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90th Anniversary of The AmericanLegion
(Paris Caucus March 15-17, 1919)

Tom Conway
Dept. Commander

Carol Barbknect
Dept. President

Wayne Mattingly
Detach. Commander

Genna Arellano
Jr. Aux. President

Guest Speakers bio's on page ?

Celebration of the 90th Anniversary of the American Legion

BIRTHDAY DINNER
Commanders Hall – Post 102
Saturday, March 7th
Social 6:00 ~ Dinner 7:00

Stuffed Chicken Breast ~ Rice Pilaf
Vegetable ~ Salad ~ Roll ~ Coffee ~ Cake
Cost $10.00
Cut off date March 3, no reservations!
Tickets sold at Pull Tab Booth.

ATTENTION: 2009 Unpaid Members

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ADJUTANT'S NOTES

by Wayne D. Wallace

The Post Executive Committee meeting held January 27, 2009 heard the minutes from the previous meeting and reports from finance, clubroom and gambling.

The House and Entertainment Committee recommended approval to the Post Executive Committee for the purchase of new floor mats and a fryer for the kitchen. Approval was given by the Executive Committee to purchase these needed items.

Aaron Oelschlager, a Post member, an Iraqi veteran and a Lieutenant in the Minnesota Army National Guard visited the Executive Committee meeting. His presence was to give his view on promotional ideas to entice the young men and women veterans into becoming members of The American Legion and how the local National Guard units and our Legion Post can interact with each other.

The Executive Committee reviewed all requests for donations and those approved were recommended for approval to the Post General Membership.

The Post General Membership meeting held February 3, 2009 heard the minutes of the previous meeting and reports from Post officers and committee chairmen.

Adjutant reported Post member Kenneth Merrick had passed away since the last meeting.

First Vice Commander Gregg Werbowski reported (778) members are signed for 2009. We are currently (19) members behind one year ago and (31) short of our goal. There are approximately (75) unpaid 2009 members and many of those with over (10) continuous years of membership. Those unpaid members are no longer American Legion members but can be reinstated with payment of their 2009 dues. If dues are not paid by March 2009, members will be dropped from the membership rolls and taken off the Post newspaper mailing list. We are the closest to our goal in several years and with a little help from the unpaid members, we could make it this year.

The following Lawful Purpose donations/expenses projected for expenditure in February 2009 were approved by the Post General Membership:

1. State of Minnesota (Gambling license fees) . . . . . $ 600
2. Veterans On The Lake 250
3. City of Anoka (Water/light costs) 1,300
4. Centerpoint Energy (Gas costs) 2,000
5. North Star Council, B.S.A. 250
6. North Hennepin Legion Baseball (League fees) 1,238
7. S.A. Van Dyk (Jr Legion Baseball insurance) 315
8. Red Haddox Invitational Baseball Tournament 400
9. U.S. Treasury (Tax on wagering) 500
10. Assist needy veterans/families 1,500
11. Emergency money 500

Total taxes paid on gambling proceeds for January 2008:
Minnesota Revenue: $4,170 U.S. Treasury: $276

New members accepted by the Post General Membership were: Nicholas P. Blesi, Mark Undem, Ahmad I. Ansari, Johnny B. Wadsworth, Brandi N. Wilson, Michael F. Lydell and Richard D. Lissy. We welcome you gentlemen and lady veterans into Post 102 and hope to see and meet you at our monthly Post meeting held the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30 PM.

Post 102 extends sincere sympathy to the family of

KENNETH G. MERRICK

Kenneth was a 1 year member of Post 102 and a World War II Veteran.

S.A.L. Casino Trip
TURTLE LAKE
Saturday, March 28, 2009
Leave Legion 10:00 am
Leave Casino 3:30 pm
$10 per person – $5 back at Casino
Need 35+ people

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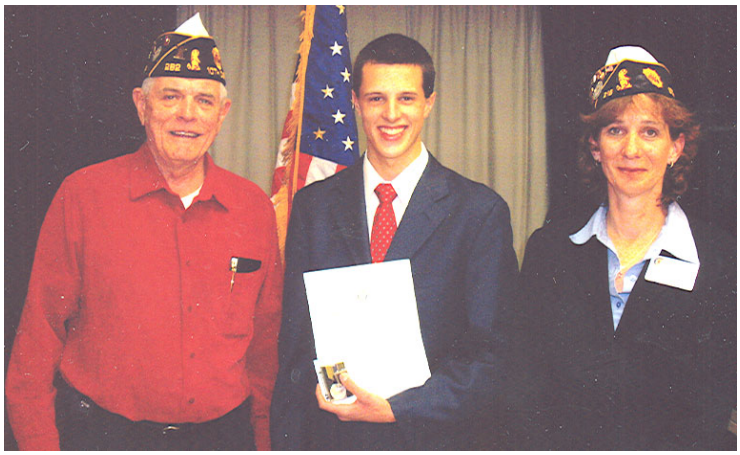
Commander's Column
Cliff Newman

Greetings Legionnaires,

What a fast month, it seems like I just wrote this column. That pesky ground hog had to see his shadow! Oh well, we live in Minnesota so we adapt.

I was able to attend the Department Oratorical contest held at Anoka on January 16th, the 10th District contestant took second place. I'm glad I wasn't a judge on this contest. It just makes me so proud of these young people with the knowledge they have of our Constitution. If you could attend any of these contests you will see what I mean.



2nd Place Department Oratorical Contestant
L-R: 10th District Cmdr. Tom Schottenbauer
Josh Mathews (sponsored by Post 216 - Princeton)
Dept. Oratorical Chairman Tess Davis

Saturday, January 17th I attended the St. Cloud VA Monte Carlo. Jan. 23rd Pres. Cathy and I were able to meet the snowmobile rally teams at three Posts for membership. Jan. 24th we were able to team up at four Posts before getting back to our Post to meet the membership teams.

Thanks to all who attended the employees Christmas party. Cathy and I hope you all had as good a time as we did.

Just a thought – I hope all you cupids remembered that special Valentine!

Come on in and enjoy great food, bar bingo, meat raffles and live music at our Post home.

Hope to see you all at the Brithday Dinner, get your tickets!

Remember:
Yesterdays History, Tommorows a Mystery,
and that's why the call Today the Present

S.A.L. NEWS
by
Commander
Lance Nelson

Minutes of the February 3, 2009 meeting of the SAL.

Post commander Cliff reported on several items. – floor mats for kitchen, deep fat fryer and new water heater. SAL will provide some financial assistance for the water heater. Dual member Tom sat in for Fadi as Advisor.

Reports:
The minutes from the previous meeting of January 6, 2009 were read and approved. Finance Officer Terry Johnson reported the Financial Report. Approved.

Membership Report:
Charlie Heemer presented the membership report. There was one new member (John Wadsworth) and one renewal.
Renewal reminders were sent to 42 members. We have 81% renewal rate so far. Motion made and approved to accept report.

Unfinished Business:
Charlie Heemer mentioned the Casino Trip being planned for March 21st. John discussed the billing to SAL for the Past Commander's Brunch. Post is asking SAL to reimburse as gambling can't cover SAL cost. Motion made and approved to pay $104 to Post from our building fund account. Members expressed concern and felt that we deserve to be told up front if we are to be billed for this event in the future.

New Business:
Charlie indicated he had purchased 10 raffle tickets for the Forest Lake SAL fund-raiser and asked to be reimbursed. Motion made and approved.

Other Business for the good of the SAL:
Thank you cards from metro Meals on Wheels. Charlie mentioned the Marv Jonas testimonial to be held April 4th in Clearwater and the 10th District Convention in May in Clearwater. The Legion Birthday Dinner is the first weekend in March at the Post. Also, discussion about request to serve 200 for a testimonial dinner. Commander Lance checking it out.

Our next Squadron meeting will be Tuesday, March 3rd, 2009 at 7:00 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Please Join Us for the March 21st Casino Trip to Turtle Lake, WI. Tickets are available at the Pull Tab booth.

"What Ever It Takes"

BIRTHDAY DINNER GUESTS

Tom Conway, Argyle, was elected commander of the Minnesota American Legion for the 2008-2009 year in July at the annual convention held in Bloomington. He is a member of Warren Post 27.

Conway, 60, has been active in the American Legion for over 34 years. He served in the Army in Vietnam as a military policeman. He earned the Bronze Star.

He has served as post commander, district commander and Department vice commander. Conway has been chairman of the Department's Law and Order Committee for many years. He also served on the Department's Post Development Committee and National Security/Foreign Relations Committee.

Conway's career was in law enforcement. He served for 16 years as Chief of Police in Argyle and another 16 years as a Deputy Sheriff for Marshall County in northwestern Minnesota.

On the National level, Conway serves as a vice chairman of the National and Homeland Security Council. He is also a member of the Army, Navy and Air Force Veterans in Canada, U.S. chapter.

Conway's program for the year is STAR: Sign them up; Train them up; Activate them; Retain them. His projects for the year include Project New Hope, redoing the chapel at the Minnesota Veterans Home at Fergus Falls, and buying entertainment equipment for the veterans homes across the state.

A native of Devil's Lake, North Dakota, but a lifetime resident of Argyle, Conway will be the 92nd Department Commander for Minnesota. He and his wife of 33 years, Jolene, have six children.

Carol Barbknecht is a fifty eight year member of the American Legion Auxiliary and is a member of the Underwood Unit #489. She is eligible for membership through her husband Bill, who served in the US Marine Corps during the Vietnam era and the Air Force during Desert Storm. She is also eligible for membership through her daughter Trish a Desert Storm veteran, son Jason a veteran of Desert Storm and Iraqi Freedom and grandson Chris an Iraqi Freedom Veteran.

Active on the Unit and District levels, Carol has served in most offices including Unit President four times and Ninth District President for the 2000-2001 Auxiliary year. She has held numerous chairmanships for the Browns Vlley, Barnesville and Underwood Units and the Ninth District.

Carol has served as Department Second Vice President, First Vice President and several chairmanships including National Security, Americanism, Children and Youth, Girls State Committee, Junior Activities, Legislative, Membership and Unit Development and Revitalization.

Carol is a self employed accountant specializing in small business accounting and income tax. Carol and Bill have two grown children and five grandchildren.

Carol's theme is "Pride in America, Pride in our Veterans".

Wayne Mattingly, Detachment Commander of Sons of American Legion, is a member of the Osseo 172 Sons of the American Legion and has been a very active member at the Post, District, Department and National level of the Sons of the American Legion. Wayne has held several offices in the 10th District including serving two terms as 10th District Commander from 2005-2007. He has also held several offices at the Department level, including Detachment Membership Director. Wayne has also held the office of Alternate National Executive Committeeman. Wayne and his wife Deb are in the process of adopting a little girl names Dianna.

Genna Arellano Department Junior President 2008-2009. Member of Falldin Unit 555 Minneapolis. Genna is eligible through the service of her Great grandfather Gordon Duffee, a WWII veteran and her grandfather Tony Arellano a Vietnam war veteran, and a duel member of Edward B. Cutter Post 102. Her theme this year is "Juniors Making a Difference", and her Symbol is a Star. She has two projects this year. The first is Promoting the American Legion Junior Auxiliary program, and the second is socks for all the Minnesota Veterans Homes.

St. Cloud VA Medical Center Monte Carlo held Saturday January 17th

Thanks to Cliff Newman, Larry Kitt, Rich Oelschlager, Darrel Redepenning, Charlie Davidson, Howie Zunker, Jerry Abeln, Gary Munkholm and (not pictured) Paul Winter. We entertained approximately forty veterans with various gambling games, the average veteran won $3.50.

We also had a group of Blue Star Mothers from Sauk Center there to observe us; they would like to get on the schedule for entertaining veterans, they also helped us. We were a little short of help, three of our helpers couldn't go and one never showed up. All veterans said they had a good time, and thanked us for coming.

Jerry Abeln

Snowmobile Rally

Many Legion, Auxiliary and SAL members from Anoka and elsewhere in the Tenth District, gathered at Post 102 for the Annual Snowmobile Rally membership pick-up. Snacks were provided for all on January 24th.

The 1930's
Eligibility Dates: World War I
April 6, 1917 – November 11, 1918

When the bottom dropped out for much of the country on Oct. 29, 1929, the Legion rallied and became welfare agencies for veterans and non-veterans alike.

...May, 1930…The Legion and Department of Labor agreed to allow Posts to screen veterans for job placement, helping thousands of unemployed veterans. In 1933, the Legion got Congress to pass legislation to include federal job assistance to WWI veterans.

…1933…Because veterans benefits were 25% of the federal budget at that time, they were blamed for the huge government deficit and for prolonging the Depression. At the lowest point of the Depression, Congress passed the Economic Act of 1933 which cut more than $400 million of veterans benefits: medical or hospital treatment, domiciliary care, compensation and other allowances, pension, disability or retirement pay to WWI veterans and their dependents. Over a decade of Legion achievements were wiped out.

…1933…At the 1933 Chicago Legion Convention, Pres. Franklin D. Roosevelt told delegates that "no person, because he wore a uniform and performed a basic obligation of citizenship served in the defense of his Country, must be placed in a special class of beneficiaries, over and above all other citizens…does not mean that he can demand and receive a benefit from government no other citizen receives…or pension because of disability incurred after he served and connected with that service."
…FDR would later change his position in a 1943 radio address (which included) "…Members of the Armed Forces have been compelled to make greater economic and every other kind of sacrifices than the rest of us, and are entitled to definite action to take care of their special problems." The Presidents statement reiterated a position that the Legion had taken since 1919. From 1934 to 1940, Legion legislative activities were devoted to regaining all veterans benefits and improving existing ones.

…1933…Indiana Dept. Commander William O. Nelson created a Colored Activities Committee in an effort to get more blacks into the Legion; and to attempt to eliminate misunderstanding about the organization.

…1935…Illinois held the first Boys State in 1935; Ohio, Pennsylvania and West Virginia joined the program the following year.

…1936… Past Minnesota Commander Joe Kise (1940-41) of Moorhead proposed Minn. adopt this program. Not until June 1949 was the first session of Boys State held. (The Minn. Auxiliary adopted the program in 1947 and held the first Girls State session at the Minn. State Fairgrounds.)

…1936…An idea in 1922 by Sister Carmela Hanggi, principle of St. Paul Cathedral grade school, of having older boys assist younger children across busy streets became the model used to this day by public and private schools. It was adopted by the St. Paul school system, police, Minn. Highway Patrol; authorized in 1933 by the legislature and adopted by the 1936 Dept. Convention. From 1936 to 1956, the training center was held at the Brainerd Fairgrounds; in 1948, fund raising was approved; in 1953, resolution for a wholly-owned subsidiary to raise funds and build and operate a center. In 1956, Legionville moved to its quarters on North Long Lake, Brainerd…it is the only Legion-sponsored program in the country and is the only program of its kind anywhere.

…1937…The biggest National Parade of them all – New York City; 250,000 marchers, nearly 1,000 bands and drum corps and lasting 17 hours, 33 minutes from 8:30am to 2:00 am the next day.

…1938…First National High School Oratorical Contest finals held in Norman, Oklahoma.
The first Minnesota contest was held in 1942.

…(Remembrances of Warren Bowers and Guy 'Deke' Spencer by Al Smith; Al also mentioned the following in 1977 when he wrote these profiles:…We present day veterans and Legionnaires have a tendency to forget the great accomplishments of our World War I members. They not only founded the American Legion but they also were the moving force behind the veterans legislation that benefited all who followed them. I want to express my appreciation to all of the World War I veterans.)

…1930… When Guy Spencer joined the post, meetings were regularly held at the Armory, City Hall and sometimes at members homes when the other locations weren't available. That was true prior to 1945 when the first post clubrooms opened above Colburn-Hilliard Mens store (on 2nd & Main, now US Bank).
…Warren Bowers… The post endured through the early years because of the dedication and hard work of the early members. Walt Jacobs was very active in the early years and is credited, among other things, with starting the Junior Legion baseball program at the post and coaching that team for many years.
…Membership dues were the main source of income and most of that went to finance Junior Legion baseball and child welfare programs. Sometimes the members dug deeper in their pockets to finance other worthy programs. It wasn't always easy. During the Depression, at times they had to accept wheat, corn, potatoes or other forms of produce in lieu of membership dues because the money just wasn't available.
…Guy Spencer on raising money…One time they had a huge bean feed at the Armory for the purpose of earning money to buy the high school football team sheepskin coats; they earned enough to buy quite a few coats.
…Someone hit on the idea of selling fireworks as a fund raiser. Several members got together at C. Merion Hicks' house and built a fireworks stand. Every year the stand was hauled to Main Street near the bridge and the fireworks sales were good enough to provide the Post with money for several programs. When the sale of fireworks was prohibited, the Post donated the stand to the city and it was used as a skating rink warming house for several years. (In those days as well as now, the Post was always willing to contribute to the community…Al Smith)
…Warren Bowers…C. Merion Hicks was instrumental in operating the stand and remembers him as a dedicated Legionnaire and hard worker in many post projects.
…Guy recalls that Post members Warren Bowers, C. Merion Hicks, Bob Beckenbach and Arlo Mann were tireless workers for the Post for many years. He also recalls that Warren Bowers was the most tight-fisted Post finance officer. He wouldn't part with the Posts' money until he was assured that the cause was worthy.
…Warren has represented our post as a delegate at many district and state conventions and remembers trips to such far-away places as Winona, Thief River Falls, Duluth and others. They always traveled by car and many times the entire trip was by gravel road and they often were lodged in nearby college dormitories. One of the early delegates was an ardent fisherman and he wanted to stop and fish whenever they passed a lake which made the long trips even longer. Warren recalls that Anoka was known as the "Dry town on the Rum River" and the Anoka delegates wore buttons and ribbons at conventions that advertised that fact. In 1933, Warren attended the Chicago National Convention and the Parade which lasted 10 hours, had 150,000 marchers and 600 bands and drum corps.

…Most of the early records of the Post were lost in a barn fire at the residence of C. Merion Hicks who served many years as the Post historian. (This was the first fire in which post records were lost.)

…1930…Willard Lorenz elected Commander.

…1931 and 1932…Arlo Mann elected Commander for 2 terms.

Feb. 7, 1933…The American Legion sponsored the presentation of Phillip Barry's "You and I" in the High School auditorium by the Community Playshop Friday night. (Anoka Union)

…1933…John Schmidt elected Commander.

…1934…Archie Sorenson elected Commander.

Dec. 19, 1934…The 10th district meeting of the American Legion held at K.C.Hall Wednesday was attended by nearly 200 Legionnaires and friends. (Anoka Union)

…1935…Arthur Paulson elected Commander.

…1936…Carl Hartman elected Commander.

Mar. 29, 1937…5th Annual Easter Ball, Monday, Anoka Armory, Music played by Orchestra of Rhythm – Old Time and New Dances Sponsored by the Edward B. Cutter Post No. 102 of the American Legion. A percentage of the receipts of this ball will go to the Rochester Hospital Assn. You Are Invited – 50 cents Per Person (Anoka Union)

…1937 and 1938…Ralph Heinemann elected Commander for 2 terms.

Mar. 9, 1938…Anokans, get busy and practice up on your dance steps for the National Big Apple contest to be held by the American Legion at its annual Easter Ball April 18. (Anoka Union)

JUNE 17-18, 1939…10th District Convention, Anoka…The Tornado hit at 18 minutes after 3 pm. on Sunday, June 18 when the Fire Hall clock stopped when the power lines fell. …Guy remembers very clearly that day. Just a half hour before the scheduled start of the parade, the worst tornado in the history of the city struck with very little warning. As a member of the host Post, Guy was busy on a work detail. Between the rear of the Jackson Hotel and Main Street was an old building that had been used as a horse barn. The Anoka Post rented space in the building and was operating a refreshment stand and bar on that terrible day. Guy was working in that building when the sound of the storm approached. He remembers running towards Main St. for a view of what was happening and he saw all descriptions of debris flying through the air. The accompanying roar of the tornado was almost deafening. He compares the sound to being under a railroad bridge with a fast freight train passing by overhead. The storm ended what started out to be a joyful convention day.

June 19, 1939…DRILL HALL DEMOLISHED (Minneapolis Star)
Legion Conclave Saved by Fate…
An intercession of fate prevented the casualty list from soaring in the hundreds. Officials of the Tenth District, American Legion, had planned to hold their annual convention in the drill hall of the Anoka armory. But, they decided the armory was too big for their crowd and rented the city hall….Had the convention been held in the armory drill hall, which was demolished by the tornado, scores of the delegates would undoubtedly have been killed or injured….The City Hall Was Not Touched.
The American Legion auxiliary held its meeting in the high school auditorium, and the high school building also escaped with minor damage.
The Legionnaires, who witnessed the storm descend on the town, immediately formed rescue squads and aided the injured. The auxiliary turned its meeting place into an emergency hospital and aided in caring for the injured.
The Legion banquet, which was to have been served in the Masonic temple building- partly destroyed by the tornado- was cancelled. Instead, the food was served to emergency workers, policemen, guardsmen and homeless, by the members of the Eastern Star.

…Drum Corps Acts as Storm Police (Mpls. Star)
The 5th District American Legion drum corps of Minneapolis arrived in Champlin just after the storm struck. The uniformed members, 30 of them, undertook police duty and handled traffic and duty calls until the national guard arrived to relieve them.

June 21, 1939…Anoka Rises From Wreck of Tornado… (Anoka Union)
Storm lasted 3 minutes and sounded like a dozen locomotives, hundreds of homes are ruined. Out of the wreckage of the tornado that roared through Anoka, Cedar and Champlin, order is appearing rapidly. 9 deaths, 144 injuries and property damage of about $1,200,000 were reported by a survey committee in the area. The tornado started between Hamel and Corcoran in Hennepin County, sweeping down past Maple Grove to Champlin where it made a clean sweep of about a dozen houses, starting on the south side of Elm Creek, ending at the C.R. Joslyn home on the Mississippi River bank where it crossed to Anoka. The furious twister swept across the junction of the Miss. And Rum Rivers down 3rd Ave., destroying most everything in its path; to 7th Ave., to Round Lake, Grow, through Cedar. In Anoka, the Armory, businesses, church and many homes were demolished. American Legion members, meeting in Anoka for the District 10 convention, all jumped into action to help in the turmoil that followed, as did area doctors and other citizens. Funerals for tornado victims were held Thursday and Friday, and the American Red Cross set up an office in Anoka City Hall to aid those without homes of possession.

July 26, 1939…The 10-th District American Legion held its unfinished convention at Stacy on Sunday. The tornado at Anoka June 18th terminated the convention there so officers to be elected were elected at Stacy.

…1939…David Brown elected Commander; Mr. Brown was transferred and as 1st Vice, Guy Spencer filled the unexpired term of seven months.

Oct. 25, 1939…Ralph Heinemann, principal of Anoka High School and Past Commander of Post 102, christened all the Anoka football teams henceforth the "Anoka Tornadoes" at the Football Homecoming Pepfest.

Sources for this issue included:

Anoka Herald – This is The American Legion 2nd edition

Anoka Union – The American Legion Magazine/Jubilee Special Issue

The Minnesota Legionnaire/75th Year Special Issue

Post 102 Newspaper/Profiles – Al Smith,writer

Charlie Sell/ Notebook - Mrs. Ernest (Jesse) Wellhausen/ newspaper clippings

President's Column

Cathy Newman

Hello, well I guess we are all starting to think Spring.

Time flies when we are having fun and boy have I been having fun!

The Commander and I went on the Snowmobile run for two days January 23 and 24. Met a lot of people, got some memberships and had a fun time.

For Valentines day I took 20 cards made by our Juniors and a small box of candy to the Anoka Regional Treatment Center for the veterans there.

Remember March is our Annual Auction after our meeting. Bring your wrapped gift and help out with our programs. It's another fun time. Legion and SAL members please come also.

Our District President Sue Nunnelee will be having her testimonial dinner along with the District Commander at the Anoka Post in April. So watch for this and think about helping out.

March meeting is also food shelf donation time, bring your canned food items then.

Old Cell Phones

We will take your old cell phones for a recycling program. It's free and convenient to turn in your used cell phone. Phones can be any condition or brand and do not need to have batteries. Your Mission: Help our troops call home! Proceeds from donated cell phones are used to purchase prepaid calling cards for American troops. Box will be at pull tabs, so just drop your phone in. Thank you for supporting our troops.

In Memoriam

JEWEL (MORRISON) HASTINGS

Jewel, a 26 year Auxiliary member, was born in Ollie, Montana and passed away January 28, 2009.

Edward B. Cutter Unit 102 extends its sympathy to husband Bob.

Auxiliary Membership

Postcards and letters were mailed, phone calls made, National sent their 2nd dues notice in January; if you have not yet paid your 2009 dues – please do so now.

We need you – your dues help fund our many programs – even though you do not live in the area. Send your $20 dues (payable to American Legion Auxiliary) to me:

Betty Erickson
1826 Cressy Avenue
Anoka, MN 55303

10th District President Sue Nunnelee is one of us and we can help her (and the District) by reaching our GOAL and ALL TIME HIGH as soon as possible!

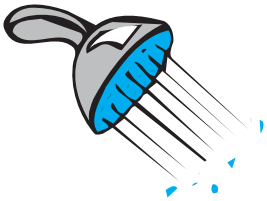
This will be your last issue you will receive of the Post paper if your dues are not paid by March 10!

39th Annual AUCTION

On Tuesday, March 3 (following the Auxiliary meeting) the Units annual auction will be held. 2nd Vice President Norah Wyman will assist the Post auctioneer.

All items are to be wrapped except home-baked goods, hand-made crafts or items you think will sell better unwrapped. (Please bring items you yourself would be glad to get!) Proceeds will be sent to the Girls State program and Legionville.

All Unit, Post and SAL members are invited to attend; come and enjoy the fun and bring your checkbook too.



VA SHOWER Still On!

Attn: Post, SAL and Unit members . . .

If you can donate any of the following, veterans at the Mpls. & St. Cloud VA Hospitals would be very appreciative:

Jumbo and regular playing cards, tube socks, gloves, stocking caps, small sizes of: lotion, deordorant, Scope, toothpaste, Efferdent, Fixodent, Kleenex, etc.

Bring items to the March 3 meetings (or anytime before the end of March) - or leave at the pull tab booth.

Remember those in VA Centers.

Cathy Newman, VA & R Chairman

JAN'S JOTTINGS

by Jan Reiter

The regular meeting of Edward B. Cutter American Legion Auxiliary was held on Tuesday, February 3, 2009 at 7:00 pm. President Cathy Newman called the meeting to order. The prayer, pledge and preamble opened the meeting.

Commander Cliff Newman visited the Auxiliary to talk about Mid-Winter Conference. The profits from the Mid-Winter were $1200 and they will use the profits to buy 5 floor mats and will buy another deep fryer. He said everything went well.

Children & Youth: Just a reminder to still save Campbell's soup labels, box tops for education, pop tabs and Kemp's points for education and give them to your local schools but keep count for our Children and Youth chairman so she can report the amount for our reports in April.

Fund Raising: An overnighter to Jackpot is planned for March 17, 2009 to Turtle Lake. Lenora Root said next month she will have information on our annual Mother Day's plant sale. A motion was made to have a Flea Market as a fund raiser – approved. Pam Westlie will be chairperson. She is planning for it to be on May 2nd. It will be a combination flea, craft, food, and book exchange. She is need of help with the kitchen, advertising and clean up. She will charge $15 per table.

Girls State: Kathy Zwerdling has contacted the high school and they will have an assembly next month. She will let us know about County Days next month.

Home Service: The Auxiliary will be collecting commemorative, express mail, foreign and air mail stamps, picture postcards and S&H stamps. Leave the stamps on the postcards.

VA&R: Cathy Newman reported that the VA shower will continue on through March and thanked those that brought items. You can bring socks, crossword puzzle books, little sample sizes of shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, lotion, soap or small nail clippers. These are just some suggestions. If someone wants to knit or crochet slippers for the veterans the pattern is on www.operationtoastytoes.org/patters.html. There are also patterns for headbands, helmet liners and fingerless mittens on the website. Cathy will be taking the Valentines the juniors made and add some candy in them. She will take them out to the veterans at AMRTC. Motion was made to let Cathy buy candy for the Valentine Cards - approved. Cathy talked about donating old cell phones, without or with batteries, to the Cell Phone Recycling Center. The money from this will be used to purchase prepaid calling cards for American troops. Their mission is "to help our troops call home. We will collect the cell phones at the pull tab booth and send them to the Recycling Center. So if you have some cell phones you want to get rid of, drop them off at the Post.

Unfinished Business: Kathy Zwerdling thanked everyone that helped out at the Mid-Winter Conference. It was a success. She also mentioned that next month we will be donating to the food shelves, so bring your canned goods or cash. Second Harvest matches this amount. March 7th will be the 90th Birthday Dinner at the club. Tickets will be at the pull tab booth.

New Business: The March meeting will be the auction. A motion for the profit from the March Auction is to be divided between the Girl's State Program and Legionville – approved. Sue Nunnelee moved to have the Unit endorse Donna Redepenning for 2009-2010 10th District Executive Board – approved.

Ron's Ribs / Thursdays

Open Grill Thursdays and Fridays

Thursdays – 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm
BBQ Ribs, Choice of Potato, Cole Slaw, Texas Toast
Full Rack $11.75 Half Rack $9.75

Friday March 6th
Liver & Onions, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Vegetable, Roll & Butter $7.50

Friday March 13th
Ham, au Gratin Potatoes
Vegetable, Roll & Butter $7.50

Friday March 20th
Chicken Fried Steak, Mashed Potatoes & Country Gravy,Vegetable
Roll & Butter $7.50

Friday March 27th
Lasagna, Garlic Toast,Vegetable & Side Salad $7.50

Taxes are included

AUXILIARY UNIT 102

Edward B. Cutter Post 102, Anoka, MN 55303

You are eligible to join the Auxiliary if your veteran relative is a current member of The American Legion; or if deceased, had served during the eligibility dates of one of eight war eras.

- ☐ Mother
- ☐ Wife
- ☐ Sister
- ☐ Daughter
- ☐ Granddaughter
- ☐ Grandmother
- ☐ Great-Granddaughter
- ☐ Self

(step-relative also apply)

Ask any Auxiliary Member. They will be happy to sign you up.

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DENISE'S CORNER

The Madness is Coming in March!!

We are going to be holding a

FINAL FOUR PARTY

on Saturday, April 4th. Come join us for food, trivia, giveaways, and an all around good time. Keep your eyes open for more details.

Past Presidents Parley Sewing Bee

Monday, March 9, 7:00 pm
ALL Unit members are invited to help.

Table Available Craft Sale / Flea Market

Post 102 - Saturday, May 2nd
for information call
Pam at 763-421-7046

An Auxiliary Fund Raiser

Art Show and Reception

You are invited to attend an
Art Show and Reception honoring the local veterans who are participating in the 2009 National Veterans Creative Arts Competition.

Wed., March 4 – 12:30 - 6:30 p.m.
Thurs., March 5 – 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Auditorium, Building 8, VA Medical Center, St. Cloud, MN

Veterans, family, friends, volunteers, and staff of the medical center are welcome to attend and congratulate our talented artists.

Refreshments will be served.

Hope to see you there!

For more information, contact Deb Drueger at 320-255-6480, ext. 9-6285

POST HOSPITAL EQUIPMENT

Effective Now
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.

Anyone else wanting to use the equipment will have to have a member of the Post 102 family serve as their sponsor.

Also call Frank if you know of anyone hospitalized so the word can get out.

North Suburban

Concert Band

John Rosner, Music Director
2009 INDOOR SCHEDULE

Cathedral Concert
Sunday, March 8th – 2:00 p.m.

Meadow Creek Church, Andover
3037 Bunker Lake Blvd. NW
Admission FREE
A goodwill offering will be taken.

POPS CONCERT
Sunday, April 26th – 3:00 pm
Courtyards of Andover
13545 Martin St. NW, Andover

Credits: Anoka historical items from the Fred Moore Middle School Calendar Club

MARCH 2009

Community Service Month

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Club Open 12-10 Bar Bingo 3:00 pm 1	*June, 1934: Anoka Firemen have drum corps.* 2	**Post General Mem. 7:30 pm** **S.A.L. Mtg. 7:00 pm** **Auxiliary Mtg. 7:00 pm** **VA Shower & Annual Auction** 3	**SAL Sponsored Dinner 5:30-7:00** **Steak, Chicken, or Stuffed Shrimp $7.50** **Steak & Shrimp Combo $10.00** 4	**Ron's Ribs** **Grill Open** **5:00 – 8:00 pm** **Bar Bingo** **6:30 pm** 5	Meat Raffle 5:00 pm Bar Bingo 6:30 pm **Live Music** **Al's Garage** **8:30 - 12:30** 6	**90th Birthday Celebration** **Social 6-7 pm** **Dinner 7 pm** 7
Club Open 12-10 Bar Bingo 3:00 pm **Daylight Savings Spring Ahead** 8	**Past Pres.** **Parley Sewing Bee** **7:00 pm** 9	*Dec. 5, 1934: City buys Rum River dam from Phillsbury for $1,000.* 10	**SAL Sponsored Dinner 5:30-7:00** **Steak, Chicken, or Stuffed Shrimp $7.50** **Steak & Shrimp Combo $10.00** **Aux. Twin Rivers Bingo 2:15 pm** 11	**Ron's Ribs** **Grill Open** **5:00 – 8:00 pm** **Bar Bingo** **6:30 pm** 12	Meat Raffle 5:00 pm Bar Bingo 6:30 pm **Live Music** **Wall Cloud** **8:30 - 12:30** 13	8th & 10th Rally Grand Rapids 2:00 pm 14
Club Open 12-10 Bar Bingo 3:00 pm 15	*Feb., 1935: The Webster R. Smith Store became Colburn-Hilliard Mens Store.* 16	**NEWSPAPER MEETING 7:00 pm** **Aux. Bus to Turtle Lake** **St. Patrick's Day** 17	**SAL Sponsored Dinner 5:30-7:00** **Steak, Chicken, or Stuffed Shrimp $7.50** **Steak & Shrimp Combo $10.00** **Legion Riders 7:00 pm** 18	**Ron's Ribs** **Grill Open** **5:00 – 8:00 pm** **Bar Bingo** **6:30 pm** 19	Meat Raffle 5:00 pm Bar Bingo 6:30 pm **Live Music** **Turn Around Band** **8:30 - 12:30** 20	**Junior Auxiliary Meeting 12 Noon** 21
Club Open 12-10 Bar Bingo 3:00 pm 22	*Sept. 8, 1937: New Fall Suits $19.75, $25 and $30 at Colburn-Hilliard* 23	**Unit Reports Meeting 7:00 pm** **House & Ent.** Meeting 7:00 pm 24	**SAL Sponsored Dinner 5:30-7:00** **Steak, Chicken, or Stuffed Shrimp $7.50** **Steak & Shrimp Combo $10.00** 25	**Ron's Ribs** **Grill Open** **5:00 – 8:00 pm** **Bar Bingo** **6:30 pm** 26	Meat Raffle 5:00 pm Bar Bingo 6:30 pm **Live Music** **Rice Street Boyz** **8:30 - 12:30** 27	*Dec., 1937: Katherine Roddy wins Legion Medal for best essay on U.S. Constitution.* 28
Club Open 12-10 Bar Bingo 3:00 pm 29	*Nov., 1939: Fred Knodt (post member) moves into his new store on 7th Ave. after it was destroyed in the tornado.* 30	**Executive Board** Meeting 7:00 pm 31	*April 29, 1931: Ted Veidt chosen director of Anoka Municipal Band.*	*May 15, 1939: Everett Setzler becomes the new game warden.*	**Paris Caucus of The American Legion March 15-17, 1919**	

Coming in April

4	Dist. Jr. Conference - St. Francis
4	Marv Jonas SAL Testimonial - Clearwater
4	Final Four Party
12	Easter
17-18	Dept. Jr. Conference - Richfield
18-19	Post 102 State Bowling Tourney - Brainerd
17-26	Poppy Card Days
25	Joint Dist. Testimonial Sue & Tom at Anoka

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS BEGINS MARCH 8 SPRING AHEAD

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