

# Newsletter

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## FROM THE COMMANDER

Hello Comrades and Friends

2011 was a great year for our post as we received many awards at the State Convention. 2012 is shaping up to be even better. Thanks to Tom Bryson for chairing the Christmas party (with help from his wife) and to Gale Pierce and DonnaMarie Hasenfus for some fantastic prizes and gifts. We just completed our post Oratorical Contest on Sunday, Jan 15. We only had 2 contestants, Hannah Boudin and Kristie Kettlewell, but they were both good speakers. The winner, Hannah, will be at our January meeting to give her presentation on the 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment. You don't want to miss it. The County Oratorical contest will be held on Sunday, January 29th at 1:30 pm at Valley Christian High School in Oshkosh. Thanks to Bob Wipf for chairing this event. He is looking forward to escorting Hannah to the National Oratorical contest. Our Mid-Winter Conference is coming up this weekend and we should have a report on it at our meeting. Hope to see you all on January 23rd.

Yours in Comradeship  
Dave Steinert

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Additional information about upcoming events can be found on the post website: [www.omropost234.org](http://www.omropost234.org)**

- 1/20-22/12 Wisconsin American Legion Midwinter Conference in Wisconsin Dells, WI
- 1/25/12 **Post Executive Committee 6:00 PM Tanners Tap & Grill**
- 1/25/12 **Post 234 Regular Meeting 7:30 PM @ Tanner's Tap & Grill, Omro, WI.**
- 1/27/12 Signing of Vietnam Peace Accord (1973)
- 1/29/12 Winnebago County Oratorical Contest at Valley Christian School in Oshkosh, WI. 1:30 PM
- 2/01/12 National Freedom Day
- 2/02/12 Groundhog Day
- 2/03/12 Four Chaplains Sunday Observance
- 2/05/12 6<sup>th</sup> District Oratorical Contest at Fond du lac Post 75 @ 1:00 PM
- 2/06/12 Omro Veterans Memorial Meeting 7:00 PM Tanners Tap & Grill
- 2/08/12 Boy Scouts Of America Founded (1910)
- 2/19/12 Winnebago County Council Of Veterans Organizations 9:30 AM @ James Coughlin Building
- 2/12/12 President Lincoln's Birthday
- 2/14/12 St. Valentines Day
- 2/15/12 Sinking of the USS Maine (1898)
- 2/16/12 American Legion Winnebago County Council Meeting 7:30 PM Tanner's Tap Omro, WI (we are the host)
- 2/20/12 Presidents Day
- 2/25/12 Regional & State Oratorical Contest Finals, Ripon College, Regional 10:00 AM, State Finals 2:00 PM
- 2/25/12 6<sup>th</sup> District Americanism Recognition Banquet, CJ's Ripon WI. 5:00 PM Social 6:00 PM Dinner
- 2/22/12 President Washington's Birthday
- 2/23/12 Five Marines & A Navy Corpsman raised the flag on Mount Suribach, Iwo Jima (1945)
- 02/25/12 **Post Executive Committee 6:00 PM Tanners Tap & Grill**
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- 03/06/12 Post 234 Bowling 9-pin tap tournament (12:00 PM & 3:00 PM)

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



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

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

Hello, I'm setting in Florida this morning thinking about all my friends in WI and other colder states. Had to rub it in. We in our post have done very well with membership this year. We still have about 10 members to send in their dues to be perfect. We have 100% from the state, but only because of the new membership and transfers. Please help us by sending in your dues. Again if you are having some health problems or money problems let me know so We can help. This is what we are about!! Take care and have a great day. Vondy

**CHAPLAINS CORNER**

A college professor, an avowed Atheist, was teaching his class. He shocked several of his students when he flatly stated he was going to prove there was no God. Addressing the ceiling he shouted: "God, if you are real, then I want you to knock me off this platform. I'll give you 15 minutes!" The lecture room fell silent. You could have heard a pin fall. Ten minutes went by. Again he taunted God, saying, "Here I am, God. I'm still waiting." His count-down got down to the last couple of minutes when a Marine - just released from active duty and newly registered in the class - walked up to the professor, hit him full force in the face, and sent him tumbling from his lofty platform. The professor was out cold! At first, the students were shocked and babbled in confusion. The young Marine took a seat in the front row and sat silent. The class fell silent...waiting. Eventually, the professor came to, shaken he looked at the young Marine in the front row. When the professor regained his senses and could speak he asked: "What's the matter with you? Why did you do that?" "Well sir, God was busy so he sent the Marines."

**BOWLERS NEEDED**

Plans for the third annual 9-pin tap tournament are complete. The date and times for bowling are March 6th. The bowling sessions will be at 12:00 PM and 3:00 PM. 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 two 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, a drink, and a donation to our Post. We'll be having a 50/50 raffle at each session also. This year's event's proceeds will go to Vet Dogs of America.

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# “Still Serving America” Legionnaire Of The Year      Christmas Parade 2011 Rick Deiss



**Christmas Party**



**Post 234 Honor Guard**



**Pearl Harbor Service**



## IRS Penalties & Interest:

The following is a list of IRS Penalties most often assessed:

- **Filing Late** - Failure to timely file a tax return is subject to a penalty 5% of the net amount of tax due for each month or partial month up to 25%. The penalty for filing a fraudulent return is 15% up to 75% of the net amount of tax due.
- **Accuracy Penalty** - 20% applies to understatements in excess of \$5,000 or 10% of the tax to be reported, whichever is greater.
- **Paying Late** - The penalty for paying taxes after the due date is .05% of the unpaid tax each month up to 25%.
- **Estimated Taxes**- The penalty for failing to pay estimated taxes by the due date is the IRS standard interest rate multiplied by the amount of the underpayment for the late period.

Taxpayers are obligated to file a return by the tax deadline or an extension date. Filing a return indicates to the federal government the taxpayer's assessment of his tax liability, and it is a statement the IRS can evaluate for accuracy. When a taxpayer fails to file a return, the IRS is obliged to think the taxpayer has an intent to deceive. This is frowned upon and may result in criminal charges. The taxpayer can avoid an estimated tax penalty by proving the lateness was not due to willful neglect, but to a reasonable cause. The accuracy penalty can be reduced or eliminated by showing reasonable cause as well.

**Congress~ 112th Update:** Here is an estimated timeline of when important actions will occur in the second session of the 112th Congress:

- **Mid February:** The President will submit his annual budget proposals to Congress. On or before this date we'll find out exactly what the Pentagon and Administration will propose in order to cut \$450 billion in defense spending over the next decade. Pay freezes, manpower cuts, TRICARE fee increases, retirement changes, and more could be included in the proposal.
- **Late March:** Six weeks after the President delivers his budget to Congress, congressional committees are required to submit their "views and estimates" of spending and revenues within their respective jurisdictions to the House and Senate Budget Committees.
- **April:** House and Senate Budget Committees draft and mark up concurrent resolution on the budget, which sets spending limits for the year. April 15 is the deadline for completion of action on the budget resolution (though partisan and fiscal differences have precluded approval of a formal budget resolution in recent years, and that may prove true again in 2012.)
- **May:** The House and Senate Armed Services Committees will likely begin work on the FY2013 Defense Authorization Bill, including any changes that may be imposed by budget resolution spending limits.
- **May-July:** Full House and Senate pass their respective versions of the defense bill.
- **July-October:** House and Senate negotiators resolve differences between their respective versions.
- **October-December:** Final Defense Authorization Bill passed by House and Senate and becomes law.
- **November 6:** Presidential and Congressional elections.
- **December 31:** Deadline to pass an alternative debt reduction plan in order to avoid the sequestration process that will cut another \$600 billion from defense spending over the next decade.

## Why & If

- Why isn't the number 11 pronounced onety-one?
- If 4 out of 5 people SUFFER from diarrhea...does that mean that one out of five enjoys it?
- Why do croutons come in airtight packages? Aren't they just stale bread to begin with?
- If people from Poland are called Poles, then why aren't people from Holland called Holes?
- If a pig loses its voice, is it disgruntled?
- Why is a person who plays the piano called a pianist, but a person who drives a racecar is not called a racist?
- If it's true that we are here to help others, then what exactly are the others here for?