

Newsletter

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FROM THE COMMANDER

Hello Comrades and Friends

A quick reminder, we have our 3rd annual bowling tournament coming up on March 6th and to make it a success I'm asking members to try and bring down four or five non-members for a day of fun and excitement at Legends Lanes. Remember this year's event is going to sponsor Vet Dogs of America. At this month's meeting we'll have our local oratorical representative in attendance. Also take note our annual Veteran's dinner scheduled for October 15th has been changed to Saturday October 22nd due to a scheduling conflict with our caterer. Just a reminder to keep Ray Hoeft in your thoughts and prayers, he's making progress since last month's meeting. Looking forward to seeing you all at this month's meeting.

Yours in Comradeship
Ken Flock

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Additional information about upcoming events can be found on the post website: www.omropost234.org

- 2/19/11 Regional & State Oratorical Contest Finals, Ripon College, Regional 10:00 AM, State Finals 2:00 PM
- 2/19/11 6th District Americanism Recognition Banquet, CJ's Ripon WI. 5:00 PM Social 6:00 PM Dinner
- 2/22/11 President Washington's Birthday
- 2/23/11 Five Marines & A Navy Corpsman raised the flag on Mount Suribach, Iwo Jima (1945)
- 02/23/11 Post Executive Committee 6:00 PM Tanners Tap & Grill**
- 02/23/11 Post 234 Regular Meeting 7:30 PM @ Tanner's Tap & Grill, Omro, WI.**
- 3/02/11 Battle of Bismarck Sea Began (1943)
- 3/03/11 Star Spangled Banner Made USA National Anthem (1931)
- 3/06/11 Post 234 9-pin Tap Bowling Tournament 12:00 & 3:00 PM shifts @ Legends Bowling, Omro
- 3/10/11 Winnebago County Council Of Veterans Organizations 9:30 AM @ James Coughlin Building
- 3/10/11 Old Glory Honor Flight Dinner EAA AirVenture Museum, Oshkosh WI
- 3/12/11 Girl Scouts Established (1912)
- 3/13/11 Daylight Savings Time Begins
- 3/15/11 American Legion is founded In Paris at the first caucus by members of The American Expeditionary Force (1919)
- 3/17/11 St. Patrick's Day
- 3/23/11 Post Executive Committee 6:00 PM Tanners Tap**
- 3/23/11 Post 234 Regular Meeting 7:30 PM @ Tanner's Tap & Grill, Omro, WI**
- 4/09/11 6th District Spring Conference 9:00 AM CJ's Ripon
- 4/13/11 Veterans Day In The Capital

The Mission Of Daugherty-Hamilton Post 234 Is To Provide Services To Veterans, Their Families And Our Communities .



Daugherty-Hamilton Post 234 100% Membership

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MEMBERSHIP REPORT

As I'm writing this message on the 14th I hoped that all had a wonderful Valentines day. It's with regret that make mention that we lost one of our own. Bruce Wentzel who served in WW11. Our heart felt best to his family. Just a reminder that there are several of you who still haven't paid your dues. Please do so as you will not be counted as a member of our post in the next year and you lose you continued yrs. If you have a problems with your dues please contact me at 920-252-1893. Again as each month, thank you for being a member of one of the greatest posts in the state. Vondy.

CHAPLAINS CORNER

Dear God, This prayer Lord, that I say tonight is for our troops who all must fight. These are the troops that we all love. So I pray dear Lord above please keep them safe while they're away and bring them home to us someday. This prayer is not for ours alone but for all military far from home. I ask You keep them safe and sound on their way to where they're bound. We love them all that are asked to fight so keep them safe for us tonight. Amen

MEET YOUR PARLIAMENTARIAN JIM ROMNEK

22 years in the Navy retiring as Master Chief Petty Officer in 1977
 Both sons, daughter and son-in-law members of Post 234
 Son-in-law is active duty Senior Chief with over 20 years service and counting
 Was AL Post 33 Adjutant/Finance Officer for 8 years
 County Adjutant/Finance Officer 6 years
 District Adjutant/Finance Officer 6 years. Vice-Commander 2 years
 Currently on second three-year term on Department finance committee
 VFW Post and District Commander
 Numerous positions in the 40&8
 Young, handsome, engaging personality, slim and trim





WE NEED BOWLERS

Plans for the third annual 9-pin tap tournament are complete. The date and times for bowling are March 6th. The bowling sessions will be at 12:00 PM and 3:00 PM. We need our Veterans to come on down and bowl. It's one of the fun things we do as a Post. Challenge your fellow Veterans, friends, family and neighbors to come on down and bowl. We need to do our best to fill the two time slots that Jeff of Legend Lanes as given us in order to keep on having the event. The cost is \$20 that includes the cost of bowling, prize money, a drink, and a donation to our Post. We'll be having a 50/50 raffle at each session also. This year's event's proceeds will go to Vet Dogs of America.



Philip Clark
Post 234
2010 Badger Boys State
Representative



Amanda Obot
2010 Veterans Day
Poster Winner

More Pictures From The January
Post Meeting Can be Found On the
Website



Legislation of Interest Update: The following newly introduced bills in the House and Senate would address a variety of needs for the military community. To find out more on each bill refer to <http://www.thomas.gov> :

- H.R. 237 (Rep. Connolly, D-VA) would let DoD expand the period of eligibility for the homeowner assistance program (HAP) for members of the Armed Forces reassigned during the mortgage crisis
- H.R. 493 (Rep. Jones, R-NC) would authorize survivors of retired service members to keep the full retired pay amount for the month in which the member died (currently, the amount is recouped from the bank account, and the survivor later receives pro-rated payment only for the days the retiree was alive).
- S. 146 (Sen. Baucus, D-MT) would provide a \$2400 tax credit to employers who hire a veteran who has served over 180 days of active service in the last 5 years.
- S. 260 (Sen. Bill Nelson, D-FL) would repeal the SBP/DIC offset and allow survivors to receive both their survivor benefit plan annuity from DoD and their dependency indemnity compensation from the VA.
- S. Res. 17 (Sen. Inouye, D-HI) to designate the month of November 2011 as "National Military Family Month"

GI Bill Update: The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has successfully deployed a new automated system that is delivering faster, more accurate payments to Veterans attending school under the Post-9/11 GI Bill. "VA is relying upon the latest technology to provide a high-tech solution for administering the most generous educational benefits since the original GI Bill in 1944," said Secretary of Veterans Affairs Eric K. Shinseki. The technology relies upon information from Veterans and specialized rules-based software to streamline the process for calculating Veterans' benefits. "The new GI Bill is the first example of VA's use of an agile approach to software development," said Roger W. Baker, VA's assistant secretary for information and technology. "Our success on this project is already being leveraged to ensure the success of other large software projects within VA." The new processes and software available to VA's claims personnel replace the interim tools in use since AUG 09, when the Post 9/11 GI Bill became effective. VA has issued more than \$8 billion in Post-9/11 GI Bill benefit payments to nearly 440,000 students and their educational institutions. The Post-9/11 GI Bill pays schools directly for the tuition and fees incurred by eligible Veterans and active-duty personnel. Those payments are based upon the maximum rate in each state for tuition and fees at the in-state level for undergraduates. A monthly housing allowance is also provided. Also included is a maximum \$1,000 annual stipend for books and supplies, and a one-time payment of \$500 for students who reside in specific rural areas. Further information about the Post-9/11 GI Bill is available on the Internet at <http://www.gibill.va.gov> .

Have You Heard? How to start a fight

One year, I decided to buy my mother-in-law a cemetery plot as a Christmas gift... The next year, I didn't buy her a gift. When she asked me why, I replied, "Well, you still haven't used the gift I bought you last year!" And that's how the fight started.....

My wife and I were watching Who Wants To Be A Millionaire while we were in bed. I turned to her and said, 'Do you want to have Sex?' 'No,' she answered. I then said, 'Is that your final answer?' She didn't even look at me this time, simply saying, 'Yes...!' So I said, "Then I'd like to phone a friend." And that's when the fight started...

My wife and I were sitting at a table at her high school reunion, and she kept staring at a drunken man swigging his drink as he sat alone at a nearby table. I asked her, "Do you know him?" "Yes", she sighed, "He's my old boyfriend.... I understand he took to drinking right after we split up those many years ago, and I hear he hasn't been sober since." "My God!" I said, "Who would think a person could go on celebrating that long?" And then the fight started...