JOIN US NEW YEAR'S DAY FOR A FREE BRUNCH

All paid Post, Unit, Juniors, SAL members, and a guest are invited.

Past Presidents Parley BAKE SALE at New Years Day Brunch

Annual New Years Day Brunch

Club Open 10:00 am to 7:00 pm • Brunch served 11:00 to 1:00 pm

Club Open to the Public at 2:00 pm

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ADJUTANT'S NOTES

by Gary Munkholm

A hearty welcome to our new members John Holmes, Edward Larson, and Nicholas Hathaway to Anoka American Legion Post 102. We hope to see you at future meetings and join us in fellowship during other times of the week.

If you are reading this newsletter and haven't paid your dues for the year please send them in as soon as possible.

The General Membership voted to support moving Castle Field to the area next to the Anoka Ice Arena. Representatives from our Post are on the Castle Field Committee and the committee is studying moving the field as it needs a lot of renovation to keep it where it is.

Many thanks to all of our Legion Family who helped out with the Wild Game Dinner. Even though we were hit with a history making snow storm we were prepared to serve our Vets. If you didn't hear, our 2 VA Hospitals couldn't bus the Vets to our location because of the storm.

Gambling manager Paul Adler presented the following list of donations which were approved by the general membership:

Fort Snelling Memorial Rifle Squad	$100
Armed Forces Service Center at MSP Airport	$100
Wild Game Dinner for Vets	$400
School Patrol Party	$350
Assist needy Veterans or Family	$1,500
Emergency money	$500

Post 102 extends sincere sympathy to the families of

ROBERT W. JOHNSON

Robert was a 64 year member of The American Legion and a World War II Veteran

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43rd Annual Veterans Wild Game Dinner " BLIZZARD"??

There was a blizzard warning for December 11th, do we believe the weatherman? They're wrong quite often! Do we cancel the Annual Wild Game Dinner? Everything is thawed out and ready to go! Have we ever cancelled one before? If we do it will anyone show up? The St. Cloud V.A. Hospital cancelled but Minneapolis hasn't yet.

These were the considerations all day Friday, December 10th. But, as hardy Minnesotans with the attitude "The show must go on", the 43rd Annual Veterans Wild Game Dinner took place in spite of the record breaking snow. Our dynamic S.A.L cooking team showed up at 6:00am ignoring the weather and cooked up one of the best dinners ever. Although our special guests from the VA Hospitals didn't make it, it was amazing the number of people that did. We fed approximately 40 people, 18 volunteers from our Post, anyone setting at the bar and even some local dignitaries. Anoka County Commissioner Dan Erhart and his wife Kathy, Assistant County Veterans Service Officer Laura Bartley, retired Veterans Service Officer (100 pounds lighter) Duane Krueger, members of the Viet Nam Veterans Memorial Honor Guard and (this is sort of cheating) District Commander Darrel Redepenning all braved the weather to keep this annual tradition going.

There was no bingo this year, the program was brief, yet everyone seemed to be in a very festive mood. The food was great and plentiful! I think we may talk about the 43rd annual dinner for a long time, at least until the 44th. Thanks to all our volunteers and hunters, see you next year.

Darrel Redepenning

Commander's Column
Ron Wolford

The Legion has a great way to get your Legion dues paid for the year and that is the January 1st New Year Day Brunch. The brunch is for all paid 2011 Legion, Auxiliary and SAL members. If you have not paid yet, you can do so on that day. Remember that this is your Legion and it only gets better if you are a part of the fun. I want to thank all of the members who showed up and worked at the Wild Game Dinner. The weather was down right nasty but some of our members were here at the hall. I was snowed in and did not get out of my drive until Sunday.

Stop by the Legion and look at the fireplace that was repaired by Paul Adler. Sure makes for a nice warm place to sit and talk with friends. What do you mean you don't know anyone at the Legion or have any friends. If you come in, the worst that can happen is Bartender Steve will tell one of his great jokes and you will be welcomed to the club. If they will talk to someone from Indiana, they will talk to you.

Make sure you take time to be with family over the holiday season. Let me end this column with a quote from Maya Angelou, "I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel." Make just one different person feel good today and by year's end, 365 people will have a different outlook on life.

POST HOSPITAL EQUIPMENT

Call Frank Menter 763-421-7277 for an appointment to pick up any equipment:

Only members of our Post, Auxiliary and Sons of The American Legion and their respective families will be allowed use of our hospital equipment.

School Patrol Christmas Party

Edward B. Cutter Post 102 hosted a Christmas Party for 130 school patrol students from: Wilson, Ramsey, St. Stephens and Franklin Elementary. The first hour the students were entertained by Anoka County Sheriff's Officer Teresa Mulek and Canine "Abby" (Lab/Springer mix). Abby is a Drug Sniffing Dog. Officer Mulek demonstrated with back packs that you cannot hide drugs in these. Much to Officer Muleks' surprise Abby found two (2) back packs with drugs. One of Officer Muleks fellow officers had done a demonstration using one of the other back packs. All it contained was the smell. The secound hour the students were entertained with Karoke by Sandy Arnold.

Many thanks to the following for all their help: Gary Reimann, Darrel Redepenning, Bill Engstrom, Joe Zimmermann, Al Amundson, Denise Adler & Juanita Pabon.

Chairman Cliff Newman

S.A.L. NEWS
Commander Allen Amundson

I trust everyone is finally shoveled out from our recent record-making snowstorm.

'Tis the Season of Giving (or is it Spending?). The true Spirit of Christmas involves our hearts and minds, not necessarily our pocketbooks. I am sometimes asked by a prospective member, "What do I get in return for my dues?". One answer, among several, is; "It depends on what you put into it.". Many of the dollars you pay for dues go to help support our various veteran and youth programs, and your membership is important and appreciated. There are other benefits to being a member; but, the true rewards come from being personally involved. A happy smile or tear of gratitude is a priceless memory. Please remember our troops and their families during this Holiday Season!

I attended a District Rally in Delano in November; and also the Dept. Pearl Harbor Rally at Forest Lake in December, along with Charlie Heemer and Roland Herrmann. These rallies are a great source of education and inspiration. I also had the privilege of helping at our School Patrol Christmas Party here at the Post. I sure wish I had some of that boundless energy! By the way, popcorn and carpet don't mix.

Please keep the upcoming Mid-Winter Conference at our Post on January 8 in your mind. Also, though it's a ways out; mark your calendar for our annual S.A.L. "Meet the Members" gala on February 20, 2011. Along with the "Daytona 500", we have food, fun and prizes. All donations go to the ACBC Food Shelf. I know it's cold out, but we still need your support of our Wednesday Night Dinners. Bring a donation or non-perishable item for our ACBC Holiday Food Drive and get a free "treat". Our current membership is at 82% of goal. Please keep those renewals coming in!

With a new year just around the corner; as you think about your New Years resolutions, please consider becoming more involved with our great American Legion Family.

A heartfelt wish for a joyous Holiday Season to each and everyone and your families!

Until next month... "Lets Make A Difference"

S.A.L. Squadron 102 - Anoka, MN
annual
"MEEt YOUR MEMBERS"
GALA
Daytona 500
Sunday, Feb. 20, 2011 – 12:00 Noon

JAN'S JOTTINGS

by Jan Reiter

The regular meeting of Edward B. Cutter American Legion Auxiliary was held on Tuesday, December 7, 2010.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Auxiliary Emergency Fund: Paid an Auxiliary members dues.

Children & Youth: Norah Wyman got items for a family in the Anoka County Adopt a family program.

Field Service: Bingo will be December 8, 2:15pm at Twin River Care Center. Lynette reported on Veterans Day, she took over to the 12 veterans, at Twin Rivers, a card with a President's gold dollar and a flag pin in them. She also gave out flag stickers to all the residents.

Fund Raising: Casino trip on December 4th netted a profit of $391.

Junior Activities: Sue Nunnelee reported the Juniors have a Patch program where Juniors do certain activities at different levels to earn Patches.

Memorial: Three members passed away, Nov. 16, Effie Lambert, 22 year member, Nov. 19th, Orlaine "Dolly" Boshea, 17 year member and December 5th, Nancy Auspos, 45 years.

National Security: Cathy Newman reported that at the Early Bird Dinner we had the members sign some Christmas cards and Cathy's granddaughters took some to school and she sent over 130 Christmas cards to Operation Christmas cards. She also sent 2 flat rate boxes to 2 lady soldiers. Mary Hamilton had received a $50 card from Walmart to be used for our lady soldiers and gave it to Cathy Newman for this program

Past President's Parley: Barb Ridge reported the Past Presidents/ Past Commanders Christmas Dinner will be on December 15th and the Past Presidents will bring the desserts. They will also be having a bake sale at the New Years Day Brunch..

Public Relations: Darlene had pictures of bagging the apples and of her and Cathy at the AMRTC. If you want to know what is happening with the Veterans there is a newsletter, put out by the Minnesota Department of Veterans Affair called Minnesota Veteran. It is on line.

VA & R: On Veterans Day, Cathy Newman took over candy and cards for the Veterans at AMRTC & Darlene Thell brought a rose for each veteran there. Sandy Phillips, the District AMRTC chairperson, said that they did not hold a gift shop there because they only had 3 veterans but she hopes that closer to Christmas they will have more and then she will go and buy something for those that are there.

Unfinished Business: Sandy Phillips is the Mid Winter Conference chairman. It is on Saturday, January 8th and she is in need of volunteers to help with registration, kitchen and silent auction. If you can help please let her know. Betty Erickson said we served food for a funeral and will be doing another one tomorrow. A discussion ensued about getting more chairmen and volunteers and as to what to do when we get called. This will be discussed at the next executive board and brought to the next meeting. Meanwhile Betty will put up a sign up sheet at the New Years Day Brunch and in the post paper to see if we can get some more new help.

New Business: Bill Knight, SAL Vice Cmdr. told us that on January 22 they will be having the comedian, Scott Hanson perform at a dinner show at the Anoka Legion. It will be a social/dinner at 6pm and following at 8:30-11:00 will be a show. Cost will be $31-38 depending on the meal. Scott Hanson donates some of his earning to the MN troops and is only going to Legions in MN. The SAL is in need of helpers, servers, greeters and help clean and cooking for that evening. Proceeds will be shared and this could be a money maker for the Auxiliary.

Auxiliary Membership

57 senior members not yet renewed

If you **do not** have a 2011 American Legion Auxiliary membership card - you **have not** paid your 2011 dues.

The Unit needs these 57 senior and 10 junior members to keep our Auxiliary programs fully funded for the second half of our year. Of those seniors not yet renewed, 8 have 30-39 years, 9 have 20-29 years, 17 have 10-19 years and 22 have 2-9 years in the Auxiliary.

If you are having difficulty paying ($20 senior, $3.50 junior) - please call me (763-421-4562) - the Unit can help! If you can't find your dues notice or aren't sure if you have paid - also call me.

I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and will remember our veterans and those serving now in the coming year by sending your 2011 dues to me by the first week of January or New Years Day if you plan to attend the Brunch. Thank you for your helpfulness to the Auxiliary.

Betty Erickson, Chairman
1826 Cressy Ave., Anoka, MN 55303

January Sewing Bee

Please come, Auxiliary members, and join the Past Presidents for our annual sewing bee, for the Veterans Hospital residents. The date for this is Tuesday afternoon, January 18, 2011 at 1:00 pm in the upper hall. Bring your portable sewing machines, scissors, pins, etc. or just come and use your talents. If you have any questions call Jan Reiter at 763-427-3733 or Cathy Newman at 763-757-2034. Thank you!

Barb Ridge / Kathy Zwerdling
Past Presidents Parley Co-Chairs

Thank You,

I want to thank All of you for your donations for our Lady Soldiers. I have sent four (4) boxes so far. Your support means alot to our Troops, with items they can't get where they are now, just showing them we care. Again Thank You.

Cathy Newman
National Security Chairman

President's Column
Darlene Thell

Hello Auxiliary Members,

The past month has been another good one. I attended the 10th Dist. Veterans Rally on November 20, in Delano. It was a good rally with a lot of booth displays of information for our veterans. Thank you to all the Post 102 members who also attended. I turned in 23 membership renewals. Please members, turn in your renewal fees and if you know of anyone who is interested in joining our Auxiliary, please help them contact Betty Erickson. Betty would like to see our Auxiliary reach its goal by our January 8th Mid-Winter Conference. Let's surprise Betty with a complete turn in by then. Thank you!

A special thank you to Sandy Phillips for all the work she did for the annaul Mpls. VA Home Gift Shop Days. Cathy Newman and I were there on December 2, helping veterans choose gifts for themselves and a family member. This program began in 1932 for WWI Veterans, by the American Legion Auxiliary. Minnesota was the first Auxiliary Unit that took part in the program. Today Legion and SAL members plus private donations help fund the program. Sandy also purchased items through the Auxiliary, and brings them to the Mpls. VA Home twice a month, for veterans to be able to select a few items they need. Thank you Sandy.

I was at the Pearl Harbor Dept. Rally at the Forest Lake American Legion on December 5. It was another good rally attended by members of our Post. Thank you to all who attended and once again membership turn-in is very important at the rallies, so please renew soon. A wonderful dinner was also served.

I have listed some areas that we volunteer in. If you are volunteering at these or other areas and haven't turned in your hours to our Community Service chairperson, please do so. Meals on Wheels, snow removal, shop or drive for a senior, cook/bake, visit at a nursing home/their home, volunteer at a senior citizen center, served funeral lunches, attended funerals, volunteer at a school/church/hospital, work fundraisers, food shelf worker, Feed My Starving Children, Eucharist Minister, or give veterans or the elderly a ride. Even one hour each month means a lot to our Unit. Thank you very much.

Have a very Blessed Christmas Season
Always remember our Veterans
God Bless American and The American Legion

Dept. Pres. Darlene Wondra (center) helped out at the Mpls. VA Home Gift Shop

In Memoriam

LAURENE JANE "EFFIE" (Messer) Lambert

Effie, a 22 year VIM/PUFL Auxiliary member was born April 20, 1925 in Foxhome, MN and passed away November 16, 2010 in Anoka.

Edward B. Cutter Unit 102 extends its sympathy to husband Lenny and family. A funeral lunch was served by Auxiliary members and a memorial to Project New Hope was sent by the Unit.

ORLANIE "DOLLY" (Wallin) BOSHEA

Dolly, a 17 year Auxiliary member was born February 3, 1931 in Hibbing, MN and passed away November 19, 2010 in Anoka.

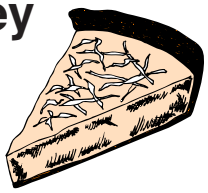
Edward B. Cutter Unit 102 extends its sympathy to Dolly's family. A memorial to Project New Hope was sent by the Unit.

NANCY CAROL (Britton) AUSPOS

Nancy, a 45 year Auxiliary member was born February 26, 1938 in Waseca, MN and passed away December 5, 2010 in Anoka. Nancy was a VFW Gold Star Mother.

Edward B. Cutter Unit 102 extends its sympathy to Nancy's family. A funeral lunch was served by Auxiliary members and a memorial to Project New Hope was sent by the Unit.

Past Presidents Parley
BAKE SALE



at
New Years Day Brunch
January 1, 2011

Proceeds to Parley Projects!

Annual Auxiliary Overnite
Jackpot Casino Bus Trip
February

Call Carol - 427-0185
for information

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

JANUARY 2011

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Coming in February 20th SAL Member Celebration 26th SAL Dist. Rally - Wayzata 25-26th Aux. Overnite to Jackpot Casino TBA Dept. Rally - Willmar TBA Mpls. VA Creative Arts Festival		**FLAG DISPLAY DAYS** 	**January 1st** **New Years Day** **January 17th** **Martin Luther King Day**	**Every Thursday & Friday** **Grill Open 5:00 – 8:30 pm** **Anoka Legion Riders** **Chapter 102 Meeting 7:00 PM** **Post Clubrooms** **3rd Wednesday of every month.**		**Jan. 1st** **New Years Day** **Brunch** Past Cmdr. serving 11:00 am – 1:00 pm Past Pres. Bake Sale during brunch Club Open 10 am - 7 pm 1
Club Open 12-10 **Bar Bingo 4:00 pm** 2	***70 years ago*** ***Jan. 1, 1941:*** ***Grand opening for new bowling alley in Witte building.*** 3	**Post General Mem.** **7:30 pm** **S.A.L. Mtg.** **7:00 pm** **Auxiliary Mtg.** **7:00 pm** 4	**SAL Dinners 5:30-7:00** **and** **Country Fried Steak** **$8.00** 5	**Bar Bingo** **7:00 pm** 6	**Meat Raffle 5:30 pm** **Bar Bingo 7:00 pm** 7	**10th Dist.** **Mid-Winter Conference** **at Anoka** **Registration 7:30 am** **Session 9:00 am** 8
Club Open 12-10 **Bar Bingo 4:00 pm** 9	***60 years ago*** ***Jan. 1951:*** ***Morrie Johnson replaces Loren Sederstrom as Anoka High School band director.*** 10	**NEWSPAPER** **MEETING** **7:00 pm** 11	**SAL Dinners 5:30-7:00** **Steak, Chicken,** **or Stuffed Shrimp $7.50** **Steak & Shrimp Combo** **$10.00** **Aux. Twin Rivers Bingo** **2:15 pm** 12	**Bar Bingo** **7:00 pm** 13	**Meat Raffle 5:30 pm** **Bar Bingo 7:00 pm** 14	***70 years ago*** ***Jan. 18, 1941:*** ***KC Hall has its grand opening dance.*** 15
Club Open 12-10 **Bar Bingo 4:00 pm** 16	***Martin Luther King Jr. Day*** 17	**Past Presidents** **Sewing Bee** **1:00 pm** **House & Ent.** Meeting 7:00 pm 18	**SAL Dinners 5:30-7:00** **and Prime Rib $9.50** **Legion Riders Meeting 7 pm** 19	**Bar Bingo** **7:00 pm** 20	**Meat Raffle 5:30 pm** **Bar Bingo 7:00 pm** 21	 **1st Friday** **each month** **Red Cross** **Bloodmobile** **at Post** **7 AM - 1 PM** 22
Club Open 12-10 **Bar Bingo 4:00 pm** 23	***100 years ago*** ***Jan. 4, 1911:*** ***Ordinance #136 forbids free lunches in saloons.*** 24	**Executive Board** Meeting 7:00 pm 25	**SAL Dinners 5:30-7:00** **Steak, Chicken,** **or Stuffed Shrimp $7.50** **Steak & Shrimp Combo** **$10.00** 26	**Bar Bingo** **7:00 pm** 27	**10th Dist. Snowmobile Rally** **Turn-in Champlin 6:00 pm** **Meat Raffle 5:30 pm** **Bar Bingo 7:00 pm** 28	29
Club Open 12-10 **Bar Bingo 4:00 pm** 30	***80 years ago*** ***Jan. 5, 1931:*** ***The application to operate 4 pool tables at 2007 Second Avenue was approved.*** 31	***60 years ago Jan. 22, 1951: The Anoka National Guard Headquarters Battery, following induction into Federal Service on January 16th, marched through town on Main Street to the train station. Hundreds gathered to say goodbye and good luck to the new trainees who will endure intense National Guard training in Camp Rucker, Alabama. With the Anoka High School band playing an hour long concert under the direction of Loren Sederstrom, the battery marched, saying goodbye to Anoka.***				