



# AMERICAN LEGION



## DAUGHERTY-HAMILTON POST 234

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Post/SAL meetings held the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month and Auxiliary meetings held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month at Tanner's Tap & Grill, 207 W. Main St., Omro.

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### COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year Comrades!

A big shoutout to Ken Flock and Donna Marie for putting on a superb Christmas party for the Post. The food was great; the room was wonderful for moving around and mingling, and all attending made it special.

As we embark on another trip around the sun, opportunities to better ourselves, strengthen our Post and support veterans and our community are calling.

First up is Mid-Winter Conference, held at Onedia Casino Hotel, Green Bay, January 15-18, 2026. Of the four-day conference; Saturday the 17<sup>th</sup> is dedicated to training. There have been new courses added and if you are holding a position or thinking about taking a position this is an opportunity for enrichment or enlightenment. The training brochure for Mid-Winter is included in this newsletter. [Mid-Winter Register](#) or <https://wilegion.org/midwinter>. It is not too late to register!

Next is BINGO set up and tear down on January 19<sup>th</sup>. It is true, many hands make light work, but these many hands make a great social event. We have all been shut inside, and this monthly event is a fantastic opportunity to come out mingle and catch up with each other. Set up is 8:30 am and tear down is 9:45 pm, at the Bow Hunters Club on Main Street, Omro.

Looking ahead, February 21<sup>st</sup> Buddy Checks are being held at the Bow Hunters Club at 9:00. Buddy Checks gives us the opportunity to commune with members that do not have the opportunity to get out to Post meetings or events. It also provides us with an opening to offer services to our members that we would not know they need (sounds like part of **our** mission statement – right?).

Condolences to the Daubert Family. Jim Daubert passed on January 4<sup>th</sup>. Jim, an Air Force and Vietnam Veteran, has been an American Legion member for 14 years.

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

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### CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Received word that one of our members has passed away. Our prayers go out to the James Daubert family as he will be missed. Also, we received word that Susan Koon was in the hospital with respiratory issues. Our prayers go out to her for a speedy recovery.

If you have other reports of sickness or distress, feel free to call me at (920) 376-2063 and leave a message or text, also you can e-mail me at [bigshu03@gmail.com](mailto:bigshu03@gmail.com). Stay safe and may God bless.

Chuck Schumacher, Post #234 Chaplain

Legionnaires having birthday in January are Larry Miller, Dave Lewellyn, Ken Bundick, Tim Mulloy, Vincent Bird, John Vonderloh, Tom Artz, John Holdorf, Dan Schneider, Larry Minew and Jason Lemke. Happy Birthday to all!!

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

### S.A.L. MESSAGE

Hello Friends and Happy New Year! Americas 250

Lost my Vietnam Veteran neighbor Jim Daubert this week. I reached out to his sons and gave my condolences. Mid-Winter Conferences are fast approaching as I will be attending. Stay warm and remember ice is made for your drinking glass...not for slipping n' sliding!!

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### AUXILIARY PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello, my friends,

I hope the new year is treating you well so far. I look forward to 2026 and what it may bring for our Legion Family.

At our upcoming meeting, we will be discussing different fundraising ideas, annual reports, and other ways we can continue to touch the lives of our veterans and our community.

Join us on Thursday, January 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in the dining room section of Tanner's Tap.

Until then, take care and remember to be kind,

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### AUXILIARY CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

New Year greetings to all!!

There are no birthdays this month among our Auxiliary members.

We'd like to lift-up Ginny Braun and family with prayers for strength as her mother continues to battle Stage 4 Cancer.

If you or a family member is experiencing any distress, please notify me or another Auxiliary member. My cell phone # is (262)719-5264 and my email is [kkboettner@outlook.com](mailto:kkboettner@outlook.com).

Spread kindness.  
God's peace to you,  
Kathy Boettner

## *CALENDAR OF EVENTS*

- 1/15 Legion Auxiliary Unit Meeting 6:30 PM @ Tanner's
- 1/15-18 Mid-winter Conference, Oneida Hotel, Green Bay
- 1/19 Bingo @ Omro Bowhunters
- 1/28 Post Executive Committee Meeting 5:30 PM @ Tanner's
- 1/28 Post/SAL Regular Meeting 7:00 PM @ Tanner's

### ***BINGO VOLUNTEERS NEEDED\* MONDAY, JANUARY 19, 2026 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.

## *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, January 31, 2026. Post winner will move on to the Winnebago County contest.

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

## **American Legion Family USA 250 Challenge**

The American Legion Family is honoring the nation's 250<sup>th</sup> birthday with a commitment to embracing physical activity, supporting mental health and serving its communities. The **USA 250 Challenge** encourages American Legion Family members, other veterans and all Americans to participate, and even raise additional money to support our disabled veterans and families in need through The American Legion Veterans & Children Foundation.

Participants may engage in one, two or all three activities as an individual or as part of a team like an American Legion post, American Legion Auxiliary unit, Sons of The American Legion squadron and/or an American Legion Riders chapter.

For a \$30 registration fee, participants will receive their choice of a USA 250 Challenge tech shirt. Donations will go to the Veterans and Children Foundation (VCF).

For more information or to register go to: <https://www.legion.org/get-involved/community-programs/usa250/challenge>

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# Christmas Party Highlights



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