



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,

This past weekend, we held our annual bowling sweeper at Legend's Lanes in Omro. It was well attended and it appeared that everyone had a good time. A big thanks to Ken Flock for getting this together. Planning is underway for our 15th Annual Golf Outing at Lake Breeze, May 16th. If you have a team, please get your registration in. Registrations forms will be available at the meeting. Also, if you have any door prizes to donate please bring them to the meeting at Tanners. I know we have heard this enough but stay vigilant to the COVID-19 virus, we are the age that needs to take caution. Be safe and I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at Tanners Tap on March 25th at 7:00 for the monthly meeting. One last thing is our elections for officers is coming up. Please consider stepping up and getting a little more involved, I'm sure you all have some ideas to make our post a better place to belong.

Respectfully,

Commander Gary Allen
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CHAPLAINS CORNER

Hope everyone is healthy and getting ready for spring to get here soon. God is working in all of our lives. If you can reach out to someone and do something good in their lives that would be great. Keep me and my wife in your prayers as we both are dealing with health issues. Till next time I am your Chaplain, Tom Artz.

Tom Artz
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MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Right now, we are at 87% with 201 paid members. There are still a few members that have not renewed. Please get those in as soon as possible. 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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May 30th – Legacy Stone Ceremony Placement. The family of Dave Schmude will be placing a Legacy Stone in his honor. Dean Larsen will have a sign-up sheet at the March and April meetings or contact Dean at (920) 420-0024 or email dlarsen513@gmail.com if you are interested in going. Thanks.

AUXILIARY PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello there, I know I'm not the only one to think this, but where has the year gone already?! March has thankfully come in like a lamb, though we all know how quickly that can change.

Please keep the Omro Auxiliary in mind when you are out & about in the warming weather. If you see a situation where we can be of help or an idea for an event or fundraiser we can host, please let me know. New ideas while maintaining the integrity of the American Legion Auxiliary is what we strive for.

Thank you to those of you who have come forward to lend a hand with special projects we are a part of. Without your behind-the-scenes dedication, we wouldn't get far in our goals. Thank you very much!

On that note, our next meeting is March 19th at 6:30pm at Tanner's Tap in the dining room. We hope to see you there! Take care and remember together, we are Legion Family Strong.

Sincerely,

Jodi Kallas, ALA President
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AUXILIARY CHAPLAIN

"Having someone who understands is a great blessing for ourselves. Being someone who understands is a great blessing to others." -Janette Oke

There are only a couple of our Auxiliary sisters who have birthdays this month. We send our wishes to Taylor Rammer and Charlie White!!

At a time when the news is filled with natural disasters and the spreading viruses, remember to cover your cough, wash your hands and spread kindness!

Peace,

Kathy Boettner, Chaplain
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Coffee with the Vets

WHAT'S HAPPENING

6th District American Legion Auxiliary JUNIOR SPRING CONFERENCE APRIL 25, 2020

WE ARE HAVING A 100TH BIRTHDAY PARTY



Place: Neenah Unit #33, 451 Green Bay Road

Time: 9:00am to 2:00pm

Lunch: \$5.00 each. Pay upon arrival.

Bring:

- 1) \$5.00 Birthday gift appropriate for any age.
- 2) Poppy poster. Please follow rules in POPPY PLAN OF ACTION
- 3) Try out for Little Miss Poppy (age 6-12) bring your short story on why you would like to be Little Miss Poppy & come in costume. *To qualify must also make poppy poster!
- 4) Let's have some Poppy Creations this year. It can be exciting to see all the ideas!
- 5) Bring a pair of women's socks & box of Kleenex for ladies at King VA

MEETING! ELECTIONS! CRAFTS! SERVICE PROJECT! FUN!

MUST RSVP TO CHAR BY 4/18/20!!!
920-558-4224 or char.kiesling@gmail.com

CALENDAR OF EVENTS - MARCH

- 03/16 SAL Meeting 6:30 PM @ Tanner's
- 03/19 Auxiliary Executive Committee 5:30 PM @ Tanner's
- 03/19 Auxiliary Meeting 6:30 PM @ Tanner's
- 03/25 Post Executive Committee 6:00 PM @Tanner's
- 03/25 Post 234 Regular Meeting 7:00 PM @ Tanner's

Irish Blessing

*May love and laughter light your days,
and warm your heart and home.
May good and faithful friends be yours,
wherever you may roam.
May peace and plenty bless your world
with joy that long endures.
May all life's passing seasons bring
the best to you and yours!*



15th ANNUAL POST 234 GOLF OUTING – We've started plans for the golf outing fundraiser. It will be held Saturday, May 16, 2020 at Lake Breeze Golf Course. We'll need plenty of volunteers, raffle prizes and of course, golfers. Registration forms and donation letters will be available at our next meeting.

The Mission Of Daugherty-Hamilton Post 234 Is To Provide Services To Veterans, Their Families And Our Communities.



OMRO VETERANS MEMORIAL

OUR VETERANS MEMORIAL

This month we talk about another of our World War II veterans who lost his life with most of his crew.

**Earl E. Edminster
Soundman Third Class
U.S. Navy**

Earl was born in Eureka on April 14th, 1926, the son of Paul and Gertrude. He went to school in Omro.

He enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1943. He went to San Diego for Sonar School and became a Soundman Third Class. He was later assigned to the USS Johnston, DD 557.

The USS Johnston was active in the Pacific during 1944, participating in the Marshalls Island, Marianas, Palau and Leyte Campaigns. On May 15th, while operating in the Solomon Islands, the USS Johnston assisted in sinking the Japanese submarine I-176.

On October 25, 1944 while serving with an escort carrier task force in support of the Leyte Campaign, the USS Johnston and a few other destroyers and destroyer escorts valiantly attacked an overwhelmingly strong Japanese battleship and cruiser force during the battle of Samar. The USS Johnston was lost at sea with most of her crew. Earl was lost at sea on this date and listed as MIA for one year before his mother was notified that he was dead. Earl has 2 brothers, Harold and Phil and a sister, Phyllis Oatman who lives in Berlin.

For those of you who don't understand naval fire power they had zero chance of winning this battle. Their only hope was to delay the advancement of the far superior force until reinforcements arrived in the form of our carriers, battleships and cruisers. The battle of Leyte Gulf became the biggest naval battle in modern history. When our main forces arrived, we crippled the Japanese navy and they never recovered. In the four day battle the Japanese lost three battleships including the super battleship HIJMS Musashi, four aircraft carriers, ten cruisers and eleven destroyers. During this battle Kamikazes were used for the first time.

Earl and his fellow sailors sacrificed their lives so others could live. They stalled the advancement of the Japanese Navy long enough for help to arrive. By doing so they helped to protect our ground forces from attack.

Yours in comradeship,
Rick Deiss
Past Commander Post 234