



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 and friends,

Our 16th annual golf Outing will be Saturday, May 15 2021 tee off at 9:00 a.m. at Lake Breeze Golf Course. The weather is yet to be determined but hoping for a lot of sunshine, hope to see you all there. Monday May 31, 2021 is Memorial Day; we will need help setting up chairs before the procession at the Veterans Memorial. The Procession begins at 9:00 a.m. from Miller Park. There will be a trailer for those veterans that are unable to march. The Memorial Day ceremony will begin at approximately 9:30 am. At our May meeting, we will be taking nominations for Post officers. If you are interested in any office, please let Dean Larsen know. Elections will be held at our regular meeting in June. See you all at our next meeting on May 26th! Looking forward to seeing all of you.

Commander Gary Allen
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CHAPLAINS CORNER

Greetings and Salutations to all, it is now May and we still have cool and somewhat rainy days. But it will change for the better soon, I hope. I want you guys and gals to all wish your moms a Happy Mother's Day and that is also your wives as they are moms too. Well, most of them are. God has surely blessed us with our moms whether they are still with us or have been gone. I lost my mom when I was 18. So always tell you wives and moms how much you love them. I don't have much to report on sicknesses in our Post. I do hope everyone is still staying healthy and safe. For now, I will just say God Bless, I am your chaplain Tom Artz

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MEMBERSHIP REPORT

We are at 93% of our membership goal. 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, I attended the Mid-Winter Legion Conference last Saturday. In the morning I sat in on Commander Training and attended the SAL session in the afternoon. Looking forward to seeing most everyone on Memorial Day, May 31st. Next SAL meeting is Monday May 17th, 6:30 pm at Tanner's.

SAL Commander John Hoefft II (920) 216-3669 Johnhoefft@charter.net

AUXILIARY PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hi ladies – I'd like to start off by saying Thank You to all of our veterans and service members reading this month's newsletter. You are all very much appreciated and I thank you for your service, past and present. And, if you know me, you know I'm sending a big HUG right along with that!

Our Auxiliary is up and ready for the upcoming busy months and the many events we have in the works. We'd love to have more of you be a part of them. Last weekend, I attended the 6th District Spring Conference and there was something discussed that caught my attention. There are a few units that have been doing virtual meetings and it got me thinking. Is there any interest in our Unit having the option of monthly meetings in person AND via Zoom? Would a few more members "attend" the meetings if they could from home? If that is something you would like us to attempt, please let me know and we'll look into making that happen.

The month of May is Military Appreciation Month. By becoming a member of the American Legion Auxiliary, you are honoring the military member in your family the best way possible. Our next meeting is May 20th at Tanner's in the dining room at 6:30pm. We hope to see you there and feel free to bring a friend.

Take care and remember to always be kind -

Jodi Kallas, Omro ALA President

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AUXILIARY CHAPLAIN

We'd like to send our best wishes to Diane Steinert as she celebrates her birthday later this month!!

Our sincere sympathies go out to Laurel Franz whose husband Cully passed away May 4th. Reach out to Laurel.

May is the month when we honor our military with special days: Military Spouse Appreciation Day, Armed Forces Day, National Poppy Day and Memorial Day. Remember to thank those who are currently serving and the wives and husbands of our military. Take time to remember and honor those who gave their lives for our freedoms.

"I slept and dreamt that life was joy. I awoke and saw that life was service. I acted and behold, service was joy." - Rabindranath Tagore

Peace to you,

Kathy Boettner, Chaplain

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July 31th – Legacy Stone Ceremony Placement. The Dave Schmude family will be laying a Legacy Stone in his honor. Our Post is looking for volunteers to assist with the day's events. We need someone to read names during the program, ring the bell, present colors, lead in the Pledge of Allegiance and if you're interested, sing the National Anthem. If you're interested in any of these, please let Dean Larsen know 920-420-0024 or dlarsen513@gmail.com. We will also have a sign-up sheet at our Post meeting for those that would like to travel to Highground with us. We would like to have a head count so we can plan on what we need to take for lunch. We will carpool and have a departure time by our Post meeting in June.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

05/15 Golf Outing – Lake Breeze, Winneconne
05/17 SAL Meeting 6:30 PM @ Tanner's
05/19 Bingo Committee Meeting @ Omro Bowhunter's
05/20 Legion Auxiliary Unit Meeting 6:30 PM @ Tanner's
05/22 Flag Placement @ Pickett Cemetery
05/26 Post Executive Committee Meeting 6:00 PM @ Tanner's
05/26 Post 234 Regular Meeting 7:00 PM @ Tanner's
05/30 Memorial Clean-up
05/31 Memorial Day

BINGO!

A reminder to those that are on the bingo committee, we will be meeting at the Omro Bowhunters Association building at 6:00 pm on May 19th with representatives from the Omro Community Center and from the Bowhunters to discuss the bingo operations. Write down any concerns or questions you have. Our first bingo night will be on Monday, July 19th and then on the third Monday of each month after that. Any questions, contact Dean.



Our Post will be putting flags out at the Pickett cemetery on Saturday, May 22nd at 9:00 am. The caretaker of the cemetery will meet us there and point out some of the un-marked veterans graves we usually miss.

To all members of the Honor/Color Guard. Even if you are unable to march in the Memorial Day procession. I would like as many as possible in uniform so we have enough to post colors as well as the rifle salute. Thanks. Dean

WORK DETAIL On Sunday May 30th we will be having a work detail at the Memorial in preparation for Memorial Day. We will be meeting there at 10:00 am to clean-up the memorial. Bring your cleaning items and help get the Memorial presentable for our ceremonies honoring our fallen. I will have the fire hydrant hooked up so we have a water supply. We will need to sweep, wash and weed the Memorial so it is ready for the large crowd that attends every year. Rick Deiss



MAY IS POPPY MONTH!! WEAR YOUR POPPY WITH PRIDE!!
Friday, May 28th is National Poppy Day!

The Omro American Legion Family has been distributing poppies at Red's Piggly Wiggly. We will be there again Tuesday, May 18th from 3:00 pm – 7:00 pm. You are invited to stop by and see us and receive a poppy to wear in remembrance of those who paid the ultimate price for our freedom.

MEMORIAL DAY - Monday, May 31th

Procession begins at 9:00 am at Miller Park (8:30 am line-up). A trailer will be provided for those who prefer to ride. The Memorial Day Program will begin at approximately 9:30 am at the Veterans Memorial in Scott Park.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

First, of vital importance to Wisconsin Veterans, is 2021 Senate Bill 243.

It was introduced on March 24th by Senators Jacque, L. Taylor, Carpenter, Roth, Myers and Wirsch. Cosponsored by Representatives Edming, Mursau, L. Myers, Anderson, Andraca, Armstrong, Bowen, Brandtjen, Callahan, Drake, Hebl, Horlacher, Milroy, Novak, Ortiz-Velez, Petersen, Petryk, Rozar, Shankland, Sinicki, Snodgrass, Summerfield and Tranel.

It was referred to the Committee on Financial Institutions and Revenue.

This Bill reduces the eligibility threshold for an eligible veteran, the spouse of an eligible veteran, and the unmarried surviving spouse of an eligible veteran to claim the veterans and surviving spouses' property tax credit. Under the bill, a claimant may claim the credit if the claimant's service-connected disability rating is at least 70 percent. Currently, that rating must be 100 percent.

This is a BIG DEAL for Wisconsin Veterans.

Please, call your representatives and tell them to support and vote for the Bill when it comes to the floor.

Our area Representatives are Senator Roth - (608) 266-0718, Rep. Dave Murphy - (608) 266-7500, Senator Feyen - (608) 266-5300, and Mike Schraa - (608) 266-7990.

Also, Senator Baldwin will be reintroducing the CVSO Act. It stands for Connecting Veterans with Support and Outreach Act.

As I mentioned, it didn't get a lot of traction in the last Congress, and we have "refined" it a bit. The change was to take the focus of the bill away from suicides, and emphasize support for County or Tribal Veteran Service Offices and Officers instead. In the last Congress, there seemed to be confusion about whether the bill was a health care bill or a bill that provides support for CVSO's.

I have been advocating, for two years, to allow for bypassing the State Secretaries of Veterans Affairs, and provide grants directly to Counties based on Veteran Census.

I haven't read the whole bill yet, so I don't know if that made the final cut.

Our Federal Senators are Ron Johnson - (202) 224-5323, and Tammy Baldwin - (202) 224-5653. Our Federal Congresspersons are Mike Gallagher - (202) 225-5665, and Glenn Grothman - (202) 225-2476.

Please call them and ask that they support and vote for the CVSO Act when it comes to the floor.

Thank You,
Tom Snider
Service Officer