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## Veterans Day Dinner November 11th

### Guest Speaker

**Major General Rick D. Erlandson**



Major General Rick Erlandson is assigned as Commander of the 34th "Red Bull" Infantry Division, headquartered in Rosemount, Minnesota.

The General's active military service began in 1969 when he joined the United States Marine Corps and attended USMC OCS in Quantico, Virginia. He was commissioned in December 1969, and served one tour in Vietnam, Cambodia, and

the Philippines. General Erlandson joined the Minnesota Army National Guard in 1976 and has commanded at all levels through multinational task force, until his promotion to Major General in September, 2004. His previous assignment was Commanding General, Task Force Falcon, KFOR 5B, Kosovo, an assignment he performed while dual-assigned as Assistant Adjutant General, Minnesota Army National Guard, and Assistant Division Commander, 85th Training Support Division, USAR.

### AMERICAN LEGION POST 102

400 West Main St., Anoka



## DINNER & PROGRAM

Saturday, November 11, 2006  
Social Hour 6:00 - 7:00 pm Dinner 7:00 pm

**Carved Ham & Turkey**  
*with all the trimmings & dessert*

**DINNER - \$8.00 PER PERSON**  
Limited to the first 200 people.  
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# ADJUTANT'S NOTES

by Wayne D. Wallace

The Post Executive Committee meeting held September 26, 2006 heard the minutes from the previous meeting and reports from finance, clubroom and gambling.

Post Commander Darrel Redepenning read the minutes from the Post 102 Club Manager Search Committee. Redepenning mentioned Lannie Vaughn was the committee's selection and recommended approval of his selection to the Post Executive Committee. Some discussion and questions followed. A vote of the Post Executive Committee was taken and Lannie Vaughn was appointed the new Post 102 Club Manager on a unanimous vote.

Adjutant brought up the matter of naming our current Post 102 Nursing Scholarship the "Theresa Ericksen Nursing Scholarship". Charlie Sell, working with the Anoka County Historical Society, found an article in the "Anoka Herald" dated September 8, 1943. The article mentioned she did public health work in Anoka County, she was the first Minnesota nurse chosen for service in the Philippines in 1905 and went into the military service in World War I. She is believed to be the first female member of our Post having belonged in 1921.

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

A joint meeting of the Post, Auxiliary and Sons of The American Legion was held October 3, 2006, prior to the regular meetings of the three groups, to recognize and hear the experiences of the Boy and Girl Staters who attended their respective sessions this past summer. The names and activities described by the Boy and Girl Staters are found elsewhere in this newspaper.

The Post General Membership meeting held October 3, 2006 heard the minutes from the previous meeting and reports from Post officers and committee chairmen.

Commander Redepenning introduced the newly appointed Post 102 Club Manager Lannie Vaughn to the Post General Membership. Lannie mentioned he accepts the challenge and is not unfamiliar with Post 102 since he has been a member for 15 years.

Commander Redepenning introduced John Torma, 10th District Membership Director from Osseo Post 172. He mentioned the dues increase coming up in January 2007 from National and the increase from Department and 10th District commencing with the 2008 membership dues. He also mentioned he is a candidate for 10th District Commander for 2007-2008.

First Vice Commander Gary Munkholm reported (615) members are signed up for 2007. We are currently (57) members ahead of one year ago and we need the help of ALL members to bring in new members. Also mentioned, was the importance of unpaid 2007 members to get your membership dues in as soon as possible before the dues increase in January 2007.

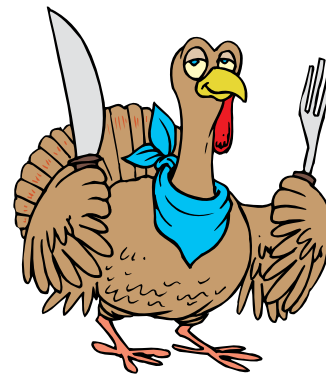
The following Lawful Purpose donations/expenses projected for October 2006 were approved by the Post General Membership:

1. Anoka County (2nd half property taxes) ..... \$14,195
2. Department Pheasant Fund ..... 100
3. City of Anoka (Water/light costs) ..... 2,550
4. Centerpoint Energy (Gas costs) ..... 450
5. Catering Central (Member Recognition Dinner) ..... 800
6. U.S. Treasury (Tax on wagering) ..... 600
7. Anoka Sport Shack (Boys State patches) ..... 40
8. Assist needy veterans/families ..... 1,500
9. Emergency money ..... 500

**Total taxes paid on gambling proceeds for September 2006:**

**Minnesota Revenue: \$3,689      U.S. Treasury: \$410**

New member accepted by the Post General Membership was Vernon E. Witt. We welcome you into Post 102 Vernon and hope to see and meet you at our monthly Post meeting held the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30 pm.





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**Commander's  
Column  
Darrel Redepenning**

Howdy Legionnaires,

It is my pleasure to announce to you that the Executive Committee has hired a new Club Manager.

Shortly after Bob Bleeke's resignation, a search and hiring committee was formed. Their assignment was to: Update the manager job description, review resumes, interview the top applicants and make a recommendation to the Executive Committee. The members of that committee were: Bud Redepenning, Wayne Wallace, Gary Munkholm, Cliff Newman, Tom Conneran and myself (thank you gentlemen for your time). The hiring committee unanimously endorsed Post 102 Member Lannie Vaughn as our new manager. The Executive committee unanimously agreed, Lannie accepted the position and started his duties on October 23rd.

Lannie is an active Legionnaire. He currently marches with our award winning Color Guard and is also a member of the 40 & 8. Lannie's previous experience includes: owning and operating his own Bar & Grill for 10 years, working with heating and air conditioning and is also a handyman. Lannie appears to be a great FIT for the job and we all wish him the best of luck.

November 11th is Veterans Day and Post 102 will have its annual Veterans Day Dinner that evening. This is always a special evening with a great program. Tickets are on sale at the Pull Tab Booth, so plan to attend.

That's all for now. Until next time, thanks for all your support and I hope to see you at the Post.

Commander Redepenning



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**S.A.L. NEWS**  
by  
Commander Al Amundson

Greetings to All,

Thank you to all the members who continue to support our Wednesday night dinners. We added Shrimp to our menu last Spring before Easter, and it proved

so popular we decided to continue. As a result, S.A.L. recently purchased a new medium sized deepfryer for the Post to help us serve you better. I want to thank S.A.L. members Jim Batters and Allen Zeeman for the use of their personal fryers until now.

**Also, there will be NO Wednesday Night Dinner on the day before Thanksgiving, November 22.**

Our current membership now stands at 106, which is 64% of our goal. Membership is everyone's responsibility, and I would like to encourage all of you to help us reach 100% by the end of the year. If you haven't renewed yet, please do so. Also, please sign the Early Bird Dinner list at the Club if you plan to attend.

Our Post Veterans Day Dinner is November 11. Any S.A.L. member who plans to attend should contact myself, or another officer, so we can compile a list of members attending.

Until next month... "Whatever it takes"

**Lannie G. Vaughn**  
**Club Manager**



Hello, I just wanted to introduce myself to those who may not know me. I have been in the American Legion for 15 years, with 13 of them at Post 102. I am in the Color Guard here and also a member of the Voiture Locale 390. My wife Mary is a member of the Auxilliary and we have 6 children.

## POST 102 MEMBER TOM SCHEPERS

### “A TRUE PATRIOT”

I am not certain how many read the article by columnist Nick Coleman, in the Sunday, October 8, 2006 Star and Tribune. The article pertained to marathon runner Tom Schepers and how he dropped out of his 20th Twin Cities Marathon, last week, to assist a fallen runner who was bleeding from a cut suffered when he fell. The fallen runner was shaking as if he was having a seizure and no pulse.

Tom is a registered nurse who works in the cardiac intensive care unit at St. Joseph's Hospital in St. Paul. He applied his skill in CPR until a medical team and ambulance arrived but not even a defibrillator could get the individual's heart to resume beating on its own. Schepers continued with CPR for 30-40 minutes before the individual was put in the ambulance still unconscious. Bystanders called the action by Schepers an heroic effort.

Tom Schepers continued the race but all the marathon runners were far ahead and out of sight. When he reached St. Paul, nearing Mile 21, someone told him the fallen runner had died. Schepers could run no farther. He walked quietly along Summit Avenue devastated that he could not save that man's life. He didn't reach the finish until 2:30 PM, a half-hour after the race officially ended.

Tom Schepers has been a member of Anoka American Legion Post 102 for 12 years although he lives in South St. Paul. In 1996, he completed a 50 mile run from South St. Paul to the Anoka American Legion Post. Upon his arrival, he was greeted and signed up as a new member of our Post.

I invited Tom Schepers to be our guest speaker at our Annual Veterans Day Dinner and program in November 2001 because of his dedication to veterans causes primarily the Korean and World War II Memorial fund raising through his running. He was one of the most interesting speakers we have ever had. He spoke not of himself or his achievements but for the veterans.

This latest episode of Tom Schepers, during the Twin Cities Marathon, does not come as a surprise. Having personally met Tom, I found an individual who is modest, unselfish and strives to do anything in his power to assist causes and humanity in general.

Tom Schepers was in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War. In 1967, as a rifleman with the 1st Marine Division, he was awarded the Bronze Star and Purple Heart by saving the life of a fellow Marine. Under intense enemy small arms fire and pinned down in an open area, he observed one of his fire team members lying wounded in an exposed area. Without hesitation, he ran 70 meters under heavy enemy fire to the side of the wounded man. He shielded the wounded Marine with his body and gave emergency first aid while calling for a corpsman. As the corpsman approached, he was mortally wounded and the casualty was wounded a second time. Schepers lifted the wounded Marine on his shoulders and carrying him across the exposed rice paddy to a covered position, he was wounded in both legs. He continued crawling and moving his wounded Marine to safety saving the life of the wounded Marine. Tom overcame his leg wounds with extensive exercise and running and he has not stopped.

So the action taken by Tom Schepers, during the Twin Cities Marathon, to leave the race to assist a fallen runner only tells the true nature of this individual.

Tom Schepers is a true patriot and a human being to be admired. We thank you Tom for all you do and very proud to have you as a member of Anoka American Legion Post 102.

Wayne D. Wallace, Post Adjutant

## National Veterans Creative Arts Festival



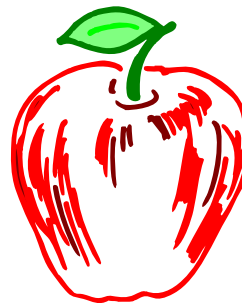
For the first time, Americans nationwide will have the opportunity to see this National Festival. The program will be taped by South Dakota Public Broadcasting and distributed through the National Educational Telecommunications Assoc. to Public Broadcasting System stations nationwide. **The target date for the broadcast on local PBS affiliates (in our area – Channels 2 & 17) is the week of Veterans Day, November 6 – 10.**

This Creative Arts Festival, with origins dating back to 1981, celebrates the artistic skills and accomplishments of veterans receiving care in VA Medical Centers and outpatient clinics nationwide. It inspires pride, a sense of achievement and opportunities for development of new skills and recognizes the progress and recoveries made through creative arts therapies. The event spotlights the four creative arts therapies of art, dance, drama and music.

This year, more than 120 of the first place winning veterans, from over 2800 participants were invited to attend the Festival in Rapid City, SD October 16-22. Each Festival features an art exhibit with the 1st place artwork from over 45 categories. A live stage show, complete with orchestra accompaniment, is performed by veterans in music, drama and dance. There is no competition at the Festival, it is a showcase for previously judged Gold medal winners. The Festival is sponsored by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), Help the Hospitalized Veterans (HHV) and the American Legion Auxiliary (ALA).

Members of Post & Unit 102 attended the 2002 Natl. Festival in Minneapolis and raved about the art exhibit and stage show. Unit 102 has donated funds to help support this festival for several years. **Remember to check PBS the week of November 6 – 10 for the National Veterans Creative Arts Festival!!**

## National Education Week, Nov. 12th – 18th



We need volunteers to help ready the apples for delivery to the schools in our area. These apples are given to the teachers, cooks, and maintenance personnel who work for the health and knowledge of the children.

Come to the Commanders Hall at Post 102 at 7:00 o'clock, Monday, November 13th. On November 14th in the A.M. help is needed to deliver the apples to the schools.

Thanks and looking forward to seeing you.

Mary Cameron & Kathy Zwerdling  
Co-Chairmen



## President's Column

**Dawn McCrady**

Hello to you all.

Our October meeting was held October 3. This meeting started as a joint meeting with the Legionnaires. During this joint portion of the meeting we heard from the girls and boys that went to state. It was nice to hear their appreciation for the opportunity. It was also enjoyable to hear a bit of what they learned.

After a break and some tasty treats we started our separate meetings. During the meeting we had the pleasure of meeting the new club manager Lannie Vaughn. Lenora Root also brought a guest to speak to us. The guest was Verna Witt. She talked to us about the opportunity to sell Tupperware as a fund raiser. During the meeting there was a motion made and seconded to give this opportunity a try; the motion passed. We will give this fund raiser a try. It was decided to start at the Early Bird dinner and sell for about 3 weeks.

National Education week is November 12-18. We will again be bagging apples for the educational staff and teachers in the area. It is my understanding that we will bag the apples the evening of Monday November 13 with distribution of them on Tuesday. Volunteers are always appreciated. Feel free to contact an auxiliary member for more details if interested.

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### Auxiliary 2007 Membership

Unit membership into Department is 304  
83% of our GOAL of 366!!

A 2nd Dues Notice from National is sent during October – if you have paid your dues and receive this notice, please disregard. If you have not yet paid your 2007 dues, send your dues: \$20/Senior/ \$3.50/Junior, \$3/Past Presidents to me at:

Betty Erickson  
1826 Cressy Ave., Anoka, MN 55303  
or pay at the pull tab booth at the Post.

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### Boys and Girls Staters Speak

On October 3rd, at the joint Legion and Auxiliary meeting, we were honored to have our Boys and Girls Staters speak to us. They told of their experiences this past summer while attending both Boys and Girls State. The three Girls Staters who attended were, Megan Connoy, Jessica Plotz and Margarita Turney. Three of the four Boys Staters were able to be with us. They were Andy Hildre, Paul Tellerren and Benjamin Hogeh. Jeremiah Hogeh was unable to attend. They all spoke of how they enjoyed the experiences and thanked the Legion and Auxiliary for sponsoring them.

Kathy Zwerdling – Girls State Chrm.

# JAN'S JOTTINGS

by Jan Reiter, Unit 102 Secretary

The regular meeting of Edward B. Cutter Unit 102 was held on Tuesday, October 3, 2006 in the Commander's Hall. Beginning at 7:00 pm with Commander Darrel Redepenning presiding over the joint Legion and Auxiliary meeting for the purpose of meeting and hearing from our Girls and Boys State Representatives.

**Fund Raising:** Casino Trip to Hinckley, October 24th, and to Jackpot Junction (overnighter) October 20th. Carol Hathaway reported that we are in need of 40 people on a bus to make any profit from our Casino trips. Our first hamburger fund raiser was a success according to Donna Redepenning. Donna, Lynette Pavin, Betty Redepenning, Barb Fisher and Kathy Zwerdling served the burgers.

**Home Service:** The Auxiliary will be collecting commemorative, express mail, foreign and air mail stamps, picture postcards and S&H stamps. Trim stamps to 1/4 inch around the entire stamp and leave the stamps on the postcards.

**Junior Activities:** The September 16th meeting was held with installation of officers by President Dawn. The officers are: Pres. - Taylor Hagen; Vice Pres. - Kendra Smith; Secretary - Ashley Toikka; Treasurer - Amanda Hunt; Sgt. at Arms - Madeline Hagen; Historian - Sammi Hicks; and Chaplain - Samantha Odegard. They made placemats and decorations for the Early Bird Dinner and will finish them at the October 14th meeting. Juniors will help at the Silent Auction at the Early Bird Dinner. There is a 10th District Fall Fun Day on October 21st in Fridley. October 28th will be the Juniors Fundraisers and they are in need of cookies, bars, etc. to sell on this day during the Halloween parade.

**Past President's Parley:** Meeting held September 21 with 17 Past Presidents attending. Decided to have sewing bee in February or March; Christmas dinner in December; Bake Sale with the New Years Day Brunch and Spring Luncheon with Gold Star Mothers and 50 year members.

**Poppies:** Received \$250 from TCF to add to our Poppy fund.


**VA&R:** Cathy Newman reported they are in need of volunteers at the VA Hospital and need Heart pillows. Betty and Donna Redepenning with spouses went to help out at the Adult Day Care. They served ice cream and helped them do bingo.

**New Business:** A motion was made to buy aprons for the workers to use at the Hamburger Fry's – approved. Donna Redepenning reported she is updating the pictures of the past presidents in the downstairs hall. Sandy Phillips said if anyone has changes to the Standing Rules please bring them to her or Donna Redepenning.

# November 2006

12th -18th

American Education Week

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>COMING IN DECEMBER</p> <p>2nd Pearl Harbor Rally - Buffalo</p> <p>2nd School Patrol Christmas Party</p> <p>9th Veterans Wild Game Dinner</p> <p>16th Jr. Aux: Meeting / Christmas Party</p> <p>TBA Past Pres. &amp; Cmdrs. Dinner</p>						
<p>Club Open 12-10</p> <p>Bar Bingo 3:00 pm</p> <p>Bingo 7 pm</p> <p>Burgers/Fund Raiser 1-6 pm</p> <p>Auxiliary 5</p>	<p>Week of Nov. 6-10</p> <p>Watch for PBS broadcast of the National Veterans Creative Arts Festival</p>	<p>Post General Mem. 7:30 pm</p> <p>S.A.L. Meeting 7:00 pm</p> <p>Auxiliary Meeting 7:00 pm</p> <p>Election Day VOTE!</p>	<p>SAL Sponsored Dinner 5:30-7:00</p> <p>Steak, Chicken, Pork Chop or Shrimp \$6.50</p> <p>Steak &amp; Shrimp Combo \$9.00</p> <p>Bingo 7 pm</p> <p>Aux. Twin Rivers Bingo 2:30 pm</p>	<p>Every Thursday: Ron's BBQ Ribs 5:00 - 8:00 pm</p> <p>Full Rack \$11.00</p> <p>1/2 Rack \$9.00</p>	<p>Meat Raffle 5:00 pm</p> <p>Bar Bingo 6:30 pm</p> <p>Legion Grill 5:00 - 8:30 pm</p> <p>Music 8:30-12 A.C. Rockers</p>	<p>Veterans Day Dinner</p> <p>Social 6:00 - 7:00 pm</p> <p>Dinner 7:00 pm</p>
<p>Club Open 12-10</p> <p>Bar Bingo 3:00 pm</p> <p>Bingo 7 pm</p> <p>Burgers/Fund Raiser 1-6 pm</p> <p>Drill Squad 12</p>	<p>Apple Bagging for Am. Ed. Week 7:00 pm</p> <p>Cmdrs. Hall</p>	<p>NEWSPAPER MEETING 7:00 PM</p> <p>WEB 8:00 PM</p>	<p>SAL Sponsored Dinner 5:30-7:00</p> <p>Steak, Chicken, Pork Chop or Shrimp \$6.50</p> <p>Steak &amp; Shrimp Combo \$9.00</p> <p>Bingo 7 pm</p>	<p>Nov. 14, 1917: Constitution of the Anoka County Loyalty League formed.</p>	<p>Meat Raffle 5:00 pm</p> <p>Bar Bingo 6:30 pm</p> <p>Legion Grill 5:00 - 8:30 pm</p> <p>Music 8:30-12</p> <p>Fire Spice</p>	<p>Junior Aux. Meeting 12:00 Noon</p>
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