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INSTALLATION 2008 – 2009
June 19th Installation Ceremonies

Past Department Commander Marlon Ronning conducted the ceremony and installed Cliff Newman as Post Commandeer and Lance Nelson as SAL Commander. 10th District President Sue Nunnelee installed Cathy Newman as President of Unit 102 with the Past Commanders and Past Presidents installing Post, Unit and SAL officers with Al Springer as Sgt.-at-Arms.

Cliff is serving his fourth term as Commander, Cathy is serving her third term as President and Lance is serving his second term as SAL Commander.

Gifts were exchanged by the Auxiliary, speeches were given by the incoming President and Post and SAL Commanders.

Everyone enjoyed a tasty lunch and dessert prepared by Jan Rieter and Jean Johnson.

Congratulations to all.

A 2009 Celebration

The American Legion and Edward B. Cutter Post 102 will both be 90 years old next year. The American Legion began in Paris, France with a 3 day caucus March 15, 16 & 17, 1919. Edward B. Cutter Post 102 received their charter August 25, 1919.

This paper would like to show how and why this organization began – the early days of Post 102 and its different locations – charter members and their stories (this isn't easy because a fire destroyed many records of the 20's, 30's and 40's).

With your help – especially WWII and Korean veterans, their widows, children and friends – we can all know the fun of past years: color guards, drill teams, bingo and softball teams, Memorial Days, dances, on the hill, Legion baseball and on and on.

Jot down anything pertaining to Post 102, and any pictures you may have (all personal pictures will be returned); extra material and pictures not able to fit in our monthly issues will be put on our website www.anokalegion.org.

Only Post memories – the Auxiliary will have their year in 2010 when they began in November 1920 and Unit 102 in 1921; the Junior Auxiliary and the Sons of the American Legion will also have their own time. The Minnesota Legionnaire will no doubt have their own 90 year reflection – we do not want to duplicate it.

A working committee is being assembled; the first articles will appear in the January 2009 issue and continue through December.

More information next month and if you would like to be a part of or work on this year long project – call me at 763-421-4562.

Remember those days!
Betty Erickson, Editor

WEDNESDAY DINNERS
5:30 – 7:00

Steak ~ Chicken ~ Shrimp
Stuffed Shrimp
Salisbury Steak
$7.50

Steak & Shrimp
$10.00

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ADJUTANT'S NOTES

by Wayne D. Wallace

The Post Executive Committee meeting held July 29, 2008 heard the minutes from the previous meeting and reports from finance, clubroom and gambling.

Post Commander Cliff Newman invited Mr. Dennis Eichinger to visit this Executive Committee meeting to explain his program "Senior Helpers" which is an in-home senior care for veterans and their spouse. It is an aid and attendance special pension paid by the Veterans Administration and is offered at no cost to the veteran. Mr. Eichinger spoke on the benefits, qualifications and how to get enrolled in this program. He was asked to appear at the Post General Membership meeting August 5th and furnish the above information to that group.

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

The Post General Membership meetings held July and August 2008 heard the minutes of those previous meetings and reports from Post Officers and committee chairmen.

Mr. Dennis Eichinger was present at the Post General Membership meeting as requested. He explained "Senior Helpers" program to the Post members and answered questions.

Adjutant reported the following Post members have passed away since the June 2008 issue of this Post newspaper: Dennis L. Carlson, Earl S. Johnson, Roger R. Hammond, Vincent M. Oman, Eugene H. Cornelius, Howard E. Curry, Donald L. Prozinski, Hans J. Siebert and Lloyd W. (Babe) Wells.

First Vice Commander Gregg Werbowski reported the Post membership for 2009 is (499).

Commander Newman read the letter of resignation from Wayne Wallace as the Gambling Manager for Post 102 to be effective October 1, 2008. The resignation was accepted by the Post General Membership.

The following Lawful Purpose donations/expenses projected for expenditure in July and August 2008 were approved by the Post General Membership:

1. Recipients of Post 102 Scholarships for Anoka High School $5,500
2. City of Anoka (Water/light costs July/August) 4,300
3. Centerpoint Energy (Gas costs July/August) 900
4. U.S. Treasurey (Tax on wagering July/August) 750
5. Anoka-Champlin Fire Dept. (Fire Education coloring books) 200
6. Anoka County Veteran Services (Volunteer Services Fund) 150
7. American Legion Family Hospital Association 300
8. Fund for Hospitalized Veterans 300
9. Lincoln Elementary School (Adopt-a-School) 150
10. Assist needy veterans/families 2,000

Total taxes paid on gambling proceeds for June 2008:
Minnesota Revenue: $5,843 U.S. Treasury: $218
Total taxes paid on gambling proceeds for July 2008:
Minnesota Revenue: $2,369 U.S. Treasury: $258

New members accepted by the Post General Membership: Gregory J. Berres, James W. Asfaly, Donald L. Prozinski, Gerald P. Dahl, Bernard J. O'Konek, Troy W. Hanson, Thomas P. Gorman III, A. Douglas Sturgill, Darryl Wangsness, Milton A. Werre, Ervan N. Harves, Harlyn H. Kramer and Kim C. Johnson. We welcome you gentlemen and lady 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 families of

DENNIS L. CARLSON
Dennis was a 8 month member of Post 102 and a Vietnam War Veteran

EARL S. JOHNSON
Earl was a 23 year member of Post 102 and a World War II Veteran

HANS J. SIEBERT
Hans was a 1 year member of Post 102 and a Vietnam War Veteran

ROGER R. HAMMOND
Roger was a 56 year member of Post 102 and a World War II Veteran

VINCENT M. OMAN
Vincent was a 46 year member of Post 102 and a World War II Veteran

EUGENE H. CORNELIUS
Eugene was a 11 year member of Post 102 and a World War II Veteran

HOWARD E. CURRY
Howard was a 20 year member of Post 102 and a World War II Veteran

DONALD L. PROZINSKI
Donald was a 1 month member of Post 102 and a Korean War Veteran

LLOYD W. (BABE) WELLS
Babe was a 61 year member of Post 102 and a World War II Veteran

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Commander's Column
Cliff Newman

Legionnaires, thank you for the confidence and trust in me for the upcoming year. I will serve you proudly. Thank you to the Past Commanders for installing all the incoming officers for this year. Thank you to the Auxiliary for the lunch following the ceremony.

Department Convention was held in Bloomington July 17th thru the 19th. Post members in attendance were Bud Redepenning, Darrel Redepenning, Rick Oelschlager, Gary Munkholm and myself. The Post received (4) four awards and (2) two certificates, Bravo Zulu to Wayne Wallace and to those who contributed to these awards.

L–R: Rick Oelschlager, Darrel Redepenning, Bud Redepenning, Cliff Newman and Gary Munkholm

Anoka County Fair – July 22nd, Fadi Awaijane, myself, Norah Wyman and Cathy Newman held the colors and organization flags for Anoka Post 102. Very well attended. I attended the Commander/Adjutant class in Hopkins, followed by the Districts first membership rally. Excellent turn in – over 1800 memberships.

Hoping to see you at the next general membership meeting, the 1st Tuesday of the month at 7:30 pm.

Yesterday is History
Tomorrows a Mystery
Thats why Today is called the Present.

Labor Day
September 1st

S.A.L. NEWS
by
Commander
Lance Nelson

Greetings to All,

The Summer has once again gone by too fast !

The 4th of July Celebration was a success! I would like to Thank all the S.A.L Members for their hard work. I would also like to Thank Everyone that Joined us for the food and music.

The Wednesday Night Dinner has had to be increased in price due to todays economy. The prices are $ 7.50 for steak, chicken, shrimp and stuffed shrimp. $10.00 for surf and turf combo.

Please help us with Membership renewal and any new memberships.

In July we were honored with the Auxiliary to cook and serve the Smallmouth Bass Fishing tournament Dinner. It was a Great time had by All !

We Really Need more help for Hamburger Sundays!! Please let me know when you can help.

Please Remember Our Monthly Meeting is the first Tuesday of the Month! That would be Sept. 2 and Oct.7 at 7:00 pm. Thank you !

What Ever it Takes!

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Profile for the Newman's
Cliff – Commander Cathy – President

WE'RE BACK

We've lived in Blaine for the last 38 years, my eligibility is from my service in the US Navy from which I retired, also my father (US Army WWII Vet). Cathy's eligibility is her father (US Navy WWII Vet).

I am a 39 year members of the Legion, Cathy is a 16 year Auxiliary member with just about as many years as a Jr. Auxiliary. We have also been involved with the 10th District. I have served as Chaplain, Vice Commander and Sgt.-at-Arms. Cathy has served as chairman of the following: Membership, Americanism, Sgt.-at-Arms and Color Bearer.

Our son Paul, and his wife Kim and daughters Brooke and Lea live in Coon Rapids. Paul is a SAL member and Brooke and Lea are Jr. Auxiliary members.

Our daughter, Melissa and husband Craig with daughters Jacqueline and Tess live in Florida, Missy is a Unit 102 member and Jacqueline and Tess are Jr. Auxiliary members.

I'm Commander for the fourth time and Cathy is President for the third time. We enjoy helping at our Post Home and Veterans.

Annual Auxiliary Overnite Jackpot Casin Bus Trip October 10-11

Call Carol - 427-0185 for information

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.

Auxiliary Membership

For the first rally of President Sue's year, Anoka turned in 163 memberships at Hopkins on August 3rd. Thanks to several Unit members who mailed their dues to me (this added to our May total), it is the most turned in this early for many years.

Unit 102 members attending the rally included Sandy Phillips, Kathy Zwerdling, Cathy Newman, Lynette Pavin, Donna Redepenning, Lenora Root, Doris Nunnelee, Ann Larson and myself.

NOTE: Monday, October 13 will be our Early Bird Dinner – Silent Auction – Initiation and continuous member pin presentation – for senior and junior paid members.

Don't wait for a dues notice – send your dues ($20 senior & $3.50 junior) or pay at the pulltab booth. Your dues and your reservation must be in by October 7.

Mail to me: Betty Erickson, Chairman
1826 Cressy Ave., Anoka, MN 55303

Memorial Wreaths

Any Auxiliary member who has passed away can have a wreath taken to the funeral home in honor of the Auxiliary members. If you would like this done for you, contact our Chaplain Donna Redepenning at 763-757-2034.

Anoka County Fair July 22nd

The opening of the Anoka County Fair was set off with a flag ceremony at 12:00 noon. The Edward B. Cutter American Legion Post and Ladies Auxiliary took part in the Annual flag raising by Al Springer and Darrel Redepenning. The flag used in the ceremony was donated by the Katie Clark family.

Pictured are Fadi Awaijane (left) Norah Wyman, Al Springer, Cathy Newman and Cliff Newman.

President's Column

Cathy Newman

Hello again! This is my third time as Unit President. Maybe I'll get it right this time.

Not much to report to you seeing we won't meet until Sept. at our first meeting.

Our installation went well. I want to thank Sue Nunnelee for installing me and taking time out as our District President to do so.

Thanks to the Past Presidents for installing my officers and thanks for the lunch after. It was so good.

The Department Convention was held at the Sheraton Hotel in Blooming on July 16-19, 2008.

Anoka did very well in awards that were received by the Post and Unit. Our unit received 4 awards: The Kienholz Walker Trophy for Past Presidents Parley; The Starr Lauck Trophy for Americanism for Juniors; The Ruth Hutton Traveling Trophy for Public Relations and Post and Unit Joint Bulletin Award. We also received 8 Certificates of Merit.

Along with these we have a list of reports that went onto National Convention. They were: Americanism, Children and Youth, Education, Legislation, National Security, Past Presidents Parley, Poppy, Public Relations, VA&R, Community Service and History. Poppy Contest won by Donna Redepenning – Center Piece 1st Place, Peoples Choice 1st Place, Wall Hanging 2nd Place, and Peoples Choice 2nd Place. Congratulations to our chairmen and Unit for their outstanding contributions and hard work in these programs.

Megan Connoy won a $1,000 scholarship for Nursing from the Department Past Presidents Scholarship program.

We had some Unit Delegates that this was their first time to a convention and they learned many things. Some were in the parade, marching with the 10th District group. Lynette Pavin and myself carried the District Colors in the parade. I was a personal page for 10th District President Pam Hoshal.

Our new Department President is Carol Barbknecht. There was no music extravaganza this year, instead they had a mini-creative arts festival. Three veterans performed their talents for us. They were very good. Donations were collected at the door; monies going to them for their expenses to the National Creative Art Festival.

So you can see we were busy but had fun too.

Check out our awards in our case in the dining hall next time you're in the club.

Put Sept. 2nd on your calendar and come to our first meeting of the year. The more the merrier they say.

Till next time.

Top left: Donna Redepenning, Norhah Wyman, Cathy Newman, Darlene Thell and Sue Nunnelee
Seated: Doris Nunnelee, Betty Redepenning and Lynette Pavin

Donna Redepenning 1st Place Center Piece and 1st Place Peoples Choice at 2008 Dept. Convention

Donna Redepenning 2nd Place (Veteran Tribute Wall Hanging) and 2nd Place Peoples Choice

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

SEPTEMBER 2008

4-7 Legionville Camporee
Long Lake, Brainerd

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Aux. Dues Notices from National mailed 1st week of September	**Labor Day Club Open 11 am - 7 pm** 1	**Post General Mem. 7:30 pm** **S.A.L. Mtg. 7:00 pm** **Auxiliary Mtg. 7:00 pm** 2	**SAL Sponsored Dinner 5:30-7:00 Steak, Chicken, or Stuffed Shrimp $7.50 Steak & Shrimp Combo $10.00** 3	**Every Thursday & Friday Grill Open 5:00 – 8:30 pm Bar Bingo 6:30 pm** 4	Meat Raffle 5:00 pm 5	**Post Golf Tourney Greenhaven approx. 1:00 pm Shotgun Start Legionville** 6
Club Open 12-10 Bar Bingo 3:00 pm 7	***Sept. 6, 1924: Witte Drug Store is located in fine new structure at Main Street and 2nd Ave.*** 8	9	**SAL Sponsored Dinner 5:30-7:00** **Aux. Twin Rivers Bingo 2:30 pm** 10	**Patriot Day** 11	Meat Raffle 5:00 pm 12	13
Club Open 12-10 Bar Bingo 3:00 pm 14	***Sept. 14, 1814: "Star Spangled Banner" written by Francis Scott Key*** 15	**NEWSPAPER MEETING 7:00 pm** 16	**SAL Sponsored Dinner 5:30-7:00 Steak, Chicken, or Stuffed Shrimp $7.50 Steak & Shrimp Combo $10.00** 17	***Sept. 12, 1937: Bowling alleys at Green Haven officially opened.*** 18	Meat Raffle 5:00 pm 19	**Jr. Aux. Mtg. 12:00 noon Election & Installation 2008-2009 Officers** 20
Club Open 12-10 Bar Bingo 3:00 pm 21	***Sept. 1, 1943: Federal Cartridge paid over $11,000 for milk weed at 5¢/pound*** 22	**House & Ent.** Meeting 7:00 pm **Aux. Casino Bus Hinckley** 23	**SAL Sponsored Dinner 5:30-7:00 Steak, Chicken, or Stuffed Shrimp $7.50 Steak & Shrimp Combo $10.00** 24	***Sept. 24, 1938: Federal Cartridge Day at Green Haven.*** 25	Meat Raffle 5:00 pm 26	27
Club Open 12-10 Bar Bingo 3:00 pm **Gold Star Mothers Day** 28	***Sept. 20, 1942: Pres. FDR came past Anoka after visiting the Twin City Ordiance Plant.*** 29	**Executive Board** Meeting 7:00 pm 30	**FLAG DISPLAY DAYS** **Sept. 1st - Labor Day** **Sept. 11 - Patriot Day - half staff until noon** **Sept. 17 - Citizenship Day** **Sept. 19 - POW/MIA Recognition Day**		**1st Friday each month - Red Cross Bloodmobile at Post 7 am - 1 pm**	

Coming in October

7	Joint Meeting w/Boys & Girls Staters	13	Aux. Early Bird Dinner 6:00 pm	24	Halloween Kids Parade 1:15 pm
	Gen. Membership, SAL & Auxiliary meetings to follow		Silent Auction - Initiation	25	Halloween Grande Day Parade 1:00 pm
	Auxiliary Early Bird Dinner Cut-Off	10 & 11	Auxiliary Jackpot Casino Overnight		Junior Aux. Fund Raiser
9	Past Pres. Parley meeting 7:00 pm	23 - 25	Dept. Fall Conference - Mankato	TBA	Post Early Bird Dinner