

Newsletter

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FROM THE COMMANDER

Hello Comrades and Friends

We had a great turnout this year for our annual picnic. Thanks go out to the chairman, Chris Deiss, along with his committee of Ken Jungwirth, and Jim and Jean Yost. Everyone that I talked with had a good time. This past month, John Vonderloh has been very busy. He chaired the "Legion Oasis" at the fair and the 50/50 raffle at the Speedzone. Job well done! Our Honor Guard made a special trip to Appleton this past week to welcome home members of the "Old Glory Honor Flight". It's always gratifying to know that our WWII veterans are being appreciated by their fellow vets. Next month on Oct. 27th is our annual Veteran's Banquet. If you haven't gotten your tickets yet, please give Rick Deiss a call at 685-0290 to reserve your spot. Our next meeting is Wednesday, Sept. 26th. See you there!

Yours in Comradeship
Dave Steinert

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

- 09/26/12 Post Executive Committee Meeting 6:00 PM @ Tanner's Tap**
- 09/26/12 Regular Post Meeting @ Tanner's Tap & Grill 7:30 PM**
- 10/13/12 Oktoberfest In Omro
- 10/11/12 Winnebago County Council Of Veterans Organizations 9:30 AM @ James Coughlin Building
- 10/16/12 Cuban Missile Crisis begins (1962)
- 10/12/12 Columbus Day
- 10/12/12 Bombing of the USS Cole (2000)
- 10/13/12 U.S. Navy Established (1775)
- 10/19/12 Revolutionary War Ended (1781))
- 10/23/12 Battle for Leyte Gulf (1944)
- 10/24/12 United Nations Day
- 10/24/12 Post Executive Committee Meeting 6:00 PM @ Tanner's Tap**
- 10/24/12 Post 234 Regular Meeting 7:30 PM @ Tanner's Tap & Grill, Omro, WI.**
- 10/27/13 Veterans Dinner @ Omro Firehouse Social 5:00 PM Dinner 6:00 PM**
- 10/28/12 Dedication of the Statue of Liberty (1886)
- 10/28/12 **American Legion 6th District Fall Conference Dalton, WI Host Post 395 Kingston**

VETERANS DINNER – OCTOBER 27, 2012

We are looking for silent auction and raffle items to be donated once again for this year's Veterans banquet. If you have donation items contact either Rick Deiss @ 685-0290 or Donna Hasenfus @ 685-5122. So far ticket sales have been slow. For us to make this a successful event it has been in past years we need to get ticket sales moving along. I know last year we had people who had a hard time finding places to sit. We are taking steps this year to make sure that is corrected. Hopefully the changes we've made will correct the problem. This year's guest speaker is Rex Miller. Rex retired as a Marine Corps Gunnery Sergeant and spent tours in the Gulf Wars.



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

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Great day again. I would like to report that out of 161 members and growing, we have 112 paid to this date. Thank you for keeping me busy. Again if you have problems with finances let me know and I will take care of your dues. Another note, I will be gone January and February so please try to have your dues paid by December. Thank you.

Now about the County fair. With tips this year tending bar, we took in a little over \$1000.00. Thanks to all those that helped as it was fun. I was advised by the guys working that they would like to have a run at it again next year. I also reported last month that we net \$4816.16 before the payout to the Kiwanis on the Sheepshead Tournament. Well we gave them \$1500.00, and a late bill from Vieola gave us a net of \$3099.16. I would like to also mention that we lost a good member in Bob Gruetzmacher. Bob was a past commander of post 34 in Omro and has been active for over 45 yrs in scouting and the Legion. Thank you Bob Vondy.

CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

Hello every one, just a few more days and summer is over. It sure was a hot one. I want to thank all of our members Katy Werginz and Rebecca O'Keefe for guarding our country. May Good Bless you and watch over you. And to those that have lost loved ones in the past two months, Our thoughts and prayers go out to you. For those that are sick or just down Our prayers go out to you.

Eternal God, we call upon You for all who mourn for the loss of those near and dear to them. Be to those in sorrow a strong support in their loneliness and a comforter in their time of grief. Be ever near them, draw them into closer fellowship with you, and grant them sure trust and confidence in Your heavenly care. Amen.

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

A REQUEST FOR DD-214'S

The Post is required to have a copy of each member's DD-214 on file. Currently I only have about 50% of the membership's DD-214's. If you have not submitted a copy of your DD-214 in the past please bring it to Post meeting or send it to John Vonderloh, 333 Carington, Waupun, WI 53963. This will also assist with meeting the requirement of presenting an Honorable Discharge paper for the Omro Veterans Memorial, so eventually your name can be engraved on the Memorial.

Post 234 "Still Serving America"



Stop-Loss Pay Update: The deadline to apply for Retroactive Stop Loss Special Pay has been reinstated and extended to October 21, 2012. Service members and veterans whose military service was involuntarily extended under the "Stop Loss" program between the 9/11 terrorist attacks and Sept. 30, 2009, are eligible for special retroactive pay for the hardships the involuntary extensions caused. Eligible members or their beneficiaries may submit a claim to their respective military service to receive \$500 for each full or partial month served in a Stop Loss status. Because the majority of those eligible had separated from the military, many eligible service members, veterans and their beneficiaries are not aware of the benefit. For more information, go to http://www.defense.gov/home/features/2010/0710_stoploss.

VA Tinnitus Care Update: Ex-soldiers suffering from tinnitus related to their military service will have access to a nonsurgical, non-pharmacological treatment that uses low-level tones to relieve the often debilitating condition. The Department of Veterans Affairs awarded a contract to Sound Cure of San Jose, Calif., to provide its Serenade device to VA centers and clinics, the firm said. The FDA-cleared product is a handheld device that emits so-called S tones along narrow- and broad-band auditory stimuli that react with the auditory cortex to suppress tinnitus generation, according to the company. Patients perceive sounds from the device as softer than the tinnitus, yet they may completely eliminate perception of the tinnitus. The device's sound patterns are customized for each patients based on a clinical evaluation of their normal hearing as well as their tinnitus.

VA Burial Benefit Update: Many veterans are under the impression that their status as a veteran means that the government will pay for their burial. This is not true and it can cause great financial hardship for families who don't understand it at a time when they are least prepared to deal with it. It is very important that veterans have their discharge papers located in a secure place known to their next of kin. Eligibility for potential burial benefits depends on these documents, and they cannot always be obtained quickly from government sources. To be eligible for burial benefits, a veteran must have been discharged under conditions other than dishonorable. Certain other factors including time period and length of service may apply, so the family should contact the VA at 1-800-827-1000 for final determination of eligibility. Burial benefits available include a gravesite in any of VA's 131 national cemeteries, as well as in state- owned- and- operated veterans' cemeteries. For veterans interred at a national or state veterans' cemetery, the opening and closing of the grave and perpetual care are provided at no cost. If buried at a private cemetery, the family must pay these costs, as well as the cost of the plot and any related expenses. The VA will provide a burial flag, a government marker, and a Presidential Memorial Certificate, regardless of where the veteran is buried. If burial is to take place in a national or state veterans' cemetery, the cemetery will make the arrangements for the interment only. Neither the cemetery nor the VA makes funeral arrangements or performs cremations. It is the responsibility of the veteran's family to make arrangements for funeral services with a funeral home, including memorial services, viewings, preparing and transporting the remains, the casket, etc. Any items or services obtained from a funeral home will be at the families' expense, including the plot and grave provisions if the veteran is not buried in a national or state cemetery. The VA does not pay for any expenses related to a veteran's burial or funeral. Certain survivors may apply for a monetary burial allowance paid after-the-fact by the VA, but generally only if the veteran was in receipt of VA disability compensation or pension at the time of death, or if the veteran died while hospitalized by VA or while receiving care under VA contract at a non-VA facility. The amount payable depends on whether the veteran's death was related to a military service-connected disability, with the payments ranging from \$300 to \$2,000. There are other factors that can affect potential eligibility for this benefit, so veterans or their families should contact the VA at the 800 number above or your county veterans service officer for more information prior to actually needing the information.