

Newsletter

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FROM THE COMMANDER

Hello Comrades and Friends

May is finally here, which means a very busy couple of weeks ahead for all of us. It all starts this Saturday the 21st of May with the 6th Annual Golf tournament. Followed on the 28th of May with our 2nd Annual Memorial Dance at Scott Park from 6 PM till midnight. Then we have clean up on Sunday the 29th of May with clean up of the Memorial for the ceremony on the 30th following the parade. Times for all these details will be discussed at the Post meeting. I know people have plans for the weekend, however remember what Memorial Day is all about, its not the kick off for summer which a lot of people think, but its to remember those who have died while serving their country. We do have a need for a good number of people to make these events come off in a professional manner. Thanks in advance for the volunteering of your time. Also for this Post meeting think of nominations for post officers. Elections will take place at the June meeting. Looking forward to seeing you all at the upcoming Post meeting.

Yours in Comradeship
Ken Flock

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

- 5/25/11 Post 234 Regular Meeting 7:30 PM @ Tanner's Tap & Grill, Omro, WI
- 5/27-29/11 Poppy Distribution at Festival Foods (contact Ed Goss 685-5931 to help)
- 5/28/11 Veterans Memorial Dance @ Scott Park Pavilion 6PM-Midnight
- 5/29/11 Memorial Day Work Day 11AM @ Scott Park (Contact Ken Flock 685-6856 to see how you can help)
- 5/30/11 Memorial Day Parade/Ceremony starting at 9:00 AM
- 6/03/11 Battle of Midway 1942
- 6/06/11 D-Day Normandy 1944
- 6/11-18/11 Badger Boys State @ Ripon College
- 6/12/11 Waukau Parade/BBQ, 12:00 PM, Veterans assemble on south end Highway 116
- 6/14/11 US Army founded 1775
- 6/14/11 Flag Day
- 6/15/11 Post Executive Committee Meeting 7:00 PM @ Tanner's Tap
- 6/16/11 Winnebago County Council Of Veterans Organizations 9:30 AM @ James Coughlin Building
- 6/16/11 Winnebago County Council of American Legion Posts at Winneconne Post @ 7:00PM
- 6/19-24/11 Badger Girls State @ UW Oshkosh
- 6/19/11 American Legion King Day (see <http://wilegion.org/calendar/?ID=1900>)
- 6/19/11 Happy Fathers Day
- 6/21/11 First Day Of Summer
- 6/22/11 Pledge of Allegiance recognized by Congress in Springfield, IL 1935
- 6/22/11 Post 234 Regular Meeting 7:30 PM @ Tanner's Tap & Grill, Omro, WI.
- 6/25/11 Korean War began 1950
- 6/29/11 First U.S. ground forces arrived in Korea
- 7/01/11 Post 234 50/50 Raffle at Oshkosh Speed Zone (contact John Vonderloh to help)
- 7/13-17/11 American Legion Department Of Wisconsin Convention @ Appleton, WI



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
 John Vonderloh (3 yr)
 Ken Jungwirth (2 yr)
 Dean Larsen (1 yr)

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Was another fast month, as I just wrote an article for last month. At our last meeting Bruce Butkiewicz attended and was accepted as a new member, welcome Bruce, Also I just returned from Fort Collins. Co. visiting Don Roberts a class mate of mine. Dave Lemieux and Shorty Miller were along for the ride. The point is that when we left we left with a copy of his DD 214 and dues. Will bring up at next meeting. Don spent 4 yrs in AF, 66-70. Hope all is well with rest of membership. Will see you at our Memorial Day parade and at the Memorial for this year's activities. Vondy.

CHAPLAINS CORNER

When the first Memorial Day was celebrated, a group of women from Washington D.C. asked the War Department for permission to put flowers on the soldiers graves at Arlington Cemetery. After a lot of haggling, permission was finally granted to do so. But a stern order was attached to the permission. No flowers were to be placed on the graves of the Confederate soldiers who were buried in a segregated section of the cemetery. The ladies carried out their task, careful to follow these instructions. General James Garfield made a speech and when the crowds left, a strong wind arose. The wind blew almost all the flowers into the Confederate section. After that the separation between Union and Confederate soldiers was never repeated. Many believed that all this was due to divine intervention. Keep your eyes and your heart open because there is divine intervention around us every day. Steve Goller, Post 234 Chaplain

MEET YOUR MEMBER-AT-LARGE – JOHN VONDERLOH

I'm a grad from Omro High School (1964)
 Did stint in the Army as MP for 3 years
 Retired from the Omro Police Department
 PUFL Legion Member and AL member for 28 yrs.
 Life Member of VFW
 Wife is Penny and two daughters: Kari (Navy), and Kristi, (Navy)
 Both girls are members of the best post in Wis. 234.





CONSOLIDATED POST REPORT (CPR) – SECOND REQUEST

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. Last month I attached a form with the April 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 May Post meeting or send it to Bob Wipf 8004 Broadway Rd. Omro, WI 54963 or wipfbc@gmail.com

OMRO VETERANS MEMORIAL DANCE - MAY 28, 2011

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 May Post meeting. We need help with food service, the bar, and clean up the night of the dance.

**Daugherty-Hamilton Omro Post 234
Omro Veterans Memorial Weekend 2011**

May 28, 2011

Omro Veterans Memorial Dance (Public Welcome)
Scott Park, American Bank Pavilion
7:00 PM Veterans Tribute
7-12 PM Music By DJ Dan Sanchez

May 29, 2011

11:00 AM Memorial Clean Up Post Membership

May 30, 2011 Memorial Day

8:30 AM Parade line up	
9:00 AM Parade down Main St. to Veterans Memorial, Scott Park	
9:30 AM Memorial Day Program at Omro Veterans Memorial	
Opening Remarks	Commander Ken Flock
Opening Song	Omro High School Band
Opening Prayer	Steve Goller, Post Chaplain
Flag Ceremony	Post 234 Color Guard
Pledge of Allegiance	Boy Scout Troop 623
National Anthem	Ashley Boegh
Service Song Medley	Omro High School Band
Post 234 Address	Commander Ken Flock
Guests & VIP’s	Pete Hennes
Keynote Speaker	Rick Deiss
Wreath Dedication	Cub Scout Pack 3623
Veterans Memorial Poem	Pete Hennes
Presentation Of MIA/KIA	Ken Jungwirth & John Vonderloh
Bagpipe & Flag Ceremony	Ed Mason
Reading of New Names	Ed Goss
Reading of 2011 Deceased	Ed Goss
Reading of Existing Names	Ken Jungwirth & John Vonderloh
Closing Remarks	Ken Flock
Closing Prayer	Steve Goller, Post Chaplain
Rifle Salute & Taps	Post 234 Honor Guard
Moment of Silence	Commander Ken Flock

**Legion Opposes Assembly Bill 96
Proposal to Allow Governor to Appoint
Secretary of Veterans Affairs**

PORTAGE (April 27, 2011) – The American Legion, the state’s largest veterans service organization, has polled its statewide leadership and is announcing its’ opposition to AB 96 as currently drafted. The Wisconsin American Legion’s Executive Committee is comprised of 22 members and voted unanimously this week to oppose AB 96 as written. Current law vests authority over the Wisconsin Secretary of Veterans Affairs in the hands of a seven member Board of Veterans Affairs, members of which are appointed by the Governor to staggered six year terms. Assembly Bill (AB) 96 would give full authority for appointing and terminating the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to the Governor. Legion leadership opposes this and another aspect of the proposed legislation which would reduce board member terms to three years. The actual motion unanimously adopted by The American Legion leadership reads as follows;

“The American Legion, Department of Wisconsin Executive Committee is opposed to those provisions contained in AB 96 that would reduce the terms of the Wisconsin Board of Veterans Affairs members from six (6) years to three (3) years and further, The American Legion, Department of Wisconsin Executive Committee opposes the proposal contained in AB 96 that

would allow the Governor to appoint the Secretary and remove the authority of the Board of Veterans Affairs as contained in Wisconsin Statute 15.49 which places the Wisconsin Department of Veterans affairs and its’ Secretary under their direction and supervision.”

“The American Legion opposes the passage of Assembly Bill 96 as written, specifically the hiring and termination authority being shifted to the Governor’s office”, said Legion State Commander Robert S. Batty of the Peter Wollner Post No. 288 of Cedarburg. “Our 12 districts span the entire State of Wisconsin and represent over 65,000 active members. Many of the

Legion’s District Commanders and Past State Commanders were animated in expressing their opposition to shifting this authority away from the veteran’s community over to a politically elected position.” 6th District Commander Roy Helms of Oshkosh stated; “This measure as written would mean sacrificing something Wisconsin veterans have fought for in the past. I seriously doubt this will work to the benefit of Wisconsin’s veterans in the long haul.” The 6th District consists of Calumet, Fond du Lac, Green Lake, Manitowoc, Marquette and Winnebago counties. The District has a membership of nearly 4,500 wartime veterans. Teddy Duckworth of New Lisbon, a Marine Corps veteran of the Vietnam conflict, served as Chairman of the Board of

Veterans Affairs and is a past Legion State Commander. Mr. Duckworth echoed the stated concerns of other Legion officers. “I’m absolutely opposed to making these changes,” said Mr. Duckworth. “Expanding the Board of Veteran’s Affairs from 7 to 9 members is a positive move which will provide balanced statewide representation” said Ted DeMicchi of Somers, WI. Mr. DeMicchi is also a past Chairman of the Board for the state as well as a Past State Commander.

“Altering the way our WDVA Secretary is appointed as proposed in AB 96 would be a disservice to the veteran’s community.”, he continued. Navy veteran and 8th District Commander Jim Grimm of Caroline in rural Shawano County weighed in; “The recent state of affairs at the WDVA, with the high rate of turnover in the Secretary’s office has left an unfavorable mark. Making this a political appointment will likely exasperate the situation over time. We can do better without the petty partisan politics and the bullying that goes with it.” The American Legion 8th District consists of Marathon, Menominee, Portage, Shawano, Waupaca, Waushara, and Wood counties with nearly 6,000 members. Roger Mathison of Coon Valley, an Army veteran who was Legion State Commander in 1998 commented; “the Secretary should not be appointed by the Governor. This could potentially lead to an appointment by political favor. We need to ensure that a veteran advocate is in the position” David L. Gough of Darlington, who currently represents the state on the Legion’s National Executive Committee and was State Commander in 2004 stated; “there are enough politics in the Department of Veterans Affairs now and with the

Governor appointing the Secretary there would sure to be more political wrangling over time. Expanding the Board of Veterans Affairs and ensuring equal representation around the State is a good idea but giving the power of appointment to the Governor may not ultimately serve our best interests.” “Our entire leadership team is clear and united on this issue,” continued Commander Batty. “We implore the State Legislature as a body to respect the recommendations of The American Legion and amend AB 96 so authority to hire and terminate the Secretary of the Department of Veterans Affairs remains with the Board of Veterans Affairs and that Board

member terms remain at 6 years.” The Wisconsin American Legion is the state’s largest veterans’ service organization with over 65,000 members and 520 posts in communities across Wisconsin. The American Legion has been serving troops, veterans, and youth since 1919. For more information on the Legion’s programs and membership, visit

www.wilegion.org.