



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,

It has been a long and difficult time for a lot of us, I hope that everyone is healthy and staying safe. For me the isolation from my friends and comrades proves to be trying. If anyone needs or would like to chat give me a call, I really do miss you all. Until we can be safe, I am afraid that most of our events are on hold. With that being said we are at least starting to see some nice weather so we can get out and golf, fish, garden and all the other activities we enjoy. I also will try to get out emails if there are any activities, we can get together for under the social distancing guidelines. Pick up your phone and "buddy check" any of our brothers I know it will be greatly appreciated. Again, please be safe and watch out for your health and we will all be back with each other soon.

Missing you all,
Commander Gary Allen
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CHAPLAINS CORNER

God's Blessing's to everyone. Hope everyone is staying safe and not getting to bored. We have time to reflect on all the Blessings that God has given us. I know that I think about everything He has done for me. I am finally set up for surgery on the 15th of May so please keep me in your prayers. Nothing else is different since last month so again stay safe. God Bless, Your Chaplin Tom Artz

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MEMBERSHIP REPORT

We continue with 201 paid members. There are still 19 members that have not renewed. Please get those in as soon as possible. You can 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. Please contact Dean Larsen at (920) 420-0024 or email dlarsen513@gmail.com if you are interested in going.



Volunteers Needed Saturday May 16th - We will be putting the flags out at the Pickett cemetery. If you feel safe enough in doing this please be at the cemetery at 9:00 am. We can keep the social distancing and I could use the help. Any questions, call Dean Larsen (920) 420-0024.

AUXILIARY PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello there – The sun is shining and I am thankful. I hope you are also taking time to enjoy the simple things in life right now.

If you need a little something to do, we are still accepting clipped coupons for our overseas commissaries. I came across another idea also. Check out this request from the Tomah VA volunteer newsletter:

Operation Mail Call

We are asking for letters and cards for our Veterans that are restricted to our Community Living Center (CLC). That are in need of some uplifting and positive messages and YOU can help. It can be as easy as making a word document in the form of a letter, then copying it several times, hand written letter, drawing, etc. Kids artwork is also welcome!

*Letters, Cards and Drawings can be addressed to:
Tomah VA Medical Center
Attn: Mail Call (135)
500 East Veterans Street
Tomah, WI 54660*

We hope to have enough letters so that all patients can get at least one card/letter—that's almost 200 for just one week:)

As you know, this Stay-at-Home Order extends through Memorial Weekend. I have not heard what the plans are for usual Memorial Day ceremony. As soon as I do, I will pass that information on to you.

Next month are our Unit officer elections. If you would like to run for any of the officer positions, please let me know. All positions are up for re-election; President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Chaplain and Sergeant-at-Arms. This month's meeting will not take place – again - but I am hopeful we will have a REAL meeting next month. Fingers crossed!

In the meantime, please continue to check on your neighbors, family & friends and take care of yourselves. The Legion Family will stay strong as long as we stay together.

Take care & God Bless -

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AUXILIARY CHAPLAIN

Hopefully the increasing sunlight and temperatures are helping to ease any drawbacks of being “Safer at Home”.

During this Military Appreciation Month, we try to focus our efforts on our active service members. One way to show your appreciation is with a simple “Thank You for your service”, or send a card or note. If you don’t personally know service members, we have a list of names and addresses, for those with local ties, that we’d love to share. Just contact me or Jodi Kallas for information.

Our Auxiliary would like to wish “Happy Birthday” to Diane Steinert this month.

“How beautiful a day can be when kindness touches it.” Anonymous

God’s Peace,

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WHAT’S HAPPENING

CALENDAR OF EVENTS – May 2020

All local meetings for the month of May have been cancelled.

OTHER CANCELLATIONS

**ALA Winnebago County Council – June meeting
Department American Legion/Auxiliary Convention
American Legion Baseball 2020 season**



In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

John McCrae (1872-1918)



OMRO VETERANS MEMORIAL

Our Veterans Memorial

This month I'm going to share the stories of more than one veteran. The information we have on the first one is lacking. If anyone can fill us in more on this veteran please contact me with the information.

Darwin Earl Baldry

Darwin was born in Omro to Mildred G. and Earl E Baldry. Darwin attended grade school and high school in Omro.

He enlisted in the U.S. Army on October 10, 1945. He was a private Technician 5th grade, 22nd Armored Battalion, Field Artillery, 14th Constabulary.

Darwin died while serving his country on April 21, 1946.

Edward Erickson Jr.

Edward Erickson Jr. was born January 1, 1920 in Berlin WI. He was the son of Edward and stepmother Leah Erickson of Waukau. He attended the Waukau Grade School. He then entered Oshkosh High School and graduated in 1937. He attended Oshkosh State Teachers College for 2 years and then studied forestry at the state Teachers College in Idaho, graduating in 1942.

He enlisted in the Army Air Corps in 1943 and received cadet training at Keesler Field and Baton Rouge. He received his wings in May of 1944. He was assigned to the Philippines in December of 1944 and was killed in a plane crash in the Philippines on May 30, 1945. He was buried in the Armed Forces Cemetery in the Philippines. He is survived by a sister-in-law, Marion Erickson, of Waukau.

Yours in Comradeship,

Rick Deiss,

Past Commander Post 234