DAUGHERTY-HAMILTON POST 234

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Post/SAL meetings held the 4th Tuesday of the month at Wedgewood Golf Course, 1200 E Huron St, Omro. Auxiliary meetings held the 3rd Thursday of the month at the Omro Public Library, 405 E Huron St, Omro.

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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Greetings Comrades,

September Legion Family picnic: 4th Wednesday, 23 September. 5:00 p.m. social / 6:00 p.m. dinner. Lower Miller Park. Please bring a paper product to donate to the food pantry.

Building update: The committee has postponed the vote. Additional information from the September meeting is needed for the vote.

If you are looking to socialize in September: (all on the Post calendar online)

- 11th – Retiree Appreciation Days: 8:00 – 3:00 pm; Ft McCoy Build 905
- 12th – Flag Retirement: 1:00 pm; 1166 State Hwy 44 Pickett, WI
- 12th - Waukau Fest Tribute to Veterans: 1:00 pm Waukau Youth Center
- 19th – Buddy Checks: 10:00 am; Bowhunters, Main St. Omro
- 20th – Green Wagner Celebration of Life: 4:00 – 7:00 pm, Omro Town Hall

Membership incentive for 2027. For members that pay their 2027 dues by the below dates, their names will be put in for a gift card to Red's Piggly Wiggly - the sponsor! The drawing includes PUFL's. Winners will receive their gift cards at the Christmas party, December 12, 2026.

September 26 - $125.00 **October 26 - $75.00** **November 26 - $50.00**

Dues can be paid at meetings; mailed in (check made out to American Legion Post 234) to P.O Box 234 Omro; or online HERE

This month I highlight three important achievements of the American Legion. They live as strong today as the day of establishment. A powerful reason to be a member of a group focused on service members and veterans!

- **1920:** The red poppy becomes the official memorial flower to honor fallen service members.
- **1930:** Successfully campaigns for the establishment of the Federal Veterans Administration. Now known as the Department of Veteran Affairs.
- **1944:** The Legion wrote the original draft of the landmark Serviceman's Readjustment Act – GI Bill, it provided education, training, and low-cost home loans for millions of returning WWII veterans.

Learn more about The American Legion by taking a free course from National. Send your Certificate of completion to Gary Schmude for an entry to win $50.00 by October 18th. Training can be found HERE or Legion.org under Training, scroll down to Basic Training. This is open to the entire Legion family, Auxiliary and Sons.

WI Legion courses are now available, attached to this newsletter – includes incentives, there is a cost.

Excited to see you at our summer picnic!

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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

A healing prayer for our members, including our Chaplain Chuck who is recovering from a recent fall.

"May the source of all healing and strength bring comfort to our comrades in this time of illness. May their pain be eased, their body be renewed, and their mind find rest. Grant wisdom and patience to the doctors, nurses, and family members who care for them. Enfold them in love, and restore them to full health and vitality. Amen."

Chaplain Chuck is taking time to rest and recuperate, but feel free to call (920) 376-2063 or email him bbigshu03@gmail.com with any reports of sickness or distress. Stay safe and may God bless.

AUXILIARY PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hi everyone,

Some of you might be wondering about our 2026 Care Package Drive. At our last meeting it was discussed and we decided to not host it this year. We have only a handful of service members at this time and will send them boxes from what we have in stock.

However, that doesn't mean we aren't accepting donations towards this program. If you would like to donate any items, or if you have a service member we can add to our list, please contact me. Our care packages will be sent out in November so please let me know soon.

Please remember to renew your Auxiliary membership and if you have any friends or family members who are interested, have them contact me or Diane Steinert, who is our Membership Chairperson. We'd love to answer any questions they may have.

Reminder, there is no meeting this month as we will have our American Legion Family picnic on Wednesday, September 23rd at the Lower Miller Park Pavilion. If you can, please bring a paper product to donate to the food pantry. Our next meeting will be on Thursday, October 15th at the Omro Library. Hope to see you all soon!

Until then, take care & remember to be kind –

Jodi Kallas, President
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AUXILIARY CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

September brings a return to routine for many of us. Our Auxiliary birthday list has only one name … Happy birthday to Jayden Dalton!!

Our condolences have been extended to Dave & Roxy Lemieux and to Maynard Collins as each mourns the loss of a sister.

September is also Emergency Preparedness Month … a time to make sure that you are ready to face any emergency that could arise. Take some time to visit ReadyWisconsin.gov for a one-stop resource.

In your daily life remember to spread kindness.

God's Peace to you,
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Legionnaires having birthdays in September are Neil Auer, Robert Freeman, Steve Folske, Chuck Burr, Eric Thon, Julie Jackson, Lexi Carlson, Ed Mason, Mark Langkau, James Bessert, Dave Lemieux, Steve Zellner and Annette Reichard. Happy Birthday all!!

If your name is not noted, please send an email or text message to **Dave Steinert** (djdmsteinert@gmail.com or 920-379-7052) so we can update your birthday on our roster.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

09/12 WaukauFest
09/21 Bingo @ Omro Bow Hunters
09/23 Legion Family Picnic – Lower Miller Park

MONDAY, September 21, 2026
Omro Bowhunters Club, 1230 E Main St, Omro
Doors open at 5:00 pm and bingo starts at 6:30 pm.

WISCONSIN AMERICAN LEGION COLLEGE

Your Wisconsin American Legion College returns with a slate of Fall courses that will lead to you earning the WI Legion College graduate pin - and become a more effective leader and member in our Legion Family. Yes, **all Legion Family members are eligible** to attend our College courses.

The course line-up is:
Basic Course – Sep 19-20 – 9AM to Noon both days
Basic Course – Sep 23-24 – 6-9PM each night
Intermediate Course – Oct 14-15 – 6-9PM each night
Intermediate Course – Oct 31-Nov 1 –9AM to Noon both days
Advanced Course – Nov 7-8 –9AM to noon (second day slightly longer)
Advanced Course – Dec 9-10 – 6-9PM (second night slightly longer)

Please follow the Wisconsin American Legion College Facebook page, the WI Legion Family Facebook page, and the Department website for announcements.

Cost to attend is $15 per course. Sign up on the Department website at https://wilegion.org/legion-college

Questions – contact Bob Shappell, Dean of the College, at wilegioncollege@gmail.com

Here's a great deal for those who enroll early!

Be the first from your district to sign up for the Basic Course and earn a Dean's Scholarship, which means your $15 tuition will be refunded. This applies to the first Legionnaire, the first ALA member, **and** the first SAL member from each district.

LEGION FAMILY PICNIC

Wednesday- September 23rd

5:00 PM Social
6:00 PM Food Served

Location - Miller Park Lower Kiwanis Pavilion