



EDWARD B. CUTTER

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INSTALLATION 2006 - 2007

Installation of the 2006-2007 Officers for the Edward B. Cutter Legion Family was held on June 23rd at the Post Home.

Darrel Redepenning was installed as Post 102 Commander, for his second term, Dawn Johnson McCrady as the Auxiliary President and Allen Amundson as the Sons of the American Legion Commander. The Installation was conducted by Past Department Commander Bud Redepenning and Tenth District President Sandy Phillips, with Al Springer serving as Sgt. at Arms. Past Post 102 Legion Commanders and Past Unit 102 Presidents helped with the Installation of the other officers.

Donna Redepenning, Unit President and Jim Batters, Sons of the American Legion Commander were retired as outgoing officers.

Past Junior President Lynette Pavin was in charge of the lunch, which was served following the Installation.

Thank You to all the Past Commanders and Past Presidents that were present to help with the Installation of the 2006-2007 Anoka Post 102 Legion Family. Also, thanks to the ladies that helped Lynette with the lunch.

Congratulations to all the newly elected officers and may you all have a most successful year.

Sandy Phillips
Bud Redepenning



POST CLUB MANAGER WANTED:

Resume's are now being accepted for the position of Club Manager.

Anyone interested can send or drop-off a resume at the Post.

Veteran Preference Please.
Commander Redepenning

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

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ADJUTANT'S NOTES

by Wayne D. Wallace

The Post Executive Committee meeting held July 25, 2006 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 2nd Quarter Financial Statement with the Executive Committee. No areas of concern were noted.

Post Commander Darrel Redepenning announced Rick Oelschlager and Larry Phillips will represent Post 102 as delegates to the American Legion National Convention in Salt Lake City, Utah August 28-31, 2006.

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 August 1, 2006 heard the minutes from the previous meeting and reports from Post officers and committee chairmen.

Commander Redepenning made the announcement, to the Post members present, that Club Manager Bob Bleeke had tendered his resignation effective July 31, 2006. Redepenning mentioned he will appoint a committee to procure applications to fill the club manager position.

Betty Erickson, Post newspaper editor, visited the Post General Membership meeting to report our Post newspaper was awarded 2nd place for the best Post publication for Posts with over 750 members. The Post newspaper was judged in national competition by the National American Legion Press Association. Rick Oelschlager will accept the award during the NALPA banquet at the national convention.

Post Adjutant reported (469) members are signed up for 2007. We are currently (29) members ahead of one year ago. We are in desperate need of NEW members to offset the losses each year. We ask all members to please help out in procuring new members. To determine if the individual you ask to become a member is eligible; is he or she a veteran then check their military service dates to the eligibility dates found on the back of your membership card.

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


1. National Fire Safety Council (Fire education books- Elem Schools) \$ 200
2. Assist needy family with medical expenses 500
3. Assist needy veteran with medical expenses 200
4. City of Anoka (Water/light costs) 2,200
5. Centerpoint Energy (Gas costs) 450
6. North Hennepin Legion Baseball (Umpire fees for playoffs) 300
7. Richard Johnson, Coach (Year end Jr. Legion Baseball expenses) 838

8. U.S. Treasury (Tax on wagering) 600
9. Lincoln Elementary School (Adopt-a-School program) 150
10. Assist needy veterans/families 1,500
11. Emergency money 500

Total taxes paid on gambling proceeds for June/July 2006:

Minnesota Revenue: \$14,495 U.S. Treasury: \$892

New members accepted by the Post General Membership were Russ Horbul, Paul L. Armstrong and Jim D. Montzak. We welcome you gentlemen 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

JACOB J. STROUSE

Jake was a 44 year member of Post 102 and a World War II and Korean War Veteran.

WILLIAM L. FUDGE


William was a 13 year member of Post 102 and a World War II Veteran.



Anoka County Fair Flag Raising July 25, 2006



L-R: Lannie Vaughn, Cliff & Cathy Newman, Bill Golden and Donna Redepenning



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**Commander's
Column
Darrel Redepenning**

Howdy Legionnaires,

Welcome back! I hope everyone had a great summer and managed to stay cool. During the summer things are supposed to slow down a little with the Legion, but who ever made up that rule must not be from Anoka, we've been as busy as ever.

On July 4th our SAL put on a great deep-fried turkey feast at the Post. Thanks to dual Member/Master Chef Paul Connoy and SAL Commander Master Carver Jim Batters a delicious meal was served up to help celebrate the 4th. If you have never had deep-fried turkey, you don't know what you're missing. It was such a success, that rumor has it, there may be an encore performance next 4th of July.

On July 20-22, Department Convention was held in Rochester. Our Post had 7 delegates and once again Post 102 really shined. Our ladies drill squad brought home another 1st place trophy. Congratulation ladies, we may need to expand our trophy case soon! Congratulations also to Post Adjutant Wayne Wallace, Wayne submitted 5 reports on Post activities and won 1st place plaque's with 4 of them.

On July 31st long time Club Manager Bob Bleeke resigned his position at the Post. Bob served as manager for nearly 18 years and certainly contributed to the success of Post 102. Thanks Bob for all the years. Bobs departure has set in motion a search for a new manager. A hiring committee was formed and at the time of this writing, we have just met to update the job description and post want-ads in the local papers. Anyone interested in this position may send or drop off resume's at the Post.

I would like to thank everyone who has stepped up and offered assistance during this interim phase between managers. Club Manager is an important position and has been a real challenge to keep the day to day operations functional. Your Commander has had to take a crash course in Club Management and I certainly appreciate all the help. I have learned something new every day, but I am happy to report that the interim plan is going well. It is my hope that I can announce who our new manager is in the near future.

Thanks for all your support and I hope to see you at the Post.



S.A.L. NEWS
by
Commander Al Amundson

Greetings to All,

My how time flies. Summer is almost gone and fall is just around the corner. State conventions are over and National is a few days away.

On behalf of the Squadron, I would like to express my thanks and appreciation to all those who came out and shared the 4th of July at our fundraiser. Also, many thanks to all those who worked hard to help make it a success.

Our officers for the 2006-2007 year are as follows:
Commander - Allen Amundson, Vice-Commander - Lance Nelson,
Adjutant - Russ Sibinski, Finance Officer - Cliff Newman,
Chaplain - Allen Zeeman, Sgt-at-Arms - Joel Dusing,
Membership Director - Charlie Heemer.

It is time to pay your dues for 2007. Please contact Charlie Heemer or leave them at the Club. Our current 2007 membership is at 40% of goal and we need to keep forging ahead.

The turnout for our Wednesday night dinners has been very good. Please continue to offer your support, and invite your friends.

Until next month...



**Anoka Unit 102
Fund Raiser & Halloween Bash**



CASINO BUS TRIP JACKPOT JUNCTION

Fun **October 20 & 21st 2006** **Games**

Bus Leaves
Anoka Legion at 6:30 p.m. 10/20/06
Leaves Casino at 3:00 p.m 10/21/06

Lost
\$35.00 Double Occupancy
\$45.00 Single Occupancy
(Includes bus ride and 1 night lodging)
\$10.00 Cash back
\$5.00 Food Coupon

Bingo

Beverages & Snacks on bus

TRICK OR TREAT

Reservations with Fee must be made by October 11, 2006

Name _____
Address _____
Phone Number _____ Jackpot Junction Card # _____
Smoking Room _____ Non-Smoking Room _____ Room Request _____

Sharing Room with _____
Make checks payable to Anoka Unit 102 and mail to:
Carol Hathaway 2126 Branch Avenue, Anoka, MN 55303
Or leave at Post 102 Pull Tab Booth - Questions call Carol at 427-0185
or Sandy at 763-754-3800 - **Reservations 1st come!**



Junior Rifle Club

The Minneapolis Junior Rifle Club would like to extend an offer to members of American Legion Post 102. The MJRC will be starting a group of new shooters September 7, 2006 at 7:00 pm in the Anoka Post 102 lower hall; any members children or grandchildren, girls or boys, ages 10 to 16 who might have an interest in the Olympic Sport of precision air rifle shooting at 10 meters are welcome to join us.

The junior club shoots Thursday nights in the Post lower hall from 7:00 to 9:00 pm. If you would like more information, please stop in or call Bruce at 763-427-0077 or Jerry at 763-226-0068.

Bruce Blahut,
MJRC Coach



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Anoka Legion Golf Tournament Greehaven Golf Course Sat., Sept. 9, 2006

1st 124 Pre-paid Entries (21 or older)

Men - Women - Members - Non Members

Shotgun Start at 1:30 pm

Low Gross Actual

Low Gross HDCP (**MGA Computer Generated**) and Peoria

Low Net HDCP (**MGA Computer Generated**) and Peoria

Closest To Pin • Closest To Line • Longest Putt

Entry Fee \$20.00 - Includes Meal

Guest Meal \$8.00 non-golfer

Entry Fee Due with Entry Form

Green Fees Must Be Paid at Greehaven or at the Legion
after 11:45 Saturday

Partners or Foursomes attach your forms together -

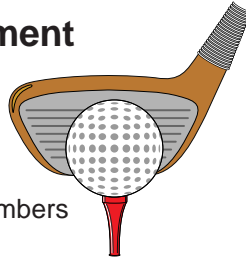
No Fivesomes

Meal at 6:30 pm or immediately after golf

Be at Anoka Legion before 12:30 to find out what tee you
start on.

ENTRY DEADLINE SEPT. 6TH - NO EXCEPTIONS

(all of the above subject to change)



Past President's Parley

All Unit 102 Past Presidents are urged to attend a planning meeting on September 21st at the Post Club Rooms at 7:00 p.m.

Bring your ideas of things that you would like the Parley to do throughout the year. We need ideas on sewing projects and places that you may like to have dinner, etc.

Any questions, you may call Cathy or me.

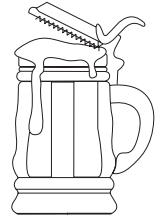
Sandy Phillips, PP Chairman
763-754-3800

Cathy Newman, Co-Chairman
763—757-2034

C O U P O N

FREE DRINK

with each meal purchased
on
**Wed. or Thurs.
Nights**



GOLF REGISTRATION FORM

Name _____

Phone #: _____ Member Guest

Handicap _____ Non-Handicap (Peoria System)

Catered Meal (Catering Central Inc.) Guest \$8.00

Total Paid \$ _____

Make checks payable to Anoka Legion.

Partners or Foursomes attach your forms together.

Drop off completed forms at the Club.

Call Jerry Abeln 763-421-9652 or Larry Kitt 763-535-4302

**No refunds if Rain-Out. Come for the meal at 6:15 pm
Prize money will be drawn for.**



President's Column

Dawn McCrady

Hello to you all.

I am Dawn McCrady. I became Dawn McCrady on May 6, 2006 when I married my now husband Tim.

I am eligible for membership because of my Dad, Leon Johnson. My Dad was in the Air Force for 4 years. I am

starting my 6th year of membership. My Mom, Jean Johnson is also a member of the auxiliary. My brother has recently joined the Legion as well. He spent 9 years in the Air Force. He served in the middle east during Desert Storm as well as numerous other locations during his 9 years of service.

In June my husband Tim and I joined Cliff and Cathy Newman at the Minneapolis VA Medical Center for a night of 6-5-4 with any veteran who wanted to play. Everybody seemed to have a very good time including Tim and myself.

I had never been to the VA before. I was very impressed with all the areas I saw. I had no idea that a United States flag that big existed. It was also very impressive.

I am looking forward to an educational, fun and exciting year.

2006 Department Convention

The Department Convention was held in Rochester at the Kahler Hotel.



The Auxiliary delegates were:

*Front L-R: Cathy Newman, Doris Nunnelee, Betty Redepenning
Back L-R: Donna Redepenning, Sandy Phillips, Sue Nunnelee*

The awards received were: Starr Lauck Americanism Junior Trophy - Chairman Sue Nunnelee; The Unit Award for

Legislation - Chairman Mary Cameron; The Education Unit Award - Chairman Mary Cameron; The Presidents Award for National Security - Chairman Cathy Westlund; The Unit Poppy Promotion Certificate - Chairman Dody Schanhaar. All of these reports are being sent to National. The Poppy Hat contest had 40 entries and 1st place went to Donna Redepenning. The cash award was twenty-five dollars. Two awards were won for Public Relations, one for Unit report and the other for Post and Unit Joint Bulletin - Chairman Kathy Zwerdling. The Field Service Award for most hours served was awarded to Lynette Pavin. Great job ladies!

Certificates of Merit were received for: Americanism, Children & Youth, Community Service, Field Service, Home Service, Junior Activities, National Security, Poppy, Public Relations and Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation.

The election of Second Vice President went to Carol Barbknecht from the 9th District. The National Northwestern Division Vice President election was won by Carol Holmgren from our 10th District. Both elections had four candidates running.

Donna Redepenning – Junior Past President

2007 Auxiliary Membership /First Rally

Edward B. Cutter senior members (out state and non-Anoka residents) received their dues notice from National before the 4th of July, those of us with Anoka addresses didn't get ours until July 27th. I mention this because first back in the mail on **July 5th** was Sandy Longfellow – a Coon Rapids address.

Thank you to all who mailed back so early – maybe because of the **“Due Date: Sept. 1, 2006”** !!! This helps members to remember that the Auxiliary year is from September to September. Please try to send your dues to me as close to the due date as possible.

On August 6th, I attended the first 10th District (Picnic) Rally of the year in Clearwater and turned in 133 memberships. It was a very nice afternoon at the picnic

grounds, the Clearwater Post brought tables, chairs, etc. from the Post and the food (brought by those attending) was great as usual.

The program included Department Commander John Cox and President Dee Dee Buckley (both excellent speakers); District Pres. Bev Otterness and Dist. Membership Chairman Sue Nunnelee kicked off a very spirited “Twist & Turn” campaign for the 2007 year. Other Unit members attending were (District): Co-Chairman (Anoka-Chisago) Lynette Pavin and Color Bearer Cathy Newman.

All members – senior & junior – must have their dues paid 1 week prior to the Auxiliary Early Bird Dinner & Silent Auction held in October !!!

Betty Erickson, Chairman

September 2006

Legionville Sept. 8-10

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Coming in October	FLY YOUR FLAG - SEPT. 1st - Labor Day 11th - Patriot Day 15th - POW/MIA Recognition Day 17th - Constitution (Citizenship) Day				
3 Joint Meeting with Boys and Girls Staters TBA Post Early Bird Dinner TBA Unit Early Bird Dinner and Silent Auction 20-21 Jackpot Casino Aux. Overnite 26-28 Fall Conference - Pequot Lakes 28 Halloween/Grand Day Parade 1:00 pm						
Club Open 12-10 Bar Bingo 3:00 pm Bingo 7 pm	LABOR DAY OPEN 12 Noon - 10 pm	Post General Mem. 7:30 pm S.A.L. Meeting 7:00 pm Auxiliary Meeting 7:00 pm	SAL Sponsored Dinner 5:30-7:00 Steak, Chicken or Shrimp \$6.50 Steak & Shrimp Combo \$9.00 Pork Chop \$7.50 Bingo 7 pm	Every Thursday: Ron's BBQ Ribs 5:00 - 8:00 pm Full Rack \$11.00 1/2 Rack \$9.00	Meat Raffle 5:00 pm Bar Bingo 6:30 pm Legion Grill 5:00 - 8:30 pm Music 8:30-12 A.C. Rockers	
Club Open 12-10 Bar Bingo 3:00 pm Bingo 7 pm		NEWSPAPER MEETING 7:00 PM WEB 8:00 PM	Aux. Twin Rivers Bingo 2:30 pm SAL Sponsored Dinner 5:30-7:00 Steak, Chicken or Shrimp or Shrimp \$6.50 Steak & Shrimp Combo \$9.00 Pork Chop \$7.50 Bingo 7 pm	Sept. 7, 1953 <i>Willard Castle Memorial Field Dedicated</i>	Meat Raffle 5:00 pm Bar Bingo 6:30 pm Legion Grill 5:00 - 8:30 pm Music 8:30-12 Brandy Creek	Post Golf Tournament Greenhaven (see page 4)
Club Open 12-10 Bar Bingo 3:00 pm Bingo 7 pm	Patriot Day	Aux. Casino Bus House & Ent. Meeting 7:00 pm	Dinner 5:30-7:00 Steak, Chicken or Shrimp or Shrimp \$6.50 Steak & Shrimp Combo \$9.00 Pork Chop \$7.50 Bingo 7 pm	Sept. 17, 1941 <i>Flag raising initiated at Goodrich Field</i>	Meat Raffle 5:00 pm Bar Bingo 6:30 pm Legion Grill 5:00 - 8:30 pm Music 8:30-12 Gold Rush	Jr. Aux. Meeting 12 noon (Election & Installation)
Club Open 12-10 Bar Bingo 3:00 pm Bingo 7 pm		Aux. Casino Bus House & Ent. Meeting 7:00 pm	Combo \$9.00 Pork Chop \$7.50 Bingo 7 pm	1939 <i>New Pierce Hotel is opened</i> Past Pres. Get-Together Post 7:00 pm	Meat Raffle 5:00 pm Bar Bingo 6:30 pm Legion Grill 5:00 - 8:30 pm Music 8:30-12 Mirrow Image	
Club Open 12-10 Bar Bingo 3:00 pm Bingo 7 pm		Executive Board Meeting 7:00 pm	Pork Chop \$7.50 Bingo 7 pm	1924 <i>Anoka has completed 30 blocks of sidewalk walks this summer</i>	Meat Raffle 5:00 pm Bar Bingo 6:30 pm Legion Grill 5:00 - 8:30 pm Music 8:30-12 Silver Wings	