DAUGHERTY-HAMILTON POST 234

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Post/SAL meetings held 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

Hello Post 234!

It was so good to see so many of you at the Legion Family Picnic. For those of you that have Facebook, our historian David Schuhart posted the pictures he took of everyone having such a wonderful time – Chuck Schumacher, we missed you!

Our next meeting at Wedgewood Golf Course is Wednesday October 28, 6:00 PEC and 7:00 General meeting.

Our membership incentive is in full swing as our September winner has been pulled. There are still opportunities to win Octobers and Novembers bounty. 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.

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

Dues can be paid at meetings; mailed in (check made out to American Legion Post 234 - $35.00) to P.O Box 234 Omro; or online HERE

For October, I am sharing what your membership means in the Department of Wisconsin. The following stats show that the Legion stands behind its 4 Pillars – Veterans Affairs, National Security, Americanism and Children & Youth. We do not have current information on assistance (dollars or hours) for the relief that given to the Menasha Tornado Recovery – but ***The American Legion*** was and still is there for Veterans and their families.

- 3rd Largest baseball program in the country
- Over 34K in annual scholarships
- 25.5K Annual veteran hospital volunteer hours
- 8K Blood drive donations
- 1K Veterans & family hosted at Camp American Legion (100% funded by donations & grants
- 68M Monthly veteran compensation / 46K+ Veterans served.
- 8.9K+ Youth reached through youth programs:

Badger Boys State Badger Girls State AL Baseball/Softball
Co Youth Gov Day Junior Shooting Sports Oratorical
Law Enforcement Career Academy Americanism and Government Test

On top of this, the Department along with National are working on legislation that hits home for many of us here in Omro:

Major Richard Star Act Love Lives on Act Caregiver & Health Expansion

There's still time to learn 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, Intermediate and Advanced are still available. Attached to this newsletter are dates & times cost = $15.00.

Looking forward to seeing you at Wedgewood on the 28th.

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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

I currently have no reports of sickness or distress to share. If you have any updates to provide, please call or text me at (920) 376-2063. You may also reach me via email at bigshu03@gmail.com. Stay safe and God bless.

Chuck Schumacher, Post #234 Chaplain

AUXILIARY PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hi everyone,

I'd like to start off by wishing one of our Auxiliary members a very happy belated birthday. She likes to work behind the scenes and when I say work, I mean WORK! Our Unit would not be the same without her in it. And, since she is the one in charge of all the greeting cards we get, she didn't get one! So, to our Auxiliary sister and friend, Kathy Boettner, Happy Belated September Birthday!!! Thank you for ALL that you do!

Speaking of greeting cards. If anyone would like to be the chairperson of the Sunshine Club, please let me know. You would send out birthday, get well, sympathy, etc. cards to our Auxiliary members. We supply all the materials and information; you keep track and send out the cards. It's a great way for someone who wants to be active & support the Unit but cannot make the meetings or participate in other events we do.

Our next meeting is Thursday, October 15th at 6:30pm in the Alder Room of the Omro Library. We haven't had a meeting since August, and I miss talking with you! I look forward to seeing you there.

Until then, take care & remember to be kind –

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AUXILIARY CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Try to see the beauty 'in your own backyard', to notice the miracles of everyday life." - Gloria Gaither

I used to see Bald Eagles only when vacationing along the Mississippi River with our sons when they were young. Recently the number of Eagle sightings is increasing around here. This summer I've been fortunate enough to have frequent visits to my backyard from a pair of Bald Eagles! Let's be kind to our Earth so that these magnificent birds and other precious wildlife remain.

The Auxiliary has a number of members celebrating birthdays this month: Janet Becker, Donna Marie Hasenfus, Luci Houle, Roxanne Lemieux, Cheri Manning and Jaimie White. Happy birthday to each of them! Remember to share your own wishes with them!

I am not aware of any illness or other distress in our members at this time.

We continue to remember and pray for our sons and daughters who are currently serving our country in the U.S. and around the world.

God's Peace to you,
Kathy Boettner
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Legionnaires having birthdays in October are Dennis Cartwright, Jack Hartman, Michael Thoman, Logan Reiter, John Dickman, Trevor Radke, Bob Hildebrand, Ron Bennett and Michael Ivey. 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

10/15 Legion Auxiliary Unit Meeting 6:30 PM @ Omro Library
10/17 ALA 6th District Conference, Post 70, Oshkosh
10/19 Bingo @ Omro Bowhunters
10/25 6th District Legion Conference, Post 75, Fond du Lac
10/28 Post Executive Committee Meeting 6:00 PM @ Wedgewood
10/28 Post/SAL Regular Meeting 7:00 PM @ Wedgewood

MONDAY, OCTOBER 19, 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 remaining course line-up is:
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

(L to R) Piggly Wiggly Owner Spencer Jari and Ed Mason

POST 234 MEMBERSHIP INCENTIVE SPONSORED BY RED'S PIGGLY WIGGLY

The winner of the first Membership Incentive is Ed Mason. He will receive a **$125** Gift Card from Red's Piggly Wiggly Owner Spencer Jari. Congratulations Ed!

The names of all members that renew by October 26, 2026 will be placed in a drawing to receive one **$75** gift card from Piggly Wiggly. The names of all members renewing by November 26, 2026 will be placed in the final drawing to receive a **$50** gift card.

Any questions regarding this incentive, contact Ken Flock at 920-420-0605 or kenflock61@gmail.com

AUXILIARY EXPANDS MEMBERSHIP ELIGIBILITY

Eligibility criteria to include spouses, parents, children, siblings, grandparents, grandchildren and female veterans.

Membership eligibility in the American Legion Auxiliary (ALA) has expanded to allow more family members of veterans to join the organization and strengthen the American Legion Family.

On Sept. 2, at the 107th American Legion National Convention in Louisville, Ky., Resolution No. 19 was adopted by The American Legion to expand the ALA's eligibility criteria to include spouses, parents, children, siblings, grandparents, grandchildren and female veterans. This resolution changed "grandmother" and "mother" to "grandparents" and "parents," "sisters" to "siblings," "daughters" to "children," and "granddaughters" to "grandchildren." The new eligibility criteria does not address gender in any capacity.

Eligibility criteria changes for the ALA are determined by The American Legion, and these additions went into effect immediately.

The ALA Omro Unit 234 welcomes any and all persons who meet the established membership eligibility requirements to apply for membership. For more information contact Unit 234 Membership Chairman Diane Steinert (djdmsteinert@gmail.com or 920-573-1846)