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ATTENTION: 2007 Unpaid Members

Your membership in Post & Unit 102 expired December 31, 2006. As of January 1, 2007 you are considered delinquent and March 1, 2007 you will be removed from the Post roster.

We need you to remain a member of Post 102. Please remit your dues for the year 2007 NOW!

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Department Commander John Cox
John, Of Willernie, is a life member of Mahtomedi Post 507, has been active in The American Legion for 20 years; and is a member of SAL Squadron 507. He spent a 41-year career in the military, achieving every rank up to brigadier general, and served as Assistant Adjutant General of the Minnesota National Guard.

He served his Legion Post in all offices, including adjutant for 9 years. John was 3rd District Commander; for the Department was Vice Commander, Chaplain, National Security & Foreign Relations Committee member and a Boys State Counselor for the past 4 years. At the National level, he was a Constitution & Bylaws Committee member. John's motto for the year is "Always Forward, Backwards Never".

He is emphasizing the Legion's part in making sure that troops returning home from combat assignments can make a smooth reintegration into civilian life. His project for the year is to raise money for the Legionville School Safety Patrol Camp near Brainerd.

Tenth District President Beverly Otterness
Bev is a life member of North Branch Unit 85 and is serving her second term as District President; she was President in 1962-1963.

She has served in most offices and committees in her Unit, the 10 th District and the Department of Minnesota including Department President in 1994-1995. Bev served as Northwestern Division National Vice President in 2000-2001.

Bev urges all Units to do something for our active duty military personnel and all members to stay involved-in meetings, in programs, and in enjoying the fellowship that abounds.

SAL Detachment Commander John Zgoda
John is a 14 year member of the Sons of the American Legion and served as 3rd District Commander in 2004-2005. He has been very busy with the Mid-Winter Conferences in the state, attending those in the 1st, 2nd, 6th, 8th and 9th Districts. He also attended the National Commanders Dinner in Le Center, also in January.

ADJUTANT'S NOTES

by Wayne D. Wallace

The Post Executive Committee meeting held January 30, 2007 heard the minutes from the previous meeting and reports from finance, clubroom and gambling.

Mr. Tom Kaliher from our accounting firm KBP & Company was present to review the 4th Quarter Financial Statement with the Executive Committee. No areas of concern were noted.

Sergeant First Class Richard Kemp from the Minnesota Army National Guard appeared before the Post Executive Committee to request funding for support of the Minnesota National Guard Family Integration Academy. This is an informative seminar for the families of those currently deployed Minnesota National Guard troops serving in Iraq and who have had their deployment extended an additional four months.

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 6, 2007 heard the minutes from the previous meeting and reports from Post officers and committee chairmen.

Tenth District Commander Allen Karie visited the Post General Membership meeting and mentioned Post 102 is doing a good job in membership. He also mentioned his commander project of raising funds to purchase wheelchair friendly tables for the veterans at St. Cloud VA Medical Center.

First Vice Commander Gary Munkholm reported (815) members are signed up for 2007. We are (72) members short of our goal of (887) and appeal to the unpaid 2007 members to please remit their dues to assist this Post in attaining goal. As of December 31, 2006, any unpaid member is no longer a member of The American Legion but can be reinstated upon payment of dues. **Many of the unpaid members have many years of continuous membership.**

The following Lawful Purpose donations/expenses projected for February 2007 were approved by the Post General Membership:

1. Veterans On The Lake Resort $500
2. RISE, Inc. 500
3. ARC Greater Twin Cities 300
4. City of Anoka (Water/light costs) 2,100
5. Centerpoint Energy (Gas costs) 2,600
6. United States Treasury (Tax on wagering) 600
7. Anoka County Historical Society (Anoka Co. Sesquicentennial) 250
8. MN Military Family Foundation (Family Integration Academy) 250
9. Assist needy veterans/families 1,500
10. Emergency money 500

Total taxes paid on gambling proceeds for January 2007:
Minnesota Revenue: $11,950 U.S. Treasury: $449

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

BIRTHDAY DINNER

Saturday, March 10
Social 6:00 ~ Dinner 7:00

Stuffed Pork Chops
Garlic Roasted Red Potatoes
Green Beans Almondine
Applesauce
Salad and Roll
Coffee / Milk
Birthday Cake

Dinner by Catering Central
Ron Forsyth

Dinner open to all Legion, Auxiliary, SAL Members and Guests.

Tickets available at Pull-Tab Booth $9.00
Cut-Off Date March 7th

Special Guests include
Department Commander John Cox
10th District President Bev Otterness
SAL Det. Cmdr. John Zgoda

From the Desk of

Lannie Vaughn
Club Manager:

We need membership help to avoid the Smoking Ban

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Commander's Column

Darrel Redepenning

Howdy Legionnaires,

March madiness is upon us so, the return of spring and snowbirds must be just around the corner.

January 27th - 28th was the annual district snowmobile rally. First stop for Past Dept. Commander Marland Ronnings team was 10 am at Post 102. The first stop isn't always well attended, but we had 22 district Legion family members show up for coffee, rolls and pictures. Unfortunately our Post was only able to turn in 3 paid memberships (less than previous years).

At our February membership meeting we were visited by 10th District Commander Allen Karie. The Commander congratulated us on being ahead of last years membership and the challange ALL Legion Posts are having with membership since the dues increase in January. Most Posts (including Post 102) saw higher than average membership in November and December, only to come to a screeching halt in January. January is usually our catch-up month but, not this year. We have many members with multiple years of membership that haven't renewed yet. **Please renew, we NEED YOU!**

March 10th will be our annual American Legion Birthday Dinner. The American Legion is 88 years old and still making a difference. Several Legion family dignitaries are scheduled to attend with the top speaker being our Department Commander John Cox. So, buy a ticket and join in on the birthday party. Speaking of birthdays, our own Unit President Dawn is looking forward to a different birthday, her daughters! According to the ladies of our Auxiliary, they can't recall a president of our Unit having a baby while serving as president since the 1950's. Congratulations Dawn and husband Tim from all of us. I like your approach to getting new members at the Legion, just create your own!

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

Casino Bus Trip March 2 & 3, 2007
Jackpot Junction Casino
Some seats still available.
Call Carol Hathaway
763-421-0185

S.A.L. NEWS

by
Commander Al Amundson

Greetings to All,

Upcoming events include the Birthday Dinner here at the Club on March 10, as well as the S.A.L. Spring Conference at the Coon Rapids Legion on March 17. The Spring Conference will begin at 9:00 am.

We could really use some additional volunteer help for our Wednesday Night Dinners. We need to spread the workload around, so it isn't the same volunteers every week. We especially could use some help between 3-5 pm. I realize that most people aren't available during this period, but even an hour once or twice a month would be greatly appreciated. Dual Members are always welcome.

Our next General Membership meeting is Tuesday, March 6, at 7:00 p.m. Please plan on attending.

Until next month... "Whatever it takes"

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55 Alive Class

The Anoka Lions are sponsoring a 4-hour refresher course on Monday, April 19th, 12:30 pm to 4:30 pm at the Post clubrooms.

Cost is $10 per person (check made payable to AARP). Space is limited; call Joe Zimmerman 763-421-4361.

Drill Squad
INDOOR CRAFT SALE
Saturday, March 31
9 am – 4 pm
Questions? Call 763-427-7943
or 612-850-4415 and ask for Gina

MN State Bowling Tourney

Anoka Post 102 will be bowling at Dutlers Bowl in Mankato on March 31st and April 1st. Team event will be Saturday at 1:00 pm March 31; singles and doubles are Sunday, 9:00 am April 1 (no, this is not an April Fools trick). Legion and SAL members: you **must** bring your 2007 membership card **and** your ABC card if you are a sanctioned bowler.

Most of the bowlers are staying at the Super 8 Motel – for reservations call: 1-800-800-8000 or 1-507-387-4041.

TEAM CAPTAINS – you will have to make your own reservations for next years (2008) bowling tournament. This is my last year of bowling and thanks again for the help during the years. For more information, you can reach me at 763-421-4361.

Joe Zimmerman

In Memoriam

Ida Louise Fietek
Gold Star Mother

Ida was born in Chaska, Minnesota on August 8, 1915 to Joseph and Louise Engelen. She battled many illnesses and kept fighting back but following a short stay at Twin Rivers Nursing Home, Ida passed away January 31, 2007. Ida was a long time member of the Champlin Unit; then rejoined the Auxiliary as an Anoka Unit member for the past 2 years.

She was preceded in death by husband John and sons Jack and Raymond. Raymond died during the Vietnam War while serving in the US Army, stationed in Germany. Ida gave instructions to have her Gold Star Auxiliary pin with her for her service.

Ida was born and raised on a farm in Chaska. She worked as a maid in St. Paul when she met John, a farmer from Little Falls, who was doing painting on the side. They were married in 1937 and lived in Little Falls until moving to this area in 1949; they raised a family of nine children.

Ida enjoyed life to the fullest, her family was her pride and joy. She loved fun – especially dancing with John at the Grow Town Tavern every Saturday night. Fishing, gardening, her flowers and birds, and baking were things she enjoyed.

Edward B, Cutter Unit 102 extends its sympathy to Ida's family; children: Bette Geving, Ed, Jerry (Renne), Chuck (Char), Kathi Vaughn (Ed), Lou Anne and Bill (Lynn); many grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren; one brother Richard. Ida is buried with John and sons Jack and Raymond at Calvary Cemetary.

Art Show and Reception

You are invited to attend an Art Show and Reception honoring the local veterans who are participating in the 2007 National Veterans Creative Arts Competition.

Thurs., March 8, 2007 – 12:30 - 5:30 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. 6285
or Amy Kimbler, ext. 6032

Dear Commander Redepenning:

I'm writing to thank the Anoka American Legion, for the use of a hospital bed for my wife Tiffany, while we were back in Minnesota between July and December of 2006. We had only intended to be back there for a couple of months to see a new grandchild, attend a daughter's wedding, and attend a reunion.

Tiffany's cancer became much worse when we got to Minnesota She ended up on the Mayo Clinic for five weeks. Upon her release we moved in with my daughter and doctored out of the Hubert H. Humphey Cancer Clinic. Past Commander Dave Small was of great help in arranging for us to obtain a hospital bed for her.

Tiffany passed away on December 8, 2006, and many of you signed and sent a beautiful card in her remembrance.

As a long time member of the club and a past commander I always felt the hospital equipment program was a noble effort by the Legion. This was the first time I has occasion to use the equipment personally, and it made Tiffany's final few months much more comfortable.

I have always appreciated the Anoka American Legion's continued involvement with helping people in times of real need. I commend you for these great efforts and thank you again for assisting me personally.

Sincerely,

Andrew C. Revering

American Legion Post 102,

Thank you for the use of your meeting room for the last 18 years. We very much appreciate the space and your kindness. We are a non profit club and would have no place to meet if it weren't for your generosity. Again we are donating $125 for the use of your room. This is all we have available but we want you to know we care.

Thank you,

Tops MN 1444 – Monday evening

Veterans Shower

You have another chance to help out our veterans at the veterans hospitals. They are in need of some items that I'm sure we can help with at the Mpls. Veterans Hospital.

Puzzles - Word Find Books or other kinds - Chap Stick - White Crew Socks

Also at the St. Cloud VA Hospital, much the same, but if you have winter jackets in good condition in larger sizes they could use them when they leave and go out for work they want to look good.

If you have the small bottles of toiletries I will take them too.

These men have given their all for us, so lets see what we can do for them now.

You may bring your donations to our March meeting.

Thank you,
Cathy Newman – V&A Chairman

President's Column

Dawn McCrady

Hello Everyone!

Spring I hear is on it's way, though it sure didn't feel like it the last 2 weeks. I hope you all found a way to stay warm.

During our February meeting it was decided to carry over our annual VA shower through the March meeting. All of your donations are appreciated and are very helpful. Please feel free to bring them to the March meeting. It was also decided that we will again have our "White Elephant Auction" after the business portion of our March meeting. All the proceeds for this will go to help fund our numerous auxiliary programs. Please bring your donations for this to the March meeting as well. We do ask that anything besides food be wrapped. This adds to the fun. Thank you all very much for all of your donations and support of our fund raisers. It is greatly appreciated.

The Birthday dinner will be Saturday March 10. We are planning to start setting up the hall at 10:00 AM that Saturday. Anybody who is able and willing to help is more than welcome to show up then. Thank you so much for your assistance. It is also greatly appreciated.

The March meeting will be March 6.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all the Auxiliary members who contributed to the surprise baby shower that you all shocked me with after the February meeting. Your kindness and generosity is greatly appreciated.

Hoping to see you all at the March meeting and the Birthday dinner.

Until then take care!

Your President,
Dawn McCrady

JAN'S JOTTINGS

by Jan Reiter, Unit 102 Secretary

The regular meeting of Edward B. Cutter Unit 102 American Legion Auxiliary was held on Tuesday, February 6, 2007 with 20 members including 8 officers. President Dawn McCrady called the meeting to order. The prayer, pledge, preamble and song opened the meeting.

Committee Reports:

Fund Raising: Next Casino trip to Jackpot Junction (overnighter) on March 2 & 3. The hamburger fry in February made $150; so far we have made a total of $805. There have been some changes to the fry; we will be adding fried onion rings and French fries to the menu. We will have to pay for these but more profit will be made by the Unit. We have to decide whether we will do hamburger frys in July and August. Approval was given for Lenora Root to start working on the annual plant sale.

Funeral Lunches: A funeral lunch was held for Ida Fietek on February 6, approximately 90 people were served. The Unit donated hot dishes, bars & cookies, pickles, coffee. The family provided ham, turkey and buns.

Girls State: Kathy Zwerdling will contacting the High School to set up an assembly for March.

Junior Activities: Their Christmas party was January 14 at the MOA, 17 juniors and 2 seniors attended. At their regular meeting Jan. 20, they made Valentines for the servicemen in Iraq and the VA Hospital. Instead of a District Overnighter, they will be having an activity day on February 24. Junior bowling will be rescheduled. Donations from the Junior Fund were $25 each to the following: Spirit of Youth Scholarship, MN Home School, Natl. Veterans Creative Arts Festival, Children's Miracle Network, Dept. Pres. Project, Natl. Pres. Propject, Forgotten Children's Fund, Legionville, Birthday Dinner gift to the Post, Dept. Junior Pres. Project, Girls State.

Unfinished Business: Kathy Zwerdling reported that our serviceman in Iraq (a former Anoka Boys Stater) received our package and thanked us for it. He is distributing the items to his Unit.

Next Meeting: March 6 at 7:00pm – the Annual Auction – don't miss it!

Following the meeting, a surprise "pink" baby shower was held for President Dawn.

37TH ANNUAL AUCTION

This is the night to attend – March 6th – because our famous auction follows the meeting!

All Auxiliary, Post & SAL members are invited to attend and/or bring items for the auction. All items should be wrapped EXCEPT home made food items, hand made items or any item you decide would gather more bids if seen. Please remember to bring items that you would like to receive!!

Proceeds will go to Unit, District and Department Auxiliary programs.

Please join us for the meeting at 7:00 pm.; auction immediately follows.

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

March 2007

Paris Caucus of The American Legion March 15-17, 1919

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
KARAOKE **Sunday & Thursday** **by Harley Linder** **"over 1500 songs"**	**COMING IN APRIL** TBA Boys & Girls County Day 8th Easter Sunday 13-14 Dept. Jr. Aux. Conf. / Nicollet 21st Dist. Cmdr. Allen Karie Testimonial – Maple Lake 28th Dist. SAL Cmdr. Wayne Maltingley Testimonial – Osseo		**Club Open** **12:30 PM** **Monday – Friday**	**Every Thursday:** **Ron's BBQ Ribs** **5:00 - 8:00 pm** **Full Rack $11.00** **1/2 Rack $9.00** **Karaoke** **8-11 pm** **1**	Meat Raffle 5:00 pm Bar Bingo 6:30 pm Legion Grill 5:00 - 8:30 pm **Music 8:30-12:30** **The Time Travelers** **2**	**AUX. OVERNITE** **JACKPOT CASINO** **2nd & 3rd** **Music 8:30-12:30** **The Time Travelers** **3**
Club Open 12-10 **Bar Bingo 3:00 pm** Bingo 7 pm Karaoke 6-9 pm **Burgers/Fund Raiser** **2-6 pm Auxiliary** **4**	*The Anoka Asylum's first 100 patients arrived by train from St. Peter's Hospital on March 14, 1900 with 9 nurses and a doctor. The patients, all men, were described as incurable and in seemingly sound physical condition. An article in the Anoka County Union, first printed in the St. Peter Journal, described Gov. Lind's proposal for the new state hospital as an "egregious blunder", and that the institution will have all the characteristics of a plantation and that no provision is made for the patients' medical attention. Anoka annexed the asylum on June 30, 1905 after heated debates of the City Council.* **5**	**Post General Mem.** 7:30 pm **S.A.L.** Mtg. 7:00 pm **Auxiliary** Mtg. 7:00 pm **Vets Shower &** **Annual Auction** **6**	**SAL Sponsored** **Dinner 5:30-7:00** **Steak, Chicken, Pork Chop** **or Shrimp $6.50** **Steak & Shrimp Combo** **$9.00** **7**	**Ntl. Veterans Creative** **Arts Festival** **St. Cloud VA** **(see ad on page 4)** **Karaoke** **8-11 pm** **8**	Meat Raffle 5:00 pm Bar Bingo 6:30 pm Legion Grill 5:00 - 8:30 pm **Music 8:30-12:30** **Front Row** **9**	**Birthday Dinner** **Social 6-7 pm** **Dinner 7 pm** **Music 8:30-12:30** **Front Row** **10**
Club Open 12-10 **Bar Bingo 3:00 pm** Bingo 7 pm Karaoke 6-9 pm **Burgers/Fund Raiser** **1-6 pm Drill Squad** **DAYLIGHT SAVINGS** **BEGINS** **Spring Ahead** **11**	 **12**	**NEWSPAPER** **MEETING 7:00 PM** **WEB 8:00 PM** **13**	**SAL Sponsored** **Dinner 5:30-7:00** **Steak, Chicken, Pork Chop** **or Shrimp $6.50** **Steak & Shrimp Combo** **$9.00** **Aux. Twin Rivers Bingo** **2:30 pm** **14**	**Karaoke** **8-11 pm** *March 13, 1944: Musical instruments to be collected for men in Armed Services.* **15**	Meat Raffle 5:00 pm Bar Bingo 6:30 pm Legion Grill 5:00 - 8:30 pm **Music 8:30-12:30** **David Jo's DJB** **16**	**SAL Spring Conference** **Coon Rapids – 9 am** **Jr. Aux. Meeting** **12 Noon** **Music 8:30-12:30** **David Jo's DJB** **17**
Club Open 12-10 **Bar Bingo 3:00 pm** Bingo 7 pm Karaoke 6-9 pm **Burgers/Fund Raiser** **1-6 pm SAL** **18**	 **19**	**Aux. Casino Bus** **Hinckley** **House & Ent.** Meeting 7:00 pm **20**	**SAL Sponsored** **Dinner 5:30-7:00** **Steak, Chicken, Pork Chop** **or Shrimp $6.50** **Steak & Shrimp Combo** **$9.00** **21**	**Karaoke** **8-11 pm** *1942: Saddle/Oxfords priced at $3.45 at Peterson Shoe Store.* **22**	Meat Raffle 5:00 pm Bar Bingo 6:30 pm Legion Grill 5:00 - 8:30 pm **Music 8:30-12:30** **Turn Around** **23**	**Dist. Jr. Conference** **9:30 am – Fridley** **Music 8:30-12:30** **Turn Around** **24**
Club Open 12-10 **Bar Bingo 3:00 pm** Bingo 7 pm Karaoke 6-9 pm **Burgers/Fund Raiser** **1-6 pm Color Guard** **25**	 **26**	**Executive Board** Meeting 7:00 pm **Unit Reports Mtg.** 7:00 pm **27**	**SAL Sponsored** **Dinner 5:30-7:00** **Steak, Chicken, Pork Chop** **or Shrimp $6.50** **Steak & Shrimp Combo** **$9.00** **28**	*1942: A law has been passed, cuffs can't be put on trousers with wool after March 30.* **Karaoke** **8-11 pm** **29**	Meat Raffle 5:00 pm Bar Bingo 6:30 pm Legion Grill 5:00 - 8:30 pm **Music 8:30-12:30** **Fire Spice** **30**	**Anoka at State Bowling** **Tourney – Mankato** **Music 8:30-12:30Fire** **Fire Spice** **31**

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