



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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OMRO VETERANS MEMORIAL

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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Greetings Comrades and Friends,

I hope you have all enjoyed the mild winter weather, seems like this may be the new norm. So far in January our Post contestant Bailey Holt has had a very good run winning post, county and district oratorical contests. The regional and state oratorical competition will be held February 8, 2020 at Ripon college, good luck to Bailey. The District 6 Americanism Banquet will be held February 8, 2020, at La Sure's. Our Post Bowling Sweeper will be held Sunday March 8, 2020 at Legends Lane, 2 shifts. Stop in there to sign up for the shift you would like to bowl on or just stop in that day for the meat raffle. For you sturgeon spearers, safety first, would like to see you all at our next meeting February 26, 2020, 7:00 p m at Tanner's Tap and Grill.

Sincerely,

Commander Gary Allen

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CHAPLAINS CORNER

Here it is February and the weather has not been that bad. God is good. Just look at some of the other states and we should be thankful that we aren't living there. I hope all is well with you all and the flu has stayed out of your house. If anyone needs anything please let me know. Till I see you at the meeting, your Chaplain, Tom.

Tom Artz

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MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Right now, we are at 82%. 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.

Dave Steinert, Membership Chair

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LEGISLATIVE UPDATE U.S. Rep. Mike Levin (D-CA) introduced the *Commitment to Veteran Support and Outreach Act*, CVSO Act H.R. 5516, a bipartisan bill to authorize federal funding for county veterans service officers (CVSOs) who are often the best resource to help veterans and their families understand resources at their disposal, file benefit claims, and represent veterans in VA hearings. This bill will also strengthen county veterans service officers' efforts to help identify and support Veterans at risk of suicide. Wisconsin lost an estimated 137 veterans to suicide last year. Please call your representative (Grothman or Gallagher) and ask they co-sponsor and/or continue to support this action. *Tom Snider, Post Service Officer*

AUXILIARY PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello there, I hope this monthly newsletter finds you all doing well. I would like to take this time to welcome our newest member to the Legion Family, Crystal Ognan! We are very happy to have you involved, Crystal, and look forward to getting to know you and your family better.

When you have time ladies, keep clipping those Sunday paper coupons for the overseas commissaries and get them to Kathy Boettner or myself. I'm sure there will be a shipment of them going out soon. Remember those coupons can be up to six months expired and still be used.

Luckily for us, February seems to be a quiet month. We will be skipping our meeting this month and will see each other rejuvenated and ready to go at the next meeting, March 19th (which also happens to be the first day of Spring! Yes!)

In the meantime, take care of yourselves, stay healthy and feel free to contact me if you need anything.

Together we are Legion Family Strong –

Jodi Kallas, ALA President

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AUXILIARY CHAPLAIN

Honoring and celebrating others is one of my favorite things! This month we'd like to wish "Happy Birthday" to the following Auxiliary members: Teri Curtis, Jordan Huth, Jodi Kallas, Jennifer Rammer, Jordyn Rammer, Connie Rago, Paige Roesler, and Bentley Steinert

As I was trying to gather my ideas to share with you, I was reading and came across the following. I felt as though someone was reading my mind.

"As the world fights to figure everything out, I'll be holding doors for strangers, letting people cut in front of me in traffic, saying "Good morning", keeping babies entertained in grocery lines, stopping to talk to someone who is lonely, being patient with sales clerks, smiling at passerby. WHY? Because I will not stand idly by and live in a world where love is invisible. Join me in showing kindness, understanding, and judging less. Be kind to a stranger, give grace to friends who are having a bad day, be forgiving of yourself- today and every day. BE the change, BE the light; start today and never stop." - Anonymous

Peace

Kathy Boettner, Chaplain

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AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY WINNEBAGO COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

Hosted by Neenah Unit #33

Tuesday, March 3rd

Registration 5:30 p.m., Meal 6:00 p.m. with meeting to follow

The Dome, 1338 S. Commercial Street, Neenah

Registration 50 cents and meal \$10.

RSVP to Jodi by Feb 17th.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

AUXILIARY UNIT – NO FEBRUARY MEETING

- 02/17 SAL Meeting 6:30 PM @ Tanner's
- 02/21 Veterans & Friends Coffee at Bella Vista
- 02/20 Legion Winnebago County Council 7:30 PM @ Tanner's
- 02/26 Post Executive Committee Meeting 6:00 PM @ Tanner's
- 02/26 Post 234 Regular Meeting 7:00 PM @ Tanner's
- 03/03 Auxiliary Winnebago County Council @ The Dome, Neenah



Veterans & Friends Coffee

New location... Bella Vista!
631 Hazel St., Oshkosh.
This will begin at 9:30am on Friday, February 21st.
Please RSVP by Thursday, February 13th to Gary Allen.

Omro High School Senior Bailey Hoyt representing Post 234 at the Winnebago County Oratorical Competition receives a check from County Commander Gail Minks for his first-place finish. Bailey went on to win District and competed at the Regional level. Great job Bailey!



Coffee with the Veterans – Parkview Health Center

THE AMERICAN LEGION – OMRO POST 234 9 PIN-TAP BOWLING FUNDRAISER - BOWLERS NEEDED



Sunday, March 8th
Two shifts: Noon and 3:00 pm
Legend Lanes - Omro
\$20 Per Bowler
50/50 Raffle

Sign up at Legends or contact Jeff at 920-685-2694

All proceeds go to The American Legion Legacy Scholarship Fund



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OUR VETERANS MEMORIAL

This month we are remembering and honoring Brent Vroman. Brent's loss became the driving force behind the creation of our beautiful memorial.

PFC Brent T. Vroman United States Marine Corps

Brent Vroman died as a result of wounds suffered from combat with enemy forces on Monday, December 13, 2004 in Yusufiyah, Iraq. Brent is the son of Bob Vroman and Pam DeGroot. His twin brother, Brian, was a Corporal in the U.S. Marine Corps at the time of Brent's death.

Brent was a 2001 graduate of Omro High School. He was very active in all sports, with wrestling being his favorite. His older brother Bob was a state champion. Brent was very friendly and always upbeat. To know Brent, was to love him. He loved the outdoors with fishing and hunting being special to him. Through his friend, coach and mentor, Scott Eckstein, Brent became a correctional officer and worked at the New Lisbon Correctional Facility for only a few weeks before he was called to active duty. On Friday, November 3, 2006, the New Lisbon Correctional Facility in a dedication ceremony named the facilities training room in honor of Brent Vroman. In July of 2006, Brent posthumously received the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal for distinguishing himself in battle. His heroic action reflected on Brent keeping with the highest tradition of the Marine Corps.

The loss of Brent brought the war close to home for our small community. It energized us into action and the end result was the creation of the Omro Veterans Memorial. Let us never forget the terrible price paid by so many to preserve our freedom and way of life.

Yours in comradeship
Rick Deiss
Past Commander Post 234

WELCOME HOME VIETNAM ERA VETERANS

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Since the 1980's, I've been giving thanks and hugs to Vietnam veterans for their service. Still a running thought plagued me all these years. They've never had a welcome banquet. If I could give them one, I would. And that is exactly what I am doing. Will you give me the honor of attending your "official"

WELCOME HOME BANQUET

Location: Lucky Dogz, 157 S. Green Bay Rd., Neenah, WI
YOU + ONE GUEST MUST RSVP by MAR 24, 2020

Date: April 4, 2020
5PM Doors Open - 6PM Dinner