



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

Happy Veterans Day!

I was doing some reflecting on my soldier's creed and decided to check out the other branches' creeds.

Although all five branches say it differently, the creeds emphasize five main points.

We commit to a TEAM; We are United States service men and women. We belong to a branch. We will not let our Country or team down.

We value and practice HONOR; As individuals we represent something larger than ourselves: *family, duty, Country.*

We have COURAGE; Mental or moral strength; facing danger, fear, or difficulties – all service personnel have been tested.

We PROTECT the Constitution of the United States; Like the American flag, the Constitution binds us all as one entity for freedom and protection.

We have all taken an OATH; We obey commands, directions or requests by authority or law to protect our Country, our Freedoms.

In our Post mission statement, we continue to *Commit*, as a *Team*, with *Honor* and *Courage*, to *Protect* Veterans and Service members

Fun Fact: The Space Force does not have an official creed. Space Force follows four pillars/values: Character, Connection, Commitment, and Courage.

Creeds for all five branches at the end of this newsletter. Hope it brings back fond memories of basic where you would have learned them!

I am proud to continue to serve with you,

Commander Laura Heried
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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Our thoughts and prayers go out to SAL member Austin Heried and his family as his wife recovers from recent health issues.

Legionnaires having birthday in November and December are Jack Maloney, Eugene Treichel, Bob Gomach, Tom Weber, Scott Bauer, James Young, Joseph Sucharzewski, Christine Reichard, Christopher Shue, Leonard Lepkowski, Wayne Heidel, Bill Hasenfus, Mike Hert, Kevin Litton, James Grover, Robert Schultz, Larry Stumpner, Kevin Gunderson, Ken Jungwirth, Gary Schmude and Adam Veit. Happy Birthday to all!!

If your name is not noted, please send an email or text message to Kari Vonderloh (kariian@yahoo.com or 920-379-5009) so we can update your birthday on our roster.

AUXILIARY PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello, everyone,

I'd like to start out with saying it's the most wonderful time of the year...but with the government shut-down, our Christmas care packages this year are going to take on a bit more weight than cookies. At our upcoming meeting, we will be packing up the cookies for these. Kathy, our Chair of National Security, and I recently went over the recipient list and, at this time, there are 13 service members on it. Most of them are overseas and a few of them have families either with them or here back home in the states. I'm asking for our Unit to provide around 26-28 dozen cookies. One of our members, Chelsey, is making 14 dozen cutouts for the boxes (amazing!). So please get on your aprons and consider donating to the rest needed. We can usually fit in about 2 dozen per box depending on the size of the cookies.

Please get in touch with me or Kathy as soon as possible if you have someone who is actively serving somewhere so we can include them. I'll also be bringing up a few ideas for supporting those immediate family members of our recipient list at the meeting.

As we get into the cold season, both outside & viruses, stay safe and please check on those family and friends you don't see regularly. I hope to see you at the meeting, Thursday, November 20th. Bring your ideas, suggestions, and cookies.

Until then, take care, keep in touch, and remember to be kind.

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AUXILIARY CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

"No light that was born in love can ever be extinguished." - Dr. Darcie Sims

Our list of Auxiliary members with birthdays this month is rather short. Please join us in wishing the following members a happy birthday: Lynn Beck, Laurel Franz and Amelia Serate.

We'd like to remember and pray for Ginny Braun and her family as her mother navigates Stage 4 Cancer.

"In those times I can't find God, I rest in the assurance He knows how to find me." - Neva Coyle

God's Peace to you,
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FINLEY RECEIVED A HEART!

This past Spring, a local family, Kevin and Kayla McBride found themselves experiencing a parent's worst nightmare since their eldest son, Finley (6) had begun battling heart failure. Thankfully, Finley was able to get to Milwaukee Children's Hospital and was brought to a stable condition but he would need to receive a heart pump and be placed on the transplant list. Finley needed an extended stay of 6-9 months in the hospital, pulling his parents away from work while driving up the financial burden of increased medical bills. A GoFundMe page was started and several fundraisers were held to support the McBride family. The Omro American Legion Post donated to one of these fundraisers.

On November 3, 2025, Rick & Darlene Deiss received the following Facebook post from Kayla:

Update on Finley and Our Family

Hello all, I wanted to reach out with an update. As many of you know, my son Finley was admitted to Children's Hospital in Milwaukee back in April due to heart failure. Shortly after his admission, he was placed on a lifesaving heart pump device and then added to the heart transplant waitlist.

Last week, my family and I received incredible news that a donor heart had been matched. Miraculously, everything aligned, and we are overjoyed to share that Finley successfully received his new heart on Sunday evening. He has now transitioned to recovery and, so far, is doing wonderfully for the stage he's in. Because of this, I will need to take time away from the Salon to focus on Finley and my family during his recovery

We are deeply grateful for all the kind words, prayers, and well wishes that have supported us through this challenging journey. We continue to welcome your thoughts and encouragement, but we kindly ask that you refrain from reaching out for individual updates at this time so we can stay focused on Finley's healing. Thank you all for your continued support, understanding, and compassion. Thank you.

Our thoughts, prayers and wishes for a speedy recovery go out to Finley and the entire McBride family. For future updates or to provide financial support go to: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/help-finley-and-the-mcbride-family-stay-strong>

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 11/11 **VETERANS DAY!**
- 11/17 **Bingo @ Omro Bowhunters**
- 11/20 **Legion Auxiliary Unit Meeting 6:30 PM @ Tanner's**
- 11/26 **Post Executive Committee Meeting 5:30 PM @ Tanner's**
- 11/26 **Post/SAL Regular Meeting 7:00 PM @ Tanner's**
- 11/27 **THANKSGIVING!**

NO DECEMBER PEC, POST MEETING, UNIT MEETING OR NEWSLETTER

- 12/13 **Post Christmas Party @ Woodeye's, Winneconne**
- 12/15 **Bingo @ Omro Bowhunters**
- 12/25 **MERRY CHRISTMAS!**
- 1/1 **HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

BINGO VOLUNTEERS NEEDED* MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17TH & DECEMBER 15TH **Omro Bowhunters Club, 1230 E Main St, Omro**

Volunteers needed for 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. Training for all positions.

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VETERANS DAY

Tuesday, November 11th we will participate in the Veterans' Day programs at the Omro Schools. HB Patch program starts at 8:15 am, Elementary at 9:10 am and Middle/High School will follow at 10:00 am. **All Color Guard members** that can attend are encouraged to do so in Uniform. We always need 10 to carry the flags. Please be at the HB Patch by 8:00 am. We will meet at the Omro Veterans Memorial immediately following the schools.

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The American Legion



Omro Veterans Memorial



Unit 234 Auxiliary



CHRISTMAS PARTY

Date: *Saturday, December 13th*
Place: *Woodeye's Bar & Grill*
700 W Main St, Winneconne, WI
(Located in: Critter's Wolf River Sports0
Time: *5:00 pm Social and 6:00 pm Dinner*
Cost: *\$20 per person*

All Legion, Auxiliary & SAL members and family are invited. Reservations with payment can be made by contacting Ken Flock at 920-420-0605 or at the November Post meeting. Seating is limited

SAL COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Hello Friends - Happy Veteran's Day to you All

S.A.L. is growing and growing! At National Convention WI-Detachment was awarded Most New Squadrons for 3rd consecutive year. Join today or recruit a new legion family member!

Have a Happy Thanksgiving from my family to yours. John Hoeft II

Army Creed

I am an American Soldier.

I am a warrior and a member of a team. I serve the people of the United States, and live the Army Values. I will always place the mission first. I will never accept defeat. I will never quit. I will never leave a fallen comrade. I am disciplined, physically and mentally tough, trained and proficient in my warrior tasks and drills. I always maintain my arms, my equipment and myself. I am an expert and I am a professional. I stand ready to deploy, engage, and destroy the enemies of the United States of America in close combat. I am a guardian of freedom and the American way of life. I am an American Soldier.

Marine Creed

This is my rifle. There are many like it, but this one is mine. My rifle is my best friend. It is my life. I must master my life. My rifle, without me, is useless. Without my rifle, I am useless. I must fire my rifle true. I must shoot straighter than my enemy who is trying to kill me. I must shoot him before he shoots me. I will... My rifle and myself know that what counts in this war is not the rounds we fire, the noise of our burst, nor the smoke we make. We know that it is the hits that count. We will hit... My rifle is human, even as I, because it is my life. Thus, I will learn it as a brother. I will learn its weaknesses, its strength, its parts, its accessories, its sights and its barrel. I will ever guard it against the ravages of weather and damage as I will ever guard my legs, my arms, my eyes and my heart against damage. I will keep my rifle clean and ready. We will become a part of each other. We will... Before God, I swear this creed. My rifle and myself are the defenders of my country. We are the masters of our enemy. We are the saviors of my life. So be it, until victory is America's and there is no enemy, but peace!!

Navy Creed

I am a United States Sailor

I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States of America and will obey the orders of those appointed over me. I represent the fighting spirit of the Navy and those who have gone before me to defend freedom and democracy around the world. I proudly serve my country's Navy combat team with Honor, Courage, and Commitment. I am committed to excellence and the fair treatment of all.

The Air Force Creed

I am an American Airman

I am a warrior. I have answered my nation's call. I am an American Airman. My mission is to fly, fight, and win. I am faithful to a proud heritage, a tradition of honor, and a legacy of valor. I am an American Airman, Guardian of freedom and justice, my nation's sword and shield, its sentry and avenger. I defend my country with my life. I am American Airman: Wingman, Leader, Warrior. I will never falter, and I will not fail.

Coast Guard Creed

I am proud to be a United States Coast Guardsman.

I revere that long line of expert seamen who by their devotion to duty and sacrifice of self have made it possible for me to be a member of a service honored and respected, in peace and in war, throughout the world. I never, by word or deed, will bring reproach upon the fair name of my service, nor permit others to do so unchallenged. I will cheerfully and willingly obey all lawful orders. I will always be on time to relieve, and shall endeavor to do more, rather than less, than my share. I will always be at my station, alert and attending to my duties. I shall, so far as I am able, bring to my seniors solutions, not problems. I shall live joyously, but always with due regard for the rights and privileges of others. I shall endeavor to be a model citizen in the community in which I live. I shall sell life dearly to an enemy of my country, but give it freely to rescue those in peril. With God's help, I shall endeavor to be one of His noblest Works... A UNITED STATES COAST GUARDSMAN.