



# 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.

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### COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Good day Comrades!

Looks like the groundhog has us staying indoors for another 6 weeks – suitable time to start those gardens indoors!

February is a happening month of Military History. Shout-out to the Army Nurse Corps, established in 1901. In 1945 our Flag was raised in Iwo Jima. 1991 Gulf War ground offensive began. 1973 Operation Homecoming – the return of 591 Vietnam POWs: 325 Air Force; 138 Navy; 77 Army; 26 Marine Corps and 25 civilian employees.

History is being made right here in Omro too! This spring will begin a six-month DOT road improvement on highway 21 – from the bridge in Omro to Oshkosh. With highway 21 under construction the PEC is looking for alternate meeting places. Bow Hunters may be an option, but for a limited time due to the only access being highway 21. Wedgewood has graciously said they would host us, but we would need to move our meeting night to Monday. More on this to come, but February looks to be the last time we meet at Tanners.

Tanner's is also starting construction this spring in the dining room. Josh has decided to remodel the dining room for paid business, which is understandable. That is a big space not to have revenue on, this leaves us to find an alternate meeting place.

This opens a perfect opportunity to obtain our own hall, one that will represent our Omro American Legion Post 234 Family. In November, a Building Committee was formed consisting of the Post, Auxiliary and SAL, and in January the first meeting was held. The committee is exploring options for purchasing and renovating OR purchasing land and building. The committee is in the preliminary stages. Not putting the horse before the cart, the committee is putting a home for us all first; one that is ADA compliant, can hold our belongings, and one that can grow with our needs. This is an exciting time for Post 234 indeed! Look for a monthly Building Committee report in our monthly newsletter beginning in March!

As the weather turns from winter to spring slips, trips and falls can happen. Be mindful of your tasks outside. February is also Heart Health Month, listen to yours and take care of it!

Best,  
Commander Laura Heried  
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Legionnaires having birthday in February are Roger Foust, Paul Turner, Douglas Braun, Tom Schmude, Bart Steinert and Aaron Weiss. Happy Birthday to all!!

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

## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Received notice that a few of our members are sick. John Hoeft is in the hospital in Orlando, Sue Koon, Ken Youngwirth, and Green Wagner are all home recovering, Gary Schmude's wife is recovering from foot surgery. Our Prayers go out to all of them 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 me. You can also email me at [bigshu03@gmail.com](mailto:bigshu03@gmail.com) Stay safe and may God Bless.

Chuck Schumacher, Post #234 Chaplain

## AUXILIARY PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello,

This is the time of year when our minds start longing for warm weather and outdoor activities that don't require 3 layers of clothing! Since we can't actually do that yet, let's start making some plans for when we can.

As you know, our annual Spring Market will not be taking place this year for a few different reasons. In order to offset the loss of that fun and unique fundraiser, let's come up with some new ideas! I've already been contacted by one of our members who really had some great ones, and we'll talk about those at our next meeting. So, what else can we do? And it's not only to raise money for our Auxiliary and Veteran programs, but to keep ourselves active in the community that we love. Put those thinking caps on and jot down your thoughts.

Please note there is a change in our meeting place, we will no longer be at Tanner's Tap. Starting Thursday, February 19<sup>th</sup>, our meetings are going to take place in the back room of the Carter Memorial Library, 405 E. Huron Street, Omro. We will begin at the usual time of 6:30pm. I hope to see you all there.

Until then, take care & be kind -

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## AUXILIARY CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Usually, I like Winter weather. I love the snow; I like being outdoors; I enjoy crisp fresh air! I'm glad, though, that the weather has warmed up above our sub-zero frigid conditions of a couple weeks ago! I shoveled the snow off the driveway this morning & now the wind has blown most of it back!! I love Winter?

We have a whole bunch of birthdays this month! Happy birthday wishes are being sent to the following Auxiliary members: Paige Albright, Madison Boettner, Janelle Brady, Jodi Kallas, Jordan Paniagua, Jennifer Rammer, Jordyn Rammer, Connie Raygo, and Julie Treichel. Please extend your personal wishes when you see these members.

We continue to remember in prayer Ginny Braun's mother and Katie Heried as each one faces serious health conditions.

Remember our military personnel who serve our country away from their homes.  
Spread Kindness in your daily lives.

God's Peace,  
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## ***CALENDAR OF EVENTS***

- 2/14 Winnebago County Oratorical Contest, Oshkosh Post 70**
- 2/16 Bingo @ Omro Bowhunters**
- 2/17 Building Committee Meeting, 6:30 PM, 645 Hawthorne Dr, Omro**
- 2/19 Legion Auxiliary Unit Meeting 6:30 PM @ Carter Memorial Library, Omro**
- 2/21 6<sup>th</sup> District Oratorical Contest, Oshkosh, Post 70**
- 2/25 Post Executive Committee Meeting 5:30 PM**
- 2/25 Post/SAL Regular Meeting 7:00 PM**

### ***BINGO VOLUNTEERS NEEDED\* MONDAY, February 16, 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.



### ***LEGION 9-PIN TAP BOWLING TOURNAMENT***

Plans for the annual 9-pin tap tournament are complete. The date is Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup> at Fox Lanes in Omro. Cost is \$20 per bowler. Bowling sessions will be at 12:00 pm and 3:00 pm. Cash prizes for 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> place bowlers and raffles for everyone. 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.

## **WISCONSIN AMERICAN LEGION COLLEGE**

WI Legion Family! Virtual Training Springtime 2026 kicks off Saturday February 28 until Apr 4. Clear your calendars and take advantage of these great courses. Enrollment fee for each course is a mere \$5. Take the Basic Course, and you are on your way to earning the Wisconsin American Legion College Graduate pin. The Intermediate Course follows in April; the Advanced Course in May. Fee for the Intermediate and Advanced Courses will be \$15 each. All Legion Family members are welcome to attend all courses. And yes, Legion Family members from other Departments are welcome to attend all courses. Sign up at [www.wilegion.org/legion-college](http://www.wilegion.org/legion-college)

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The American Legion



Omro Veterans Memorial



Unit 234 Auxiliary

January 31st, 2026, American Legion Post 234 held the Oratorical Contest at Omro High School. We had two participants this year, Erick Knepple & Macayla Moore.

Congratulations Erick for winning this years contest. Erick, a Senior at Omro High, earned a Certificate of Distinction, a challenge coin, a check and will now compete at the County Level against winners of contests in other communities.

Macayla Moore is a Senior at Omro High School, earned a Certificate of Distinction, a challenge coin, and a check.

*Thank you to: Rick Deiss, Diane Steinert, Dave Lemieux, Jack Haynes, Dave Steinert and Tracey Miller for all your hard work.*



At the RV and camping show in Green Bay. Working the coat room. Tip moneys go to help support the County American Legion oratorical contest. (February 14th, in Oshkosh, at post 70 by the way)

Had a great time!

