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EDWARD B. CUTTER POST 102
Installation 2016 – 2017 June 23rd Ceremonies

L>R: SAL Commander, Tim Dahlheimer; Unit 102 President, Diane Wolford; ALR Director, Gina Bridgeman; Post 102 Commander, Ron Wolford

On Thursday, June 23rd, was the annual Anoka Post 102 Officer Installation. Department Vice Commander, Darrel Redepenning, was the Installing Officer for Legion Commander Ron Wolford, SAL Commander Tim Dahlheimer and ALR Director Gina Bridgeman. Past District President, Donna Redepenning, was the Installing Officer for the new Unit President Diane Wolford.

Due to a shortage of Past Post Commanders and Past Unit Presi-dents, the Installation Ceremony was done differently this year (based more on the way the District installs officers as a group). Change is always difficult, and this format met with some mixed reviews; but, it did make for a shorter ceremony.

A light meal was served after the Installation and it appeared that everyone had a great time. Congratulations to all the new Officers and good luck during your year.

Darrel Redepenning

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Adjutant's Notes

by Gary Munkholm

A hearty welcome to the newest members of Anoka Post 102: John Graw, WWII, sponsored by Dan Soland; Terry Sunderland, Persian gulf, sponsored by Wayne Wallace; Dennis Brodeen, Vietnam Vet, sponsored by Wayne Wallace; Zachary Larson, sponsored by Doug Hookom; Jessica Fisher, sponsored by Wayne Wallace; Larry Hinrichs, sponsored by Jim Hays; Keith Huso, sponsored by Wayne Wallace; Bradley Dunning, sponsored by Cliff Newman; Denis Cooper, sponsored by Dan Soland and Michael Johnson, sponsored by Wayne Wallace. We hope to see you at future meetings and join us in fellowship during other times of the week.

A reminder that you can pay your dues online via the National Legion website, mail them in, or just drop them off with one of the bartenders.

As a Veteran, your membership in the American Legion is very important to us and our National Commander, when he addresses Congress or the White House to help solve Veteran problems. Always look at your membership with the American Legion as another way of showing our leaders that we care about how Veterans are being taken care of.

Paul Adler announced last month that our Post junior shooters, the Centershots, took the Precision Team 1st Place in the 2016 National Junior Olympic 3PAR National championships and 2nd Place in the 2016 CMP National 3PAR Championships. The Contest was held at Camp Perry.

We have had quite a few members opt to get their Post Newsletter via the website. This will save the Post a lot of money on printing and postage costs. If you change your mind, please make sure you leave us with your name and address so we can get you back on the newsletter mailing list.

The General Membership voted to endorse Darrel Redepenning for Department Commander in 2018-2019.

Post 102 received a plaque from Boys State in honor of our representative, Vincent Clark, for being elected as a Senator while attending Boys State. Many thanks to Cliff Newman for Chairing our Boys State Committee.

It was good to see many of our Post members, along with our Post Color Guard, attend the July 4th and Anoka County Fair flag raising.

The Minnesota Department membership kick-off and Executive Committee meeting was held at our Anoka Post in August.

Gambling manager, Paul Adler, presented the following list of donations during the last 2 months which were approved by the General Membership:

Anoka County Historical Society donation	$500
School Patrol Equipment for Ramsey School	$350
Anoka High School Scholarship recipients	$5,500
Anoka Veteran's Service Officer for transportation	$200
Support the student OBC program	$250
Veterans Senior Singing group	$100
Legion Riders Legacy Scholarship fund	$500
State tax on gambling	$8,700
Water & Light costs	$3,100
Center Point Energy for gas costs	$360
U.S. Treasury for tax on wagering	$600
Assist needy Veterans & Families	$1,500
Emergency Money	$500

Paul Adler reported at the last membership meeting that the state annual audit report, which ended in December 2015, stated

Post 102 extends sincere sympathy to the families of

RALPH W. TALBOT

Ralph was a 62 year member of The American Legion and a Korean War Veteran

LEONARD KLIEVER

Leonard was a 46 year member of The American Legion and a Vietnam War Veteran

HAROLD H. GAB

Harold was a 44 year member and (PUFL Member) of The American Legion and a World War II Veteran

JOHN E. MILLER

John was a 40 year member of The American Legion and a Korean War Veteran

STEPHEN A. SEMAN

Steven was a 34 year member of The American Legion and a World War II Veteran

MYRON C. MATHIAS

Myron was a 22 year member of The American Legion and a Korean War Veteran

ELVIN W. GUSTAFSON

Elvin was a 4 year member of The American Legion and a Vietnam War Veteran

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Commander Ron Wolford

Heroes,

I want to start my first article as your commander by stating that you are all heroes and need to wear the title that you have earned. The service that you gave to your country, state, community, and family cannot ever be repaid. The years that you gave up and the time away from your family was not a waste, but the debt that you paid for living in the greatest nation in the world. The rest of your communities can live free and enjoy your efforts.

As your commander, I have some hopes for our legion that I would like to share with all. First, we need to make everyone welcome that comes in the door. Second, we need to have something that will make people come into our legion. Third, meals need to be the finest possible, and at a fair price for the quality offered. All of these three ideas are being achieved. I have repeatedly seen legionnaires reach out a hand to fellow veterans and put a smile on our faces to show that they are welcome. We have new happenings going on in our legion in the car shows, bingo, birthday parties, weddings, and other happy gatherings. The last item goes without saying a word. Ron's ribs and the other meals prepared by the SAL are just fabulous.

The flag raising at the court house and the fairgrounds showed the effort put forth by the legion. Thank you to all who participated and who made our legion put its best foot forward.

'E pluribus unum' – out of many, one. A stronger legion because of our efforts to bring everyone into our organization.

Until next meeting-- Your Commander, Ron Wolford

SUNDAY GRILL
SAL Squadron 102
2:00-5:00 PM

FRIES
Curly ~ Waffle ~ Sidewinders

Onion Rings - Mozz... Sticks
Popcorn Chicken - Shrimp
Walleye Fingers
Fish or Chicken Sandwiches

S.A.L. Commander Tim Dahlheimer

Fall greetings from the SAL team!

It's hard to believe, but with the Fall season arriving quickly, we are looking ahead to another big Anoka Halloween season full of fun and frolic! As you know, the Legion is "Ground Zero" for the Grand-Day Parade as well as many other community events throughout the week. This year the Halloween festivities come early, with the big Parade slated for Saturday, October 29th. I would like to remind all SAL members that you, and your families, are more than welcome to participate in the Parade and ride on our SAL float. It's a great way represent our squadron and get a "birds-eye" view of all the action along the Parade route. Just let us know and we will accommodate you.

Sunday food service: The SAL team is now serving food from 2-5pm every Sunday. This has replaced our Saturday food service, which has been discontinued. The Sunday afternoon menu will consist of Walleye fingers, Popcorn chicken, Waffle fries, Side-winder fries, Curly fries, Mozzarella sticks, Onion rings, and Chicken or Fish sandwiches. Our goal is to capture the Sunday bingo crowd as well as our regular guests. Our prices are very reasonable. Stop in and check it out!

Our Wednesday night steak fry features our regular menu items which include: Steak, Chicken Filets, Walleye Fingers, Shrimp, Steak+Shrimp and Fish. We serve from 5:30-7:00pm. Stop in and enjoy a good meal and fellowship. All birthdays are announced and celebrated with "DaChunk" leading our in-house choir! Don't miss the fun!

Mark your calendars for the following upcoming events:

SEPTEMBER 07 - Classic Car Show (4-8 pm) at Anoka Post 102

SEPTEMBER 08-11 - Legionville Camp-O-Ree [10th District Rally] at Legionville

As always, if you have a suggestion or idea that would help the SAL better serve the post, please share it with us. We are always searching for new opportunities.

Happy Fall!
Tim Dahlheimer, SAL Commander

POST & SAL
EARLY BIRD DINNER

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2016
7:00 PM

Chaplain's Corner

Jim Urban

I went to the Legion Department Convention for the first time. I witnessed such brotherhood among the veterans. Yes, there were some disagreements; but I have no doubts, that in time of need they would rally around in unity. That is the way God intended us to live. Brothers and sisters under his love, where all lives matter! God so loved us that He gave up His Son for us (John 3:16,17).

The other day I watched a chipmunk busy picking up seeds from under the bird feeder. Then, out of nowhere, a hawk flew down and carried him off. It reminded me how precious life is and we need to give thanks for each and every day we have. And to be prepared.

With a new season approaching, let us start a new season of talking to God more often in prayers. He loves hearing from us.

Take time to thank a police officer for the tough job they have, with little thanks. Their lives matter too!

Continue to pray for our soldiers overseas and at home. God bless our Post and our great nation. Remember to praise the Lord and keep your powder dry!

Jim

3rd ANNUAL

COLLECTOR CAR & BIKE SHOW

Final Show SEPTEMBER 7

4 - 8 PM

Anoka American Legion, 400 W Main St., Anoka, MN

ALR Director

Gina Bridgeman

Hi, my name is Gina Bridgeman, the new Director of the American Legion Riders [ALR] Chapter 102 here at Anoka.

We have meetings on the 3rd Wednesday of every month at 7:00 pm, and are always looking for new members. Come to a meeting and check us out.

Anoka County Fair Opening 2016

The County Fair had a beautiful day for the opening. It was well attended by Post and Auxiliary members (18 in all), to many to name. Our Post 102 was the host post, we provided the flags for the opening. The guest speaker was Sheriff Jim Stuart, many of his officers were there also. The Veterans Service Officer John Kriesel was the emcee. His staff was also present, along with many County Commissioners; Post 102 Chaplain, Jim Urban, gave the opening and closing prayers. County Council Secretary, Ann Steffen, sang the National Anthem.

ELVIS EXPERIENCE

again coming to Post 102

December 3, 2015

Tickets go on sale Oct 15

(at Post 102 Pull-Tab Booth)

President's Column

Diane Wolford

Greetings Auxiliary Sisters,

I hope everyone had a good summer. At this time, I want to sincerely thank the members who are willing to serve on the numerous Auxiliary committees. Without your support, the Auxiliary wouldn't function.

Here are some things that took place over the summer:

On June 22, some Auxiliary and Post members participated in the 'Walk and Roll-a-thon' to help the homeless. These volunteers walked residents from Golden Living to a park for a picnic lunch, prepared by some of our Auxiliary members, then walked back to Golden Living. Thanks to all who volunteered.

On the Fourth of July, Anoka 102 took donuts and coffee to the Anoka courthouse for the flag raising. Also, some of the Post and Auxiliary attended the opening of the Anoka County fair. Thanks to those ladies who did some sewing of neck pillows over the summer for the VA hospital.

The Department Convention was held at Rochester on July 21 – 23. We had 3 Auxiliary members who attended: Donna Redepenning, Sue Nunnelee and myself.

Auxiliary Unit 102 Department Awards

Awards given on July 22 to our unit were: Vanlandingham Poppy Plaque (for the program using the best poppy all year by a Unit). The late Sandy Philips was the beginning Chair, then taken over by Jan Reiter and Sue Nunnelee. Kienholz Walker Plaque (Unit's Past Presidents Parley), presented to Cathy Newman, Chair; and Jan Reiter, Co-Chair. Military Support Unit Award (National Security), was presented to Jean Parvey, Chair. Also, an award of $25 was presented for our National Security fund. Yet to come from department is, Glen H. Dornfeld Children & Youth Plaque, to be presented to Norah Wyman, Chair.

Certificates of Merit that were presented: Memorial (Kara Reiser), Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation (Cathy Newman), History (Karen Orr), Public Relations (Darlene Thell), Auxiliary Emergency Fund (Liz Abeln, Betty Erickson, Nancy Bever), Past Presidents Parley (Cathy Newman, Chair), Legislation (Barb Ridge), Children & Youth (Norah Wyman), Junior Activities (Sue Nunnelee), Community Service (Ashley Swanson), Leadership (Jan Reiter). A Certificate of Participation was awarded to Karen Orr, for History.

Our new Department President is Carol Kottom.
Our first meeting is September 6. I hope to see all of you there.

God bless our troops-- Diane Wolford, President

2017 Auxiliary Membership

In September, Auxiliary members will receive their 2017 dues notice from the National office in Indianapolis. Your dues ($25, Past Presidents- $3) are due when the notice hits your mailbox!

Our Anoka Unit 102, 10th District, Department of Minnesota and National Headquarters, ALL have budgets for the year. Your dues are needed for all our Auxiliary programs to be fully funded and on time.

AND: if you have not yet paid your 2016 dues, DO THAT FIRST (or send BOTH years in together).

Betty Erickson, Chairman - 763-421-4562 (always leave a message)

Auxiliary Continuous Year Pins

... to be awarded at the Auxiliary Early Bird Dinner, Monday, October 17 (or mailed if unable to attend)... **REALLY TRY TO ATTEND** - have your kids or a friend give you a ride!

20 Years: Rosemary Arvidston, Ashley Brisbin, KatieJean Davey, Mary Ann Hathaway, Vicki Maternowsky, Tacy Nelson, Leah Peterson.

30 Years: Dorothy Batko, Julie Donaldson, Linda Fredrickson, Carol Hathaway, Marlene Palm, Adeline Watson.

40 Years: Dianne Bohn, Candy Fisher, Sandra Longfellow, Jean Reynolds.

45 Years: Joleen Connoy

50 Years: Liz Abeln, Sue Abeln, Joan Braun, Betty Erickson, Mary Sell, Julie Smith, Hope Stewart.

55 Years: Virginia Dahlheimer.

60 Years: Lillian Erickson

65 Years: Doris Adkins, Claribel Berghorst, Beverly Dean.

by Betty Erickson

Twin Rivers Celebrates Successful Fund-Raiser & Sunshine

Our Walk and Roll-a-thon Fund-raiser at Goldenliving Twin Rivers, Anoka

Twin Rivers joined Anoka American Auxiliary collecting monies for our Second Annual Walk & Roll-a-thon fundraiser to support Stepping Stones in Anoka. The goal and focus at Stepping Stone Emergency Housing, Anoka County's only licensed homeless shelter, has always been and will always be the individual guests they serve. Guests are 60 men and women, as young as 18 years old. Each and every one of them has their own personal story, their own personal struggle. Programs and services are the key in providing them a "hand up" in overcoming their struggles. Stepping Stone provides an innovative approach to helping homeless men and women out of homelessness by teaching and providing support that will enable them to thrive in their community so that their stay at Stepping Stone is the last time they need to experience homelessness. Addressing the root cause of their homeless helps them become self-sufficient. This helps keep guests on track, focused and motivated to get out of homelessness and thrive in their future community with dignity.

The donations the residents at Twin Rivers collected will provide supplies overall programs and direct services for the homeless shelter. With the help of over 30 volunteers from all ages and groups, our residents were escorted by volunteers and the Anoka police department on a beautiful morning, from Twin Rivers Golden Living Center down to Akin Park along the Rum River. It was a perfect day for a picnic. After a moving program about the work and benefits of Stepping Stone from Meagan Brostrom, Stepping Stone's Volunteer Coordinator, and introductions of the Anoka Auxiliary the whole group enjoyed a picnic lunch of Sloppy Joe's and chips. Everyone had a great time on a beautiful summer morning while helping out a great cause for people in need. A big thank you to everyone who donated their monies and their time to help fund and aid veterans and other people in our community of Anoka - We hope to see you next year!

Legion Auxiliary gals serving lunch

Kara giving donations to Meagan

RON'S GRILL

Every Tuesday, Thursday & Friday
Grill Open 5:00 – 8:30 pm

TUESDAYS

Chef's Choice

THURSDAYS

BBQ Ribs ~ Texas Toast ~ Cole Slaw ~ Potato
Full Rack $15.00 Half Rack $13.00

FRIDAYS

SEPTEMBER 2016

2nd - BBQ Bacon Burger
~ Fries or Tots - $8.50

9th - Fish Dinner
~ Baked Potato, Veg, Roll, Butter - $10.00

16th - Ham Dinner
~ AuGratin Potato, Veg, Roll, Butter - $10.00

23rd - BBQ Pork
~ Coleslaw, Fries or Tots - $9.00

30th - Kielbasa
~ Red'B Potato, Veg, Roll, Butter - $10.00

OCTOBER 2016

7th - Fish Dinner
~ Baked Potato, Veg, Roll, Butter - $10.00

14th - Roast Pork Loin
~ Mashed Potato w/Gravy, Veg, Roll, Butter - $10.00

21st - Baked Salmon
~ Baked Potato, Veg, Roll, Butter - $15.00

28th - Sloppy Joe
~ Fries or Tots - $8.00

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

ANOKA LEGION
welcomes
"Service Dogs"

Waterfowl for Warriors
2016

Waterfowl for Warriors is simple. It's a nice way to say thank you to our Nation's heroes by providing them an opportunity to enjoy the outdoors.

WHERE: Anoka Nature Preserve- Along the beautiful Rum River NW of Bunker Lake Blvd & 7th Ave NW in Anoka.

WHEN: Sep 3rd &15th for early goose season and Oct 9th for regular season. Hunting is from 1/2 hour before sunrise till noon.

WHO: Veterans will be the hunters. Volunteers will provide everything needed to create the memories of a quality hunt. Volunteers are needed and wel-come. To Register for a hunt or more information, please call **763-576-2984** or email **licasse@ci.anoka.mn.us**

JOINT GENERAL MEETING

OCTOBER 4, 2016
7:00 PM

with
Boys and Girls 'Staters'

AUXILIARY [+ Jr] EARLY BIRD DINNER

MONDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2016
6:30 PM

ANOKA COUNTY
VETERAN SERVICES OFFICE

John Kriesel
Director

GOVERNMENT CENTER
Suite 216
2100 3rd Avenue
Anoka, MN 55303-5034

763-323-5290
anokacounty.us/veterans

Edward B. Cutter Post 102 Event Calendar

2016

WEEKLY RECURRING EVENTS

SUN 4:00 pm **Bar Bingo | Club Open Noon-10 pm
SUN 2:00-5:00 pm SAL Grill Open
TUE 5:00-8:30 pm Grill Open | 6:30 pm **Bar Bingo
WED 5:30-7:00 pm- SAL Dinner /
1st WED of Month = Prime Rib Special
THU 5:00-8:30 pm Ron's Ribs / Grill Open
FRI 5:00-8:30 pm- Grill Open
5:30 pm- Meat Raffle | 7:00 pm- **Bar Bingo

!! UNDER 21 NOT ALLOWED IN LOUNGE DURING **BAR BINGO !!

MONTHLY RECURRING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

5 MON 7:00 pm Legion Bingo @ Golden Living
6 TUE 7:00 pm General Membership Mtgs
12 MON 7:00 pm Post 102 Centennial Mtg
14 WED 2:00 pm Auxiliary Bingo @ Golden Living
20 TUE 7:00 pm House & Entertainment Mtg
27 TUE 7:00 pm Exec Board Mtg

OCTOBER

3 MON 7:00 pm Legion Bingo @ Golden Living
4 TUE 7:00 pm General Membership Mtgs
[Joint Mtg. With Boy & Girls 'Staters']
11 TUE 7:00 pm Post Newsletter Mtg
12 WED 2:00 pm Auxiliary Bingo @ Golden Living
18 TUE 7:00 pm House & Entertainment Mtg
25 TUE 7:00 pm Exec Board Mtg

OTHER EVENTS

7 WED (3rd Annual) – Final Car Show 4-8 pm – Anoka
8 -11 THU-SUN – Legionville Camp-O-Ree
10 SAT 10th District Rally – Legionville
10 SAT DEPT Harvest Rally – Legionville
17 MON Auxiliary (+Jr) Early Bird Dinner – Anoka
19 WED Halloween Movie Night - Post 102
20 THU Post & SAL Early Bird Dinner – Anoka
24 MON Halloween Bingo Night - Post 102
28 -29 FRI-SAT – Fall Conference – Marshall
29 SAT Grand Day Parade
30 SUN Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast – Post 102

COMING IN NOVEMBER

12 SAT Post 102 Veterans Day Dinner – Anoka
12 SAT 10th District Veterans Rally [AUX] - Milaca

THIS DAY IN HISTORY - Holidays

2 Sep *V-J Day – 1945*
5 Sep **Labor Day**
11 Sep **Patriot Day (half-staff)**
17 Sep **Constitution Day**
18 Sep **Air Force Birthday**
25 Sep **Gold Star Mother's Day**

7 Oct *Afghanistan War Begins – 2001*
10 Oct *Columbus Day [Observed]*
12 Oct **Columbus Day**
13 Oct **Navy Birthday**
23 Oct *Grenada Campaign Began – 1983*
24 Oct *United Nations Day*
31 Oct **Halloween**

Flag Flying Days =