

Newsletter

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FROM THE COMMANDER

Hello Comrades and Friends

This is my final commanders message as my time as commander winds down. It has been a very enjoyable time as commander of this Post and an honor serving all of you. During the last year it is well documented that Post 234 is the poster child for the rest of the state on how things should be done, and that's only because of all the hard work on the part of each and every one of you. A Color Guard and Honor Guard that is second to none, and a membership chair whose efforts are noticed statewide. We just completed our state convention this past weekend and Post 234 received its fair share of recognition as we were awarded the Post Excellence Award, which is a national award. We were one of three posts in the state to receive this award. We also received the all time high award for membership 8 years straight! Julie Quinn received the Public Relations award for top reporter! Other notes from the convention; Denise Rohan was elected the first female state commander and Roy Helms was elected as one of the State Vice Commanders. In closing I would like to thank each and every one of you for making my time as commander so enjoyable and hope you all continue to support Dave Steinert in the same professional manner as you did for me.

Yours in Comradeship
Ken Flock

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

- 7/20/11 Post Executive Committee Meeting 7:00 PM @ Tanner's Tap**
- 7/27/11 Korean War Ended (1953)
- 7/27/11 Post 234 Regular Meeting 7:30 PM @ Tanner's Tap & Grill, Omro, WI.**
- 7/28/11 World War I Began (1914)
- 7/30/11 Old Glory Honor Flight 100 Mile Motorcycle Ride (see Bob Wipf for details)
- 8/02/11 Operation Desert Shield Began (1990)
- 8/04/11 Coast Guard Founded (1790)
- 8/07/11 Purple Heart Day
- 8/14/11 VJ Remembrance Day WWII Ends (1945)
- 8/18/11 Winnebago County Council Of Veterans Organizations 9:30 AM @ James Coughlin Building
- 8/15/11 Allied Invasion of Southern France (1944)
- 8/14/11 38th Annual American Legion All-Star Game at Miller Park (contact Bob Wipf for details)
- 8/24/11 Post 234 Summer Picnic @ Lower Miller Park Pavilion Social 5:30 PM, Picnic 6:30 PM, NO POST MEETING (see article on page 3)**
- 9/15/11 Legion County Council Meeting at Menasha Library @ 7:30 PM**

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



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MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Wow, what a start to a new year for post 234. Other than all the news from Bob Wipf and the awards we received, I would like to mention that we have 5 new members who were at our last meeting. They are Dennis Woerpel, Becky O'keefe, David Hochtritt, Leonard Lepkowski and John Dailey. They all have served in the Army. Becky O'keefe is still in the Army Reserves and serves as a Major. Welcome to all and thank you for picking our post. As you read this, and haven't sent in your dues for 2012, well just a reminder and each month it will be the same as we try to have all the dues paid by December 31. Thank you all for your cooperation. Vondy.

CHAPLAINS CORNER

Texas Beer Joint Sues Church in MT. Vernon, Texas

Drummond's Bar began construction on an expansion of their building to increase their business. In response, the local Baptist Church started a campaign to block the bar from expanding with petitions and prayers. Work progressed right up until the week before the grand reopening when lightning struck the bar and it burned to the ground! After the bar burning to the ground by the lightning strike, the church folks were rather smug in their outlook, bragging about "the power of prayer", until the bar owner sued the church on the grounds that the church ... "was ultimately responsible for the demise of his building, either through direct or indirect actions or means." In its reply to the court, the church vehemently denied all responsibility or any connection to the building's demise. The judge read through the plaintiff's complaint and the defendant's reply, and at the opening hearing he commented, "I don't know how I'm going to decide this, but it appears from the paperwork that we have a bar owner who believes in the power of prayer, and an entire church congregation that now does not."

Purportedly this is a true story. How easy it is to ask God for something one moment and turn our back on Him the next. Steve Goller, Post 234 Chaplain

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Julie Quinn Receives AL Department Public Relations Award



SUMMER PICNIC

The date is August 24th. Social hour is 5:30 and dinner is 6:30 the location is Miller Park lower shelter house. We will be having brats and burgers, Potato salad, pasta salad and chips. We will provide beer, soda pop and water. There is no cost for the picnic everything is free. This is a fun outing for our Post members and their families. Sign up at the July Post meeting or contact Chris Deiss (252-5102) before August 15, 2011 to sign up for the picnic so we can get a accurate number to plan for.

The United Veterans Honor Guard is looking for new members. The UVHG provides funeral honors for Veterans in Winnebago County. If you have an interest in serving on the UVHG contact Ed Mason at 920-420-0326

Post 234 "Still Serving America"



Omro Post 234 Recognition Night At Legion Baseball



Omro Post 234 Receives The AL National "Post Excellence Award" & All-Time High Membership Award



Governor Walker's Budget for Veterans Promises Kept

Restoring the Wisconsin GI Bill:

In 2006, a promise was made to the men and women who sign up to serve our nation in the military. Since that time they have fought, been injured and far too many have made the ultimate sacrifice in defense of our nation. While these heroes were fighting, a benefit promised to them was taken away. The Wisconsin GI Bill, a landmark piece of legislation was effectively eliminated. In Governor Walker's budget, the Wisconsin GI Bill is 'fully' restored. Not only is the Wisconsin GI Bill restored, but it is expanded and clarified to include distance learning and online courses. By protecting the Wisconsin GI Bill so veterans can retrain and rebuild their resumes they will be in a better position to find gainful employment and provide for their families that have also sacrificed so much for our nation. There is no greater benefit to our veterans struggling to find employment than the restoration of the WI GI Bill. The restoration of the Wisconsin GI Bill is part of creating 250,000 jobs and keeping a promise to our honored veterans. Ensuring the

Solvency of the Veterans Trust Fund:

The solvency of the Veterans Trust Fund has been an issue for the better part of a decade. When Governor Walker took office the balance of the trust fund was on a steady decline and projections had it in deficit at the end of the second fiscal year. Governor Walker's budget provides \$5 million general fund tax dollars to the Veterans Trust Fund. This is the largest injection of general fund dollars to the fund **since 1972**. The Governor's budget also provides \$416,800 in GPR to repay the raid on the fund by the previous administration and Legislature. Governor Walker's budget also gives the WDVA, with Legislative oversight, the flexibility to shift funds in surplus within the department to ensure the VTF remains a strong tool to assist our needy and honored veterans into the future. The budget also requires WDVA to report a long term solvency plan for the fund to the Governor and Legislature.

Funding for Wisconsin's Veterans Memorial Cemetery King:

Governor Walker's budget provides \$66,500 general fund revenue for maintenance of the Wisconsin Veterans Memorial Cemetery at King. Previously, money from veteran's estates and nursing home operations funds were used to maintain the 14-acre cemetery. **Caring for More Veterans and Creating Jobs at No Cost to State Taxpayers:** The Governor's budget keeps a promise made by the state to create a veterans home in Northwest Wisconsin. The Chippewa Falls Veterans Home complements Wisconsin's two existing Veterans Homes in King and Union Grove, bringing additional resources to our aging veterans in Northwestern Wisconsin. Through construction of this facility, Wisconsin will be able to not only honor our aging heroes, but also offer them a unique community built to address their unique needs. In addition, the Veterans Home at Chippewa Falls is an economic win for the local community and taxpayers, providing a long-term economic boost to the region. It will help add vitality and opportunity to the Chippewa area's construction industry. The home will also create permanent health care jobs. The Chippewa Veterans Home is a \$20 million construction project that is estimated to create 90 full-time professional jobs in the area without requiring any state general fund tax revenue.

A federal grant along with ongoing revenues from the home will pay for the entire project's cost. The home is also required to achieve a four star rating similar to the King and Union Grove homes ensuring our veterans are properly cared for. By constructing the veteran's home in Chippewa Falls, the Governor is continuing to fulfill our responsibility to the men and women who served their country and state so well.

Fully Funding the Veterans and Surviving Spouse Tax Credit:

In the Governor's budget, the Veterans and Surviving Spouse Property Tax Credit is fully funded without reducing eligibility. The tax credit benefit offered to our most vulnerable veterans and their spouses will **increase to \$39 million** in the next biennium (2011-13). That is a **\$23.8 million increase** in property tax credits over the next two years for eligible veterans.

Continuing the Disabled Veteran Business Certification Program:

Governor Walker's budget continues the new disabled veteran business certification program. The program will be housed in the new Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation.

Extending a Property Tax Relief Program to Veterans:

Governor Walker's budget allows eligible veterans to now participate in the property tax deferral loan program operated by the Wisconsin Housing and Economic Development Authority.

Fully Funding Military Funeral Honors:

The Governor fully funds military funeral honors in the "bill to pay the bills". Assembly Bill 148 fully restored and funded \$68,900 for military funeral honors. Because military funeral honors were funded in AB 148, the repetitive language in the biennial budget bill was not needed and therefore removed.

The U.S. succeeded in building a computer able to solve any strategic or tactical problem. Military leaders are assembled in front of the new machine and instructed to feed a difficult tactical problem into it. They describe a hypothetical situation to the computer and then ask the pivotal question: "Attack or retreat?"

The computer hums away for an hour and then comes up with the answer: "Yes." The generals look at each other, bewildered. Finally one of them submits a second request to the computer: "Yes what?" Instantly the computer responded: "Yes sir."

Soon after being transferred to a new duty station, a Marine husband called home to tell his wife he would be late - again. He went on to say that dirty magazines had been discovered in the platoon's quarters and they had to police the area.

She launched into a tirade, arguing that many men had pictures hanging in their quarters at their previous post, so his new platoon should not be penalized for something trivial. The husband calmly listened to her gripes and then explained, "Kathy, Dirty Magazines means the clips from their rifles had not been properly cleaned."