

# Newsletter

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## **FROM THE COMMANDER**

Hello Comrades and Friends,

Another busy month has just been completed. The Veteran's Dinner was a huge success, thanks to the chairmen, Ed Goss and Rick Deiss, and the other members that helped out. Veteran's Day was a very busy time, starting with the breakfast at the Omro Care Center to honor our hometown vets. From there, Post members went to our local schools to present a very educational program for all of the students. Principal Dave Wellhoefer received the Post "Educator of the Year" award. Many thanks to Dave Lemieux for setting up this day's activities, along with all our members that attended. Our 2nd Vice Commander, Becky O'Keefe, was also presented with an American Flag by her son, who thanked her for her service. Becky has been activated and will be leaving for Kosovo in December. Our Post also participated in the POW/MIA Ceremony held at Horan's on November 13. Our Post is now over 100%, thanks to John Vonderloh, our membership chairman, who is always looking to sign a new member. Don't forget to sign up for our Christmas dinner on December 10th. Tom Bryson will be taking the names and money at our next meeting. Good luck to all of our deer hunters and hope to see you all at our next meeting, November 23rd!

Yours in Comradeship

Dave Steinert

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

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

- 11/17/11 Winnebago County Council 7:30 PM at Neenah Post 33
- 11/19/11 Gettysburg Address (1863)
- 11/23/11 Post Executive Committee Meeting 6:00 PM @ Tanner's Tap**
- 11/23/11 Post 234 Regular Meeting 7:30 PM @ Tanner's Tap & Grill, Omro, WI.**
- 12/03/11 Omro Christmas Parade @ 4PM (led by Post 234 Color Guard)
- 12/7/11 Pearl Harbor Day (1941) Services at the EAA Grounds @ 7:55 AM
- 12/08/11 WCCVO 10:00 AM @ James Coughlin Building
- 12/10/11 Post Christmas Party (see article for details)
- 12/15/11 Bill of Rights Day
- 12/16/11 Battle Of The Bulge
- 12/16-17/11 Post 234 Salvation Army Bell Ringing @ Piggly Wiggly Omro (see article for details)
- 12/20/11 Panama "Operation Just Cause"
- 12/25/11 Merry Christmas
- 12/28/11 NO DECEMBER PEC, POST MEMBERSHIP MEETING, AND NEWSLETTER**
- 1/1/12 New Years Day
- 1/15/12 Post 234 Oratorical Contest at Omro HS @ 1:00 PM (if contest is required)
- 1/17/12 Operation Desert Storm Began (1991)
- 1/19-22/12 Wisconsin American Legion Midwinter Conference in Wisconsin Dells, WI
- 1/22/12 Allies Land In Anzio (1944)
- 1/29/12 Winnebago County Oratorical Contest Location TBD
- 2/05/12 District Oratorical Contest at Fond du Lac Post 75 @ 1:00 PM

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



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

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

Hello again. It's with great pleasure that I can tell you that our post, because of the new members and transfers has obtained 100% on 11-02-11. Only one other post (Princeton) beat us in our district. We have 16 new members which are members who didn't belong to the Legion, or members who have been out of the Legion for 2 years and rejoined. We also have 6 legion members who belonged to other post that joined ours. Our newest members are Ray Fraleigh, Dwight Bruss, Dan Gruetzmacher, Steve Zellner, Donald Zarling, Kevin Litton, Nate Potratz, Russell Stone, Michael Will and Duane Roslasky. Welcome to Post 234, the best post in the state. Thank you to all the members who talk to other Veterans about our Post as you are the ones that make this post what it is. For those of you who haven't paid your 2012 dues, please do so as. Again if paying your dues is a hardship, e-mail me at [jonvon@charter.net](mailto:jonvon@charter.net) or call me at 920-252-1893. This will be kept confidential. *Vondy*

**CHAPLAINS CORNER**

Praying for enemies and forgiving them through God's power is essential. All people, no matter what wrong choices they make, have been made in God's image. God grieves for everyone who is lost and hopes they will choose relationships with Him. No one is beyond hope if people pray for him or her. Forgiveness enables people who have been wounded physically, mentally, and spiritually to rid themselves of the poison of bitterness and embrace the future in healthy ways. Not a bad way to celebrate Thanksgiving this year

**CHRISTMAS PARTY**

The annual Post 234 Christmas Party will be held on December 10th at Tanners. 5:00 pm - Cocktails and 6:00 pm Dinner - Family style. Cost is \$15.00 per person. Reservations with payment can be made by contacting Tom Bryson at (920) 267-3090 (H) or (920) 279-4664 (M) or at the November Post meeting. Seating is limited to 70 persons.

### ***SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGING***

2011 Bell Ringing will be Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at PIGGLY-WIGGLY. Shifts will be 10-12, 12-2, 2-4 on both days. I need at least one bell ringer for each shift, but would like to see at least 2 during each session. Have your spouse, children, grandchildren or neighbor help you out. PLEASE sign-up at the November Post meeting or call John Hoeft @ 920-376-0105.

### “Still Serving America”



**Veteran Legislation Status:** For a listing of Congressional bills of interest to the veteran community introduced in the 112th Congress refer to the Bulletin's —**House & Senate Veteran Legislation** attachment. Support of these bills through co-sponsorship by other legislators is critical if they are ever going to move through the legislative process for a floor vote to become law. A good indication on that likelihood is the number of cosponsors who have signed onto the bill. Any number of members may cosponsor a bill in the House or Senate. At <http://thomas.loc.gov> you can review a copy of each bill's content, determine its current status, the committee it has been assigned to, and if your legislator is a sponsor or cosponsor of it. To determine what bills, amendments your representative has sponsored, cosponsored, or dropped sponsorship on refer to <http://thomas.loc.gov/bss/d111/sponlst.html>.

Grassroots lobbying is perhaps the most effective way to let your Representative and Senators know your opinion. Whether you are calling into a local or Washington, D.C. office; sending a letter or e-mail; signing a petition; or making a personal visit, Members of Congress are the most receptive and open to suggestions from their constituents. The key to increasing co-sponsorship on veteran related bills and subsequent passage into law is letting legislators know of veteran's feelings on issues. You can reach their Washington office via the Capital Operator direct at (866) 272-6622, (800) 828-0498, or (866) 340-9281 to express your views. Otherwise, you can locate on <http://thomas.loc.gov> your legislator's phone number, mailing address, or email/website to communicate with a message or letter of your own making. Refer to [http://www.thecapitol.net/FAQ/cong\\_schedule.html](http://www.thecapitol.net/FAQ/cong_schedule.html) for dates that you can access your legislators on their home turf.

**Afghanistan/Iraqi Campaign Medals Update:** An additional campaign phase has been approved for the Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Pentagon officials announced 1 NOV. Accordingly, an additional campaign star corresponding to the campaign phase is now authorized for wear on the campaign medal. Campaign stars recognize a service member's participation in DOD-designated military campaigns. Service members who have qualified for the Afghanistan Campaign Medal may display a bronze campaign star on their medal for each designated campaign phase in which they participated. The stars are worn on the suspension and campaign ribbon of the campaign medal. The period for the additional phase, called Transition I, began 1 JUL 2011 and will run through a date to be determined. Service members should contact their respective military departments for specific implementation guidance. The four previously approved campaign phases are:

Liberation of Afghanistan: Sept. 11, 2001, to Nov. 30, 2001;  
Consolidation I: Dec. 1, 2001, to Sept. 30, 2006;  
Consolidation II: Oct. 1, 2006, to Nov. 30, 2009; and  
Consolidation III: Dec. 1, 2009, through June 30, 2011.

ATTORNEY: Doctor, before you performed the autopsy, did you check for a pulse?

WITNESS: No.

ATTORNEY: Did you check for blood pressure?

WITNESS: No.

ATTORNEY: Did you check for breathing?

WITNESS: No.

ATTORNEY: So, then it is possible that the patient was alive when you began the autopsy? WITNESS: No.

ATTORNEY: How can you be so sure, Doctor?

WITNESS: Because his brain was sitting on my desk in a jar.

ATTORNEY: I see, but could the patient have still been alive, nevertheless?

WITNESS: Yes, it is possible that he could have been alive and practicing law.