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Come Celebrate the 98th Birthday of
The American Legion

Saturday, March 11, 2017
Commander's Hall Post 102

6:00 PM Social - 7:00 PM Dinner
Cost $13.00 Donation

Open to all Legion, Auxiliary, SAL members and Guests

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Vendor and Craft Show
Anoka Unit 102 Fundraiser

Friday, March 31 ~ 2-9 pm
Saturday, April 1 ~ 9am-4 pm

BAKE SALE BOTH DAYS

To Reserve your table ($20)
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Wine & Beer Tasting

Thursday, March 23
6:30 - 8:30 PM

ADVANCE TICKETS - $13
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Adjutant's Notes

by Gary Munkholm

A hearty welcome to the newest members of Anoka Post 102: Jeffrey Nicholls, Kevin Kubera, Olivia Head, Adam Petersen, Joshua Bowe, Sean Daly, Adam Walton, Chris Stephenson and Andrew Wroblewski, all sponsored by Al Springer; Brian Newcomer, sponsored by Fadi Awaijane; Steven Chambers, sponsored by Tony Arellano; Mark Jewell, sponsored by Gary Reimann and Brad Hoffmann sponsored by Jim Hays. We hope to see you at future meetings and join us in fellowship during other times of the week.

The General Membership voted to spend up to $15,000 to remodel the women's bathroom by the bar sometime this spring.

The Post donated $200 towards purchasing PX credit cards to troops overseas. This is a support effort by our Auxiliary, through the Anoka Beyond the Yellow Ribbon Committee.

Our Post is again sponsoring 8 students to attend Legionville Safety Camp this summer. The students come from Franklin, Ramsey, St. Stephens and Wilson schools.

If you need a ride to general membership meetings for any reason, give Chaplain Jim Urban a call and he will try to arrange a ride for you.

Many thanks to Cliff Newman for chairing the District Mid-Winter Conference and District Oratorical contest, both held at our Post in January.

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 Veterans 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.

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

Boys State Registration fees	$1,500
Donation to the Military Museum Camp Ripley	$250
Donation to RISE	$250
Donation to ARC Minnesota	$200
Legion Baseball Registration	$500
Legion Baseball fees for umpires and dues	$500
Legion Baseball tournament Classic entry fees	$850
Legion Baseball tournament Invitational fees	$450
Andover Senior Class party donation	$200
Anoka Senior Class party donation	$300
New Year's Breakfast brunch expenses	$600
New Year's Breakfast brunch reimbursements	$100
Special Olympics Minnesota	$200
Veterans on the lake resort	$250
Registration of 8 School Patrollers (Legionville)	$2500
Support Student Event for Special Ed School	$100
Renew the Post Gambling License and fees	$600
State tax on gambling	$2.800
Water & Light costs	$1550
Center Point Energy for gas costs	$750
MN Revenue for tax on wagering	$550
Assist needy Veterans & Families	$1,500
Emergency Money	$500

Post 102 extends sincere sympathy to the families of

ARTHUR C. DUSSL

Arthur was a 44 year member of The American Legion and a World War II Veteran

ROBERT M. RECK

Robert was a 29 year member of The American Legion and a Vietnam War Veteran

THOMAS F. WARD

Thomas was a 25 year member of The American Legion and a World War II Veteran

JOHN F. MITTELSTADT

John was a 71 year member of The American Legion and a World War II Veteran

IN NEED OF A RIDE ?

Any member needing a ride to a Legion function or meeting, call:

Daryl Fields..... 763-350-0429
Jim Urban..... 763-300-0359
Ray Turnquist... 763-350-1133
Gary Reimann.. 612-860-2533
Doug Hookom.. 763-227-8177

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Commander
Ron Wolford

Time sure goes fast when enjoying all the advantages of being a member of the American Legion. Mid-Winter was a huge success and now we look forward to the coming events at our legion. The birthday dinner is on March eleventh and hope you will make the effort to attend this event.

While being your commander, I have the opportunity to meet all of the members of our legion. When I was in the seventh grade back in 1957, a study hall teacher wrote the following on the blackboard. "I once complained because I had no shoes until I met a person who had no feet." This was to come to mind when at Mercy Hospital I met one of our heroes from the war in Afghanistan. He has lost both legs below the knees. He had to be in his early twenties. We sometime forget that the United States is still at war. Please remember to keep our military in your prayers to keep them safe.

We live in the greatest country in the world and should never take for granted the sacrifices made by the true heroes of this country.

Until next time, make sure to thank a veteran for their service.

Commander, Ron Wolford

Mid-Winter Conference

The 10th District Mid-Winter Conference was held on January 7. Many Thanks to Anoka Legion Family for all their support in putting this function together. We had 130 plus attendees. We are very fortunate to have space to accommodate the District. This conference really works for Anoka. We are centrally located. The lunch brought back memories for many, "SOS", actually SOP (shredded beef on mashed potatoes). The ladies did a great job. Mid-Winter is great because you learn about all the programs the Legion is involved in.

Cliff Newman, Mid-Winter Chairman

S.A.L. Commander
Tim Dahlheimer

Spring Greetings from the SAL team!

Mark your calendars for the following upcoming events at Post 102:

Saturday, March 11 – American Legion 98th Birthday Dinner

Thursday, March 23 – Wine Tasting Event – 6:30-8:30pm

Friday, March 31 - Auxiliary Craft Show and Bake Sale 2-9pm

Saturday, April 1 - Auxiliary Craft Show and Bake Sale - 9am-4pm

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 nuggets, chicken wings, waffle fries, side-winders, mozzarella sticks, onion rings, and Chicken/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 Nuggets, Shrimp, Surf/Turf, Walleye fingers, 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!

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 Easter!

Tim Dahlheimer, SAL Commander

CHILI COOK-OFF

Saturday, April 1
9 AM - 1 PM

Chaplain's Corner

Jim Urban

I was thinking about when I was growing up in the 60's. The theme of the day was " Don't trust anyone over 30" and " Down with the establishment". We are well over 30 and we are the establishment. I think of the missed opportunity to talk and learn from the older generation. What a wealth of information they held.

Reminds me of all the history and teachings in that old book, "The Bible". Writings of thousands of years ago, yet pertain to now-a-days. History of the Middle East that definitely is relevant today. So dust off that old history book and learn from the older generation. We can learn a lot from them!

God Bless, Jim

2017 Birthday Dinner Guests

Department Commander, Denise Milton. Denise Milton has been active in the Legion for many years and is a member of Bagley Post 16. She has been Commander of the Ninth District. At the National level, she has served on the Homeland Security Committee and the Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Council. She was in the Army and Army Reserve as a clinical specialist and was on active duty during the Vietnam War, Desert Storm and Operation Iraqi Freedom. She is a nurse and has won the Department of Veterans Affairs Secretary's Award for nursing while employed at the Fargo VA Medical Center.

Department Auxiliary President, Carol Kottom. Carol Kottom is a 34 year member of the American Legion Auxiliary in Buffalo. Carol has been a very active member of her Unit and has been District President. She is also a member of the 40&8 LaSociete de Femme and a life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary. On the Dept level, she has held many Chairmanships. Carol & her husband own their own business. She volunteers at the St. Cloud VA Health Care System.

SAL Detachment Commander, Gene Olswold. Gene Olswold served his country in the US Navy. He retired in 1989. He has been a member of the American Legion for 48 years, a life member of the DAV for 8 years and Sons of the American Legion for 16 years. He has served in several offices in the Sons of The American Legion. He is a father of 3 children and grandfather of 6. He is very active with Boy Scouts of America as an Assistant Scoutmaster. New Ulm is where he currently lives.

Department ALR Director, Chuck Stone.

Department Honorary Junior President, Kianna Coleman-Woods. Kiana Coleman-Woods is a member of the Lino Lakes Unit. She is 14 years old and is a freshman at Centennial High School in Circle Pines, MN. She is eligible for membership through her father, mother and grandmother; who were District Presidents. Kiana has held many offices in both Junior Unit and the District. She started out very early and has been very busy since. Her theme this year is "Juniors the Key-Opening Doors to the Future". The special project she has chosen this year of service is collecting socks and undergarments for the homeless and hospitalized veterans. MN Juniors packed 100 bags filled with comfort items for the homeless women veterans.

10th District Oratorical Contest

The 10th District Oratorical Contest was held January 21, at Post 102. The contest winner was Emily Parker, sponsored by Lino Lakes Post 566. I want to thank the following for their help: Gary Munkholm, Commander Ron Wolford, Dan Soland and Jim Hays.

Cliff Newman,
District Chairman

President's Column

Diane Wolford

Greetings Auxiliary Sisters,

So far, the month of February has been amazing, weather-wise. Love it!!

The January meeting was well-attended, even though we had a thin sheet of ice on the ground. We had a guest, Wanda Olson, who joined the auxiliary, while at the meeting. Welcome Wanda.

The annual Mid-Winter conference was very successful. Cathy Newman and Jan Reiter fixed a delicious lunch. Twelve of our ladies baked cakes for the dessert. A big thank-you to all the ladies who volunteered to work and help make the event a huge success.

A sewing bee was held on January 24th. There was a good turn-out and we'd gotten a lot accomplished. The next sewing bee will be on February 28th.

It was great to have Jean Parvey back with us at our February meeting. She had missed the last few months due to a fracture of an ankle. During this meeting, Jennifer Gates was presented with a plaque which came from Steve Sullivan, District Commander of American Legion Riders. Jennifer earned this by raising $2000 in 2015 for the Riders Legacy. Congratulations, Jennifer.

March will be a very busy month. Immediately following our regular meetings on March 7, the annual White Elephant auction will be held. This is always a fun time and the proceeds will go for sending an extra girl to Girls State. The rule-of-thumb here is to wrap up a gift – something that you would like to receive for yourself.
The American Legion birthday dinner is March 11. Please try to attend.

Our annual craft show and bake sale will be March 31 and April 1. We'll need a lot of baked items. There are a few spaces left for crafts. If you are needing a space, contact Cathy Newman.

Hope to see many of you at these events. God bless the USA and our troops.

Diane Wolford, Auxiliary president

ANOKA LEGION
welcomes
"Service Dogs"

In Memoriam

Mary Ellis Blue

Mary, a 46 year Auxiliary member, was born December 18, 1928 in Battle Lake, MN and passed away January 1, 2017.

Mary was a big part of a group (Post & Unit members) of fun-loving, hard-working, well-liked and friendly bartenders and waitresses during the 60's and 70's.

Edward B. Cutter Unit 102 extends its sympathy to Mary's family and many friends.

A memorial in Mary's name was sent by Unit 102 to The American Legion Brain Science Foundation.

LaVerne Grace (Beckman) Grosslein

LaVerne, a 57 year Auxiliary member, was born August 24, 1925 in Isanti, MN and passed away January 12, 2017.

An active member, LaVerne served as Unit President with Commander Charlie Sell.

Edward B. Cutter Unit 102 extends its sympathy to her family, especially to husband Duke (6 year Legion member), daughter Nancy Blaska (44 year Auxiliary member) and sister Barb Ridge (51 year Auxiliary member and Past Unit President).

A memorial in LaVerne's name was sent by Unit 102 to The American Legion Brain Science Foundation.

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

FRIES
Waffle ~ Sidewinders

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

Jan's Jottings

by Jan Reiter

Regular meetings of Edward B. Cutter American Legion Auxiliary were held on Tuesday, January 3, 2017 and February 7, 2017.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Education: Department American Legion Auxiliary National Scholarships gave out $30,000 in scholarships last year.
Finance: Donations made: $200 to Brain Science Foundation, $100 to Military Children of National Guard(scholarship).
Girl State: June 11-17 at Bethel College in St. Paul, costing $300 per person.
Memorial: Judy Stein would like members to send their favorite prayers for the District President's Prayer
VA&R: Donna Redepenning reported 50 veterans from Minneapolis and St. Cloud attended the annual Post Wild Game dinner. They were given cards, candy, cake, ice cream and stocking caps from the Auxiliary. An article and pictures were given to the Anoka Union newspaper by President Diane.

Going... Going... GONE!

Unit 102 invites everyone to attend the annual White Elephant Auction on March 7, 2017. The auction will start after the membership meetings are adjourned. Guests are welcome.

Anyone may contribute items for the auction. Please wrap items (be creative). ALL homemade food items should either be in plastic bags (or wrap) OR jars. Homemade craft items or collectibles don't need wrapping.

Proceeds from the auction will go to support the Girl's State program. The auctioneer will be a Legion member, assisted by an Auxiliary member. Come and have fun, laugh, and support a good cause.

Lynette Pavin, 2nd Vice President

Sewing Bee

Six attended the sewing bee, January 24, where 32 neck pillows were made, as well as 32 heart pillows cut out. Fun was had by all. In all, 38 neck pillows were delivered to Minneapolis VA Hospital. The next sewing bee will be February 28, starting at 1pm.

Gift Cards for Troops

Working together-

Thank You to all the Legion Family. Legion, Auxiliary, SAL, Viet Nam Vets and the Riders donated money to buy 80 PX gift cards for a unit of Troops in Afghanistan. Cards are for spending at the base exchange. The troops are Chinook Helicopter crews. Information came to me from Beyond the Yellow Ribbon. Again a Big Thank You to all. Any questions call Cathy at 763-757-2034.

Cathy Newman, Co-Chair National Security

VA Shower

Time to collect items for the Veterans at the Minneapolis VA Hospital. Bring your donations to our March meeting please. Items needed are: small bottles of toiletries, regular size bars of soap, comfort boxes (empty), chapstick, variety bags of female combs, calendars, paper back books (no romance), they will take magazines not more than 3 months old. Thank You All!

Cathy Newman, Chairman

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[Regular Grill Menu Available]

TUESDAYS

Chef's Choice

THURSDAYS

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

FRIDAYS

MARCH 2017

3rd, 10th, 24th & 31st
Fish Fry (all you can eat)
~ Potato, +[2] - $12.00

17th - St. Patrick's Day
Corned Beef & Cabbage
~ Red B Potatoes, +[2] - $11.00

APRIL 2017

7th & 14th
Fish Fry (all you can eat)
~ Potato, +[2] - $12.00

21st - Italian Meatball Sandwich
~ +[1] - $10.00

28th - Chicken Fettuccine
~ Vegetable, Garlic Toast - $10.00

[1] *Coleslaw, Fries or Tots*
[2] *Veg, Roll, Butter*

Tax included on all the above.

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Have your Membership Card Handy,
because your ID is required.

Try it once and see if this will work for you!
Only 67 members out of 1000 have responded.

You will be surprised to see how much information there is on the web site and how nice it is to see colored photos.

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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.

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

Edward B. Cutter Post 102 Event Calendar

2017

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

MARCH

6 MON 7:00 pm Legion Bingo @ Golden Living
7 TUE 7:00 pm General Membership Mtgs (Auction)
8 WED 2:00 pm Auxiliary Bingo @ Golden Living
13 MON 7:00 pm Post 102 Centennial Mtg
15 WED 7:00 pm Chapter 102 ALR Mtg
21 TUE 7:00 pm House & Entertainment Mtg
28 TUE 7:00 pm Exec Board Mtg

APRIL

3 MON 7:00 pm Legion Bingo @ Golden Living
4 TUE 7:00 pm General Membership Mtgs
10 MON 7:00 pm Post 102 Centennial Mtg
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
19 WED 7:00 pm Chapter 102 ALR Mtg
25 TUE 7:00 pm Exec Board Mtg

OTHER EVENTS

4 SAT DEPT. Appreciation Rally – Legionville
11 SAT American Legion Birthday Dinner – Anoka
18 SAT 10th District St. Patrick's Day Rally – Fridley
23 THU Wine Tasting 6:30-8:30pm – Anoka
25 SAT DEPT. Auxiliary President's Testimonial-Buffalo
31 FRI Auxiliary Craft & Bake Sale 2-9 pm – Anoka

1 SAT Auxiliary Craft & Bake Sale 9am-4pm – Anoka
1 SAT Chili Cook-Off 9am-1pm – Anoka
1 SAT 8th & 10th District Rally – West Duluth
8 SAT 10th District ALR Rally – Clearwater
15 SAT 10th District President's Testimonial – Osseo
18 TUE Poppy Letters – Anoka
22 SAT 10th District Commander's Testimonial – Buffalo

COMING IN MAY

19 -20 FRI-SAT – Poppy Days

THIS DAY IN HISTORY - Holidays

1 Mar *Ash Wednesday*
3 Mar *1931- 'Star Spangled Banner' made US National Anthem*
12 Mar *Daylight Savings Time Starts*
17 Mar St. Patrick's Day
19 Mar *2003- Operation Iraqi Freedom began*
20 Mar *First Day of Spring*
24 Mar *1999- Kosovo Campaign began*

9 Apr *Palm Sunday*
10 Apr *1919- American Legion Auxiliary Birthday*
14 Apr *Good Friday*
16 Apr Easter
17 Apr *Patriot's Day*
22 Apr *Earth Day*
28 Apr *Arbor Day*
30 Apr *1975- Vietnam War ends*

Flag Flying Days =