



# DAUGHERTY-HAMILTON POST 234

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Post meetings held the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month, S.A.L. sessions held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month and Auxiliary meetings held the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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,

Well it has been quite a challenging summer and I would like to thank all the people that helped make the Annual Golf Outing and Fundraiser such a success, I believe that our biggest obstacle is being safe as we meet, I hope that the mask concern will not prevent us from doing what we do best. We will be required to wear a mask at our meetings for now.

We will be having a meeting this month instead of our usual picnic due to Covid-19, we must be a little flexible while this virus runs its course. Please be safe. Looking forward to seeing all you brave souls on August 26<sup>th</sup> at Tanner's 7:00 pm.

Take care,  
Commander Gary Allen  
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## CHAPLAINS CORNER

As we go through 2020, I hope everyone is staying safe and in good health. We find the virus is still with us. I see people who refuse to wear a mask and I see more and more people getting the virus and people still dying because of this. Please people do the right thing. We don't know how long God is going to allow this to go on, but it is all in His time. Maybe He is waiting to see if everyone finally listens. Please let me know if I can be of any assistance to you or your family. I keep everyone in prayer and hope you all look out for each other. May God bless and keep you and make His face shine on you and keep you safe. Your Chaplin, Tom Artz

Tom Artz  
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## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

We ended last year at 204 members. Our goal for this year is 209. It's time to renew! Renewal notices have been sent out for the 2021 membership year. 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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920-379-7052

***The Mission of Daugherty-Hamilton Post 234 Is to Provide Services to Veterans, Their Families and Our Communities***

## S.A.L. MESSAGE

Hello Friends,

Wishing the Legion Family to stay healthy during this global pandemic! August 7<sup>th</sup> was National Purple Heart Day, a day that honors the men and women who have been wounded or killed in military service. August 8<sup>th</sup> was the anniversary of victory over Japan (1945) also known as VJ Day. The next S.A.L session is scheduled at Tanner's, for Monday, August 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. See you then.

Take Care,  
SAL Commander John Hoeft II  
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## AUXILIARY PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello ladies! I'd like to start off thanking all of you who helped at the annual Legion Golf Tournament on August 2<sup>nd</sup>. Your participation, in whatever form, is greatly appreciated. We had a fantastic turnout ... and almost beat the rain.

As we head into the tail end of summer, I hope you are still finding different ways to enjoy the wonderful weather we have been blessed with. Lately, I've noticed the City of Omro has come up with some creative ways to support our local businesses and gather with friends and family safely. If you have any ideas or suggestions in how the Auxiliary could help our community or a member of our community, please let me know.

We will be holding our annual Support the Troops Care Package Drive on Sunday, September 13th. If you are not able to drop off your donation the day of the drive, the Omro Chiropractic Office is currently collecting items throughout the month of August. Remember to get the name(s) and mailing information to me of any active duty military member you have for future care package mailings.

Unfortunately, there will not be a Legion Family picnic this year. Instead, we will be holding an Auxiliary meeting on Thursday, August 20th at 6:30 pm in the dining room of Tanner's Tap. I hope to see you there.

In the meantime, enjoy the summer sun and take care-

Jodi Kallas, Omro ALA President  
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920-685-1008

## AUXILIARY CHAPLAIN

*"Lord, help me realize that I am not the only one hurting ... that we all have pain in our lives. May I listen ... comfort ... and give unconditional love to all who pass my way." Carol Hamblet Adams*

We are glad to reach out to our Auxiliary sisters celebrating birthdays this month: Ginny Braun, Ashlee Kallas, Barbara Maloney, Amy Raygo, Carol San Filippo, Debbie Wagner. No matter how you celebrate, make this year memorable!

Remember to wash your hands, cover your cough & sneeze, be aware of personal spacing & spread only KINDNESS!

Also remember to cut & save manufacturers coupons. You can bring to a meeting or contact me for pick-up.

Peace to you,  
Kathy Boettner, Chaplain  
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## AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP

National will be mailing out the first set of 2021 renewal notices in mid-September, but you don't have to wait until then! Renew now!! Dues are \$30.00 for senior members and \$7.00 for juniors. *Members are encouraged to pay their dues online or over the phone.*

- **Over the phone** - Call National direct @ (317) 569-4500 (Mon. – Fri. 7:00 am – 3:30 pm). National will now be taking membership payments over the phone via debit or credit card. A member may pay for several members at a time; perfect for the parent/grandparent that pays for several members. Once the payment has been accepted the member will be sent via e-mail a confirmation notice and a temporary membership card.
- **Online** - Membership dues may be paid via debit or credit card by simply visiting the national website ([www.ALAforVeterans.org](http://www.ALAforVeterans.org)), go to the "Members Only" tab and create a log in ID if you don't already have one. The pay dues option will be at the top of the screen. An email address and member ID# is required.
- **By Check** - Please make checks payable to ALA Unit 234 and mail to Diane Steinert, P.O. Box 234, Omro, WI, 54963 or bring to our next meeting.

Diane Steinert  
Membership Chairman  
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### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

8/17	S.A.L. Session 6:30 pm @ Tanner's
8/20	Legion Auxiliary Meeting 6:30 pm @ Tanner's
8/26	Post Executive Committee Meeting 6:00 pm @ Tanner's
8/26	Regular Post Meeting 7:00 pm @ Tanner's
9/01	Auxiliary County Council @ Oshkosh Post 70
9/02	Labor Day
9/11	Patriot Day & National Day of Service & Remembrance
9/13	Community Care Package Drive @ Omro Pharmacy

## **ALA UNIT # 234 \* OMRO**

### **SUPPORT OUR TROOPS CARE PACKAGE DRIVE & CELLPHONES FOR SOLDIERS COLLECTION**

**Date:** Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup>  
**Where:** Omro Pharmacy Drive-thru  
**When:** 10:00am – 4:00pm

**NEW REQUEST:** Monetary donations to pay for Postage "American Legion Auxiliary #234"

#### **Requested Items for Care Packages:**

**Personal hygiene items:** Lens cleaning spray & cloths; hand & foot warmers, foot powder, men & women's deodorant (no aerosols), shampoo, conditioner, soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, sunscreen, lotion, Q-tips, fingernail clippers

**Snacks:** Gum, beef jerky (no pork), tuna & chicken pouches, Ramen noodles, Instant oatmeal, nuts, peanut butter, powdered drink mixes, instant coffee, fruit snacks, Trail mix, microwave popcorn, sunflower seeds, granola bars, cookies, Hormel Complete Meals, Mac & Cheese bowls

**Special miscellaneous items:** Ziploc bags, socks (men & women), T-shirts (M & L sizes), travel-size board games, dice, small game balls & Frisbees, puzzle books, writing supplies, holiday & sport teams' decorations.

#### **Requested Items for Cell Phones for Soldiers:**

This Nonprofit Organization collects all types of cell phones and other used electronics (i.e. headphones, tablets, laptops, iPod, iPad, cameras and hand-held game units). Donations of electronic devices allow them to fund their core programs: Minutes That Matter: Domestic; Minutes That Matter: International; and Helping Heroes Home. [For more information on this program, go to www.cellphonesforsoldiers.com](http://www.cellphonesforsoldiers.com)

**For questions about this annual event, contact Jodi Kallas at (920) 312-3575**



# ***OMRO VETERANS MEMORIAL***

## **Our Veterans Memorial**

### **Merlin Raye Allen**

Merlin was born October 22, 1946 in Madison, Wisconsin to parents, Skip and Eleanor Allen. He was the second of three children; Marilyn, Merlin and Sheila.

Merlin lived in Omro and attended Omro High School with the class of 1965 through his Sophomore year. Among his many high school accomplishments, Merlin was the vice-president of the Sophomore class. In his Junior year, he moved with his family to Bayfield Wisconsin.

Merlin was a Lance Corporal in the U. S. Marine Corps, Company A, 3<sup>rd</sup> Reconnaissance Battalion 3<sup>rd</sup> Marine Division. Merlin was killed June 30, 1967 in Thua Thien, South Vietnam while on a reconnaissance mission aboard a CH 46A helicopter. The CH46A was downed and crashed as a result of small arms fire. Merlin's body was recently recovered and returned home. Until then he was listed as one of Wisconsin's MIA's.

Merlin's name is on Panel 22E-Line 86 of the Vietnam Wall in Washington DC.

### **Arthur York**

I discovered his name when researching others. Arthur is the only one on panel three that was killed in the Korean War. The information we have on him is scant.

Arthur was born around 1926 and served in the Army. He entered the service prior to 1945 so he was also a WWII veteran. He lived on Poygan road while in the Omro School district.

Arthur York served two tours of duty in Korea and was listed as MIA during his second tour. As far as anyone knows his body was never recovered.

### **Richard Shea**

Richard Shea was born on August 10, 1923 and was a graduate of Omro High School. He joined the Army Air Corps on December 14, 1942. He was a member of the 360<sup>th</sup> Fighter Squadron, 8<sup>th</sup> Air Corp. He died in a midair collision on November 1, 1945.

### **Henry Wambold**

Henry Wambold was born on April 19 1912. He died August 9, 1944 in France. He served in the 8<sup>th</sup> Army under Patton. That is all the information on our website about Henry but if my memory serves me correctly, I believe we learned he was killed on a troop train when a rifle belonging to a fellow soldier discharged and the bullet struck him.

That is the history of all fifteen men on panel three. I will conclude the history of our memorial either in September or October. I hope you are finding the story of our veteran's memorial informative.

Yours in Comradeship,  
Rick Deiss,  
Past Commander Post 234