

Newsletter

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FROM THE COMMANDER

Hello Comrades and friends,

I hope you all had a great holiday season. Thanks to Jack Haynes for chairing the Christmas Party and to Donna Marie Hasenfus and Gale Pierce for putting together some fantastic raffle prizes. We completed our post Oratorical Contest on Sunday, January 6th. We had 2 contestants, Hannah Boutin and Haylee Feuerhelm, both good speakers. The winner, Hannah, will go on to the County Oratorical contest scheduled for January 20th at Omro High School. Our Mid-Winter Conference is January 18th – 20th and we will have a report on it at our meeting. The 4th Annual 9-Pin Tap Tournament will be held Sunday, February 24th at Legend Lanes in Omro. Bowling sessions will be at 12:00pm and 3:00pm. Cost is \$20 per bowler. Contact Ken Flock at 685-6858 to sign up. Hope to see you all at our next meeting on January 23rd.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Yours in comradeship,
Dave Steinert

Additional Information About Upcoming Events Can Be Found On The Post Website: www.omropost234.org

- 1/18-20/13 Wisconsin American Legion Midwinter Conference in Wisconsin Dells, WI
- 1/20/13 Winnebago County Oratorical Contest at Omro High School in Omro, WI. 1:00 PM
- 1/23/13 Post Executive Committee 6:00 PM Tanners Tap & Grill**
- 1/23/13 Post 234 Regular Meeting 7:00 PM @ Tanner's Tap & Grill, Omro, WI.**
- 1/27/13 Signing of Vietnam Peace Accord (1973)
- 1/27/13 6th District Oratorical Contest at Fond du lac Post 75 @ 1:00 PM
- 2/01/13 National Freedom Day
- 2/02/13 Groundhog Day
- 2/03/13 Four Chaplains Sunday Observance
- 2/08/13 Boy Scouts Of America Founded (1910)
- 2/12/13 President Lincoln's Birthday
- 2/14/13 St. Valentines Day
- 2/15/13 Sinking of the USS Maine (1898)
- 2/18/13 Presidents Day
- 2/14/13 Winnebago County Council Of Veterans Organizations 9:30 AM @ James Coughlin Building
- 2/22/13 President Washington's Birthday
- 2/23/13 Five Marines & A Navy Corpsman raised the flag on Mount Suribach, Iwo Jima (1945)
- 2/24/13 Post 234 Bowling 9-pin tap tournament (12:00 PM & 3:00 PM) Legend Lanes, Omro 2/25/13
- 2/25/13 Regional & State Oratorical Contest Finals, Ripon College, Regional 10:00 AM, State Finals 2:00 PM
- 2/25/13 6th District Americanism Recognition Banquet, CJ's Ripon WI. 5:00 PM Social 6:00 PM Dinner
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The Mission Of Daugherty-Hamilton Post 234 Is To Provide Services To Veterans, Their Families And Our Communities.

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MEMBERSHIP REPORT Happy New Year from sunny Florida. I'm happy to report that on Dec 26 membership hit 100% plus 1. The reason is that we gained 19 new member this last yr. We still have 18 regular members who haven't paid. We are the first in the 6th district to hit 100%, thank you all. Till next month good health.

Vondy

CHAPLAINS CORNER *OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS GO OUT TO ED MASON AND HIS WIFE FOR THE PASSING OF HER MOTHER.*

Donation totals for this year's American Legion Legacy Run Home have been tallied, and once again the Run surpassed the previous year's donation total to [The American Legion Legacy Scholarship Fund](#). Between what was raised on the National Commander's Ride – which started in New York on Aug. 21, traveled through Pennsylvania, Ohio and Michigan and then ended in Indianapolis Aug. 23 – and donations made in Indianapolis during and following The American Legion National Convention – a total of \$722,774 was raised to fund college scholarships for the children of U.S. servicemembers killed on active duty on or after Sept. 11, 2001. An estimated 500 [Legion Riders](#) took part in this year's ride at some point during its duration.

Six previous Legacy Runs have netted more than \$2.6 million for the fund; with this year's amount, well over \$3.3 million has been raised through the annual ride.

VA Claims Backlog Update 77: The Senate unanimously approved a measure requiring the Veterans Affairs Department to work more closely with state agencies to reduce a longstanding and growing backlog of disability claims. The measure, sponsored by Sen. John Cornyn (R-Texas), was included as an amendment to the 2013 National Defense Authorization Act. "The massive backlog of VA disability claims reminds us that far too many veterans are being underserved," Cornyn said in a statement. "This is a national disgrace, and veterans with pending claims deserve more than just rhetoric from VA headquarters in Washington." The law requires VA to provide Congress with a plan for reducing the backlog by partnering with state and local agencies. Cornyn pointed to the work of the Texas Veterans Commission, which launched "strike force teams" to help veterans fill out "fully developed claims." The VA bottleneck is caused, in part, by incomplete paperwork. Even as VA has made progress in processing claims, the agency has faced a surge of new ones mostly stemming from returning veterans from Iraq and Afghanistan. As of 30 NOV, the number of backlogged claims (claims pending for more than 125 days) stood at more than 604,000, according to VA data. The number of backlogged claims has more than doubled over the past two years, according to VA data. The Senate began work on the annual defense **Policy bill this week.** **On 28 NOV, the Senate removed a provision from the bill** that would make it more difficult for the military to pursue biofuel development. [Source: Federal News Radio | Jack Moore | 29]



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