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AMERICAN LEGION POST 102
400 W Main St., Anoka, MN

VETERANS DAY DINNER & PROGRAM

Saturday, November 12, 2016
Social Hour 6:00-7:00 pm
Dinner 7:00 pm

Carved Ham and Turkey
$11.00 per person

No tickets will be sold on the day of the event
Tickets may be purchased at the Post 102 Pull-Tab Booth

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Adjutant's Notes

by Gary Munkholm

A hearty welcome to the newest members of Anoka Post 102: Ashani Price, US Army Persian Gulf Veteran, sponsored by Doug Hookom and Ivan Lee, Vietnam Veteran, Army, sponsored by Cliff Newman. We hope to see you at future meetings and join us in fellowship during other times of the week.

Cathy Zwerdling and Cliff Newman introduced us to the Girl and Boy Staters at a joint meeting last month. The students talked to us about their experience while attending the event and were well received by everyone in attendance.

The general membership approved Commander Wolford, Darrel Redepenning, Rick Oelschlager and Cliff Newman to be our delegates at the Department Fall Conference.

Many thanks to Ray Turnquist and the car show committee for putting on some great car presentations during the summer months.

If you need a ride to general membership meetings be sure to give Jim Urban a call and he will arrange a ride for you.

Rick Oelschlager showed the membership samples of Legion jackets that can be ordered, and if you are interested, contact him about ordering one.

Many thanks to Bob Fossom for blowing out our sprinkling system for the winter.

Rick Oelschlager reported on the Legion Riders at the National Convention. Department of Minnesota riders donated $148,367.70 towards the over 1 million dollars over all turned in. Members of the Minnesota Legacy Run from our Post were Bill Faddler, Dan Soland, Rick Oelschlager, and Gary Munkholm.

Our Post Color Guard represented us at the following events during the last 2 months: Salute to Veterans at City Hall, Halloween Stamp dedication at City Hall and the Anoka Field Show. Many thanks guys.

Don't forget to purchase your tickets for the annual Veteran's Day Dinner on November 12, 2016. Besides a guest speaker we honor our 50 year members and Boy Scout of the year.

A reminder that you can pay your dues online via the National Legion website, mail them in, or just drop them off with one of the bartenders.

As a Veteran your membership in the American Legion is very important to us and our National Commander when he addresses Congress or the White House to help solve Veteran problems. Always look at your membership with the American Legion as another way of showing our leaders that we care about how Veterans are being taken care of.

Gambling manager, Paul Adler, presented the following list of donations during the last 2 months which were approved by the General Membership:

Donation to support the law enforcement K-9 event	$200
Donation to support Anoka Halloween events	$500
Donation to Anoka Middle School Special Ed Dept	$250
Donation to River Trail Learning Center for Special Ed	$250
Purchase 12 US flags for Memorial Day street poles	$132.35
Member recognition dinner	$1,000
Anoka County 2nd half property tax	$10,083
Donation to the Veterans Hospital pheasant dinner	$100
Boys State American Legion patches	$150
State tax on gambling	$4,400
Water & Light costs	$3,450
Center Point Energy for gas costs	$375
MN Revenue for tax on wagering	$600
Assist needy Veterans & Families	$1,500
Emergency Money	$500

Post 102 extends sincere sympathy to the families of

RAYMOND M. RUDRUD

Ray was a 43 year member of The American Legion and a World War II Veteran.

RONALD E. KLAR

Ron was a 1 year member of The American Legion and a Vietnam War Veteran.

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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The ONLINE edition may contain additional articles.

Commander
Ron Wolford

Welcome,

Time is going fast this year. The Halloween Parade is almost on top of us. Be sure to show up for all of the fun. Veterans Days dinner is on November 12. Be sure to get your tickets at the Pull-tab Booth. The Wild Game Dinner is Saturday, December 10, at 12: noon. CPR, for the men, will be in the President's hall at 7:00 pm before the December meeting. The General meeting on December 6 will start at 7:30 pm.

I hope that you are enjoying the fall colors that the good Lord provided us this year. Don't forget to smell the roses as we pass through this life. Have a great Holiday Season this year, and give a special thank you to all who make this life worth living. Just do one good thing for someone each month, and what a great world we would have to live in.

Commander, Ron Wolford

Annual Post 102
Past Commanders, Presidents & Directors
Holiday Banquet

Thursday, December 8, 2016

Upper Hall
Social Hour 6:00 PM - Dinner 7:00 PM

MENU
BBQ Ribs (Full or Half Rack)
Stuffed Chicken Breast
Shrimp Basket
(Your Choice)

For Reservations & Prices
Call Betty Erickson 763-421-4562
or Kathy Westlund 763-421-5933

Make reservations & send checks by December 5

Send checks (payable to Unit 102) to:
Betty Erickson, 1826 Cressy Ave., Anoka, MN 55303

S.A.L. Commander
Tim Dahlheimer

Happy Holidays!

As we enter into the busy Holiday season, the SAL team is busy behind-the-scenes preparing for a number of upcoming special events that we are sponsoring, co-sponsoring, or helping with our support. They include:

Saturday, Dec. 3 – Elvis Dinner Show. Co-sponsored by the Auxiliary and SAL. Dinner at 5:30pm. Show at 7:00pm.
Thursday, Dec. 8 – Past Commanders, Presidents & Directors Holiday Dinner.
Saturday, Dec. 10 – 48th annual Wild Game Feed for our disabled Veterans. Meal beginning at Noon.

Sunday food service: The SAL team is now serving food from 2-5pm every Sunday. The Sunday afternoon menu will consist of Walleye fingers, popcorn chicken, waffle potatos, side-winders, mozzarella sticks, onion rings and shrimp, as well as Chicken or Fish sandwiches. Our goal is to capture the Sunday Bingo crowd, as well as our regular guests. Our prices are very reasonable. Stop in and check it out!

Our Wednesday Night Dinner features our regular menu items, which include: Steak, Chicken Breasts, Walleye Fingers, Shrimp, Surf&Turf and Fish. We serve from 5:30-7:00pm. Stop in and enjoy a good meal and fellowship. We also have the following 'Specials': 1st WED- 'Prime Rib', 2nd WED- 'Shrimp Platter' and 3rd WED- 'Breaded Tilapia'. All birthdays are announced and celebrated with "DaChunk" leading our in-house choir! Don't miss the fun!

With Thanksgiving upon us, I feel the need to express a sincere thank you to our "active" SAL team, who so graciously donate their time, energy and talent EVERY week to make our Wednesday Dinner and Sunday food service possible. Special thanks to: Al, Cliff, Cathy, Chunk, Dan, Kevin, Greg, Todd, Roland, Deb, Jennifer and Lynette for your continued service. It is much appreciated.

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.

Until next time, enjoy the Holiday season!

Tim Dahlheimer, SAL Commander

Chaplain's Corner

Jim Urban

As I was going through my grandma's things, there was a small box of clippings. Clippings of poems and prayers. She had two boys in the service during WW2. One on the front lines (Philippine Islands), the other in California. Both with important jobs to perform for the war effort. The one stateside tried everything to get into the action, even submarine duty; but they put him working at the USO shows. My grandma prayed for both of them nonstop. They both made it home.

Sometimes we don't have a choice where we want to be. God puts us where he needs us to be. He has a greater plan for each of us!

As we come up to Veteran's Day, let us remember and honor those who have gone before us and the ones still fighting to protect our nation. Let not their courage and heroism be in vain. Let us keep watch with diligence over our great nation! May God bless our Country, our Veterans, and our Post.

Jim

Veterans Day Dinner Speaker

John S. Staum, Commander-in-Chief 1985-86, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States.

John S. Staum, was elected Commander-in-Chief of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States during its 86th annual convention (1985) in Dallas, TX.

A native and resident of Minneapolis, MN, John was born on September 3, 1931. For over two years, he was a pre-seminary student at St. Olaf College, Northfield, MN, but gave up his deferment and subsequently was drafted into the Marine Corps.

Staum served with the U.S. Marine Corps detachments aboard the heavy cruiser USS Bremerton and the aircraft carrier USS Princeton operating in Korean waters from April 1952 to September 1953.

In 1957, he joined VFW Post 9625 in Coon Rapids, MN, and rose through the various elective positions to become a two term Post Commander from 1961-1963. He was elected a district commander in 1966-67 and commanded the Department of Minnesota in 1970-71 when he earned All American honors. For the next twelve years, Staum served on various committees, including; National Voice of Democracy, Safety, Community Activities and National Security and Foreign Affairs. In 1972 and 1977, he was the chairman of the VFW National Convention Corporation.

Staum is former president of the Glenmar Company, a subcontracting and building supply firm in Mineapolis. He is also a member of The American Legion.

Married to the former Bernadette T. Clarkin of Montgomery, MN, the Staums have two grown children, Mark and Nancy. Mark is a Marine Corps veteran.

Boys & Girls Staters Speak at Joint Meeting

The Legion, SAL and Auxiliary members were honored at their joint meeting to hear the Boys and Girls Staters speak. They told of their experiences during their week at Boys and Girls State, something that will last a lifetime with them.

A few of the the things mentioned included being elected Mayor of their city, writing articles for their respective newsletters, writing bills, passing bills, debating, campaigning, being elected as Senators, Speaker of The House, and having the honor of being selected to attend Boys Nation in Washington D.C.

They all enjoyed a week of learning about government, hearing inspirational speakers and building everlasting memories with the new friends that they have made. As Commander Ron stated, "After hearing these young students speak, we know that America is in good hands".

Kathy Zwerdling, Girls State Chairman

Front: L>R- *Cliff Newman, Madeline Fragale, Berlynn Betengo, Alison Obright, Ethan Dotzler, Kathy Zwerdling.*
Back: L>R- *Elliot Porwall, Vincent Clark, Porter Larkin, Garrett Leverentz, Isaac Dotzler, John Hawkins.*

President's Column

Diane Wolford

Greetings Auxiliary Sisters,

We've had beautiful Fall weather and the colors are in full display.

At our September meeting, Flora Eleffson, who is a past District president from Coon Rapids, presented our Unit with a Poppy Trophy from the District Convention. The late Sandy Phillips was the beginning chair of the Poppy Committee, which was taken over by Jan Reiter and Sue Nunnelee.

Our October meeting began as a joint meeting with the Post, Auxiliary and the SAL. Our guests were the young people who represented Girls' and Boys' State and their parents. I really marvel at these teenagers, who show so much maturity, excellent manners and excellent leadership skills. We can feel very secure with having these young people as our future leaders.

The Halloween parade is Oct. 29. Anyone who can donate items for the Auxiliary bake sale needs to bring baked goods by 10:00 AM (or before) on Oct. 29. It will be greatly appreciated.

Apples for Teachers is Monday, Nov. 14 at 7:00 PM. We need volunteers to wrap apples at that time.

Tickets for the Elvis Show go on sale this Saturday, Oct. 15, at the Anoka Legion Pull-tab Booth. Any questions, call Norah Wyman at 763-670-1548. The Elvis Dinner & Show is Dec. 3.

Past Presidents and Past Commanders Holiday Dinner will be Dec. 8.

The next Auxiliary meeting will be Nov. 1 at 7:00 PM. Hope to see many of you there.

God bless our troops, Diane Wolford, President

2017 Auxiliary Membership

We have over half of (our quota of 308) dues paid - we need only 130 more!!

Please - do not wait any longer - ALL dues should be paid by JANUARY 1st!!

I'll be watching my mailbox - Betty Erickson

In Memoriam

Doris Adale "Red" (Erickson) Adkins

Doris "Red", a 64 year Auxiliary member for 2016 (husband, Lewie - WWII), was born Jamuary 3, 1926 in Minneapolis (she moved to Anoka at age 5) and passed away August 18, 2016 in Anoka.

Doris served as Unit President with Commander Don Erickson during 1959-1960; she was a very active member within quite a group of very active members.

Edward B. Cutter Unit 102 extends its sympathy to her 4 children, 27 grandchildren and 18 great grandchildren.

A memorial in Doris's name was sent by Unit 102 to The American Legion Brain Science Foundation.

Dorothy (Edwards) Batko

Dorothy, a 29 year Auxiliary member for 2016 (husband, Adam - WWII), was born September 29, 1920 in Minneapolis and passed away September 2, 2016 in St. Paul.

During WWII, Dorothy worked in the Surgeon Generals Office in Washington, D.C.; she went back to college and taught 4th and 5th graders for over 25 years at St. Stephens Catholic school.

Edward B. Cutter Unit 102 extends its sympathy to her children, 15 grandchildren and 18 great grandchildren.

A memorial in Dorothy's name was sent by Unit 102 to The American Legion Brain Science Foundation.

Auxiliary District Poppy Award

Flora Ellefson, from Coon Rapids, delivered our Poppy trophy that Coon Rapids had redone from the 10th District Convention in May.

L>R: Sue Nunnelee, Flora Ellefson, Jan Reiter

Jan's Jottings

by Jan Reiter

SEPTEMBER

The regular meeting of Edward B. Cutter American Legion Auxiliary was held on Tuesday, September 6, 2016. Flora Ellefson, a guest from Coon Rapids, presented a Poppy trophy to the Anoka Unit.

Unfinished Business: Sue Nunnelee stated that the Riders donated $148,350 to the Legacy Scholarship Fund. The Anoka Unit won 4 plaques at Department Convention; one for Poppy, Past President, National Security and one for Children and Youth. A motion was made to use $250 from the Silent Auction at the Early Bird Dinner to the Netha Feist Scholarship, with the extra going toward the Girls and Boys Staters plaque at the High School.

OCTOBER

The regular meeting of Edward B. Cutter American Legion Auxiliary was held on Tuesday, October 4th, 2016. The regular Auxiliary meeting was opened by the Post with introductions and speeches from the 7 Boys and 3 Girls Staters. Kathy Zwerdling thanked everyone who helped on County Days. President Diane presented her slate of chairmanships, which were approved.

New Business: A motion was made to have our annual Halloween fund raiser on Saturday Oct 29th. Seconded and carried. Sue Nunnelee is in need of some helpers Friday and Saturday and baked goods.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Education: Kathy Zwerdling reported she received American Legion Auxiliary scholarship applications for the high schools and she will be delivering them.

Finance: The finance committee met, audited the books and found them to be in good order. They proposed a budget with a few changes. A motion was made to approve the proposed budget. Donations: $100 to the ALA Foundation, $100 to the Armed Forces Service Center and $100 to the American Legion Family Hospital Association; also District dues of $456, and District and Department Junior conference dues of $5 each.

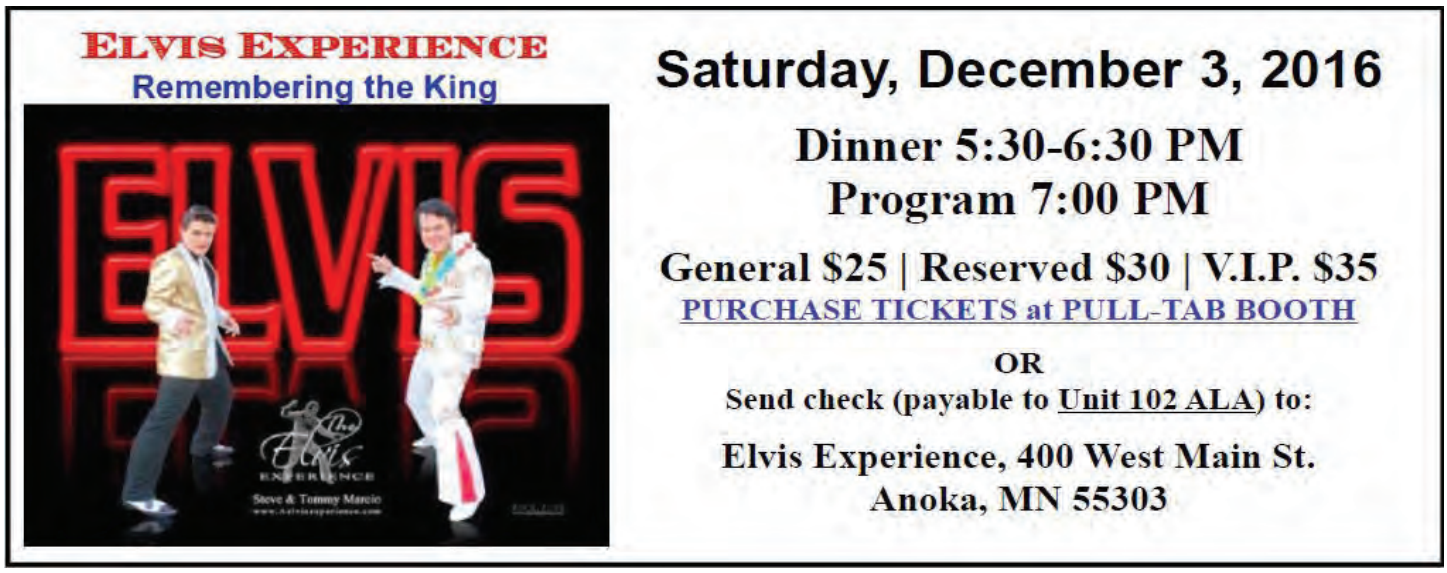
Fund Raisers: Elvis will be coming December 3rd. Sue Nunnelee was given permission from the Unit to pursue a raffle as a fund raiser for the Elvis Experience.

Girl State: Kathy Zwerdling received thank you cards from the Girls Staters. They will be coming to our joint meeting in October and speaking about their time at Girls State. A motion was made to continue the Girls and Boys Staters plaques at the Anoka high school but to continue this they need to get more name plates to fill the rest of the plaque. Kathy was given the okay with a $100 limit. Kathy Zwerdling thanked everyone for coming.

National Security: Jean Parvey handed out a flyer on free urns for veterans. If a veteran can't afford an urn they can get them free. Jean would like to hold a heart learning event to learn about AED and CPR. She will schedule this and give us a date next month.

Past Presidents: The Past Presidents met at the Club on August 22 with 9 members attending. A donation of $100 was made to the Past Presidents Parley Health Care Scholarship. Sewing bees will be on Jan 24 and Feb 28 in the afternoon. Christmas Party will be December 8th at the Legion, and the New Year's Day Bake sale. Gold Star Mothers Lunch to be announced. We lost 3 past Presidents this last year. Service for Veterans: Bingo at Golden Living Center in Anoka on September 14 at 2:15pm. Bingo at Golden Living Center in Anoka on October 12th at 2:15pm. Please save commemorative stamps for the Auxiliary. The money from these are used for the American Legion Auxiliary Hospital fund.

VA&R: Cathy Newman took 17 neck pillows and 14 heart pillows to the VA. There are only 2 Units that make heart pillows and we are one of them. They are looking for pencil boxes to make into comfort boxes for the patients. The Mika family made tote bags for the VA this last summer. Cathy did 6-5-4 with the patients at the VA on June 8 and on June 20th, she took over 74 cleaning supplies to the veterans at Common Bond.



American Education Week

American Education Week is November 14 - 18. We, the Anoka American Legion Family will be honoring the Anoka school teachers and staff members during this week. On Monday, the 14th, at 7 pm, we will be bagging the shiny, red apples at the Legion. On Tuesday, 11/15, we will be delivering the apples to the area schools. We will need help to make this event a success.

Please come and help out so we can show our educators that they are appreciated. See you on the 14th - 7 p.m.

Kathy Zwerdling, Education Chairman

ATTENTION POST 102 HUNTERS

It's that time of year again and we need your help. If you are a successful hunter this year, would you please consider a donation of some of your game to the 49th annual Veterans Wild Game Dinner. The Dinner is scheduled for December 10th @ 12 noon in the Commanders Hall. Once again our special guests will be Veterans from the Minneapolis V.A. Medical Center, the St. Cloud V.A. Medical Center and the Golden Living Nursing Home. This event is getting very popular with last years attendance one of the highest yet.

We also need several volunteers the day of the event to help prepare, serve, run bingo and clean-up. The work is easy and the spirits are high, with this being a favorite event for many of us. Kick start your Holiday Spirit and join us on December 10th. For any questions or coordination of game donations, feel free to call me at 763-571-8623 or Denise (at the Post) 763-421-0883.

Hope to see you there, Darrel Redepenning

IN NEED OF A RIDE ?

Any member needing a ride to a Legion function or meeting, OR to -VOTE-, call:

Jim Urban..... 763-300-0359
Ray Turnquist... 763-350-1133
Gary Reimann.. 612-860-2533
Doug Hookom.. 763-227-8177

RON'S GRILL

by Catering Central, Inc.

Every Tuesday, Thursday & Friday
Grill Open 5:00 – 8:30 pm
[Regular Grill Menu Available]

TUESDAYS

Chef's Choice

THURSDAYS

BBQ Ribs ~ Texas Toast ~ Cole Slaw ~ Potato
Full Rack $15.00 Half Rack $13.00

FRIDAYS

NOVEMBER 2016

4th - Fish Dinner ~ Potato+[2] - $10.00

11th - Liver & Onions
~ Mashed Potato, Gravy+[2] - $10.00

18th - Shepherds Pie ~ Roll, Butter $10.00

25th - Spaghetti w/Italian Sausage
~ Veg, Garlic Toast - $9.00

DECEMBER 2016

2nd - Fish Dinner ~ Potato+[2] - $10.00

9th - Shrimp Trio (Broiled, Fried, Cocktail)
~ Potato+[2] - $15.00

16th - Ribeye Steak ~ Potato+[2] - $16.00

23rd - BBQ Chicken Sandwich ~ +[1] - $8.00

30th - Ham Dinner
~ AuGratin Potato+[2] - $10.00

[1] *Coleslaw, Fries or Tots*
[2] *Veg, Roll, Butter*

Tax included on all the above.

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Director

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Edward B. Cutter Post 102 Event Calendar

2016

WEEKLY RECURRING EVENTS

SUN 4:00 pm **Bar Bingo | Club Open Noon-10 pm
SUN 2:00-5:00 pm SAL Grill Open
TUE 5:00-8:30 pm Grill Open | 6:30 pm **Bar Bingo
WED 5:30-7:00 pm- SAL Dinner /
1st WED of Month = Prime Rib Special
THU 5:00-8:30 pm Ron's Ribs / Grill Open
FRI 5:00-8:30 pm- Grill Open
5:30 pm- Meat Raffle | 7:00 pm- **Bar Bingo

!! UNDER 21 NOT ALLOWED IN LOUNGE DURING **BAR BINGO !!

MONTHLY RECURRING EVENTS

NOVEMBER

1 TUE 7:00 pm General Membership Mtgs
7 MON 7:00 pm Legion Bingo @ Golden Living
9 WED 2:00 pm Auxiliary Bingo @ Golden Living
14 MON 7:00 pm Post 102 Centennial Mtg
16 WED 7:00 pm Chapter 102 ALR Mtg
22 TUE 7:00 pm House & Entertainment Mtg
29 TUE 7:00 pm Exec Board Mtg

DECEMBER

5 MON 7:00 pm Legion Bingo @ Golden Living
6 TUE 7:00 pm General Membership Mtgs
12 MON 7:00 pm Post 102 Centennial Mtg
13 TUE 7:00 pm Post Newsletter Mtg
14 WED 2:00 pm Auxiliary Bingo @ Golden Living
20 TUE 7:00 pm House & Entertainment Mtg
21 WED 7:00 pm Chapter 102 ALR Mtg
27 TUE 7:00 pm Exec Board Mtg

OTHER EVENTS

12 SAT Post 102 Veterans Day Dinner – Anoka
12 SAT 10th District Rally (AUX) - Milaca
14 MON Apple Bagging (for teachers) – Anoka @ 7 pm

3 SAT Elvis Experience Dinner & Show – Anoka
3 SAT DEPT Pearl Harbor Rally – Apple Valley
8 THU Post 102 Past Cmdr, Pres & Directors Dinner
[Social Hour- 6:00 pm / Dinner- 7:00 pm]
10 SAT Wild Game Dinner – Anoka @ 12:00 noon
17 SAT School Patrol Party – Anoka @ 10:00 am
17 SAT 10th District Rally - Buffalo

COMING IN JANUARY

7 SAT 10th District Mid-Winter Conference – Anoka

THIS DAY IN HISTORY - Holidays

6 Nov Daylight Savings Time Ends
8 Nov Election Day
10 Nov US Marine Corps established – 1775
11 Nov Veterans Day
21 Nov Grenada Campaign ended - 1983
24 Nov Thanksgiving Day

7 Dec Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
15 Dec Bill of Rights Day
20 Dec Panama Campaign begins – 1989
21 Dec Winter / Summer Solstice
25 Dec Christmas Day
31 Dec New Years Eve
31 Dec Official End of WWII

Flag Flying Days =