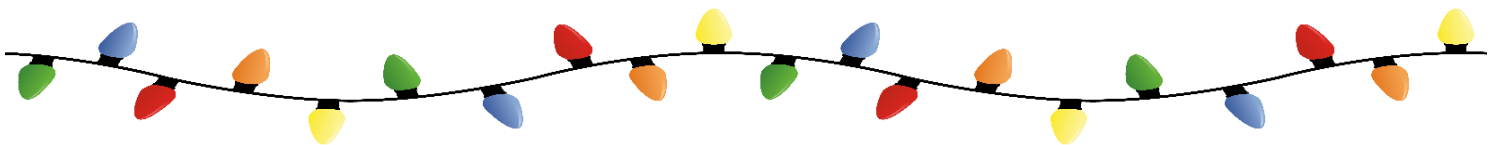
WHAT'S HAPPENING

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 11/18 S.A.L. 6:30 pm @ Tanner's
- 11/21 Auxiliary Meeting 6:30 pm
- 11/21 Legion Winnebago County Council Meeting @ Neenah Post 33
- 11/27 Post Executive Committee Meeting 6:00 pm @ Tanner's
- 11/27 Regular Post Meeting 7:00 pm @ Tanner's
- 11/28 **HAPPY THANSIVING!**

NO DECEMBER PEC, POST MEETING, AUXILIARY MEETING, SAL MEETING OR NEWSLETTER

- 12/3 Auxiliary Winnebago County Council Meeting
- 12/7 Omro Christmas Parade @ 5 pm (led by Post 234 Color Guard)
- 12/14 Post Christmas Party @ Tanner's (see article)
- 12/25 **MERRY CHRISTMAS!**
- 1/1 **HAPPY NEW YEAR!**
- 1/11 Post Oratorical Contest



CHRISTMAS PARTY

- Date:** Saturday, December 14th
- Place:** Tanners Tap & Grill
- Time:** 5:00 pm Social and 6:00 pm Dinner (Family Style)
- Cost:** \$16.00 per person.

Reservations can be made by contacting Becky O'Keefe at (920) 279-6394 or sign up at the November Post meeting. When making your reservation, please include the names of those attending. Seating is limited to 70 persons.

Please bring a paper product to donate to the Omro Area Food Pantry.



ALA 6th District Fall Fun Day
Unit 234 members Bobbi Jo, Bentley and Camryn
creating Christmas trees for our Veterans



**Old Glory Honor Flight
#53B**
Commander Gary Allen



Winnebago County Youth Government Day
with Omro High School students attending





OMRO VETERANS MEMORIAL

OUR VETERANS MEMORIAL

This month we start talking about those on panel three. Those of us whose sacrifices for their country was so great that they prevented them from coming home. I will start with our first casualty of WWII. He is one of the men I personally researched.

Raymond A. Nusser

Ray's family owned Spring Brook Tavern back when he joined the Navy in 1935. Ray's dad refused to sign the papers for him to join the Navy, so he had to talk his mom into doing it.

Ray was a strong swimmer and liked to dive off of the bridges in Oshkosh. He played right end for the Pacific Fleet football team and was the 3rd best right end they ever had. He had dreams of playing in the NFL one day.

Ray wrote home regularly and remembered his mom on Mother's Day 1941 with the following telegram:

“Though we are separated by many miles, dear mother, my heart is with you today, as always, Ray.”

Ray was on this third re-enlistment reaching the rank of Gunners Mate 3rd class.

All of Ray's dreams and aspirations ended on December 7th, 1941 when the Japanese Imperial Navy attacked the Pacific Fleet at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

Ray Nusser was killed along with 1,177 shipmates when a bomb pierced the forward magazine on the U.S.S. Arizona.

Raymond Nusser was the first serviceman from Winnebago County killed during World War II, and quite possibly the first from the State of Wisconsin.

His family didn't receive the notification of his death until February 3rd 1942. Imagine what it was like for his family to wait for nearly 2 months to find out if their son was alive or dead.

During my research of Ray, I found out that the Pearl Harbor, U.S.S. Arizona museum had Ray listed as being from Wisconsin but didn't have a home town listed. I contacted them by phone and provided them with a home for Ray. They in turn asked me for any photos I might have of Ray for them to add to their archives as they didn't have any of Ray. I was able to provide them with several for their museum. While Ray is entombed with his shipmates on the U.S.S. Arizona for eternity he now has a home town listed, a place he called home.

Yours in comradeship

Rick Deiss
Past Commander Post 234



In Honor of Veterans Day, The Omro American Legion Family Proudly Presented: "SGT. STUBBY, AN AMERICAN HERO" the movie at Omro Elementary. Books were donated to HB Patch and Omro Elementary by ALA Unit 234, Omro.



VETERANS DAY IN OMRO
*HB Patch School
 Veterans Memorial
 Omro Elementary School*

