

# Newsletter

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## **FROM THE COMMANDER**

Hello Comrades and friends,

Although we had some frigid temperatures this past week, we completed our Post Oratorical Contest on Sunday, January 12<sup>th</sup>. We had 2 contestants, Camryn Annoye and Emily Laurent, both good speakers. The winner, Camryn, will go on to the County Oratorical contest scheduled for January 19<sup>th</sup>. Our Mid-Winter Conference is January 17<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> and we will have a report on it at our meeting. The 6<sup>th</sup> District Americanism banquet is set for Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> at LaSure's in Oshkosh. There is still time to sign up at our next meeting. Hope to see you all at our next meeting on January 23<sup>rd</sup>.

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)**

- 1/17-19/14 Wisconsin American Legion Midwinter Conference in Baraboo, WI
- 1/19/14 Winnebago County Oratorical Contest at Omro City Hall in Omro, WI. 1:00 PM
- 1/22/14 **Post Executive Committee 6:00 PM Tanners Tap & Grill**
- 1/22/14 **Post 234 Regular Meeting 7:00 PM @ Tanner's Tap & Grill, Omro, WI.**
- 1/27/14 Signing of Vietnam Peace Accord (1973)
- 1/31/14 Tet Offensive Begun (1968)
- 2/01/14 National Freedom Day
- 2/02/14 Groundhog Day
- 2/02/14 Four Chaplains Sunday Observance
- 2/08/14 Boy Scouts Of America Founded (1910)
- 2/12/14 President Lincoln's Birthday
- 2/14/14 St. Valentines Day
- 2/15/14 6<sup>th</sup> District Americanism Recognition Banquet, LaSure's Oshkosh, WI.
- 2/15/14 Sinking of the USS Maine (1898)
- 2/17/14 President's Day & Washington's Birthday
- 2/23/14 Five Marines & A Navy Corpsman raised the flag on Mount Suribach, Iwo Jima (1945)
- 2/26/14 **Post Executive Committee 6:00 PM Tanners Tap & Grill**
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*The Mission Of Daugherty-Hamilton Post 234 Is To Provide Services To Veterans, Their Families And Our Communities .*



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 Dean Larsen (3 yr)  
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 Ken Jungwirth (1 yr)

**MEMBERSHIP**

January 2014, wow what a year our post has had. We passed all expectations on membership. Our records show we had started 2013 with 174 members. So far for this year we have 178 paid with 6 unpaid. That my fellow veterans is a good year. I really don't have much to write as I'm trying to enjoy the sun here in Florida. I wish all of you a very Happy Healthy New Year.

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**CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE**

Hello everyone, Well it is winter and it is cold. It is so cold that I had a channel freeze up on my Tv. LOL. Can't wait for summer.

To our members **Dave Schmude** and family for the loss of there daughter **Stephanie** and to **Lee Ziebell** and family for the loss of Lees mother **Loretta**. Our thoughts and prayers go out to you.

O God of mercy, peace, and love, we remember before You in this moment our friends ( **Stephanie and Loretta** .) We recall with gratitude and respect all that they stood for in their life. Help us to live in the companionship of their spirit. May we be kind to the friends and family they loved; devoted to the community in which they lived; loyal to the causes that they served. Thus in our life may they still live on, to our great comfort, to the betterment of your creation, and to the furthering of Your most holy will. **Amen**

For those that are sick or just down **Laurie Koepke, Robert Rohan, and Ken Ochalla**, Our prayers go out to you. We pray, O Lord, for our comrades who are suffering physical illness. Comfort them with a sense of Your continuing presence, cheer them with the knowledge of Your love, and grant them the blessing of health and happiness. This we pray in all that is named Holy, **Amen**.

**Chaplain - Ed Mason**

# *Legion Christmas Dinner at Tanner's*



# News for Veterans

## VA Offers Dental Insurance Program

November 15, 2013

WASHINGTON – VA is partnering with Delta Dental and MetLife to allow eligible Veterans, plus family members receiving care under the Civilian Health and Medical Program (CHAMPVA), to purchase affordable dental insurance beginning Nov. 15, VA officials announced today. “VA continues to explore innovative ways to help Veterans get access to the care and services they have earned and deserve,” said Secretary of Veterans Affairs Eric K. Shinseki. “This new dental program is another example of VA creating partnerships with the private sector to deliver a range of high-quality care at an affordable cost, for our Nation’s Veterans.”

More than 8 million Veterans who are enrolled in VA health care can choose to purchase one of the offered dental plans. This three-year pilot has been designed for Veterans with no dental coverage, or those eligible for VA dental care who would like to purchase additional coverage. Participation will not affect entitlement to VA dental services and treatment.

There are no eligibility limitations based on service-connected disability rating or enrollment priority assignment. People interested in participating may complete an application online through either Delta Dental, [www.deltadentalvadip.org](http://www.deltadentalvadip.org), or MetLife, [www.metlife.com/vadip](http://www.metlife.com/vadip) beginning Nov. 15. Coverage for this new dental insurance will begin Jan. 1, 2014, and will be available throughout the United States and its territories.

Also eligible for the new benefits are nearly 400,000 spouses and dependent children who are reimbursed for most medical expenses under VA’s CHAMPVA program. Generally, CHAMPVA participants are spouses, survivors or dependent children of Veterans officially rated as “permanently and totally” disabled by a service-connected condition.

Dental services under the new program vary by plan and include diagnostic, preventive, surgical, emergency and endodontic/restorative treatment. Enrollment in the VA Dental Insurance Plan (VADIP) is voluntary. Participants are responsible for all premiums, which range from \$8.65 to \$52.90 per month for individual plans. Copayments and other charges may apply.

Historically VA’s free dental services have gone to Veterans with dental problems connected to a medical condition that’s officially certified as “service connected.” Free dental services will continue for those Veterans.

For more information on VADIP, visit [www.va.gov/healthbenefits/vadip](http://www.va.gov/healthbenefits/vadip), or contact Delta Dental at 1-855-370-3303 or MetLife at 1-888-310-1681.

Veterans who are not enrolled in the VA health care system can apply at any time by visiting [www.va.gov/healthbenefits/enroll](http://www.va.gov/healthbenefits/enroll), calling 1-877-222-VETS (8387) or visiting their local VA health care facility.