

Newsletter

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FROM THE COMMANDER

Hello Comrades and Friends,

I want to thank everyone that assisted with the annual picnic. Thank you to Past Commanders John Hoeft for lining up the guest speakers and Rick Deiss for his assistance with picking up the food and beverages. Members Ken Jungwirth and Jim Yost and his wife Jean for the grilling, Tom Bryson, Dave Schmude and their wives for heading up the 50/50 and the clean up along with everyone that helped them. We had a fantastic evening with over 100 people in attendance.

The PEC has set the budget for the upcoming year and will discuss it at the upcoming meeting next week. Remember to be safe as you head to the woods and water for the upcoming hunting season and we will see you all at next weeks meeting.

Yours in Comradeship
Ken Flock

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

- 09/22/10 Regular Post Meeting @ Tanner's Tap & Grill 7:30 PM**
- 10/02/10 Oktoberfest In Omro
- 10/02/10 3rd Annual OEF/OIF Welcome Home @ EAA grounds in Oshkosh
- 10/12/10 Columbus Day
- 10/12/10 Bombing of the USS Cole (2000)
- 10/13/10 U.S. Navy Established (1775)
- 10/14/10 Winnebago County Council Of Veterans Organizations 9:30 AM @ James Coughlin Building
- 10/16/10 Cuban Missile Crisis begins (1962)
- 10/19/10 Revolutionary War Ended (1781)
- 10/20/10 Post Executive Committee Meeting 7:00 PM @ Tanner's Tap**
- 10/23/10 Battle for Leyte Gulf (1944)
- 10/24/10 United Nations Day
- 10/27/10 Post 234 Regular Meeting 7:30 PM @ Tanner's Tap & Grill, Omro, WI.**
- 10/28/10 Dedication of the Statue of Liberty (1886)
- 10/31/10 **American Legion 6th District Fall Conference**

POST 234 2010-2011 PROPOSED BUDGET

Please take the time to read the proposed 2010-2011 budget that is attached to this newsletter. The budget represents the wishes of the post membership and ensures that as a post we are able to meet our mission. Keep in mind, if the post would like to expand its ability to serve Veterans and the Omro community we will need to eventually increase our revenues through increased member participation in fundraising events. We will be voting on the budget at the September Post meeting.

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)

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Dean Larsen (1 yr)

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Here we are again, how time does fly. As of today the 13th I have 97 members of 134 paid. It's a great start for 2011. For those of you that wasn't at our annual Picnic we have a new member in John Yost of Omro. Also our own John Knapp joined as of yesterday. Welcome both John's. Again if you have a friend that was in the military and hasn't joined the best group in the state, take a minute and ask him or her if they would like to join. Stay healthy, until next month. Vondy.

CHAPLAINS CORNER

"The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love" (Psalm 103:8). Every time we get knocked down in life, and if we have a personal relationship with God, he's there to pick us up if we let him. Stand in awe of God's patience, love, and forgiveness. Remember the patience, love and forgiveness you have received when you deal with your friends or family. It's something I have to be reminded of almost every day.

MEET YOUR COMMANDER

Joined WI Army National Guard in 1979
Attended Airborne in January 1981
Attended Air Assault in April 1981
Commissioned to 2 LT in May 1981
Graduated from UW Oshkosh in May 84 with a degree in communications
Married wife Cheri in October 84 [3 children Chad, K.J., and Tanya]
Reported to Infantry Officer Basic Course in October 1984
Assigned to 2nd Battalion 23rd Infantry from April 1985 to December 1986 at Ft. Lewis, WA
Promoted to Captain in November of 1986
Assigned to 2nd Battalion 2nd Infantry from December 1986 - March 1988 at Ft. Lewis, WA
Attended Armor Officer Advance Course in April 1988
Assigned to 1st /12th Cavalry Ft. Knox, KY. October 1988-April 1989
Reassigned to 2nd Battalion, 127th Infantry, WI Army National Guard April 89 –February 92
Hobbies include hunting, fishing, golfing and landscaping yard





2010 POST 234 PICNIC



Over 100 members and guests attend



As usual Julie from the Omro Herald was present to cover the activities. We have the best PR in the state.



Commander Flock presents Past Commander Deiss with a plaque for his outstanding service to the Post



Don Tritt presents a check for the Veterans Memorial in memory of his dad.





2010 Timber Rattler Military Appreciation Night



The Color Guard presents colors at the Timber Rattler Military Appreciation Night

Legal Stuff

Wisconsin Veterans Homes Update: A report from the Legislative Audit Bureau highlights the rising cost for veterans to live in state veteran's homes. The report says that at least a dozen veterans and spouses moved out of facilities in Union Grove and King because of the rising costs. Jim Fonte, a 9 year resident who currently lives at the Union Grove home said, "...this is terrible because I just don't have enough money." Fonte explained that many veterans now have to pull money out of savings to cover the difference between Social Security payments and their cost of living at the home. For veterans who do not want to deplete their savings, or do not have savings and cannot find another source of funding, the only choice is to move out. "The original purpose was to give something to take care of the veterans at a reduced rate," said Bob Lindmark, who moved out of the Union Grove veteran's home last month. He said his rates went up 82%. In a statement, the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs defended the increase. Their spokesman said in a statement, "These rate increases were absolutely necessary and overdue, and that we took the difficult step of raising rates in a way that was as protective as possible of our members."

Arlington National Cemetery Update: Veterans groups and members of Congress are questioning whether management of Arlington National Cemetery should be transferred from the Army to the Department of Veterans Affairs. The discussions come after investigators found dozens of unmarked or mislabeled graves, millions of dollars wasted on technology contracts and mismanagement that stretched from the cemetery's leadership to the upper echelons of Army leadership in the Pentagon. "Let's let the experts take over," said Joe Davis, a spokesman for the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Running cemeteries "is a primary task of the VA, whereas the Army's primary task is to fight and win our wars." The American Legion has also called for the VA to be more involved at Arlington, the nation's busiest military cemetery, which has an average of 27 funerals a day and 4 million visitors annually. And several members of Congress, including Rep. Ike Skelton (D-MO), chairman of the Armed Services Committee, have asked whether the VA, which manages 131 cemeteries nationwide with 3 million graves, would be better suited to operate Arlington.