Guest Speaker
Colonel D.C. Shaffer
US Army Retired

He was raised in the Appalachian Mountains of south-eastern Kentucky and had his primary education in a two room school house. He went on to West Point and after graduation went to Army aviation school to learn to fly helicopters. Upon getting his helicopter pilots wings, he volunteered for U.S. Army Special Forces training. Upon receiving the Green Beret, he volunteered for training in scuba diving, and upon completion was assigned as commander of an A-Team in Vietnam. He retired after serving honorably for 30 years on active duty. He served in Vietnam, Central America, South America, Africa, and took part in Grenada and Panama. He is married and has five children, 10 grandchildren and two great grandchildren. He is also a published author.

AMERICAN LEGION POST 102
400 West Main St., Anoka

VETERANS DAY

DINNER & PROGRAM

Saturday, November 8, 2014
Social Hour 6:00 - 7:00 pm Dinner 7:00 pm

Carved Ham & Turkey
with all the trimmings & dessert

DINNER - $11.00 PER PERSON
Limited to the first 200 people.
Tickets must be purchased before event.
Tickets can be purchased at the Pull-Tab Booth.
No tickets will be sold on the day of the dinner.

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Adjutant's Notes

by Gary Munkholm

It is always good to hear from the Boy and Girl Staters we sponsor. The Joint Legion Family meeting we had last month was an inspiration to our sponsorship of Boy and Girl Staters.

I hope to see many of you at the upcoming Veteran's Dinner. The speaker is a Vietnam Veteran and graduate of West Point. Buy your tickets for the event at the pull tab booth.

Don't forget to pay your dues. You can send your dues in, pay at the club with a bartender, or pay them on line through the American Legion website.

Many thanks to our Legion baseball team for cleaning up the club house grounds before the annual Anoka Halloween events held at the club.

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

Anoka County 2nd half property tax	$10,735.22
Catering Central Members Recognition Dinner	$1,000
St. Cloud VA Health Care System Holiday Fund	$100
Mpls VA Health Care System Holiday Fund	$100
Minneapolis Veterans Home Holiday Fund	$100
CenterPoint Energy	$200
City of Anoka Utilities	$1,800
U.S. Treasury wagering tax	$400
Assist needy Veterans & Families	$1,500
Emergency Money	$500

Paul also announced that Post 102 received a 5 star rating from the State Gambling Control Board in its annual report.

THANK YOU!

I would like to thank the American Legion Post sponsored softball team. The men spent 3 hours mowing, raking and sweeping the parking lots, as well as degreasing the ceiling and walls in the kitchen on October 12.

This group of men have gone out of their way to volunteer their services, to help this Post. These men have cleaned, painted and repaired items to get us up to code, and last but not least, they promote this American Legion. The softball team has been volunteering their services from the very beginning of their sponsorship. This Post greatly appreciates all of their hard work.

Again, Thank you from Anoka Legion and all the staff.

Edward B. Cutter Post 102

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Post 102 extends sincere sympathy to the families of

JAMES R. GERBER

James was a 40 year member of The American Legion and a Vietnam War Veteran

ROBERT H. HASTINGS

Robert was a 61 year member of The American Legion and a Korea War Veteran

HARTLEY H. MEDIN

Hartley was a 52 year member of The American Legion and a World War II Veteran

IN NOVEMBER

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 $13.00 Half Rack $11.00

FRIDAYS
7th - Fish Fry - $10.00
14th - Spaghetti w/Italian Meatballs, Veg, Garlic Toast - $9.00
21st - Sheppard's Pie, Veg, Roll, Butter - $9.00
28th - BBQ Bacon Burger ~ w/Fries or Tots $8.00

WEDNESDAY - NOV 26 (5:00-7:30pm)
Turkey or Ham w/ Mashed Potatoes & Gravy,
Sage Stuffing, Buttered Corn, Cranberry, Roll & Butter
$10.00

Tax included on all the above.
CATERING CENTRAL

MEMBERSHIP ELIGIBILITY DATES into THE AMERICAN LEGION

Persian Gulf War	August 2, 1990 to date of cessation
Panama	December 20, 1989 to January 31, 1990
Grenada/Lebanon	August 24, 1982 to July 31, 1984
Vietnam War	February 28, 1961 to May 7, 1975
Korean War	June 25, 1950 to January 31, 1955
World War II	December 7, 1941 to December 31, 1946
World War I	April 6, 1917 to November 11, 1918
Merchant Marines	December 7, 1941 to December 31, 1946

Commander Ray Turnquist

October is a busy month for everyone- fall clean up and getting ready for winter. It is also a very busy month for Post 102. The Auxiliary has it's Early Bird dinner on Oct 13th and the Post/Sal Early Bird dinner is Oct 16th. The Grand Day parade, Oct 25th is a VERY busy day for the Post. If anyone would like to help that day it would be much appreciated. Mark your calendars for Sat, Nov 8th, the date for the Veterans Day dinner. Everyone is welcome. Please support the club by attending the Wed night steak fry.

On Sunday, Sept 14th, Waterfowl for Warriors held it's first of 2 early goose season events. We met at 5:30 am behind the Anoka library. At 6 am all the goose hunters were in their blinds and ready to hunt. The early morning weather was perfect. By11am we had over 30 geese. After a great BBQ and souvenir shirts from Federal Cartridge/ATZ, the hunters were on their way home with some great memories. Thank you to the City of Anoka for the use of the land, Fed Cart for the ammunition and shirts, Jeff Weaver for the great lunch and a special thanks to Scott Wahl and the many volunteers for this fantastic event.

God bless America,
Commander Ray

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 donating some of your game to our annual Veterans Wild Game Dinner. The dinner is scheduled for December 6th at 12 noon in the Post 102 Commanders Hall. Once again our Special Guests are Veterans from the Minneapolis V.A. Medical Center, the St. Cloud V.A. Medical Center and Golden Living Nursing Home. This year is our 47th annual event and without a doubt one of my favorites. We've had bad weather the last couple of years that affected attendance, but what's the chance of that happening three years in a row?

We're also in need of volunteers the day of the event to help prepare, serve, clean-up, help with bingo and the best part EAT. Mark your calendars now and kick-start your Holiday Spirit with this fun event. Any questions or coordination of game donations, feel free to call me at 763-571-8623 or talk to Denise at the Post.

Thanks, Darrel Redepenning

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNERS

If your dining party will consist of 8 or more persons, PLEASE call ahead to make Reservations. You may call the Club at: 763-421-0883. You may also send a text to Al at: 612-867-5698 OR email to sal@anokalegion.org.

Please include your name, the number of persons and the date (WED).

S.A.L. Commander Tim Dahlheimer

Happy Halloween!

Any SAL members and families that still wish to be a part of the Halloween festivities and ride on the parade float, please contact us to see if we have space available. A big thank you to Tony and Sandy for providing their pontoon boat for our SAL parade entry. It is much appreciated!

If you haven't heard, the SAL team is now serving hot roast beef sandwiches, complete with mashed potato's and gravy, on Saturday afternoons from 1:00-3:30pm. The cost is only $5.00 and we have been receiving "rave" reviews. Stop in on Saturday and enjoy this great meal. You won't be disappointed. A special thanks to "little" Al for spearheading this event and putting it all together. His knowledge, dedication, and unending volunteer service to this Post is truly a blessing. When you see Al at the Club, please thank him for all he does.

In addition to our weekly steak fry on Wednesdays, the SAL team continues to search out new ideas and opportunities to better serve the Legion family. We welcome any suggestions you may have.

Until next time, have a great November!

Tim Dahlheimer

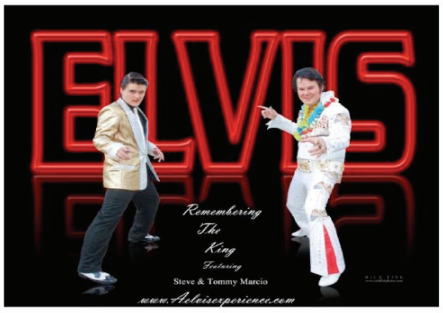
Anoka American Legion Auxiliary Unit 102 & Sons of the American Legion Squadron 102

Proudly Presents

Remembering the King

Dinner Show

December 13th, 2014



Tickets go on sale November 1st

Anoka American Legion
400 West Main
Anoka, MN 55303

Tickets $25
Limited Preferred Seating $30

Dinner 5:30-6:30PM

Showtime 7-9PM

Buffet Dinner

Silent Auction

Celebrate the season with an evening of Elvis Christmas, Gospel, and Secular Music.
Only 150 tickets available, prepaid admission required!

Tickets can be bought at Post 102 Pull Tab Booth or send check to Sandy Phillips 3012-127th Lane NW, Coon Rapids, MN 55448 (made payable to the order of: Unit 102 ALA). Questions call Post 102: 763- 421-0883 or Sandy at 763-754-3800.

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.

President's Column

Cathy Newman

President's Column - Cathy Newman

Hello to all. We are back on track for the year. Our annual Early Bird Dinner, Silent Auction and Initiation of New Members. Pins were given to continous year members. Read more about the nights program in in the newsletter as written by the appointed Chairman. The post Color Guard was asked to present Colors for the Honor Flight of World War II Veterans returning from their trip to Washington D.C.and I was asked to go along.It was a very proud feeling experience for every one there.

I want to let all Auxiliary and non-members know about volunteering. You can do many things to help out our Children an Youth Program. Save your pop can tops, Box tops for Education, Just clip coupons from participating products (for example - Campbell Soup labels, Kemps Dairy products with specially marked tops). Do sewing and knitting for our Veterans Hospital, save stamps and post cards. All these things can be brought to our Post and be turned in for credit for our programs. Do driving for a Veteran to get them to an appointment or take them shopping. Yard work also counts. Any of these things you do you need to keep track of your hours and report them to us. If you are interested in doing any of these things ask a Auxiliary member or call me. I will be able to give you the information you need. We do great things for our community and Veterans and we want all to know we are not just a bar.

November 4th at 7pm is our next meeting check us out! See you all there. November 14th is our Veterans Day Dinner, plan to attend. Tickets will be available at the Post.

God Bless America
Cathy Newman

American Education Week
November 17-21

On Monday, November 17th, at 7 pm, we will be bagging apples for American Education Week. The apples are given to teachers, cooks and maintenance personnel at schools in the Anoka area. We will be needing volunteers (Legion, Auxiliary, S.A.L and Riders) to help with this project. The apples will be delivered to the schools on Tuesday, November 18th. Hope to see you on the 17th at 7 p.m. to help with this Legion Family project.

Kathy Zwerdling & Nancy Bever - Education Co-Chairman

In Memoriam

HARRIET KARYN (ENGMAN) BUNE

Harriet, a 65 year Auxiliary member, was born March 12, 1915, in Milaca and passed away September 30, 2014, at the age of 99 years, 6 months and 18 days.

Harriet, who still lived at her home, was very proud of being an Auxiliary member and participated in Poppy Day in Anoka for many, many years.

Edward B. Cutter Unit 102 extends its sympathy to Harriet's familyand friends, including Unit member Kris Bune Bancroft. A memorial in Harriets name was sent by Unit 102 to the Fort Snelling Rifle Squad.

Auxiliary Membership

If you have not yet paid your 2015 dues - NOW is the time: before Fall Conference Oct. 24-25, before the holiday season, and especially-, before you set it aside and forget it!!

Thank you to the those 180 members who have paid- needed are that many again!!

Your 2015 cards will be mailed as soon as possible; those paid members who could not attend Early Bird will also receive their continuous year pins. Thank you for your patience.

Betty Erickson

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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.

Jan's Jottings

by Jan Reiter

Submitted by Karen Orr for Jan Reiter

The regular meeting of Edward B. Cutter American Legion Auxiliary was held on Tuesday, October 7, 2014. The September 2, 2014 meeting minutes were approved. A joint Post and Auxiliary meeting was opened by Commander Ray Turnquist for the purpose of introducing our Girls and Boys Staters. The Girls State representatives were committed to their orchestra concert; however, they would like to attend one of our Auxiliary meetings. The Boys State representatives spoke of their experiences while there. They all emphasized they gained more respect for our flag and also for our Veterans while learning so much about how government works. Lunch was served before our regular meeting was opened by President Cathy Newman with a prayer. The September 2, 2014 minutes were approved as read. We welcomed new member Sherry McLaughlin.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Americanism: Diane Wolford talked about the Disabled Veterans monument in Washington, D.C. She also encouraged members to be sure to vote in November.

Community Service: Kara Reiser made a motion for Auxiliary members (include Post and SAL) to take part in the Rock and Roll at Golden Living Twin Rivers in May or June to take Veterans to a park for a picnic lunch. Motion was seconded and carried.

Education: Kathy Zwerdling talked about Give 10 to Education. A motion was made that we give apples to school staff during American Education Week November 17 to 21. Motion seconded and carried.

Fund Raising: Carol Hathaway is planning a bus trip to Turtle Lake Saturday, November 22nd. A motion was made, seconded and carried to keep the price of a table at $20 for our March craft sale. A motion was made, seconded and carried that we sell food during the Halloween parade day at the Post.

Membership: Betty Erickson mailed 57 memberships to Department and has 76 ready for the November 8th and 10th rally.

National Security: Jean Parvey spoke about the Welcome Home project for troops (a basket with dining gift cards, bath/body stuff, books, games, puzzles, etc.) A motion was made, seconded and carried to bring items to the Pull Tab booth or to our next meeting.

Past Presidents: Past Presidents met September 30th. A motion was made, seconded and carried to contribute to the Department Nursing Scholarship program. A motion was made, seconded and carried to hold our annual New Year's Day Bake Sale. We will hold two sewing bees – January 20th at 1:00 p.m. and February 23rd at 6:30 p.m.

VA&R: Cathy Newman said that many items from the Unit were delivered to the Mpls VA.

New Business: Kara Reiser invited Veterans to come to the Golden Living Twin Rivers on November 11 for ice cream in their honor. Our Unit received the following awards from **National:** Public Relations – Unit Program Emphasis Award, Darlene Thell; Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation – Best Overall VA&R Program by a Unit Chairman, Cathy Newman; Field Service Volunteer Hours – (NW Division), Lynette Pavin.

Boy Staters Speak At Joint Meeting

We were fortunate to have 4 Boy Staters from Andover High School speak to our October JointLegion/Auxiliary/SAL membership meeting. Sam Bryson, Al Satrang, Jonathan Mullen and Noah Hansen all told of their experiences. They told of their involvement, what they had learned and the lifelong friendships they had made with other Boy Staters. They all expressed much gratitude to the Anoka Post for giving them this wonderful opportunity.

Due to the fact that all 3 Anoka Girl Staters were performing in the Anoka High School Orchestra Concert, they were unable to attend the joint meeting. They will be attending a future Auxiliary meeting and sharing their experiences of Girls State.

Kathy Zwerdling, Girls State Chairman

(For above Pic)- L-R: Dave Way, Dean of Boys State; Sam Bryson, Al Satrang, Jonathon Mullen, Noah Hansen, Cliff Newman, Post Boys State Chairman and Ray Turnquist, Post Commander.

Auxiliary / SAL
Casino Bus Trip
to
Turtle Lake

Saturday, Nov 22nd

Leave Legion @ 10:00am

4 Hour Stay

$10.00
($5 back on card)

MUST HAVE 45 people to go

SIGN UP at Pulltab Booth

[Please park in 'Anchor' Lot]
?? Call 763-421-0883

November 2014

8 - Post 102 Veterans Day Dinner
[Tickets at Pull Tab Booth - $11.00]

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1st Friday each month Red Cross Bloodmobile at Post 7AM - 1PM	FLAG DAYS 4-Election Day(FS) 11- Veterans Day(FS) 27-Thanksgiving(FS)		EVERY WED SAL DINNERS 5:30-7:00 pm	Every Thursday & Friday Grill Open 5:00-8:30 pm - Menu Pg 2 EVERY Thursday "RON'S RIBS"	Meat Raffle 5:30pm Bar Bingo 7:00pm	EVERY SAT "SAL" HOT BEEF Sandwich 1:00-3:30pm 1
DAYLIGHT SAVINGS ENDS Club Open 12-10 Bar Bingo 4:00pm 2	3	General Mem. Mtgs. Post 7:30pm Aux & SAL 7:00pm Bar Bingo 6:30pm *ELECTION DAY* "VOTE" 4	*'Special'* Prime Rib $11.50 5	6	Meat Raffle 5:30pm Bar Bingo 7:00pm 7	Veterans Day Dinner Social 6-7 pm Dinner 7:00 pm 8
Club Open 12-10 Bar Bingo 4:00pm 9	*1775* *U.S. Marine Corps Established* 10	*VETERANS DAY* Newspaper Mtg. 7:00pm Bar Bingo 6:30pm 11	Nursing Home BINGO - 2:15 pm 'Twin Rivers' *'Special'* Country-Fried Steak $8.50 12	*1982* *Vietnam Veterans Memorial Dedicated* 13	Meat Raffle 5:30pm Bar Bingo 7:00pm 14	10th District Veterans Rally Monticello 2:00 pm 15
Club Open 12-10 Bar Bingo 4:00pm 16	American Ed Week (Bag Apples) 7:00pm 17	House & Ent. Mtg. 7:00pm Bar Bingo 6:30pm 18	*'Special'* Smoked Pork Chop $9.50 Legion Riders Mtg. 7:00pm 19	20	Meat Raffle 5:30pm Bar Bingo 7:00pm 21	AUX/SAL CASINO Bus Trip DEPT President's Testimonial - Osseo 22
Club Open 12-10 Bar Bingo 4:00pm 23	24	Executive Board Mtg. 7:00pm Bar Bingo 6:30pm 25	Thanksgiving Eve Dinner by CATERING CENTRAL (see Pg 2) 26	*THANKSGIVING* CLUB CLOSED 27	Meat Raffle 5:30pm Bar Bingo 7:00pm 28	29
Club Open 12-10 Bar Bingo 4:00pm 30						

STEAK-$9.00|FISH/SHRIMP/CHICKEN-$8.50|STEAK+SHRIMP-$12.00|WALLEYE-$11.00

COMING UP

December 2014

- 6 DEPT Pearl Harbor Rally- Apple Valley
- 6 Wild Game Dinner- Anoka
- 13 10th District Christmas Rally- Osseo
- 13 School Patrol Christmas Party- Anoka
- 17 Past Cmdr/Pres Holiday Dinner- Anoka

January 2015

- 1 New Years Day Brunch & Bake Sale - Anoka
- 3 Mid-Winter Conference- Anoka