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Come Celebrate the 96th Birthday of The American Legion

Saturday, March 14, 2015
Commander's Hall Post 102
6:00 PM Social - 7:00 PM Dinner
Cost \$12.00 Donation

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Adjutant's Notes

by Gary Munkholm

A hearty welcome to the newest member of Anoka Post 102, David Peterson sponsored by Cliff Newman, John Zenz sponsored by Jim Hays, and Jeffery Danielson sponsored by Paul Adler. We hope to see you at future meetings and join us in fellowship during other times of the week.

Many thanks to Darrel Redepenning for chairing the annual Wild Game Dinner and Cliff Newman for chairing the annual Christmas Party for the School Patrol students. Both events were outstanding.

Doug Hookom is organizing a Post 102 History committee and if you are interested in joining it contact Doug.

Many thanks to Cliff Newman for chairing the committees to remodel the downstairs bathrooms and running Mid-Winter at the Post. Be sure to check out the display he and his wife Cathy organized putting the POW/MIA table in our trophy case.

Commander Turnquist announced that the car show committee will meet in February and let him know if interested in joining the committee.

In trying to get the remaining members to renew their membership Adjutant Munkholm mailed out special red post cards encouraging those still not paid to get their dues in. A reminder that you can pay your dues online via the National Legion website or just drop them off with the bartender.

Gambling manager Paul Adler presented the following list of donations for the last month which were approved by the General Membership:

New Years Breakfast brunch expenses	\$500
New Years Breakfast brunch reimbursements	\$250
Special Oympics Minnesota	\$200
Rise Inc.	\$250
ARC	\$200
Anoka HS Senior Party	\$300
Water & Light costs	\$2,000
Center Point Energy for gas costs	\$1,000
U.S. Treasury for tax on wagering	\$350
Assist needy Veterans/Families	\$1500.00
Emergency Money	\$500.00



Valentine's Special

Saturday, February 14th

Top Sirloin Steak & Broiled Shrimp
Twice Baked Potato ~ Vegetable ~ House Salad
w/French Roll & Dessert (Red Velvet Cupcake)

\$30.00 per couple

FOR RESERVATIONS CALL RON: 612-978-5295

IN FEBRUARY

Every Tuesday, Thursday & Friday
Grill Open 5:00 – 8:30 pm

TUESDAYS

1/4 lb. Burger Basket – \$5.75

THURSDAYS

BBQ Ribs ~ Texas Toast ~ Cole Slaw ~ Potato
Full Rack \$14.00 Half Rack \$12.00

FRIDAYS

6th - Fish Fry - \$11.00
13th - BBQ Pork ~ w/Fries or Tots \$7.00
20th - Fish Fry - \$11.00
27th - Fish Fry - \$11.00

Tax included on all the above.
CATERING CENTRAL

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.



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Commander Ray Turnquist

Our annual New Years Day brunch was held with a good turn out and great food. Thank you to all past Commanders that made this possible. On Saturday, January 3rd, the Anoka Post hosted the 10th District Mid-winter conference. Thank you to all that helped make it a great convention. A special thank you to the Auxiliary for serving a great lunch.

Saturday, January 10th, the Anoka Post held the 10th District Oratorical contest. Thanks to Cliff Newman and everyone that helped.

Don't forget January 24 - the 10th District Snowmobile Rally. They will be coming to the Anoka Legion around 4pm. Let's have a good turn out. It is also time to start planning the car show. If you would like to be on the committee, please contact me at 763-421-1722.

Don't forget Wed nite SAL dinners. They work hard and put on a good meal.

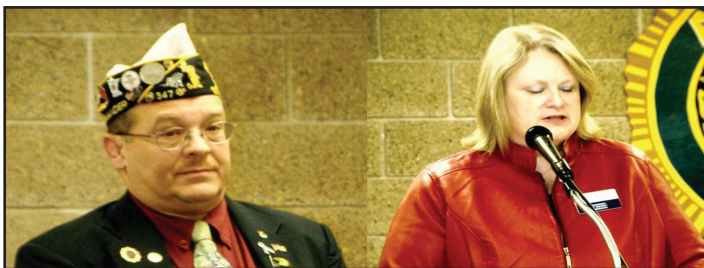
Hope you have a great 2015. Thank a Vet for his or her service.
God Bless America - Commander Ray

2015 Mid-Winter Conference

Preparations began in October 2014 with an agenda setting meeting with District Legion, Auxiliary, SAL and Legion Riders Adjutants and Secretaries. The Anoka Family went into action - planning for hall setup, registration, coffee & rolls, lunch & silent auction.

The Auxiliary served 150 Legion, Auxiliary, SAL, Jr Auxiliary & Legion Riders. The post is very fortunate to be able to provide meeting rooms for each group. Lunch, cookies and bars were provided by the post Auxiliary. Hurray for "Minnesota Hot Dish". The District Silent Auction went well. Thanks to all for their donations. There are so many Post, Auxiliary, SAL and Riders to name for all their help and time on Friday & Saturday.

Thank You, Thank You... Anoka Post 102 Family.
Chairpersons, Cliff Newman & Sandy Phillips



District Commander, Tom Sanders & District President, Robin Dorf
(NOTE: Additional pictures Online)



S.A.L. Commander Tim Dahlheimer

Along with our Wednesday night steak fry, our Saturday roast beef "commercial" sandwiches continue to be a big hit! Now, each Saturday we offer hot turkey sandwiches, as well as hot meatloaf sandwiches on select dates. All three are served with mashed potatoes and gravy. We serve from 1:00-3:30pm every Saturday. The cost is only \$5.00. The menu schedule is listed in the calendar. Come on in and check us out!

Also, mark your calendar for **Saturday, March 21st**. The Post is hosting a "Customer Appreciation Day" with discounted drinks beginning at Noon, and the SAL team will be serving our popular "commercial" sandwiches for this event as well.

As always, if you have a suggestion or idea that would help the SAL better serve the post, please share it with us. We are always searching for new opportunities.

Happy Valentines Day!
Tim Dahlheimer, SAL Commander



Post 102 Past Commanders

2015 NEW YEARS DAY BRUNCH

One of the many benefits of paid membership to Post 102 is the free New Years Day brunch, prepared and served by the Past Commanders of our Post. This annual event offers pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, milk, orange juice and coffee to our members and a guest (at no cost) by merely showing your current membership card. This year we served approximately 240 people (a little down from previous years) and everyone appeared to have a great time. This year the Event Coordinator was Junior Past Commander Gary Reiman, the Official Greeter was Past Department (and Post) Commander Bud Redepenny and several of our Past Commanders rounded out the Crew. Also a big hit this year was the Past Unit Presidents Bake Sale. Those Ladies sure must know how to cook because they sell out every year. Thanks to everyone for another successful brunch.



President's Column

Cathy Newman

Hello and Happy New Year to everyone!

Not starting out so well with all this cold weather, but being Minnesotans we will get through it. The New Year is starting out very busy. Our fundraisers, the Elvis Experience, and silent auction went very well; also ladies that brought treats for the sale.

Then on to Mid-Winter Conference. We had around 181 attend; we also had a District Silent Auction, with the money going to the Fisher House. Thanks to all the Auxiliary, Post & SAL members who helped make it look so easy! A real big Thanks to all the people that cleaned it up so fast! It was great.

Cliff and I accompanied Commander Ray and Al Springer and a few other people to Fort Snelling Cemetery to put Christmas Wreaths on some grave markers. They were donated by Mickmann Nursery.

Our past presidents are having our sewing bee again on Feb. 23rd. at 6:30 pm to sew for our Veterans. If you would like to come out to help we could use your hands and sewing machine if you do sew. It's a fun afternoon.

Read about our Craft Show Mar. 27th & 28th. Still looking for Troop Names to send care boxes. Let us know.

Till next time. God Bless. Cathy Newman

Auxiliary Membership

The National office is mailing the 2nd dues notices January 15 - if you have not paid your 2015 dues, **PLEASE** do so when you receive that notice!!! (If you have paid your 2015 dues - Disregard.)

There are 70 members Not Paid for 2015.

Betty Erickson, Chairman

Vendor and Craft Show

Anoka Unit 102 Fundraiser

Friday, March 27 ~ 4-9pm

Saturday, March 28 ~ 9am-4pm

To Reserve your table (\$20) call Cathy Newman @ 763-757-2034



In Memoriam

Genevieve B. (Lotte) Ritchie

Genevieve, 25 year Auxiliary member (husband Lewis - WWII), was born March 20, 1922 in Rice Lake, Wisconsin and passed away July 15, 2014 in Minnetonka, MN at the age of 92 years.

Edward B. Cutter Unit 102 extends its sympathy to Genevieve's family, especially to daughter-in-law Lynn, who responded with this information. A memorial in Genevieve's name was sent by Unit 102 to The American Legion MN Brain Science Foundation.

Margery J. (Brown) Beckenbach

Margery, a 29 year Auxiliary member with Anoka (husband Becky - WWII), was born September 15, 1920 in Elk River, MN and passed away December 19, 2014 in Coon Rapids, MN at the age of 94 years.

Edward B. Cutter Unit 102 extends its sympathy to Margery's family, especially to daughter Jan for this information. A memorial in Margery's name was sent by Unit 102 to The American Legion MN Brain Science Foundation.

Bake Sale

Thank You to all the Past Presidents that contributed baked items or made a monetary donation to our annual Past President's Bake Sale on New Year's Day. The receipts were down somewhat from previous years, so if you were unable to contribute on New Year's Day you may still make a donation and mail it to me at address below. Also, thanks to the Past Presidents that helped manage the sale being I was unable to attend. It is always so refreshing to have members just pitch in without being asked. You are what make the Auxiliary what it is today. Happy New Year to all.

Jan Reiter, Past Presidents Parley Chairman



Unit 102 Past Presidents

Jan's Greetings

by Jan Reiter

The regular meeting of Edward B. Cutter American Legion Auxiliary was held on Tuesday, January 6, 2015, with President Cathy Newman opening with the prayer, pledge, and preamble. The December 2, 2014 meeting minutes were approved. Bill Johnson, who is running for 10th District Commander came in to speak to the Auxiliary. The Treasurer's Report by Jeanene Hays was read and placed on file for audit.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Americanism: Diane Wolford sent around the box for the \$.50 if you didn't have your auxiliary pin on. She told us the story behind the Pledge of Allegiance and how it became official in 1945.

Auxiliary Emergency Fund: The committee okayed an application for an emergency fund of for \$200 to be given to a member in need.

Children and Youth: Norah Wyman reported that the unit adopted a family of 2 children, for a Christmas basket.

Education: Keep saving labels for education.

Finance: A motion was made to buy a new photo copy machine for in our office. Seconded and carried. A motion was made to pay the \$50 for office supplies to the Post. Seconded and carried.

Fund Raising: Sandy Phillips talked about the Elvis Experience on December 13 and thanked everyone that had part in making it a success. The silent auction netted a profit of \$2350 and the dinner \$1023. She made a motion to have another Elvis Experience on December 5, 2015. Seconded and carried. Thank you cards will be done on January 20 at 10:00 pm at the club.

Junior Activities: There were a few juniors at Mid-Winter Conference. Department Junior Conference will be in Stewartville on April 11, 2015.

Legislation: The Legion would like you to call your representatives and support the Veterans Suicide Prevention Act.

Membership: Betty Erickson reported we have 256 members signed up. The Unit has lost 2 members; Genevieve Ritshie, a 25 year member and Margery Beckenbach, a 29 year member.

Nominating: The nominating committee will be meeting and if anyone is interested in being an officer please let Lynette Pavin know.

Past Presidents Past Commanders and Past Presidents, SAL Commanders, and Riders Directors Christmas party was Dec 17th. There were 36 people that attended. There was a bake sale on New Year's Day and we made a profit of \$207. Jan Reiter thanked everyone who brought goodies to the dinner and to the bake sale. We will be having a sewing bee on Jan 20, at 1:00 pm and Feb 23 at 6:30 pm at the post.

Poppy: Sandy will be ordering poppies

Service for Veterans. Save your stamps and post cards for this program. Nursing Home bingo will be January 14th at the Golden Living Facility at 2:15.

VA & R: Cathy Newman stated that the Christmas committee has some wreaths leftover and they were able to take them out to Fort Snelling. The charity "Wreaths for the Fallen" put wreaths on all the state veterans' gravesites at Christmas.

Communications: 10th District Bulletin, Thank you MACV & Vet Camp on Big Marine Lake.

Bills: \$21.61 to Jan Reiter for kitchen, \$62.97 to Darlene Thell for Wild Game Dinner cards.

A motion was made to pay these bills. Seconded and carried.

Unfinished Business: Mid-Winter Conference was at Anoka this January 3, 2015. We registered 181 members. Sue Nunnelee and Sandy Phillips thanked everyone that helped. All the bills were not in yet so we are not sure of the profit we made yet. Cliff Newman, head chairman for the conference, came in and thanked all the ladies that helped at this. Tenth District had a silent auction with the money going to the Fisher House by the VA. They made a profit of \$574.25.

New Business: None

Lunch served by Lynette Pavin and Diane Wolford.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm. Secretary: Jan Reiter
Auxiliary Membership

School Patrol Christmas Party

Saturday, Dec 13th, 10am-12noon, 12 volunteers from Anoka Post 102 hosted the annual School Patrol Christmas Party for 85 students from Wilson, Ramsey and Franklin Elementary schools. Officer George Walker and K-9 partner Barret (German Shepherd) were invited to entertain and instruct the students. Many questions were asked of Officer Walker about Barret. The students were then entertained with Karaoke provided by Sandy Arnold.

Thank You, Thank You to the following for all their help: Norman Thunnell, Joe Zimmermann, Dan Soland, Art Shlinker, Gary Reimann, Darrel Redepenning, Sam Orr, Charlie Davidson, Al Springer, Cdr Ray Turnquist, Aaron Bahe, Bud Redepenning and Club Mgr Denise Adler.

Cliff Newman, Chairman

Sewing Bee

Anoka Unit 102

Monday, February 23

6:30pm

You don't need to sew, there are all kinds of jobs

2015 Mid-Winter Conference



Department Commander, Peggy Moon



Post 102 Commander, Ray Turnquist



Department President, Chris Ronning



Unit 102 President, Cathy Newman

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2015 Mid-Winter Conference



SAL Squadron 102 Commander, Tim Dahlheimer



*(Background) 10th District Membership Chairman, Bill Johnson
10th District Joint Project 'Helping Paws' presentation*


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EVERY WEDNESDAY - SAL DINNERS
5:30-7:00pm

February 2015

14 - 10th District Sweetheart Rally
Delano

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Club Open 12-10 *Bar Bingo 4:00pm 1	*Bar Bingo 6:30pm General Mem. Mtgs. Post 7:30pm Aux & SAL 7:00pm 2	*Bar Bingo 6:30pm Nursing Home BINGO - 2:15 pm 'Golden Living' 'Special' Country-Fried Steak \$9.00 11	USO <i>Founded 1941</i> 'Special' Prime Rib \$11.50 4	Every Thursday & Friday Grill Open 5:00-8:30 pm - Menu Pg 2 5	Meat Raffle 5:30pm *Bar Bingo 7:00pm 6	DEPT Sweetheart Rally Chanhassen 7
Club Open 12-10 *Bar Bingo 4:00pm 8	*Bar Bingo 6:30pm Newspaper Mtg. 7:00pm 9	*Bar Bingo 6:30pm House & Ent. Mtg. 7:00pm 10	Nursing Home BINGO - 2:15 pm 'Golden Living' 'Special' Country-Fried Steak \$9.00 11	1945 US Marines land on Iwo Jima 19	Meat Raffle 5:30pm *Bar Bingo 7:00pm DEPT Oratorical FINALS Anoka - 1:30pm 13	10th District Sweetheart Rally Delano 14
Club Open 12-10 *Bar Bingo 4:00pm 15	<i>Presidents Day</i> 16	*Bar Bingo 6:30pm House & Ent. Mtg. 7:00pm 17	'Special' Smoked Pork Chop \$9.50 Legion Riders Mtg. 7:00pm 18	EVERY SAT SAL HOT 'Commercial' \$5.00 (See Below) 21	Meat Raffle 5:30pm *Bar Bingo 7:00pm 20	EVERY SAT SAL HOT 'Commercial' \$5.00 (See Below) 21
Club Open 12-10 *Bar Bingo 4:00pm 22	Unit 102 Sewing Bee 6:30 pm 23	*Bar Bingo 6:30pm Executive Board Mtg. 7:00pm 24	'Special' 1/2 Baked Chicken \$10.00 25	Meat Raffle 5:30pm *Bar Bingo 7:00pm 27	Meat Raffle 5:30pm *Bar Bingo 7:00pm 27	1st Friday each month Red Cross Bloodmobile at Post 7AM - 1PM 

*BAR BINGO
Under 21
NOT allowed
in Lounge
during Bingo

- March 2015
- 07 DEPT Appreciation Rally - Royalton
 - 14 Legion Birthday Dinner - Anoka
 - 21 10th St Patrick District Rally - Pine City
 - 21 SAL Spring Conference - Anoka
 - 21 Post 102 Customer Appreciation Day - Anoka
- COMING UP
- SAL Sat HOT 'Commercial' 1-3:30pm - \$5.00
 - Feb 7 - 'Hot Beef' or 'Meatloaf'
 - Feb 14 - 'Hot Turkey'
 - Feb 21 - 'Hot Beef' or 'Meatloaf'
 - Feb 28 - 'Hot Turkey'