



DAUGHERTY-HAMILTON POST 234

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Post meetings held the 4th Wednesday of the month and Auxiliary meetings held the 3rd Thursday of the month at Tanner's Tap & Grill, 207 W. Main St., Omro.
S.A.L. sessions held 1st Monday of the month.

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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

The Groundhog and the Calendar both say 6 more weeks of winter. So, let's talk about an indoor activity or 3.

We will have the 6th District Americanism Banquet on the 12th at LaSures. Bingo on the 21st at the Bowhunters. Bowling on the 27th at Legend Lanes. Come to them all and see what your Post does to raise money.

We are still 1% behind Winneconne for Post renewals, if you still need to talk to anyone about it, please see Steinie or Kari.

Next meeting is the 23rd at Tanner's. hope to see you there.

Until we meet again, Aim High, Semper Fi, Hooah, Non Sibi Sed Patriae, Semper Paratus

Thanks,
Commander Gary Schmude
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CHAPLAINS CORNER

Greetings Everyone. The Lord is like the sun - He shines on us every day. Only reports of sickness and distress are: Tom Artz and Ken Hitchcock. Please keep Tom and Ken in your prayers as they are going through recovery. May God Bless All of You.

Your Post 234 Chaplain
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S.A.L. MESSAGE

Hello Friends,

SAL meetings are now scheduled for the first Monday of the month. Our next meeting is March 7th, starting at 6:00 pm at Tanner's. Hope to see you there.

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OMRO LEGION FAMILY MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Legion Post 234 is at 85.2% of their membership goal, SAL Squadron 234 is at 75.9% of its goal and Auxiliary Unit 234 is at 88% of their goal. There are still members that have not renewed for the 2022 membership year. Please get your dues paid. It would be great to be at 100%. New members are always welcome. Thanks to those members that have already renewed!!

AUXILIARY PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello ladies-

It's the time of year that we need to talk about what impact you have had on the community, our veterans and Legion Family. It's time to file our annual Impact Reports. Think about the everyday things you do or the once in a while thing too that make a difference. Every hour & every dollar that the American Legion Auxiliary members invest in our mission of helping veterans adds up.

You'll find a Member Year-End Impact Number Report for you to use with this Newsletter. Please take some time to look at all of the examples noted in each category. Any time and/or money spent between April 1, 2021 to March 31, 2022 should be included on this report. If you have any questions as to whether something counts or not, write it down in ballpark figures and we'll go over it.

We will have our next meeting in the Tanners Tap dining room on Thursday, February 17th at 6:30pm. I hope to see you there. We haven't met in quite a while and I miss seeing your friendly smiles! We have some catching up to do ☺

In the meantime, contact me if you need to, stay warm, and remember to be kind.

Take care –

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AUXILIARY CHAPLAIN

"Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends." John 15:13

As I remember the acts of four men 79 years ago in the North Atlantic aboard the sinking Army transport Dorchester, I am reminded that making a difference to others doesn't take great wealth or power. These four Army Chaplains, all different faiths, gave up their life jackets to those who had none and joined together to calm the chaos. We don't need to give up our lives, but we can use the resources that we have, overlook our differences and help make the lives of others a bit better.

There are a bunch of Auxiliary sisters having birthdays who we wish to recognize: Teri Curtis, Jordan Huth, Jodi Kallas, Jennifer Rammer, Jordyn Rammer, Connie Raygo, Paige Roesler and Bentley Steinert. Happy birthday!!

Remember to spread kindness.

Peace to you,
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WHAT'S HAPPENING

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

02/12 6th District Americanism Banquet – LaSure's, Oshkosh
02/17 Legion Auxiliary Unit Meeting 6:30 PM @ Tanner's
02/21 Bingo – Omro Bow Hunters
02/23 Post Executive Committee Meeting 6:00 PM @ Tanner's
02/23 Post 234 Regular Meeting 7:00 PM @ Tanner's
02/27 9-Pin Tap – Mitchell's Legend Lanes
03/07 SAL Meeting 6:00 PM @ Tanner's

SERVICE OFFICER NEWS

I am sponsoring a Resolution in the HSE Committee at the NACo (National Association of Counties) Legislative Conference in February, in addition to still pushing for the signing of the CVS SO Act.

It will ask DOD and VA to coordinate better with local CVS SOs/TVS Os to ensure that the DD-214s of all transitioning servicemembers are known to their respective CVS SOs/TVS Os.

Of the approximately 18 Vets who commit suicide, 14 are unknown to their CVS SOs. The Resolution, if accepted in February, will become part of the Annual Conference Platform for NACo.

I am not running for re-election to the County Board. I am, however, staying on the Veterans Service Commission and as President of the WSACVSC (Wisconsin State Association of County Veterans Service (Committees/Commissions.))

Tom Snider
Service Officer

Human Services and Education Committee

Proposed Resolution for Improved Intergovernmental Coordination to Connect Transitioning Service Members with CVS Os

Issue: Lack of information-sharing between intergovernmental partners inhibits outreach by County Veteran Service Officers (CVS Os) to new veterans, exacerbating risk of suicide and other challenges associated with the transition to civilian life.

Proposed Policy: To improve outreach by CVS Os to transitioning service members, NACo supports action by the U.S. Department of Defense (DOD) and U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to increase coordination and information at the federal level and with their state and local partners. DOD and VA should work collaboratively to identify and connect transitioning service members with the State Departments of Veterans Affairs (SDVAs) and CVS Os prior to their departure from active duty.

Efforts to improve information sharing must prioritize service members' privacy and confidentiality while also creating a more streamlined process for new veterans to connect with their CVS Os. Additionally, while service members may currently opt in to sharing their DD form 214 with SDVAs and State Departments of Labor, since the digitization of these records, service branches have not been proactively disseminating. Counties call on DOD to ensure all service branches are preemptively providing DD form 214 records to intergovernmental partners in a uniform fashion.

Background: Roughly 250,000 members of the transition out of the armed services each year. In the period following separation from the military, service members face the challenge of transitioning to a post-military civilian life. Some evidence suggests these transitioning veterans are at higher risk for suicide, yet they often do not receive adequate support and resources. Evidence suggests that the risk of suicide decreases when former service members are connected to VA care and services, increasing the importance of connecting new veterans with County Veteran Service Officers (CVS Os) who can help them navigate the VA benefits system. However, limited information sharing from our federal partners often prevents CVS Os from performing critical outreach to transitioning service members settling in our communities.

Fiscal Urban/Rural Impact: Improving outreach and streamlining the process to connect veterans with CVS Os could lead generate higher federal health, compensation, disability and other benefits in counties, increasing resources for residents and decreasing pressure on other local systems.

Sponsors: Supervisor Tom Snider, Winnebago County, Wisc.; Chair, NACo Veterans and Military Services Committee and Jason Skinner, Director of Veterans Services, Livingston County, N.Y.; Vice Chair NACo Veterans and Military Services Committee

BINGO * MONDAY, FEBRUARY 21ST * VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!

We could use a little more help setting up in the morning for bingo. Set-up takes around an hour and a half. We start at 8:30 am on the day of bingo (third Monday of every month). In addition to setting up tables and chairs, we must make sure the equipment is set up and working properly.

The doors open at 5:00 pm and bingo starts at 6:30. We need volunteers to sell bingo cards and raffle tickets, work the cash register, floor workers, bingo callers and clean-up at the end of the night. Training is available for all positions. More volunteers are always welcome.

Contact Bingo Operations Chairman Dean Larsen at (920) 420-0024 or dlarsen513@gmail.com to sign up for training or working bingo. Thank you.

LEGION 9 PIN-TAP BOWLING TOURNAMENT - BOWLERS NEEDED

Plans for the annual 9-pin tap tournament are complete. The date is **Sunday, February 27th** at Mitchell's Legend Lanes in Omro. Cost is \$25 per bowler. Bowling sessions will be at 12:00 PM and 3:00 PM. Challenge your fellow Veterans, friends, family and neighbors to come on down and bowl!! We'll be having a 50/50 raffle at each session and a meat raffle. Call Mitchell's Legend Lanes at 685-2694 to reserve your spot.



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2022

SAVE THE DATE!

We have a date set for going to the High Ground, September 17th. We do not know yet if it will be the 11:00 or the 2:00 pm time slot. Right now, we have 2 for sure for the Legacy Stone placement, Robert Rohan and James Bartels. If there are others that wish to lay a stone on the 17th, contact The Highground for the paperwork or let Dean Larsen know and he will get the forms. Other details will be worked out later.