

# Newsletter

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## FROM THE COMMANDER

Hello Comrades and Friends

The end of winter is hopefully upon us, and that usually brings a fairly busy spring. April has the Sixth District Spring Conference, and a trip to The High Ground. May has the annual golf outing at Lake Breeze, and all our normal Memorial Day activities, also our annual Poppy Drive. I would like to thank everyone who either helped or participated in the bowling tournament on the 6<sup>th</sup> of March. We had a great time and raised \$290.00 for Vet Dogs of America. This months meeting Past Commander Hoeft has arranged for Dan Bisset, and Ed Jelinski to attend and give a short presentation. Bob Kettlewell has also arranged for a couple of guests to come and give a short information presentation on the upcoming school referendum and answer any questions you have. Hope to see you all at the meeting.

Yours in Comradeship  
Ken Flock

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Additional information about upcoming events can be found on the post website: [www.omropost234.org](http://www.omropost234.org)**

- 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
- 4/02/11 Invasion of Okinawa began 1945.
- 4/09/11 6<sup>th</sup> District Spring Conference 9:00 AM CJ's Ripon
- 4/10/11 Bataan Death March (1942)
- 4/13/11 Veterans Capitol Rally (see article)
- 4/16/11 Bus trip to The High Ground for Ted Nortman and Charles Albashion (Contact Ed Goss @ 920-685-5931 for bus tickets)
- 4/18/11 Doolittle Raid (1942)
- 4/19/11 Revolutionary War began – 1775
- 4/21/11 Winnebago County Council Of Veterans Organizations 9:30 AM @ James Coughlin Building
- 4/27/11 Post Executive Committee 6:00 PM Tanners Tap
- 4/27/11 Post 234 Regular Meeting 7:30 PM @ Tanner's Tap & Grill, Omro, WI
- 4/30/10 Vietnam War ends (1975)
- 4/30/10 Battle of Dai Do began (1975)
- 5/21/11 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Post 234 Golf Tournament @ Lakeside Golf Course Winneconne
- 5/21/11 Greenlawn Memorial Park Armed Forces Day Program 1:00 PM
- 5/28/11 Veterans Memorial Dance @ American Bank Pavilion, Scott Park

## BOWLING TOURNAMENT FOR VET DOGS





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101.5% Membership

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**Members At Large**  
John Vonderloh (3 yr)  
Ken Jungwirth (2 yr)  
Dean Larsen (1 yr)

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

As we look at another month passing, and with each of us getting older with more disabilities, we reach to each other for more comfort. I wish well to all you members. As of last month meeting we welcomed Jeff Chappa to our Post. Jeff is retired Navy and is working for them now in Maine. Jeff lived in Omro and graduated from OHS. We will have another recommendation for membership this month. Remember, that it is important to recruit new members. As we grow older it's important to pass on our knowledge and to keep the fund raisers in our community for our community. A note for you out of town members. We lost a military member this week with the passing of 57 yr old Ken Matulle. Our Color Guard did his funeral. God's speed, Vondy.

**CHAPLAINS CORNER**

Only two defining forces have ever offered to die for you, Jesus Christ and the American Soldier. One died for your soul: the other for your freedom. Just a reminder for us to all live a life worthy of the sacrifice.

**MEET YOUR SGT-AT-ARMS  
JACK HAYNES**

Jack A. Haynes  
US Navy E-4 Petty Officer 3<sup>rd</sup> Class  
Served 1966 to 1968  
Stationed Naval Air Station (NAS) Memphis, TN 18 months  
Postmaster Seabee Battalion Post Office  
Chu Lai South Vietnam Mobile Construction Battalion (MCB-0) 6 months  
Enjoy fishing, bowling, and riding my Harley



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



## ***A Letter From The Finance Officer***

Comrades;

It is that time of the year again for my annual plea for help.

### **First, why I joined the American Legion;**

I was very much impressed with the work done by this group of Veterans and the City of Omro to establish a memorial for our deceased Veterans. I also could see the work they did with the children of our community. The great Honor Guard speaks for itself. I also saw how many ways that the Legion gives to the community and with our urging, how much the community also gives. Omro gave me my education. Some of my lifetime friendships were established in Omro. I wanted to some way give back to the community that gave to me. This is one way I feel that I can do this. I finally realized that I may have come across a little too strong last year. Various people pointed out to me that some members did not join to actively participate. Some can not participate for other reasons. I have come to accept that. For anyone offended, please accept my apology. I also came to the conclusion that some people just do not know how to get started participating. If you indeed would like to join us, all it takes is a call to any member and let them know you are willing to help. If we get enough people volunteering, it is not hard to find a chairperson. The hardest thing for a chairperson is to have to hunt down people to work.

### **Some of the things that we do as a Post;**

Distribute poppies. Collect and mail items that are greatly needed by our troops overseas. Help area Veterans in need. Celebrate Memorial Day, Veterans Day, Fourth of July and Christmas. For some fund raisers we bowl, we golf and we go on a trip or two. We work a beer tent at the County fair. We do a 50/50 raffle at the car races. We have a pancake breakfast. We honor our passing Veterans. This is just to name a few. What is involved?

Some of the tasks may be tending bar, distributing poppies, setting up chairs, tables or other small tasks for different events. In most cases you would be working with other members. I have actually found it a great time to meet our different members. Another way of participating is joining us to promote Veterans Day in our schools. You may find it very rewarding. The kids entertain us as well as us trying to inform and entertain them. And all you have to do is walk in with us and enjoy the ceremony. Come visit some old friends while collecting donations at the Pig. Tip a few with friends at some of our functions.

If you do want to help by just getting your name on a volunteer list, please call any of the Officers listed in the news letter. Remember, if you do sign up to help, it is not a commitment to work any time that you are called. It means you may work if you are available.

Okay, I am finished. (Just for this year though)

*Thank you for serving this great nation...*

Yours in Comradeship;

Dave Lemieux

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**VETERANS CAPITOL RALLY - APRIL 13, 2011 10:00 AM**  
**EDUCATION CENTER**  
**2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR, WDVA CENTRAL OFFICE**  
**30 W. MIFFLIN ST. MADISON, WI**

The Veterans rally is an opportunity for all Veterans advocates to network with friends and colleagues, meet with the members of the Wisconsin State Legislature and rally in support of Veterans issues. All attendees are encouraged to register before April 1<sup>st</sup> either online @ [www.wivets.com/rally](http://www.wivets.com/rally) or by calling 1-800-947-8387

**Veterans and Military Affairs**

*Summary of Governor Walker's 2011-2013 Biennial Budget*

**Higher Education**

- The Wisconsin GI tuition and fee reimbursement will be expanded to provide full remission of academic fees for 128 credits or eight semesters, whichever is longer, without regard to the number of credits the veteran student received under federal program benefits. This restores a promise to our veterans.

**Veterans Trust Fund**

- This budget will ensure the solvency of the Veterans Trust Fund through the biennium by providing funding and giving the Department of Veterans Affairs flexibility to reallocate revenues within the agency.

Revenues earned by the Veterans Home at King are routinely higher than expenditures related to the home, resulting in program revenue balances. The home is projected to have a positive program revenue balance at the end of the FY 2011-13 biennium of over \$13 million. This is largely due to compensation savings resulting from Governor Walker's budget repair bill. This balance is sufficient to provide surplus funds to support the Veterans Trust Fund while still ensuring there is a sufficient balance to support the activities of the home.

**Nursing Homes**

- Provide funding for the Department of Veterans Affairs to build and operate a new veterans home in Chippewa Falls. The department will contract out for the daily operations and staffing of the home.

The budget provides statutory language allowing the department to enter into an agreement with a private entity to operate the home and establishes statutory requirements that ensure proper oversight of the home. A number of other states have chosen to contract for the operations of their veterans homes including Maryland, South Carolina, North Carolina, Utah, Texas, and Georgia.

**Department of Military Affairs**

- Provide \$1 million additional funding to WEM from the Petroleum Inspection Fund for local assistance after a state disaster.

**Other Veteran Issues**

- Provide additional expenditure authority to increase staffing and maintenance at the Wisconsin Veterans Memorial Cemeteries in order to meet the demand for services.
- Provide expenditure authority and staffing to redevelop exhibit space at the Wisconsin Veterans Museum to create a temporary Civil War exhibit, and to move manuscripts, collections and archival materials to a new preservation storage facility.
- Reorganize and consolidate the Department of Veterans Affairs to provide greater administrative efficiency and improved oversight.