

**ATTENTION:  
2011 UNPAID MEMBERS**

Your membership in  
Post & Unit 102  
expired  
December 31, 2010.  
As of January 1, 2011  
you are considered delinquent and  
March 1, 2011 you will be  
removed from the  
Post roster.

We need you to remain a  
member of Post 102. Please  
remit your dues for the year 2011  
**NOW!**

**Come Celebrate**  
The 92nd  
**Birthday**  
of The American Legion



**March 12, 2011**

**Commander's Hall**

**Post 102**

**6:00 P.M Social**

**7:00 Dinner**

**Cost \$10.00 Donation**



Dinner open to all Legion, Auxiliary, Sons of the  
American Legion Members and Guests.

**Purchase Your Tickets at Post Club Room  
At the Pull Tab Booth Before 3/5/2011**

**No Phone Reservations**

**All Reservations must be pre-paid**

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# ADJUTANT'S NOTES

by Gary Munkholm

A hearty welcome to our new member Christopher Knight to Anoka American Legion Post 102. We hope to see you at future meetings and join us in fellowship during other times of the week.

If you are reading this newsletter and haven't paid your dues for the year please send them in as soon as possible. We are getting close to making our membership goal for the year and we need everyone's support. Remember that your membership counts with the show of numbers at the State and National level for congressional help to aid our fellow comrades.

Ray Turnquist was named to fill the remainder of the open Executive Committee position. Many thanks to Ray for taking on this important position as his professional and business skills will help us in the every operation of the club.

Many thanks to Paul Adler for putting together a crew to install the new membership board. The next step is to frame it and add lighting.

Gambling manager Paul Adler presented the following list of donations which were approved by the general membership:

Member Recognition Brunch on New Year's Day	.....	\$ 650
Minnesota Special Olympics donation	.....	200
Donation for Drivers to St. Cloud VAMC	.....	80
Registration for Boys State	.....	825
Assist needy Veterans or Family	.....	1,500
Emergency money	.....	500

It's traditional at the New Year to examine our commitments and set goals for the coming year. I suggest that each Legion, Auxiliary, SAL & Rider commit to more active participation in post activities. A small, but very dedicated group of volunteers have worked extremely hard to make the Post events happen. New volunteers are always needed to help with honor guard, parades, visiting vet's hospitals, setting up and taking down decorations for holidays, poppy distribution, and many other things as they come up. The people who volunteer deserve your heartfelt thanks. Less than one half of one percent of the Post members, along with the Auxiliary, SAL & Riders are the ones doing 98 percent of the work! The post needs an infusion of enthusiasm from some new volunteers before the current workers burn out! Without increased participation, our programs will suffer. **Don't wait to be asked!** Consider this your personal invitation to get involved or reinvolved.

A concerned member.



Post 102 extends sincere sympathy to the family of

**LEE A. SCULLY**

Lee was a 19 year member of The American Legion and a Korean War Veteran



## 10th Dist. American Legion Mid-Winter Conference



*District Dignitaries*

Edward B. Cutter Post 102 proudly hosted the 10th District American Legion Mid-Winter Conference on Saturday, January 8th. Our Legion family showed what the term "FAMILY" means. The cooperation of all is what produced a successful conference.

This conference always produces a vast array of information on the programs of the Legion, Auxiliary, SAL and Legion Riders.

Thank you, thank you, to the Anoka Legion family. A special thanks to Sue Nunnelee (registration) and to Jan Reiter for organizing the noon meal.

Cliff Newman – Chairman  
Sandy Phillips - Co-Chairman

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## Commander's Column Ron Wolford

The snow is still coming down and snow lovers must be loving their white world. The Mid-Winter Conference is in the past and a great job was done by our Tenth District Commander Darrel Redepenning. Every year the conferences get better and better. If you have not had the opportunity to go to one of these conferences please make the effort and find out more about the Mighty Tenth. Darrel and everyone involved deserves a big thank you for making our post look so good.

Just when you think you have thanked everyone for helping around the post you forgot to mention Gary Reimann. I was told that Gary spent some time on the fireplace and he also put in some effort on the new membership board in the bar area with all of our names. If I left someone else out, it was not done on purpose.

Stay healthy until we meet again.

Let me end this column with another quote from  
Maya Angelou,  
*"If you don't like something, change it.  
If you can't change it, change your attitude."*

### POST HOSPITAL EQUIPMENT

Call Frank Menter 763-421-7277 for an  
appointment to pick up any equipment:

Only members of our Post, Auxiliary and Sons of The American Legion and their respective families will be allowed use of our hospital equipment.

### DINNER BUFFET

January 22, 2011

Before the Comedy Show

6:30 – 8:00 pm

**\$10.00 – advance tickets**

**\$12.00 – at the door**

**Purchase at Pull-Tab Booth**



## S.A.L. NEWS Commander Allen Amundson

Happy New Year Everyone! I hope all of you had an enjoyable Holiday Season. I know I certainly did. Along with various Legion related events, it was a busy month.

I participated in the District Oratorical Contest on Dec 18 at our Post. We had eight contestants this year, for a new record. As usual, it was inspiring to listen to these young people talk about the Constitution. If you have never attended, I would like to suggest you try to do so next year.

On Dec 20 Charlie Heemer and I helped at a Christmas Bingo Party at St. Cloud VA Hospital. After the Bingo, cookies and potato chips were passed out. These veterans are so appreciative of our efforts and we all had an enjoyable time.

I want to thank the S.A.L. members who helped us serve at the annual 40&8 Christmas Banquet. I also want to thank all those who attended and helped at the 10th District Mid-Winter Conference here at Anoka this past weekend. We had a good turnout and I believe a great time was had by all.

On Saturday, January 22, we will be sponsoring a Dinner Buffet prior to the Comedy Show from 6:30 to 8:00pm. Tickets are available at the Pull-Tab Booth and are \$10.00 in advance, \$12.00 at the door. Please join us for a delicious dinner, as well as the Comedy Show.

Don't forget the upcoming annual S.A.L. Membership Gala on Feb 20 featuring the 'Daytona 500'. All S.A.L. Members (and guest) are welcome, with all proceeds going to the ACBC Food Shelf. Also, thanks to all who donated to our annual Food Shelf drive over the holidays. We turned in 162 lbs.

Our membership currently stands at 165 – 95% of goal. Please keep those renewals coming in. By the way, if you haven't seen the new membership boards at the Post, I suggest you stop by and do so.

Until next month...  
"Let's Make a Difference"

**S.A.L. Squadron 102 - Anoka, MN**

**annual**

**"MEET YOUR MEMBERS"**

**GALA**

**Daytona 500**

**Sunday, Feb. 20, 2011 – 12:00 Noon**

# JAN'S JOTTINGS

by Jan Reiter

The regular meeting of Edward B. Cutter American Legion Auxiliary was held on Tuesday, January 4, 2011.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**Americanism:** Deb Mayasich reported she has some certificates to hand out to businesses that fly flags. If you know of any business that flies a flag or needs a flag, please let Deb know.

**Children & Youth:** Norah Wyman reported she spent \$50 and helped another family for Christmas.

**Community Service:** Book went around for community service hours recorded.

**Field Service:** Bingo is held the 2nd Wednesday of every month, 2:15pm at Twin River Care Center. Lynette reported she handed out 24 stuffed animal and 65 Christmas cards to the residents at TRCC.

**Fund Raising:** Casino trip to Jackpot Junction on Feb. 25th will be an overnighter.

**Junior's Activities:** Sue Nunnelee reported the Juniors will be having a Fun Day at Lino Lakes on Feb 26th.

## Past President's Parley News

The Sixth Annual Holiday Dinner, sponsored by the Past President's Parley, was well attended by 48 Past Commanders, Past Presidents, and Past SAL Commanders, and their guests. Post SAL cooks servers did a great job with the meals and serving. Social hour music was provided by Gary Munkholm, with his clarinet, Thank You! Seven beautiful Red Poinsettia centerpieces were given away as door prizes. Everybody enjoyed a nice evening, visiting, and seeing some old friends they haven't seen for a while. Also "Thank You" to the Past Presidents that brought the dessert for our dinner.



Past President's Parley Co-Chairs  
Barb Ridge and Kathy Zwerdling



## In Memoriam

### LORETTA MARIE (Kay) DALE

Loretta, a 44 year Auxiliary member, was born December 26, 1924 in Anoka and passed away December 28, 2010 in Anoka.

Edward B. Cutter Unit 102 extends its sympathy to son Peter, wife Jane and daughter Jolene. A memorial to Project Hope was sent by the Unit.

## Auxiliary Membership

**Are YOU one of the 42 senior members who have not yet renewed your membership in the American Legion Auxiliary? (There are also 10 junior members whose dues have not been paid!)**

A 2nd dues notice from National will be in the mail to you in January – please respond.

Some of you will also receive a letter or postcard from me reminding you to please send your 2011 dues and to do so as soon as possible.

Betty Erickson, Chairman 763-421-4562  
1826 Cressy Ave., Anoka, MN 55303



# Casino Bus Trip to Jackpot Junction



## Anoka Unit 102 Fund Raiser

### February 25th & 26th



#### Bus Leaves

Anoka Legion at 6:00 p.m. 02/25/11  
Leaves Casino at 5:00 p.m 02/26/11



## Games

## BINGO

**Cost**  
\$75.00 Double Occupancy  
(If you have free room coupon from JJ -  
Cost \$50.00)  
(Ask Carol for Details)  
(Includes bus ride and 1 night  
lodging at Casino Hotel)  
\$40.00 Cash Back  
400 Points on JJ Card

## FUN Beverages & Snacks on Bus

**Reservations with Fee must be made by February 15, 2011  
Leave at Post Pull Tab Booth**



## President's Column

**Darlene Thell**

A lot of good things were going on at our Post during the beautiful Christmas season. I attended the wonderful Past Presidents and Commanders Holiday Dinner. The very delicious meal was prepared by the SAL – thank you SAL for all your hard work and good food. Thank you, also, to Barb Ridge and Kathy Zwerdling for chairing this event and for the great job you did.

I was there early on Saturday, December 18th for the 10th Dist. annual Oratorical Contest at our Post and was very impressed with the talented students that participated in the contest. I felt honored to sit in on the contest; our youth are our future and I am very proud of those students. The Department Oratorical Contest will be held January 29 at our Anoka Post.

Thank you to all those who brought cookies and toys etc. to help out with the event for soldiers kids also held on December 18. Lets always remember our military and their families.

The New Years Day Brunch was another wonderful event. The food, prepared by the Legion, was delicious as usual. The Auxiliary Past Presidents held their annual bake sale at the same time which turned out well. Thank you to all who donated food and money, and to all who joined in on the brunch.

Our January 8th Mid-Winter Conference went very well. Thank you to all the Legion, SAL and Auxiliary members who helped make it so successful. A huge thank you to the chairs Sandy Phillips, Cliff Newman, Sue Nunnelee and Jan Reiter who put in a lot of hours for this event.

Thank you to everyone who donated coins and dollars for the Homeless Veterans Fund. We collected \$45 at our Unit meeting and the holiday dinner. We will continue having a money container at our Unit meetings for this cause. Thank you.

God Bless America and the American Legion

### VA Shower

The Mpls. and St. Cloud Veterans Hospitals would like our help with providing personal needs items.

These include (motel size) bottles of shampoo, lotions, tooth paste, (no mouth wash), teeth cleaner, deoderant, etc. etc. Bring items to the February and March meetings or to the pull-tab booth.

**Anyone can help with this project for our veterans - not just the Auxiliary.**

**Cathy Newman,  
VA&R Chairman**

## New Years Day Fundraiser

This New Year's Day, 2011 Bake Sale was a moderate success, only making \$203.50. The food and money donations were down this year, along with the Post and Auxiliary members attending the brunch. If any Past President would like to make a cash donation it would be appreciated. We use this money to pay for membership dues of our Gold Star Mothers and members who are in nursing homes and unable to pay. We have also donated \$100 to the Dept. Healthcare Scholarship Fund.

A big "Thank You" to the 12 Past Presidents that donated baked goods for the sale: Liz Abeln, Barb Fechner, Jan Reiter, Karen Orr, Norah Wyman, Sue Nunnelee, Cathy Newman, Darlene Thell, Donna Redepening, Betty Erickson, Kathy Zwerdling and Barb Ridge. Also "Thank You" to the 4 Past Presidents that made a cash donation: Betty Redepening, Doris Adkins, Nancy Bever, Sandy Phillips, and Darlene Thell, who bought back one of her items she donated, a pumpkin pie. Also, "Thank You" to Liz Abeln, Barb Fechner and Darlene Thell for helping me at the bake sale table.



*Barb F., Darlene, Barb R., Liz*

### PAST PRESIDENT'S PARLEY HEALTH CARE SCHOLARSHIP



Up to Ten (10) \$1,000 scholarships awarded for one year to members of the American Legion Auxiliary, Dept. of Minnesota. Must be used for continuing her education beyond high school, in vocational or post secondary education to commence or further her education in the health care or post secondary education field.

Must be an Auxiliary member for 3 years.

**Contact Barb Ridge  
763-421-2451 before March 1st, 2011**

# FEBRUARY 2011

## 13 - 19 National Salute to Hospitalized Veterans Week

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>CLUB DISPLAY DAYS</p> 	<p>February 12th Lincoln's Birthday February 21st Presidents Day</p>	<p>Post General Mem. 7:30 pm S.A.L. Mtg. 7:00 pm Auxiliary Mtg. 7:00 pm VA Shower Ground Hog Day</p>	<p>SAL Dinners 5:30-7:00 and Country Fried Steak \$8.00</p>	<p>Bar Bingo 7:00 pm Four Chaplain's Day</p>	<p>Meat Raffle 5:30 pm Bar Bingo 7:00 pm</p>	<p>100 years ago Feb. 1911: Odd Fellows dedicate their new hall.</p>
<p>Club Open 12-10 Bar Bingo 4:00 pm Four Chaplain's Sunday</p>	<p>90 years ago Feb. 1921: The American Legion organizes a Fife, Drum and Bugle Corps.</p>	<p>NEWSPAPER MEETING 7:00 pm</p>	<p>SAL Dinners 5:30-7:00 Steak, Chicken, or Stuffed Shrimp \$7.50 Steak &amp; Shrimp Combo \$10.00 Aux. Twin Rivers Bingo 2-15 pm</p>	<p>Bar Bingo 7:00 pm</p>	<p>Meat Raffle 5:30 pm Bar Bingo 7:00 pm</p>	<p>Dept. Veterans Fair and Rally Willmar</p>
<p>Club Open 12-10 Bar Bingo 4:00 pm</p>	<p>90 years ago Feb. 23, 1921: American Legion organizes and elects officers in Auxiliary. Valentines Day</p>	<p>House &amp; Ent. Meeting 7:00 pm</p>	<p>SAL Dinners 5:30-7:00 and Prime Rib \$9.50 Legion Riders Meeting 7 pm</p>	<p>Bar Bingo 7:00 pm</p>	<p>Meat Raffle 5:30 pm Bar Bingo 7:00 pm</p>	<p>90 years ago Feb. 18, 1921: The Anoka Meat Co. opened in Swank bldg. near Main Street.</p>
<p>Club Open 12-10 Bar Bingo 4:00 pm SAL Meet the Members Party Starting at 12 noon</p>	<p>90 years ago Feb. 8, 1921: Anoka City buys a Wilcox fire truck for \$4,400. Presidents Day</p>	<p>Executive Board Meeting 7:00 pm</p>	<p>SAL Dinners 5:30-7:00 Steak, Chicken, or Stuffed Shrimp \$7.50 Steak &amp; Shrimp Combo \$10.00</p>	<p>Bar Bingo 7:00 pm</p>	<p>Aux. Overnite to Jackpot Casino Meat Raffle 5:30 pm Bar Bingo 7:00 pm</p>	<p>Dist. Jr. Aux. Fun Day Lino Lakes SAL Dist. Rally Wayzata</p>
<p>Club Open 12-10 Bar Bingo 4:00 pm</p>	<p>70 years ago Feb. 24, 1941: Archie W. Chase chosen Chief of Anoka Fire Department.</p>	<p>Feb. 21: Golden Valley – Lunch Feb. 21: North St. Paul – Dinner Feb. 22: Cambridge – Breakfast Feb. 22: Grand Rapids – Lunch Feb. 22: Walker – Dinner</p>	<b>NATIONAL COMMANDERS MN TOUR</b>			
<p><b>Coming in March</b> 12th Birthday Dinner 15-17th 92nd Anniversary of the Paris Caucus 13th Daylight Savings Begins 26th Dist. Jr. Conference - Anoka</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>23 Feb. 23: Brainerd – Breakfast Feb. 23: Detroit Lakes – Lunch Feb. 23: Ashby – Dinner Feb. 24: Morris – Breakfast Feb. 24: Redwood Falls – Lunch</p>	<p>24 Feb. 24: Chaska – Dinner Feb. 25: Mpls. VA Medical Center</p>	<p>25 Feb. 24: Chaska – Dinner Feb. 25: Mpls. VA Medical Center</p>	<p>26 1st Friday each month Red Cross Bloodmobile at Post 7 AM - 1 PM</p> 
<p>Creative Arts Festival Minneapolis VA Feb. 15-16: 8:30 am – 3:30 pm Feb. 17: 8:30 am - 12 noon St. Cloud VA Feb. 9-10</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>