

Newsletter

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FROM THE COMMANDER

Hello Comrades and friends,

I hope everyone had a great Christmas. I'd like to thank Ken Flock for running the Christmas party for us again this year. We'd like to thank Pete and Jill Hennes for making the table decorations. We had a great turnout and everyone had a good time. Wednesday's meeting will be the first in two months. I hope to see a good turnout. Our Omro contestant in the oratorical contest will give her speech for our enjoyment. Those who attended the mid winter conference in Marshfield will give a report. Tickets will be available for the spring Veteran's banquet (see attached article). We have the second highest rate of membership in the state. A huge thanks to John Vonderloh for the dedication he shows every year as our recruitment chairman. During our November meeting Ray Janiak shared with us the anniversary of the taking of the Pacific islands of Tarawa. I was a little taken aback, not knowing what to say to his statement. Going all the way back to my childhood I've always read everything I could on WWII. When Ray made his statement I knew full well the magnitude of what Ray was sharing with us. Tarawa is an atoll 2,500 miles southwest of Hawaii. Its importance was the airstrip on the biggest island of Betio. This was one of the bloodiest battles in Marine Corps history. Ray was a Navy Corpsman attached to a Marine unit. Most of you know that the Marines have no medical personnel of their own; they use Navy Corpsmen that are attached to their combat units. Ask any Marine and they'll tell you the extremely high regard in which they hold these medics. The Marines of the 2nd division lost 3,000 men. The Japanese lost 4,700 with only 17 survivors. I believe the battle lasted three days. Those who served in WWII are heroes to me. No generation in the last 200 years has done more to preserve our freedom than they have. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Ray and all of our WWII Veterans for stepping forward and serving during one of our nation's most trying times. Without your service we wouldn't be the country we are today. Keep warm everyone and I hope to see you Wednesday.

Yours in Comradeship
Rick Deiss

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

- 1/28/09** Post 234 Regular Meeting 7:30 PM @ Tanner's Tap & Grill, Omro, WI. There will be a special presentation by our oratorical contestant, Nicole Toetz
- 1/27/09 Signing of Vietnam Peace Accord (1973)
- 2/01/09 National Freedom Day
- 2/02/09 Groundhog Day
- 2/04/09 Four Chaplains Day (see article)
- 2/04/09** Omro Veteran's Memorial Advisory Committee Meeting 7:00 PM @ Tanner's Tap
- 2/08/09 Boy Scouts Of America Founded (1910)
- 2/12/09 President Lincoln's Birthday
- 2/14/09 St. Valentines Day
- 2/15/09 Sinking of the USS Maine (1898)
- 2/16/09 Presidents Day
- 2/18/09 Post Executive Committee 7:05 PM Tanners Tap
- 2/19/09 Winnebago County Council Of Veterans Organizations 9:30 AM @ James Coughlin Building
- 2/19/09 American Legion Winnebago County Council Meeting 7:00 PM Tanner's Tap Omro, WI (we are the host)
- 2/21/09 Regional & State Oratorical Contest Finals, Ripon College, Regional 10:00 AM, State Finals 2:00 PM
- 2/21/09 6th District Americanism Recognition Banquet, CJ's Ripon WI. 5:00 PM Social 6:00 PM Dinner
contact Bob Wipf (685-5323) to make reservation
- 2/22/09 President Washington's Birthday
- 2/23/09 Five Marines & A Navy Corpsman raised the flag on Mount Suribach, Iwo Jima (1945)
- 2/25/09 Ash Wednesday
- 02/25/09** Post 234 Regular Meeting 7:30 PM @ Tanner's Tap & Grill, Omro, WI.
- 05/09/09** Post 234 Veterans Dinner, Fin 'n' Feather Winneconne, WI



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Members At Large

Ken Jungwirth (1 yr)

Dean Larsen (3 yr)

John Vonderloh (2 yr)

A New Year For Post 234–A New Opportunity To Serve

With the beginning of a new Post 234 year comes the question “How will we meet the American Legion mission this year.” How will we provide services to Veterans, their families, and to our community. Membership in the Omro Post 234 certainly has many benefits. The physical benefits that the Legion provides to its members, such as reduced prices on many products and services. The camaraderie of fellow post members that hold the same experiences and American values as you do. As the Post plans its fund raising and other community activities for 2009, ask yourself “how can I help.” There are many organizations in the Omro community that you can belong to that will further your sports, hobby, social, or personal interests. But it is ONLY the Legion Post 234 that will allow you the opportunity to “Still Serve America.” To provide the patriotic leadership within the Omro community to ensure that our citizens and youth will remember the past sacrifices made for freedom. And to ensure that today’s returning veterans and their families receive every benefit and service possible to allow them a successful return to civilian life. Post 234 has many opportunities for each member to serve. Choose a committee or activity that matches your interests and serve whatever amount of time you have available. Let the Commander, Adjutant, or Committee Chairperson know how you can help. You paid your dues, now exercise your right to get involved and make a difference, after all isn’t that the REAL reason you joined the Post?

POST 234 ANNUAL SPRING VETERANS BANQUET

May 9th is the date we’ve set for this year’s banquet. We will once again be having it at the Fin N Feather in Winneconne. Cost is staying the same at \$20 per person. Tickets will be available at the January meeting. Ed Goss is once again chairing the event. We are still working on a guest speaker. We hope to have a name by meeting time. Ken Flock will be running the raffle and silent auction. Ken is looking for someone to help out getting donations for the event. If you’d like to help out please see Ken on Wednesday. We’ll have patriotic videos again this year. I should have one from the USS Green Bay gala that Ed Goss and I attended last fall. It’s a very moving, inspirational show. Last year our attendance was 150, let’s shoot for 150 again this year.