



AMERICAN LEGION



DAUGHERTY-HAMILTON POST 234

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Post/SAL 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.

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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Greetings Legion Family and Friends – Happy New Year!

This month seems to be a quiet one for extra activities other than Midwinter conference 16-19 January. The Auxiliary is having a presentation on MIA Recovery & Identification by the UW at Midwinter; 3:30 – 4:30 pm Saturday, hope to see some of you there!

For our January meeting we are stepping out of the box. We will have our Students of the Month; but our regular business will be postponed until February. We will have two speakers on the 22nd, beginning promptly at 7:00 pm.

A volunteer coordinator with Generations Hospice, Beth Pelland coordinates Veteran volunteers who spend time with other veterans that are patients and do not have someone to talk to. Beth will be followed by Abbey Bernier, LCSW. who will speak on the VA's S.A.V.E. program. Abbey is the Suicide Prevention Coordinator at Appleton VA.

The entire Legion family along with the OFD (Omro Fire Department) and the OPD (Omro Police Department) have been invited. Between the two speakers, you might pick up that golden nugget to make a difference!

Wishing all of you a wonderful year ahead, full of Peace, Joy, and Prosperity.

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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

As we start our new year, we received word that Post member Gary Allen's wife Pat has passed away. Please keep the Allen family in your prayers. If you have any other reports of sickness or distress at this time, feel free to text or phone me @ 920-376 2063 and leave a message or e-mail me at bigshu03@gmail.com. Have a safe new year, and stay warm. May God bless you.

Chaplain Chuck Schumacher

AUXILIARY PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello,

Welcome to a new year to make a positive impact! Thank you for continuing to be a part of our American Legion Family. We hope to continue as our Mission Statement implies, "In the spirit of Service, Not Self, the mission of the American Legion Auxiliary is to support The American Legion and to honor the sacrifice of those who serve by enhancing the lives of our veterans, military, and their families, both at home and abroad. For God and Country, we advocate for veterans, educate our citizens, mentor youth, and promote patriotism, good citizenship, peace and security."

Speaking of supporting our Veterans, we are in the beginning stages of planning our next fundraiser, the ALA Spring Market set for April 19th. A small committee of volunteers is needed to make this happen. Please let me know if you are available to help out on Friday April 18 and Saturday April 19, even for just a few hours. There will be more discussion about it and more at our next meeting which is January 16th at 6:30pm in the dining room section of Tanners.

Continue to watch out for one another, take care of yourself, and be kind to all -

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AUXILIARY CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

As we begin a new year, we often look back on the activities and accomplishments of the previous year. We can improve upon some things that didn't go as planned and celebrate our successes. We can envision plans for things we want to see, be or do.

Long time Auxiliary member Patricia Allen passed away in December. She was a spunky lady and friend. Our sincere sympathy goes to Legionnaire Gary Allen

Today I'll remember that by God's grace I am all I need to be.

God's peace to you,
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

01/16 Legion Auxiliary Unit Meeting 6:30 PM @ Tanner's
01/16-19 Midwinter Conference, Paper Valley Hotel, Appleton
01/20 Bingo @ Omro Bowhunters
01/22 Post Executive Committee Meeting 5:30 PM @ Tanner's
01/22 Post 234 Regular Meeting 7:00 PM @ Tanner's

BINGO VOLUNTEERS NEEDED* MONDAY, JANUARY 20, 2025
Omro Bowhunters Club, 1230 E Main St, Omro

Set-up starts at 8:30 am on the day of bingo. In addition to setting up tables and chairs, we must make sure the equipment is set up and working properly.

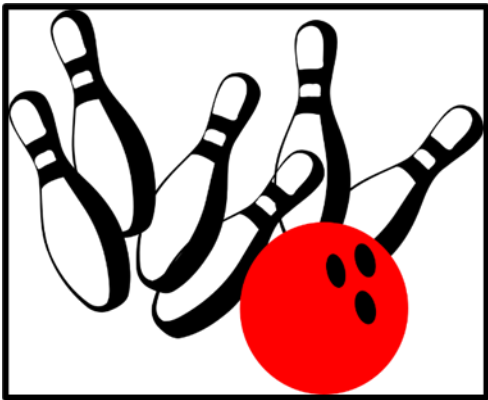
The doors open at 5:00 pm and bingo starts at 6:30 pm. Volunteers sell bingo cards and raffle tickets, work the cash register, are floor workers and bingo callers and clean-up at the end of the night.

OMRO LEGION FAMILY MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Legion Post – The weekly membership report shows we are at 92.71% of our goal, with 178 members paid. So close to 100%. If you haven't paid your dues, please do so soon.

S.A.L. Squadron - Membership is currently 93.10% of goal.

Auxiliary Unit - Thanks to our new members and those that have already renewed we are at 97.87% of our goal, just one member short! Great work!



***LEGION 9 PIN-TAP BOWLING
TOURNAMENT BOWLERS NEEDED***

Plans for the annual 9-pin tap tournament are complete. The date is **Sunday, March 2nd** at Fox Lanes in Omro. Cost is \$20 per bowler. Bowling sessions will be at 12:00 pm and 3:00 pm. There will also be a meat raffle. Challenge your fellow veterans, friends, family and neighbors to come on down and bowl!! Call Fox Lanes at (920) 859-0022 to reserve your spot.

Oratorical Scholarship Program

The American Legion High School Oratorical Scholarship Program is “A Constitutional Speech Contest” which presents participants with an academic speaking challenge that teaches important leadership qualities, the history of our nation’s laws, the ability to think and speak clearly, and an understanding of the duties, responsibilities, rights and privileges of American citizenship.

The Post 234 competition is scheduled for Saturday, February 1, 2025. Post winner will move on to the Winnebago County contest on Saturday, February 8, 2025.

For more information regarding the Oratorical Scholarship Program or to help with the Post contest, contact Program Chair, Jack Haynes, (920)841-6385.