



# 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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## COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Hello Comrades and friends,

As the weather warms, so does our busy season. Our 6th District Conference will be held in Green Lake on April 25th. At our next meeting, we will be accepting any donations for the Annual Golf outing to be held on May 15<sup>th</sup> at Lake Breeze. It's one of our bigger fund-raisers. Volunteers for this event will be able to sign up at our next meeting. On May 31 our Memorial Day Ceremony will be held at the Veterans Memorial at Scott Park. Further information will be provided as we get closer to the event. Also, nominations for new officers will be coming up in April. If you are interested in becoming an officer, contact Dean Larsen. Our next meeting will be April 28<sup>th</sup>. Looking forward to seeing all of you.

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## CHAPLAINS CORNER

Hi to all, Easter has come and went and the weather sure has been just awesome. We have a great and gracious God who created all of this. I have not been advised of any prayer requests so I am assuming all is good. I also pray that everyone is staying safe and hopefully getting the Covid shot. I have received both of mine and have no bad effects whatsoever. I guess that is all I have to report. Till I see all of you at the next meeting, I remain your Chaplain, Tom Artz

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## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

We are at 90% of our membership goal. Our membership year runs from July 1<sup>st</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup> each year. We only need a few more renewals/new members to reach our 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.

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## S.A.L. MESSAGE

Hello Friends-

Next SAL meeting will be held at Tanners Monday April 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30. Please try to attend if available. Bingo committee now forming, contact Dean Larsen or let me know. I will be on committee representing the SAL and we could use some more volunteers.

Stay safe Legion Family and remember April showers brings in May flowers!

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## AUXILIARY PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hi ladies!

I'm getting excited! Our Auxiliary calendar is finally filling up with events, activities and other fun stuff! Please keep in mind that even if you can't make it to an event, there is usually preparation and behind the scenes stuff that needs to be done as well. We welcome all of you to be as active in the Auxiliary family as your life allows you to be and we are thankful for each of you.

Please remember to mention the Auxiliary and all that we stand for and do to your family and friends. Since you are eligible to be a part of the Auxiliary family, more than likely, they are too. We would love to have them join us in whatever capacity they are able to. Next month is Military Appreciation Month and I can't think of a better way to show your appreciation than to share the news about us and have new members join the American Legion Auxiliary.

Thank you to those of you who turned in your volunteer hours for the Annual Impact Reports! Even though the last year was pretty quiet, our members still managed to volunteer over 450 hours! Keep up the excellent work, ladies! Together we can truly make a difference for our military members! Our next meeting is April 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 in the Tanner's Tap dining room. I hope to see you there.

Take care and remember to always be kind -

Jodi Kallas, Omro ALA President

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## AUXILIARY CHAPLAIN

This month the Auxiliary extends birthday wishes to Jean Yost, one of our most senior members!! Wish her "Happy Birthday!!" if you see her!

April is the Month of the Military Child! In 1986 the U.S. Defense Department designated this month in recognition & celebration of children in military families. They often face a series of emotional changes when their service member parent goes away from home for deployment (or temporary duty), or the family relocates for a new assignment. The color purple, a combination of colors of each branch of service, has been chosen as the color of support. This year Purple Up! Day is April 15th.

*"Today is a new day! You can start fresh, wipe the slate clean & begin again. Today you can embrace kindness, practice compassion, stand up for justice. Talk to strangers, ask for help, offer hope, listen with your whole heart. Work for the common good, love well. You can be the change you wish to see in the world." Jen Lemen*

Spread kindness!

Peace to you,

Kathy Boettner, Chaplain

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**July 31th – Legacy Stone Ceremony Placement.** The family of Dave Schmude will be laying a Legacy Stone in his honor. Dave was a member of our Post for many years. All members of the Omro American Legion Family are invited to attend the ceremony.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING

### *CALENDAR OF EVENTS*

- 04/15 Legion Auxiliary Unit Meeting 6:30 PM @ Tanner's**
- 04/19 SAL Meeting 6:30 PM @ Tanner's**
- 04/25 Legion 6<sup>th</sup> District Spring Conference – Green Lake**
- 04/28 Post Executive Committee Meeting 6:00 PM @ Tanner's**
- 04/28 Post 234 Regular Meeting 7:00 PM @ Tanner's**
- 05/01 ALA 6<sup>th</sup> District Spring Conference - Ripon**

Omro High School February and March “Student Of The Month” sponsored by the Omro American Legion Family attended our last meeting. Commander Allen presented Lauryn Juedes and Benjamin Wellhoefer with a certificate of recognition, American Legion challenge coin and Kwik Trip gift card. Congratulations!



**16<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL POST 234 GOLF OUTING** – The golf outing fundraiser will be held Saturday, May 15, 2021 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.

## ***OMRO VETERANS MEMORIAL***

This is the last installment in the OUR VETERANS MEMORIAL series. In the past two years I hope you gained an understanding on how the memorial came to be and the work that went into making it happen.

It was accomplished by harnessing the talents of many people who unselfishly gave of themselves in both time and resources. Our Veterans Memorial committee and the contractors who unselfishly volunteered their services made it happen with the community as a whole stepping forward in the fundraising effort.

We got the memorial built where others before us failed in their efforts during unpopular times. Our Veteran's Memorial is our Arlington. It's a place we go to honor those who gave the supreme sacrifice so we may remain free. It is a place we go to, to honor our family, friends and fellow Veterans who have passed on. Many of those who aided in the effort to build the memorial are no longer with us but they will be remembered. Their names forever etched in granite on the walls of our memorial. Symbolically I pause and have a moment of silence out of respect for them and in memory of our friendships missed.

We close out this series with the Omro Veterans Memorial poem penned by Cindi Wipf.

Yours in Comradeship  
Rick Deiss  
Past Commander Post 234

***Omro's Circle of Honor***

*Five panels, surrounding the flag  
Creating quite a scene  
Coast Guard, Army, Navy  
Air Force and Marines*

*Five beautiful emblems  
That proudly represent  
The five branches of service  
Into which our Veterans went*

*A stone out in front  
On which is inscribed  
A heartfelt tribute  
To the Veterans inside*

*As you step inside the circle  
It's hard to recall  
Which emblem was on which panel  
But that doesn't matter now at all.*

*Once inside the circle  
It's all about the names  
They all sacrificed in some way  
And that makes them all the same*

*Each name has a story  
Loved ones, family and friends Each  
Veteran had a bond  
And a love for country that never ends*

*As you stand inside the circle  
A humbleness abounds  
For once inside the circle  
You're standing on sacred ground*

*As you read the names that surround you  
Take a moment to recall  
The stories and experiences of their lives  
That put them on this wall*

*Take a special moment  
To reflect on "Panel Three"  
These Veterans gave their all  
They died for you and me*

*It means a lot to have a place  
Where all of us can come  
To pay tribute and say "thank you"  
For all that they have done.*

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