

Newsletter

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FROM THE COMMANDER

Hello Comrades and Friends

I've just returned from Florida and brought back some warm weather, but enough about me. At the Regional Oratorical contest at Ripon College, Omro's Hannah Boutin placed second. (We thought that she won) She said that she will return next year. Our 9-pin Tap Bowling Sweeper netted over \$700.00 this year. Good job by the chairman, Ken Flock. On April 14th, we will be selling poppies at Red's Piggly Wiggly in Omro, in conjunction with their annual meat sale. Dave Schmude is looking for a few volunteers to assist him. We are also going to assist the Kiwanis Club with the annual Sheepshead Fisheree, to be held in July. John Vonderloh and Chuck Schumacher will co-chair this event for our post. Hope to see you at our next meeting on March 28th!

Yours in Comradship
Dave Steinert

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

03/28/12	Post Executive Committee 6:00 PM Tanners Tap & Grill
03/28/12	Post 234 Regular Meeting 7:30 PM @ Tanner's Tap & Grill, Omro, WI.
4/02/12	Invasion of Okinawa began 1945.
4/04/12	FBI Presentation on Internet and Social Networking Security at the Omro HS PAC
4/05/12	Old Glory Honor Flight (Post Member Ray Hoeft onboard)
4/10/12	Bataan Death March (1942)
4/12/12	Winnebago County Council Of Veterans Organizations 9:30 AM @ James Coughlin Building
4/14/12	Poppy Distribution at Omro Piggly Wiggly (Contact Dave Schmude 233-0495 or 420-7861)
4/18/12	Doolittle Raid (1942)
4/19/12	Revolutionary War began – 1775
4/19/12	Winnebago County Council Of American Legion Posts
4/25/12	Post Executive Committee 6:00 PM Tanners Tap
4/25/12	Post 234 Regular Meeting 7:30 PM @ Tanner's Tap & Grill, Omro, WI
4/29/12	6 th District Spring Conference 9:00 AM @ Post 75 Fond du Lac
4/30/12	Vietnam War ends (1975)
4/30/12	Battle of Dai Do began (1975)

Observations On Growing Older

- Your Kids are becoming you...and you don't like them...but your grandchildren are Perfect!
- Going Out is good... Coming Home is better!
- You Forget names ... But it's OK because other people forgot they Even knew you!!!
- You realize you're never going to be really good at anything Especially Golf.
- You sleep better on a lounge chair with the TV blaring than in bed. It's Called "pre-sleep"

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



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Ken Jungwirth (1 yr)

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Hello March. What a wonderful month so far. I hope all is going well with everyone in the post and that you were able to enjoy the warmth. Three more members paid with 2 paying on line. That leaves 10 members out there yet. A note about a new adventure this year. We will be partnering up with the Kiwanis for the Sheepshead Tournament July 7th at Scott Park. On that day we will need some help setting up along with running concessions and fish weight in. Omro was the first in the area to sponsor this event and Omro is still has the largest numbers of boats for this event. Larry Schuster will be assisting as he was the director in the past. We will have more info in the next newsletter. Vondy.

CHAPLAINS CORNER

Once a little boy of five was with his father at bedtime. After some talk and a lot of fun, the father finally got the little fellow into his pajamas and was about to lift him into bed when the child said, "But Daddy, I have to say my prayers." So he knelt down beside the bed, folded his hands, raised his eyes to heaven, and prayed the usual "Now I lay me down to sleep." But tonight he took another look at his Dad, then continued to pray, "And, dear God, make me a great big, good man like my daddy. --- Amen." In a moment he was in bed and asleep. It was then the father knelt by his son's bedside and prayed, "Dear Lord, make me a great big good man, like my boy thinks I am."

Steve Goller
Post Chaplain

FBI PRESENTATION

The Post will be sponsoring an FBI presentation on social networking and internet security. The presentation will be on April 4, 2012 at the Omro PAC. Two session will be presented at 2 and 4 PM. Both sessions are fee to the public. The presentation will be made by Brett Banner and Jason Pleming from the FBI.

“Still Serving America”

**Regional Oratorical Contest
Hannah Boutin**



**Rick Deiss Receives
6th District Award**



Honor Guard Training



Bowling For Troop Support



PTSD Update: There seems to be growing evidence supporting a suspicion that The Retired Enlisted Association (TREA) and some other veteran service organizations (VSOs) have been holding- that DoD has been using the diagnosis of a “personality disorder” to deny a member of the military benefits. “Personality disorder” is a preexisting condition according to the Pentagon. Members of the military discharged with this finding are not entitled to retirement or disability benefits. Since 2001 over 31,000 service members have been discharged due to “personality disorder.” The disorder results in inflexible badly adaptive behavior that may “impair performance and relationships.” Many organizations believe that the Pentagon has been using this diagnosis to get rid of those they think are troublemakers or to save money instead of diagnosing PTSD. Recently an Army ombudsman wrote that a doctor at Madigan Army Hospital said that a PTSD diagnosis cost the government \$1.5 million and that his colleagues should be good stewards of tax money. After this report came out 14 service members who had their PTSD diagnosis reversed were examined again- this time at the new Walter Reed National Military Medical Center in Bethesda, Md. Six were reinstated. Then on 28 FEB while testifying before the Senate Budget Committee Secretary of Defense was asked about the Madigan controversy by Senator Patty Murray (D-WA). The Secretary responded:” I was very concerned when I got the report about what happened at Madigan. I think it reflects the fact that frankly we have not learned how to effectively deal with that, and we have to. We need to make sure we have the psychiatrists, the psychologists, and the medical people who can make these evaluations because these are real problems”

Senate Veteran Affairs Committee Hearing on Homeless Veterans

“We cannot violate their trust and safety when we place them in homeless veteran housing.” – Chairman Patty Murray (WA)

On March 14, The American Legion attended the Senate Veterans Affairs Committee hearing on homeless veteran programs and the challenges faced within the communities and VA to end veteran homelessness in by 2013. Although the trend on the numbers of veterans who are homeless continued to decline, witnesses expressed skepticism in the accuracy of those counts, now more than 67,000 veterans, and the ability of VA to leverage existing data against programs to end homelessness.

Two of the most poignant witnesses were two homeless female veterans who had used the VA system. While their initial engagement with the VA highlighted a need for better case management, their ultimate success in non-profit transitional housing programs became one of the highlights of the hearing. As ranking member Burr (NC) noted, cooperation and coordination between VA, HUD, and these non-profits are essential in success. He noted, “VA is focused on the crisis de jour while these (non-profit and community based organizations) are focusing on meeting the needs of homeless veterans.”

Letters of Support

On March 7, The American Legion sent a letter to Rep. Jeff Denham (CA), stating our support for draft legislation entitled the “Veteran Skills to Jobs Act.” This measure would provide for federal certification of veterans who have been qualified for licensure through relevant military training. This will assist in the process of ensuing that veterans are able to smoothly and quickly transition between military and civilian employment.

On March 13, our organization sent a letter to Senator Jim Webb (VA), stating our support for **S. 2179**, a bill entitled the “Military and Veterans Educational Reform Act of 2012.” This measure would include numerous provisions aimed at protecting veterans from predatory recruiting practices which are increasingly utilized by some for-profit institutions.