

Newsletter

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FROM THE COMMANDER

Hello Comrades and Friends

Last week, we were at the High School for grading of the A & G Testing. It appears all of the sophomores and juniors took the test, as it took quite a while to grade them. The results will be announced later by our chairman, Laurie Koepke. Good job, Laurie. The following day, we had the FBI, (by invitation from Dave Lemieux), give a program about Internet Security. 2 programs were held at the High School, one for the students and one for the general public. Very informative program – thanks Dave. On Thursday of that same week, many of our members and family travelled to Outagamie County Regional Airport to welcome home our very own member, Ray Hoeft, from the Old Glory Honor flight. Our Honor Guard was also on hand that night. It was an emotional evening to say the least. It looked like Ray had an enjoyable time in Washington, D.C. April 13 and 14, we will be handing out poppies at Red's Piggly Wiggly. Poppy Chairman, Dave Schmude, has most of the shifts filled. Our 7th Annual Golf Outing will be held on May 19th at 1:00 pm. If you are interested in either golfing or working that day, give me a call at 685-6691. Golfers and/or help will be welcome. Also coming up soon are the elections for Post Officers. If you are interested in becoming an officer, please contact Dean Larsen at 420-0024. Since our Adjutant, Bob Wipf, is going to become a “snow bird”, we will be looking for a new Adjutant. Please contact me if you are interested. Bob will be here to help the transition. Hope to see everyone at the next meeting on April 25th!

Yours in Comradship
Dave Steinert

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

- 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 6th 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)
- 5/03/12 National Day Of Prayer
- 5/03/12 Winnebago County Council Of Veterans Organizations 9:30 AM @ James Coughlin Building
- 5/05/12 Fall of Corregidor (1942)
- 5/08/12 VE Remembrance Day (1945)
- 5/09/12 Deadline to register for the Post 234 Golf Outing
- 5/13/12 Mothers Day
- 5/19/12 Post 234 Golf Outing Register at 1:00 PM Shot Gun Start at 1:00 PM (see article for details)
- 5/19/12 Armed Forces Day
- 5/19/12 Greenlawn Memorial Park Armed Forces Day Program 12:00 PM Call 725-5672
- 5/19/12 Armed Forces Day at Fort McCoy (see Bob Wipf for details)
- 5/20-22/12 40/8 Applebee's dining promotion fundraiser
- 5/28/12 Memorial Day
- 5/23/12 Post Executive Committee 6:00 PM @ Tanners Tap & Grill, Omro**
- 5/23/12 Post 234 Regular Meeting 7:30 PM @ Tanner's Tap & Grill, Omro**
- 5/26/12 Veterans Memorial Dance @ American Bank Pavilion, Scott Park 6-12 PM (see article)**
- 5/27/12 Memorial Day Services Work Day (Contact Dean Steinert 685-6691 to see how you can help)
- 5/28/12 Memorial Day Parade/Ceremony starting at 9:00 AM**



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 Dean Larsen (3 yr)
 John Vonderloh (2 yr)
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MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Hello April. Membership is doing just fine. We will be losing some members this year for one reason or the other. I appreciate all the help recruiting new members as our club is growing. I visited Mr. Goss and he has been taking different meds and just a few pain killers. He stated he is feeling much better. He thanks all of you for your support in cards, visits, and treats. Also Ken Larsen reported that Bob Gruetzmacher will be leaving the hospital and returning home in the next couple days. Don't forget that June 9th we will be taken 2 buses to the High Grounds. A little update on the Sheepshead Tournament, I applied for and have received the permit from the DNR. We also have most of the major sponsorship money to print the posters and tickets. I will keep you updated each month. Have a great month, Vondy.

CHAPLAINS CORNER

The only survivor of a shipwreck was washed up on a small, uninhabited island. He prayed feverishly for God to rescue him, and every day he scanned the horizon for help, but none seemed forthcoming. Exhausted, he eventually managed to build a little hut out of driftwood to protect him from the elements and in which to store his few possessions. But then one day, after scavenging for food, he arrived home to find his little hut in flames, the smoke rolling up to the sky. The worst had happened; everything was lost. He was stunned with grief and anger. "God, how could you do this to me!" he cried. Early the next day, however, he was awakened by the sound of a ship that was approaching the island. It had come to rescue him. The weary man asked his rescuers: "How did you know I was here?" The ship's captain replied "We saw your smoke signal." You see it's easy to get discouraged when things are going badly. But we shouldn't lose heart because God is there every day waiting to hear from us. Remember, the next time your hut is on fire, it just may be the smoke signal that summons the grace of God."

Steve Goller
 Post Chaplain

“Still Serving America”

Distributing Poppies



Old Glory Honor Flight



WWII Post 234 Member Ray Hoeft

7TH ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

Our annual golf outing will be Saturday May 19, 2012 at Lake Breeze Golf Course in Winneconne. Registration starts at 1:00 PM. Shotgun start is at 2:00 PM. Get your 4 person team together for a great outing. Cost is \$45.00 per person that includes golf, cart and prizes. Sign-up by May 9th at Lake Breeze Golf Course. You can either stop in or call 582-7585. There will be a 50/50 raffle and numerous raffle or silent auction items. We will eat after the event. The menu includes brats and hamburgers. If you don't golf but would like to help the day of the event contact Dave Steinert 685-6691. Every year this event gets bigger and better. Come on out and join the fun!

MEMORIAL DANCE - MAY 26, 2012

The Omro Veterans Memorial is having a public dance (6-12PM) at the American Bank Pavilion in Scott Park. DJ Dan Sanchez will provide the music. Everyone is invited to join us. Veterans should show up by 7 PM for a Veteran's Tribute. There will be a sign up sheet at the Post meeting. We need help with food service, the bar, and clean up the night of the dance.

2012 CONSOLIDATED POST REPORT (CPR)

Each year the Post files a CPR report with the National American Legion Organization. This report is used to provide information to Congress about the combined activities of the members of the American Legion. I have attached a form with this newsletter for each Post member to record your activities this past year. Record your hours and any expenses spent on you activities. Use additional sheets if needed. Please complete the form and bring it to the April or May Post meeting or send it to Bob Wipf 8004 Broadway Rd. Omro, WI 54963 or wipfbc@gmail.com by May 30, 2012

Reevaluating the Transition from Service Member to Veteran

The House Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Disability and Memorial Affairs (DAMA) held a hearing Wednesday, March 28th to discuss the ongoing problems faced by transitioning veterans. The primary focus of the hearing was on the implementation by the Department of Defense (DOD) and the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) of the new Integrated Disability Evaluation System (IDES) While improvement has been made, problems remain with the implementation of the new system and it has yet to be fully implemented, failing to meet deadlines this year for full implementation despite being in active use at 139 VA and DOD locations. According to testimony from Kenneth Fisher of the Fisher House Foundation, the pilot programs were able to drop the process time from 500 days on average to just under 300 days; however, the average number of days has been creeping back up towards the 500 day figure as it has been rolled out into a fuller implementation. Further problems exist with confusion between VA and DOD examiners performing compensation and pension exams, as well as concerns that service members navigating the evaluation process are not able to be adequately served by outside counsel, such as service organizations, to ensure they receive a fair shake at the process. Other members of Congress vented frustration at DOD officials over the evaluation of mental health conditions. Specifically, they raised concerns noted at Madigan Army Medical Center in Washington state as well as other locations where service members are being denied diagnoses with Posttraumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and instead being diagnosed with personality disorders. Rep. Tim Walz (MN) was particularly fiery in his grilling, asking "How can we have soldiers serving for eight years, through multiple deployments with honor suddenly find out they had a pre-existing 'personality disorder' that disqualifies them from service? How can you explain to me that that soldier was good enough for all those deployments but isn't good enough now that it's not convenient?" The tenor of the hearing suggested that improvements had been made, but that there was still a long road to travel to ensure our transitioning veterans were getting the justice and treatment their dedicated service entitled them to.

Please submit this activities form by the May 30, 2012 to Bob Wipf 8004 Broadway Rd. Omro, WI. 54963 or email wipfbc@gmail.com. Include all American Legion activities you participated in between June 2011 and May 2012.

Member Name

PROGRAMS	ACTIVITIES	EXPENSES	MAN HOURS	# OF PARTICIPANTS HELPERS
VA&R: Cases Handled, Funds Disbursed, Volunteer at VA Hospital				
National Security: # of Blood Donors & Pints, ROTC Medals				
Public Relations: Community Events, Mention in Radio, TV, Cable, Newspaper				
Uniformed Groups: Funeral Honors, Cost of Uniforms				
Economics: Referred to LVER or DVOP, Placed in Employment, Job Training				
<u>Americanism ~ Children & Youth</u>				
Boys State, Baseball, Oratorical Contest, Shooting Sports				
Scouting				
Scholarships				
School Awards				
Other Educational Programs				
Flag Education/School Flags				
Other Children & Youth Programs				
Community Service: Donated Hall usage, Flag presentation at community events, Main Street Flag program, ect.				
Administrative Costs: Paper, Equipment, Postage, ect., List Program				
Contributions: Hall rental for Red Cross, other civic activities				
Other:				

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