



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,

Well by this time our presidential elections are over and I hope that we can start treating each other with the kindness and respect that we each deserve. We need to heal and forgive what has been happening the past few months and look to our future to see what we can do to make it better. Even though we are not sure of the results of the election, I'm sure that we will proceed with the dedication that is required to make our country a better place for all of us. I hope that every one of you are enjoying good health and staying safe at home. The virus must be beaten there is no other choice. I miss you all and can't wait to get together again. An additional prayer is never a bad thing so I will keep you all in my prayers.

Sincerely,
Commander Gary Allen
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CHAPLAINS CORNER

I hope everyone has had a chance to vote for your candidate and I hope that God will give us the best person to run our country. Other than that, I don't have any other news as we are staying as healthy as we can. Till next time I am your chaplain, Tom Artz.

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MEMBERSHIP REPORT

It's time to renew! We are presently over 74% of our membership goal. 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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S.A.L. MESSAGE

Hello Friends,

Happy Veteran's Day to all the men and women that served! Have a safe and Happy Thanksgiving and also shout out the deer hunters ...Good Luck!

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

Attention All Bakers!

It's that time of year to send out the holiday care packages. Personally, I've been looking forward to this since last November!

Our Unit will need approximately 36 dozen cookies. You can bake your family's favorites or try a new holiday treat. Please contact me as soon as possible if you are able to contribute. That will give me an idea as to how many cookies everyone will have to bake. My contact information is below.

Please note the cookies need to be wrapped prior to me receiving them. The best way to do this is to take 2 cookies and put them back-to-back and wrap those 2 together with plastic wrap. At our November 19th meeting, we will pack 2 dozen assorted cookies into each care package along with Christmas cards, gifts, etc.

I can't think of a better way to send a little bit of cheer to those who can't be home for the holidays. If you have any other ideas for our future care packages, please let me know. Thank you.

Take care and happy baking -

Jodi Kallas, Omro ALA President

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AUXILIARY CHAPLAIN

The activity around us tells me it's harvest time. The cornfield behind us was harvested yesterday afternoon and into the night. The red combine's lights turned on to guide the farmer along the rows as he/she drove through the field in darkness. The commercials on TV and news updates continue to remind us it's election time also. I'll be very glad to have those commercials, emails and text messages end.

We would like to wish "Happy Birthday" to our ALA sisters who have recently and are celebrating birthdays: Janet Becker, Patti Daugherty (80!), Roxanne Lemieux, Kayannah Luther, Jamie White, Donna Marie Hasenfus, Lynn Beck, Laurel Franz, Bobbi Jo Steinert, and Camryn Steinert.

Diane Steinert was hospitalized and continues to recover at home. We ask God's healing arms to continue to surround her and any others unknown at this time.

As our world continues to fight the pandemic, remember to wash your hands, cover your cough and spread only kindness. I'd like to borrow someone else's words that I saw recently: "*Ships don't sink because of the water AROUND them. Ships sink because of the water that gets IN them! Don't let what's happening around you get inside you and weigh you down. #Isaiah 43:2*"

God's peace to you,

Kathy Boettner, Chaplain

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MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Membership Renewals – a new membership year has begun and it's time to collect 2021 dues. Options for paying your renewals are: Online @ alaforveterans.org; Over the phone – call National direct @ (317) 569-4570 (Mon. – Fri. 7 am – 3:30 pm); By check payable to ALA Unit 234 and mailed to Membership Chairman Diane Steinert at PO Box 234, Omro, WI, 54963 or bring to our next meeting.

HONOR YOUR VETERAN! Renew your membership in the ALA!!



BLUE WATER NAVY BILL (Agent Orange)

Last year the president signed the blue water navy bill into law. At the time, it happened there were a lot of rumors flying around about it having to go back to committee to be finalized. Of course, when I heard that I thought great, it will be another twenty years before it actually goes into effect. But I thought on the off chance it was already in effect I would contact my county veterans service officer and file a claim. When I went there no one else in the county had filed as of yet. In fact, I was told the bill didn't exist. I convinced them to look it up for themselves and what they found out confused them as much as it did me. We weren't sure the bill was real or not. So, I filed a claim anyway for benefits for diseases linked to exposure of agent orange.

I had several doctors' appointments in the summer of 2019 and I didn't hear anything until about two weeks ago. My claim for agent orange disability was accepted and I received a disability rating for it and a year of back pay from the date of filing.

I strongly urge anyone who was in the blue water navy either as a sailor or marine that served off the coast of Vietnam during the war to file for benefits if they have any of the diseases or maladies associated to agent orange. The amount of compensation you might be entitled to could make a huge difference in your life.

You might think that because you were off the coast of Vietnam and not boots on the ground that agent orange can't affect you and you would be wrong. I read an article decades ago about a study that was done by the Australian navy. Their study showed the desalination plants aboard ship strengthened the effects of agent orange making the toxin stronger and they didn't know why. So, we were bathing in it, drinking it and eating our food cooked in the contaminated water. Of course, our VA wouldn't accept the study done by another government and said they had to do their own studies before anything would be done. As you can probably guess they never did the studies. You can find a list of ailments associated with agent orange on line or you can contact either our post service officer, Tom Snider or the county veterans service officer in Oshkosh.

Respectfully Yours,
Rick Deiss

*Tanners Tap & Grill
207 W Main St
Omro, WI*

*Veterans Day is November 11th! Tanner's will be offering a free meal to all veterans all day long. Free meal of your choice - Broasted Pork Chop or 2 Piece Chicken with Mashed Potatoes/Gravy and Coleslaw
We hope to see you to honor your service!*

*Fox Haus Bar & Grill
720 E Main ST
Omro, WI*

November 11th. Veterans Day. We will be giving a FREE spaghetti dinner with garlic toast to every vet who comes in. Available all day.

Happy Thanksgiving!

WINNEBAGO COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE OFFICE

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Questions? Contact us!
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TOYS FOR TOTS

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