

Newsletter

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FROM THE COMMANDER

Hello Comrades and friends,

The busy month of May is finally behind us. With the Veterans banquet, LZ Lambeau and the Honor Ride, our golf outing, the first annual Memorial Dance and Memorial Day activities behind us we can relax and ease into enjoying our summer. I'd like to give a special thanks to our Veteran sisters, Annette and Christine Reichard for doing a great job planting the flower beds in our Veterans Memorial. We will once again be having the pancake breakfast before the parade on the fourth of July at Tanners Tap. We need a few people to help bus tables and sell breakfasts. We will once again have our deuce and a halves to ride in for the parade. Bob Wipf finally got his new hip and is on the road to recovery. Next year Bob will be fair game for all us golfers. Get your reservation in now for the "I had to wait two years to whip Bob at golf tournament". If you have any idea what Bob has been thru the past two years you'll understand when you see that Bob is the first one to sign-up for that tournament. Our finance officer, Toni continues to suffer from her chronic back problems. It looks like Toni will need another surgery. She's been having surgeries for 5 years now as the doctors struggle to fix her back. All of us need to pray that Toni can finally put the pain and suffering that she's dealt with behind her. Post elections are this month. Show your support for your favorite candidate by attending this months meeting and voting. Next months Commander's message will be my last as the Post Commander. I'll have a lot to say about our Post and the pride I have in all we have done and the difference we make in the lives of our Veterans both active and not. The difference we make in our community and our youth. Leading into that I want to say a few words on the difference our Veterans are making on a District and State level. For a brief time this spring two of our Veterans will be holding two of the top four state posts in Wisconsin. John Hoeft is the newly elected State Commander of the DAV and Ralph Beck is the outgoing State Commander of AMVETS. There are well over 100,000 Veterans active in Veteran organizations throughout the state but our little 130 plus member post has the Commanders of two of the four biggest Veteran organizations. The District 6 Central Vice Commander and County Commander is Pete Hennes. The District 3 DAV Commander is Tom Weber. Bob Wipf and Jim Romnek are on state committees; Tim Freiman and myself hold District positions in the American Legion Riders. Ken Ochalla is the County Adjutant/Finance Officer. These Veterans aren't hunting for accolades but I think it's important to credit them for all of their hard work in the name of Veterans If I have forgotten anyone I apologize. But this illustrates the impact our small Post has in Veteran issues state wide. Next month I'll talk more about our Post, its members and how we became the example the state uses when talking about how to successfully start a Post. Have a great summer and I hope to see you at this months meeting.

Yours in Comradeship
Rick Deiss

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

- 6/22/10 Pledge of Allegiance recognized by Congress in Springfield, IL 1935
- 6/22/10 **Post 234 50/50 Raffle at Oshkosh Speed Zone @ 5:00 PM (contact John Vonderloh to help)**
- 6/23/10 **Post 234 Regular Meeting 7:30 PM @ Tanner's Tap & Grill, Omro, WI.**
- 6/25/10 Korean War began 1950
- 6/29/10 First U.S. Ground forces arrived in Korea
- 7/04/10 Independence Day-Ride in the parade and celebrate the 4th of July in Omro
- 7/04/10 Post 234 Pancake Breakfast at Tanner's Tap (see article)
- 7/08/10 Winnebago County Council Of Veterans Organizations 9:30 AM @ James Coughlin Building
- 7/14/10 Timber Rattler Baseball Game "Salute To Veterans" @ 7:00 PM (see article)
- 7/14-18/10 **American Legion Department Of Wisconsin Convention @ Wausau, WI**
- 7/21/10 **Post Executive Committee Meeting 7:00 PM @ Tanner's Tap**
- 7/27/09 Korean War Ended (1953)
- 7/28/10 **Post 234 Regular Meeting 7:30 PM @ Tanner's Tap & Grill, Omro, WI.**

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

CHAPLAINS CORNER

Although the separation of church and state is essential to both religious and personal freedoms in America, the concept of God and country working in unison is important if America is to survive long-term as a nation. Tragically many of those Americans who call themselves “God-fearing”, “Saved” and “Patriotic” are in fact either deluded and in some form of denial about their spiritual ethics and patriotism, or they are downright hypocritical. Americans who are truly worthy of standing proudly before our flag with their right hand over their heart, and who truly care to please God, should also possess the integrity and courage to stand in unison against the destruction of our Constitution and Bill of Rights, the stripping away of our freedoms and putting God in the back seat. For America to endure the long haul, every action we take whether on-the-job, at home, in our church or temple, must be based upon ethical principles. This nation needs to spend a lot of time on its knees in earnest prayer for God’s wisdom and grace. Please pray for our country. Trust in Him.

Steve Goller-Post 234 Chaplain (920)420-4610

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

This month is just a reminder that our 2011 dues will be starting next month. Also our 50/50 at the racetrack in Oshkosh (pray for no rain) will be Tuesday the 22nd of June. Have a great month and remember! Be Careful Out There!!! Till next month. Vondy. 920-252-2893.

T-SHIRTS

For those of you that ordered T-shirts from Dean Larsen, they should be available at the Post meeting. Cost is SML \$8.50, 2X \$10.50, and 3X \$11.50.

POST 234 PANCAKE BREAKFAST

We will be having a pancake breakfast on July 4th from 7 to 11 at Tanner’s Tap in the dining room. Tanner’s Tap cooks will cook the pancakes and sausage and we’ll serve them. Cost is \$5.00 per person. All proceeds will go to our Legion Post.

TIMBER RATTER BASEBALL GAME-“SALUTE TO VETRANS”

The Post Color Guard will be presenting colors for the July 14th 7:00 PM Timber Rattlers game. All Post members are invited to attend and sit as a group. Contact Dean Larsen (920-685-5610) before June 25th for tickets, cost is \$7.00.

2010 Omro Legion Post 234 Baseball Schedule

June 9	@ Shawano	TBA
June 10	Clintonville	6pm
June 11	@ Berlin	7:30
June 14	S. Wood Co.	6pm
June 16	Weyauwega	6pm
June 21	Rosholt	6pm
June 22	Berlin	6pm
June 24-27	@ Shawano Vs. Marion	TBA
June 28	@ Weyauwega	7pm
June 29	@ Wittenberg	7pm
July 1	Waushara	6pm
July 6	@ Waushara	6pm
July 12	Iola DH	5pm
July 19	Bonduel	6pm
July 21	Regionals	TBA

(Dates & Times subject to change)

Family Support Network

The American Legion's Family Support Network is ready to provide immediate assistance to service personnel and families whose lives have been directly affected by Operation Iraqi Freedom and America's war on terror.



Family Support Network (cont)

Since Sept. 11, 2001, the nation's active-duty military has been on high alert, and National Guard and reserve units are being mobilized in record numbers. As a result, the families of these men and women often find themselves unable to meet normal monthly expenses, and assistance is needed for a variety of everyday chores. These tasks include grocery shopping, child care, mowing the grass, fixing the family car and other routine household jobs.

To address these issues, The American Legion has a nationwide toll-free telephone number, **(800) 504-4098**, for service members and their family members to call for assistance. Applicants can apply online by clicking the assistance form at the top of the page. Calls are referred to The American Legion department, or state in which the call originated. Departments relay the collected information to a local American Legion post. The local post then contacts the service member or family to see how assistance can be provided locally. Since the creation of the Family Support Network during the first Persian Gulf War, thousands of posts have responded to meet these families' needs.

Posts are reminded that families in financial need with minor children are encouraged to call on the [Temporary Financial Assistance](#) program at National Headquarters to assist. Otherwise, it is up to local posts to provide or develop the resources necessary to meet the need.

As our forces pursue the enemies of freedom in Iraq and around the globe, The American Legion supports our men and women in uniform and their families with the Family Support Network.

The American Legion post, in its infancy, was very much a "community" post.



Made up of friends and neighbors, members knew everyone else in the post, their families and friends. The post knew immediately when a veteran or family member was in trouble, and help was always ready and available to everyone associated with the organization. The post existed as a network of friends and comrades who cared for one another and responded when a need was known.

The Family Support Network is much the same. The difference lies in the expanding population and the loss of the close neighborhood relationships that defined the posts of yesterday. The Family Support Network developed during the early days of Operation Desert Shield, and later Operation Desert Storm and the Persian Gulf War. For the first time in American history, the "total force concept" was activated without advance notice or preparation. While National Guard and reserve units activated were equipped for the military mission ahead, the military was not adequately prepared to deal with or support the thousands of families left behind during the mobilization. Paychecks were often lost, not forwarded to the family or not even generated. This was especially true for the families of reservists and National Guardsmen.

The Family Support Network works when Legionnaires at the post level respond to the increasing needs of comrades and their families. As the nation's largest veterans organization, our commitment to the men and women of our armed forces and their families never wavers. Together, we must act to ensure that no family endures hardships caused by military service. By doing so, we ensure that The American Legion is "Still Serving America."