



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

Welcome Comrades and Friends

July finished strong, thanks to those that went to Neillsville and survived the 15-minute storm. Speaking about storms, if any members need help with clean up, please let us know.

August looks like a good month for us too, Waukau had the chicken BBQ, we had the fair, thanks to those that volunteered, and we have our picnic at Miller Park on Aug. 25th, hope to see you all there.

The meeting this month will not take place as the picnic will be on that day

Sincerely,
Commander Gary Schmude
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CHAPLAINS CORNER

Greetings Everyone, I will be your recently elected Chaplain for the Post 234 fiscal year. Hope everyone is enjoying their summer which is going too fast.

If you know any member or their family who is going through sickness and distress, please let me know so I can call on them or send them a card. I want to ask God's blessings on all of our veterans and their families and to our men and women that are now serving this great nation. Keep the faith and remember "Believe in the Lord and He will Believe in You". Your Post 234 Chaplain John Hoeft Sr.

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MEMBERSHIP REPORT

I will be accepting dues renewals for 2022 at our annual picnic. 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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SERVICE OFFICER

The CVSO Act was reintroduced in both Houses on July 21st. It has been read twice and sent to the Veterans Affairs Committee in The House and The Senate. It is House Resolution 4601 and Senate Bill 2405. Please make those calls I challenged you to make during our last meeting.

Here is a personal illustration. The Town of Winneconne Deputy Clerk had a Grandson by the name of Joshua Nieto. He was a wonderful, sensitive young man who joined the service right out of High School.

Josh became a Combat Medic and shipped off to War with his Unit. He would tell his Grandma that he was “patching up women and children on a daily basis.” He said that war wasn’t supposed to be like that. It was supposed to be between armies of soldiers.

He came back to New London a broken spirit. Josh tried as hard as he could to get back to a normal life, but he knew he needed help. He made an appointment at the Appleton VA Clinic for “first thing Monday morning.” Unfortunately, something triggered him, and Josh took his own life on Saturday evening.

We have way too many Josh Nieto(s)...! We are still losing an average of 22 veterans a day to suicide! The CVSO Act will help to identify those at risk and get them some help before they become the next statistic.

Make the calls, please. Tell every Staffer who answers those in Washington Offices to urge their bosses to do everything they can to move this legislation forward, and then, to vote in favor of it when it comes to the floor.

Thanks, in advance, for your work on this Bill

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S.A.L. MESSAGE

The 3rd Annual WaukauFest featuring The One and Only Billy Shears Band from 5 pm – 9 pm, is scheduled for Saturday, September 11th at the Waukau Community Center. The event begins at 1:30 pm with Soundchaser DJ (Navy Veteran). Part of the proceeds will benefit our S.A.L. Squadron. We need volunteers for raffle sales and bartenders. Please contact me to sign up.

There will be no meeting in August, but please join us at the Omro American Legion Picnic. Will see some of you at monthly Bingo!

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BINGO!! Come and join us for a night of bingo on Monday August 16th at the Omro Bowhunters facilities. Doors open at 5:00 and bingo starts at 6:30 pm. Bingo is sponsored by our American Legion Post as well as the Post Auxiliary and S.A.L. All proceeds will be used to support Veterans in need, the Omro Police and Fire Departments, Omro food pantry, Veterans Memorial, etc. Volunteers are always welcome. Any questions call Dean Larsen at 920-420-0024.

AUXILIARY PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hi ladies – Summer is flying by and I hope you are enjoying every warm minute of it! We have had some great events to attend with a few more coming up soon.

Have some fun and win big at our next BINGO! August 16th at the Bowhunter's Club here in Omro. The Legion Family Picnic is planned for Wednesday, August 25th. This is always a relaxing, good time with the Legion Family. We hope to see you and your families there.

Also, the Support Our Troops Care Package Drive will be held on Sunday, September 12th. Please consider donating to and/or helping out with this event. Posters were emailed out to members but if you need another one, please let me know.

Please consider signing up your daughters & granddaughters to join our Auxiliary. If you are eligible, they are. Without our younger generation becoming members, the veteran programs the Auxiliary supports will eventually suffer. Becoming a member doesn't mean you have to always be an active member. Be as active in the Auxiliary as your life allows but know that just BEING a member makes the difference too. And think, next year's adorable Poppy Princess could be your daughter/granddaughter!

If you have any questions, please contact me at any time. I hope to see you soon. Take care and remember to always be kind -

Jodi Kallas, Omro ALA President

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AUXILIARY CHAPLAIN

"Joys come from simple and natural things: mists over meadows, sunlight on leaves, the path of the moon over water." - Sigurd F. Olson

I found this quote a couple weeks ago and had been thinking of the beautiful sunrises and sunsets we've been having as a result of the smoke from wildfires. More recently I thought of the simple pleasures as things like turning lights on at the switch, keeping food frozen and cold in the refrigerator, and flushing a toilet. Life can change at the whim of a summer storm! Thank God that no lives were lost & no one was injured as a result of that storm. The path our lives take after "storms" depends on how we handle what these storms throw our way!

The Auxiliary would like to celebrate those having birthdays this month: Barb Maloney, Amy Raygo, Ginny Braun, Angie Schuster, Natalia Serate, Carol Sanfilippo, Debbie Wagner, and Ashlee Kallas. Wish them Happy Birthday when you see them!

Our prayers for continued healing go to Laurel Franz as she continues to get stronger at home.

" The brook would lose its song if we removed the rocks."

Peace to you,

Kathy Boettner

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OMRO VETERANS MEMORIAL - Snow Removal

We are looking for a young person to keep our Veterans Memorial shoveled out. Austin Heried did it for many years, all the way from his teen years into adulthood, but now he is grown up and bought a home in Poy Sippi.

The pay is \$300.00 a year. We pay \$75 in the months of November through February but the candidate is responsible for removing the snow until the end of the snow season. We supply the plastic shovel that needs to be used on the stamped concrete. Anytime we get more than one inch of snow it is their responsibility to shovel the Memorial out in a timely fashion.

Some years we hardly get any snow and you'll make out like a bandit. Other years it snows often and you have to work for your money. We are offering this job to relatives of legion members before we offer it to others in the community. If you have a child or grandchild that would like to take on the responsibility of caring for the snow removal while making some extra money, contact me.

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POST 234 LEGION FAMILY SUMMER PICNIC AUGUST 25th @ LOWER MILLER PARK SOCIAL 5:30 pm PICNIC 6:30 pm

*Please bring a paper product (toilet paper, tissues, paper towels, table napkins, etc.)
to donate to the Omro Area Food Pantry.*

SUPPORT OUR TROOPS CARE PACKAGE DRIVE & CELLPHONES FOR SOLDIERS COLLECTION

Date: Sunday, September 12th
Where: Omro Pharmacy Drive-thru
When: 10:00am – 4:00pm

Requested Items for Care Packages: *Personal hygiene items:* Lens cleaning spray & cloths; hand & foot warmers, foot powder, travel-size shampoo, conditioner & lotion, sunscreen, fingernail clippers & files

Snacks: Gum, beef jerky (no pork), popcorn, nuts, peanut butter, instant coffee, powdered drink mixes, fruit snacks, sunflower seeds, granola bars, cookies, Hormel Complete Meals, Mac & Cheese bowls

Special miscellaneous items: New socks (men & women), travel-size board games, dice, small game balls, puzzle books, holiday & sports 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 organization, go to www.cellphonesforsoldiers.com](http://www.cellphonesforsoldiers.com)

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



*WAUKAU PARADE & CHICKEN BBQ
JULY 30, 2021*



*THE HIGHGROUND
JULY 31, 2021*

