



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

Hello Comrades,

We are again conducting our monthly meetings at Tanners and I hope to see you all there. We are in the process of planning for many of our functions that we had to pass on last year because of the Covid virus, so if you are interested in lending a hand come to our meeting. Also, there are some positions that we will be electing new officers for, let us know if you are interested in running for one of them. Take care and be safe, will see you all soon!

Our meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 24th at 7:00 pm.

Commander Gary Allen
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CHAPLAINS CORNER

Greetings to everyone at Post 234. Well, what we were NOT waiting for finally hit. God hit us with our first big winter snow storm. If you didn't have to travel it was a beautiful site. All the tree branches covered and Diana & I sat and watched as the snow fell. It always amazes me how God's beauty is displayed. I hope everyone is in good health as since the meeting no one has let me know one way or another. Don't have anything else to report, just keep safe during this bad time in history. If anyone has any concerns please let me know. Until the next time, I remain your Chaplin, Tom Artz

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MEMBERSHIP REPORT

We are presently over 85% of our membership goal. For those of you that have not renewed yet, I will be sending a letter to remind you. 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.

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

S.A.L. MESSAGE

Hello Legion Family Friends,

At our next meeting we will be discussing a membership drive and upcoming 2021 events. Please join us if you can. Monday February 15th, at 6:30 pm.

Stay warm everyone!

SAL Commander John Hoeft II
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AUXILIARY PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello all –

There isn't much to report this time of year so I'll keep this short and sweet. This month we will be meeting at Tanner's Tap on Thursday, February 18th at 6:30 pm.

Annual Reports are going to be due soon. Since it's too cold to venture outside, perhaps you could take some time now to write down your volunteer hours. So much of what you do on a daily basis counts towards your volunteer time. Church, recycling, donations, clipping coupons, etc. all makes a difference. If you have any questions, please reach out and ask me.

I hope you are all doing well and I miss seeing your faces. Take care, stay warm and remember to always be kind –

Jodi Kallas, Omro ALA President
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AUXILIARY CHAPLAIN

It is our pleasure to recognize our Auxiliary sisters who are having birthdays in February: Teri Curtis, Jordan Huth, Jodi Kallas, Jennifer Rammer, Jordyn Rammer, Connie Raygo, Paige Roesler and Bentley Steinert. Reach out and wish these members a Happy Birthday!!

At this time, I have no information about any members who are ill or have had surgeries. If you know of someone please contact me.

The Legion Family has chosen early February to commemorate the selfless acts of four WWII Army Chaplains who, when their military transport DORCHESTER was struck by a torpedo in the North Atlantic, "calmed frightened soldiers, aided the wounded and guided the disoriented toward safety." You can read more about these men at fourchaplains.org.

Random Acts of Kindness is the current term for doing things for others without expecting anything in return. Try it! It's good for your soul!

Peace to you,
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WHAT'S HAPPENING

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 02/15 SAL Meeting 6:30 PM @ Tanner's
- 02/18 Legion Auxiliary Unit Meeting 6:30 PM @ Tanner's
- 02/24 Post Executive Committee Meeting 6:00 PM @ Tanner's
- 02/24 Post 234 Regular Meeting 7:00 PM @ Tanner's
- 03/02 Auxiliary – Winnebago County Council, Winneconne



MEMORIAL GARDENER

I was recently notified by our master gardener, Lori Berndt that she would be unable to continue taking care of our Veterans Memorial because of other commitments. Lori has done wonderful work over the past several years keeping the memorial looking very good.

We need a person or persons willing to water, replace dead plants, weed, trim and plant our annual flowers in the two small beds in the front of the memorial. If you have a green thumb or a desire to pitch in and keep our memorial the pride of our community that it is, either message me or call me at 920-573-2782. Let me know what job or jobs you're willing to take on.

Rick Deiss, President
Omro Veterans Memorial Inc.



The Omro American Legion Post is working with the Omro Community Center to take over their monthly bingo operations. We will need a group of dedicated volunteers from our Omro American Legion Family to make this operation a success. We need to name a few supervising members when we apply for the bingo license, one of which has to be at each bingo occasion. Bingo operations are not expected to begin until June or July. If you are interested in volunteering as a supervising member or for any other volunteer position please contact Bingo Operations Chairman Dean Larsen at (920) 420-0024 or dlarsen513@gmail.com now. Thanks in advance for your interest in this fundraising venture!



OMRO VETERANS MEMORIAL

OUR VETERANS MEMORIAL

It's been a few months since my last article on the veterans memorial. My computer crashed and it took a while to recover all of my lost files. I have the last veterans name and his history to share with you.

Robert Edwin Karlson

Robert Karlson was born on June 28, 1924 in Milwaukee. His mother died when he was three and his father died when he was fourteen. He moved to live with his aunt and uncle in rural Omro in 1932. He graduated from Omro High in 1942 and joined the Army Air Corps in 1943. He received basic training in Greensboro, North Carolina and studied engineering at Keesler Field in Mississippi. In March of 1944 he received his wings.

Robert left for overseas in September of 1944 and became a member of 493rd Bombardment group 861 Heavy Bombardment Squadron. His group was named Helton's Hellcats after the group's first commanding officer, Col. Elbert Helton. He flew out of Debach Airfield, England. As an engineer gunner of a B-17 Flying Fortress, he had 14 missions to his credit.

The 493rd flew a total of 158 missions, 46 in B-24 Liberators and 111 in B-17 Flying Fortresses. 41 aircraft went missing and 234 personnel lost their lives.

Sargent Karlson was killed while on a bombing mission over the synthetic oil refineries at Merseberg Germany. This was the last major oil refinery in operation in Germany. There had been several attempts to destroy it. It was defended by 750 guns.

Robert was reported missing in action, but it was discovered later that he had been killed. He was killed in action on November 25, 1944, at the age of 20.

That concludes the history of all fifteen members of our MIA/KIA Panel of our memorial and that of our civilian nurse. Next month we will talk about the words on the two dais and the following month we will share the poem written by Cindi Wipf. That will conclude our veterans memorial series.

Yours in comradeship
Rick Deiss,
Past Commander Post 234