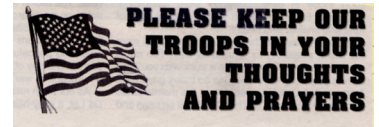


# Newsletter

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## FROM THE COMMANDER

Happy New Year Comrades & Friends,

2007 – a new year and a fresh start, but also a continued start on our Post projects. Our Post has completed three full years as a new Veterans organization. Like the previous years, 2006 was again an outstanding year, and a busy one, especially with our involvement with the new Veteran's Memorial and the fund-raising efforts. We held ten regular post meetings, a post family picnic, a post Christmas party, numerous committee meetings, conferences, state convention, and other veterans meetings and events. Our Post identity in the community and surrounding area continues to very a very positive one. Thanks to everyone for your dedication and support to make Post 234 one to be proud of. Your membership renewal is very viable for our continued growth and continued existence. If you have not sent in your 2007 dues yet, please do it today. Hope to see you all this year, with post meetings on the fourth Wednesday of each month at Tanner's Tap and Grill, downtown Omro.

Yours in Comradeship,  
John R Hoeft

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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| <b>1/24/07</b> | <b>Post 234 Regular Meeting 7:30 PM @ Tanner's Tap &amp; Grill, Omro, WI.</b> There will be a special presentation by our oratorical contest winner, Cameron Chapin. |
| 1/27/07        | Signing of Vietnam Peace Accord (1973)   |
| 1/28/07        | 6 <sup>th</sup> District Oratorical Contest, 1:30 PM Post 70 Oshkosh, WI.  |
| 2/01/07        | National Freedom Day   |
| 2/02/07        | Groundhog Day  |
| 2/03/07        | Regional & State Oratorical Contest Finals, Ripon College, Regional 10:00 AM, State Finals 2:00 PM   |
| 2/04/07        | Four Chaplains Day   |
| <b>2/8/07</b>  | <b>Omro Veteran's Memorial/Executive Committee Meeting 7:00 PM @ Tanner's Tap</b>  |
| 2/08/07        | Boy Scouts Of America Founded (1910)   |
| 2/12/07        | President Lincoln's Birthday   |
| 2/14/07        | St. Valentines Day   |
| 2/15/06        | Winnebago County Council Of Veterans Organizations 9:30 AM @ James Coughlin Building   |
| 2/15/07        | Winnebago County Council of American Legion Posts 7:30 PM (Omro Post 234 is the host)  |
| 2/17/07        | 6 <sup>th</sup> District Americanism Recognition Banquet, Brillion WI. Cobblestone Creek (formerly Michiels Brillion Inn)  |
| 2/19/07        | Presidents Day   |
| 2/19/07        | U.S. Marines landed on Iwo Jima (1945)   |
| 2/20/07        | Wisconsin Veterans Salute To The Legislature, 4:00 PM Program, 5:00 PM Reception Madison, WI (see article)   |
| 2/21/07        | Ash Wednesday  |
| 2/22/07        | President Washington's Birthday  |
| 2/23/06        | Five Marines & A Navy Corpsman raised the flag on Mount Suribach, Iwo Jima   |
| 2/28/06        | Operation Desert Storm ended (1991)  |
| <b>2/28/07</b> | <b>Post 234 Regular Meeting 7:30 PM @ Tanner's Tap &amp; Grill, Omro, WI</b>   |
| <b>5/12/07</b> | <b>Post 234 Veterans Dinner, Fin 'n' Feather Winneconne, WI (see attached poster)</b>  |

## IMPORTANT POST DUES NOTICE

Fellow members, as you may know, National has raised the cost of dues and Post 234 will need to adjust it's dues also. An important discussion and vote on the 2007/2008 Post dues rate will take place at this January Post meeting. If you have an opinion on what future dues should be please attend this month's meeting and be heard. Unfortunately, several members have not yet paid their 2007 dues (you know who you are). The new rate voted on at this January meeting will be in force for you. After 1/24/07 call John Vonderloh, 920-685-6492 for the new dues rate and send a check to JOHN VONDERLOH at 630 Tyler Ave, Omro, WI. or to the AMERICAN LEGION POST 234, P.O. Box 234, Omro, WI. 54963. The checks should be made out to Daugherty-Hamilton Post 234. Thank You. jv



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***Veteran's Fundraising Dinner & Silent Auction / Raffle***

The 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Veteran's Fundraising Dinner will be held May 12<sup>th</sup> (see the poster with this newsletter). Many auction and raffle items will be needed to make this event a success. Please start asking for, collecting, or making items now. If you are asking for donations, please check with Ken Flock or Stacey Stone to see who has already donated so we don't keep asking the same generous businesses and organizations.

***The Poppy*** was first chosen as the American Legion's memorial flower at the 1921 National Convention and was worn in memory of the men who lost their lives in World War I.

Picture vast armies on two sides in a long four-year battle, along a double line of trenches. This was Europe from 1914 to November 11, 1918. In this area of death and destruction, hundreds of thousands of American boys advanced in 1917 and 1918 determined to put an end to the horrible war. You all know the story of how they did end the war, restoring peace and liberty to subjected peoples. But, many thousands of fine young lives were required to complete the task.

The one bright color of the shell torn fields and hills of this war-torn area was the little, red poppy. On the edges of the trenches, in the ragged shell holes, brave little poppies grew and bloomed on the graves of those men buried in the sacred plots of French soil, which was Flanders Field. Remembrances of the cherry bright red flowers returned to America with our boys. And so, the poppy became the symbol of the dead, their memorial flower. It became the sign that the high ideals for which these brave young men gave their lives.



**MEMORIAL NAMES STILL NEEDED**

Veteran Data Forms are available at the Omro Library, Omro Pharmacy, and JRH promotions. Please help by using the Veteran Data Forms (make copies if needed) to submit **ALL** the names of Omro area Veterans that you and your friends and relatives are aware of. **DO NOT** assume someone else has submitted the area Veterans name. Additionally, if you can help with any of the committee work please contact Bob Wipf @ 685-5323 or wipfc@vbe.com

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice-Commander Rick Needs Your Help-** Rick Deiss would like Post members to send him interesting military facts, articles, videos, or PowerPoint presentations. You can either call him at 685-0290 or e-mail at <rdeiss@charter.net>