

Newsletter

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FROM THE COMMANDER

Hello Comrades and friends,

We will be voting this month on whether we'll have a Labor Day weekend event in Omro or not, (See attached article). This will be a barometer on the direction the membership wants the Post to go in. See attached article for details on the topic. It's like an election for politicians, if you don't come and vote, don't sit back and complain about how things are being done. You have a voice in the post, the meeting is the place to use it here's your chance to let us know your feelings on the subject. I was called about a notebook that was found in the basement of the Catholic Church, probably lost by a Veteran. There was a notation about Veterans Day at HB Patch. If this is your notebook contact HB Patch school office, they are holding it for you. Tickets and posters for the spring Veterans dinner will be ready for the February meeting. We'll once again have a contest for the most tickets sold. This year Chuck Albashian won't be able to sell tickets so we need to pick-up the slack for him. The Arts for the Humanity is asking for a donation, (see attached article) they came to a meeting a couple of months ago and did a presentation. They've expanded what they do. They now have counselors working with Vets suffering from post traumatic stress syndrome including several in our community. With spring fast approaching we need to remind our friends and neighbors to replace their worn American Flags. They have a collection box for the flags outside the police department. It's important to show the same pride for our flag by discarding it when worn as we do by proudly displaying it. I hope to see you at this months meeting, your vote counts.

Yours in Comradeship
Rick Deiss

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

- 2/24/10** Post 234 Regular Meeting 7:30 PM @ Tanner's Tap & Grill, Omro, WI.
- 3/02/10 Battle of Bismarck Sea Began (1943)
- 3/03/10 Star Spangled Banner Made USA National Anthem (1931)
- 3/14/10 Daylight Savings Time Begins
- 3/12/10 Girl Scouts Established (1912)
- 3/18/10 Winnebago County Council Of Veterans Organizations 9:30 AM @ James Coughlin Building
- 3/15/10 American Legion is founded In Paris at the first caucus by members of The American Expeditionary Force (1919)
- 3/17/10 St. Patrick's Day
- 3/17/10** Post Executive Committee 7:05 PM Tanners Tap
- 3/24/10** Post 234 Regular Meeting 7:30 PM @ Tanner's Tap & Grill, Omro, WI
- 3/31/09 Veterans Day In The Capital 10 AM- 4 PM WDVA Building/Capitol Building Madison
- 3/19-21/10 Post 234 9-pin Tap Bowling Tournament
- 4/25/10 6th District Spring Conference
- 05/08/10** Post 234 Veterans Dinner, Omro Fire Department, Omro WI

WE NEED BOWLERS

Plans for the second annual 9-pin tap tournament are complete. The dates and times for bowling are the weekend of March 19-21. The bowling sessions will be Friday 7PM Saturday 1PM and Sunday at noon. We need our Veterans to come on down and bowl. It's one of the fun things we do as a Post. Challenge your fellow Veterans, friends, family and neighbors to come on down and bowl. We need to do our best to fill the three time slots that Jeff of Legend Lanes as given us in order to keep on having the event. The cost is \$20 that includes the cost of bowling, prize money and a donation to our Post. We'll be having a 50/50 raffle at each session also. Proceeds from last year's event were donated to the Legacy Fund. This year's event's proceeds will go into the posts general fund.



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 Ken Jungwirth (3 yr)
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MEMBERSHIP REPORT

I just received conformation from Portage that our post has reached 100%. I'm very proud of all our members for their effort to continue our goals and to pay their dues on time. The reason we have 100% is that we picked up several new members. I still have 8 members that haven't paid. If for some reason that you have not paid and are planning to discontinue your membership, please, please let me know to see if there's something we can do to help you. Vondy 920-252-2893.

CHAPLAINS CORNER

Our Father we praise You for Your goodness to our nation, giving us blessings far beyond what we deserve. Yet we know all is not right with America. We deeply need a moral and spiritual renewal to help us conquer the problems we face. Convict us of sin. Help us to turn to You in repentance and faith. Set our feet on the path of Your righteousness and peace. We pray today for our nation's leaders. Give them the wisdom do what is right. You have said, "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord." May we humble ourselves and acknowledge You alone as our Savior and Lord. This we pray in Your holy name, Amen. (Billy Graham)
 Steve Goller-Post 234 Chaplain (920)420-4610

OPERATION COMFORT WARRIORS

The American Legion's Operation Comfort Warriors is competing for a \$250,000 grant to be awarded by Pepsi Cola, Inc, as part of its Refresh Everything project. 729 charities are competing for grants, which are determined by the number of votes received at Pepsi's Refresh Everything Web site. Operation Comfort Warriors is currently in second place. The top two vote getters will receive quarter-million dollar grants. Visitors can cast their votes every day between now and Feb. 28 by visiting www.legion.org and clicking on the Pepsi Refresh icon on the right side of the page or by visiting <http://www.refresheverything.com/operationcomfortwarriors>.

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

Artists for the Humanities

In 2003 Artist Tim Mayer had an idea to paint portraits of veterans who had died while serving our country while volunteering at an art gallery devoted to veterans. In 2005 that became a reality when he began the first portraits painted in oil of veterans who had died from their war wounds in the conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan. On September 11, 2006 Mayer, with the help of many others organized the first of several honor and memory ceremonies to honor military veterans and their families in the State Capitol Rotunda in Madison. Two more ceremonies followed along with a display in the US Bank Lobby directly across from the Capitol Building in Madison. The painted portraits became the Fallen Soldiers Project. Mayer then created the non-profit organization Artists for the Humanities (AFTH). Sensing the need to do more for those who serve us every day, Mayer began the Return and Recovery Program under the umbrella of his newly formed organization. The Return and Recovery Program has been created to address veterans and their families suffering the effects of war. The effort utilizes creative arts as well as the industrial arts along with counseling to help assist military men and women suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder, traumatic brain injury, and major depression.

The Artists for the Humanities non-profit became an IRS 501 (c) (3) public charity in June of 2009. AFTH has received much needed support from many veterans' service organizations. The organization works closely with Veterans and has received funding support from many other veterans' service organizations.

In October of this year AFTH displayed the portraits of the Fallen Soldiers Project and artwork created by veterans from the Return and Recovery Program at the UW-Whitewater Fiskum Art Gallery. The Universities ROTC Program and Center sponsored the program for Students With Disabilities on Veterans Day. A reception culminated the display and was attended by hundreds, including many students and faculty. University Professors utilized the opportunity as an educational teaching tool for their students. The portraits have traveled to Chicago for the second time this year and are featured during the holiday season in the Loop on State Street in the windows of Dick Blick Art Materials. Blick is a major sponsor of AFTH and has contributed thousands of dollars of art supplies for AFTH's therapy programs. Most recently Oshkosh Truck Corporation donated 25,000 to AFTH. The generous contribution will help AFTH to reach even more veterans and will also aid in the creation of more portraiture that will honor those who have served. Artists for the Humanities began the Fallen Soldiers Project to honor those who have died because of their war wounds from the current conflicts in Iraq, Afghanistan, and the Middle East but is now expanding the effort to include veterans from the Second World War to the present with all States, Territories, and Commonwealths to be represented.

Artists for the Humanities needs continued support to continue to reach more in need of their services. They can be reached by phone: 920-915-5595, email: contactus@artistsforthehumanities, or by mail: PO Box 882 Appleton, WI 54912-0882. They can be also found on the web at artistsforthehumanities.org

LABOR DAY WEEKEND EVENT

We will be voting on whether or not to hold an event on Labor Day weekend. You will be given a ballot at our meeting in order to vote on how you feel about the event. We will first discuss it so you understand what will be involved and the reasons for holding such an event before you vote. If we do decide to hold the event I'll be calling on all members who are physically able to work to help out. This means the phone will be ringing to find out which part of the event we can count on you helping out on. The only way this can work is with all of us pulling together. The main reason for the event is to try to hold a once a year fundraiser that will support our Post instead of having to work on fundraisers year round to accomplish our goals. The four choices on the ballot will be:

No fundraiser: I'm happy with how things are now

Raffle mailing only: I think we can meet our goals by doing just the mailing

One-day event on Sunday: I think we should try a one-day event first and see how it goes. A one-day event will include a craft fair, motorcycle and watercraft poker run, food, drinks and music in the big pavilion in Scott Park.

Two-day event: Will include the activities above and the following. Music and food on Saturday and a motorcycle show and possible a carnival to attract people on Saturday.

NATIONAL EMERGENCY FUND

Our Preamble to The American Legion Constitution says it best, "...devotion to mutual helpfulness." This phrase is more than just mere words on paper; it's our pledge of support to our distressed comrades. Since the early 1920's, The American Legion has been actively involved in meeting the needs of both the community and individual Legion family members in the wake of disaster.

Hurricanes, tornadoes, earthquakes, wildfires...The American Legion National Emergency Fund was born out of natural disasters to compassionately heal the wounds of catastrophe and help save their homes. A major disaster could happen to any Legionnaire in any town at anytime and make them homeless.

The National Emergency Fund has provided over \$6,000,000 in direct financial assistance to Legion family members and posts. The National Emergency Fund has kept posts from closing and enabled Legion family members to begin to rebuild their homes and their lives.