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Happy Holidays

Boy Scout of the Year Award "Christopher Blahut"

Chris belongs to Troop 233 which is co-sponsored by Zion Lutheran Church and this American Legion post; he worked his way up through the ranks of scouting culminating with the attainment of Eagle Scout.

He served in many leadership positions earning (21) Merit Badges and completed a project which benefited the community. Chris's Eagle Scout Project was a **Food Drive for the ACBC Foodshelf**. He organized a Brat Stand for Holiday's 50th anniversary that raised around $400 which was donated with 5,000 pounds of food to ACBC which was very much needed and greatly appreciated.

Chris has also been a volunteer in the Meals on Sheels program, cleaned Anoka's Main Street as part of "Adopt-A-Highway" program, loaded trucks with boxes for operation Christmas Child, helped to feed the needy during Zion Lutheran Church's Family Table Nights.

Chris is a senior at Anoka High School and will graduate with honors next spring with a 3.4 grade point average from the advance placement classes he has taken throughout his high school years. He has lettered in football, track and strength training; and is a registered marksman in rifle shooting with the National Rifle Association.

Attending with Chris were his parents Tery and Bruck Blahut and his two grandmothers. Tery was Scoutmaster for a number of years for our former Boy Scout Troop and Chris' two older brothers were also Eagle Scouts.

On this 35th anniversary of honoring the Outstanding Boy Scout of the Year from the Anoka area, Wayne Wallace presented Chris with The American Legion Medal of Merit with certificate and cash award.

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ADJUTANT'S NOTES

by Wayne D. Wallace

The Post Executive Committee meeting held October 28, 2008 heard the minutes from the previous meeting and reports from finance, clubroom and gambling.

The Anoka-Champlin Fire Department notified this Post that an updated lock box must be purchased and installed to comply with the required standards. The lock box houses the key for use of the fire department for entry into the building. The Executive Committee approved the purchase and installation of the updated lock box.

The Post has been leasing the ice machine for some time and was given the opportunity to purchase the machine at a reasonable price. The Executive Committee approved the purchase.

The proposed Post Budget for 2009 was reviewed by the Executive Committee. Due to the economy many areas of the budget, primarily in the charitable donations, had to take drastic cuts or elimination. **The Minnesota Department of Revenue, knowing there is a definite problem in the lack of charitable giving, has done nothing to change the tax structure to allow more funds to be available for community activities.** The current tax structure on charitable gambling revenue, imposed by MN Revenue, is double what funds are available for donations. With the current condition of the economy, on top of the taxes mentioned, licensed organizations have dropped from 1800 to barely 1300 throughout the State of Minnesota. Having tried to explain the primary reasons for a down scaled budget for 2009, the proposed Post Budget was recommended for approval to the Post General Membership.

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 November 4, 2008 heard the minutes of the previous meeting and reports from Post officers and committee chairmen.

Adjutant reported Post members Donald Hostetler, Neil Fairbanks, Richard Zierhut,Sr, Melvin Mathson and Clarence Monegar have passed away since the last meeting.

Adjutant reported the Post membership for 2009 is at (677). **We are (24) members behind one year ago**. If you are still unpaid for 2009, please remit your membership dues now so we can start forging ahead of the past year.

The 2009 proposed Post Budget was displayed using a lap top computer and screen. Finance Officer Rick Oelschlager explained each area of the budget, during the review,with no comments or discussion from the Post members. The 2009 Post 102 Budget was motioned and approved by the Post General Membership.

The following Lawful Purpose donations/expenses projected for expenditure in November 2008 were approved by the Post General Membership:

1. St. Cloud VA Medical Center (Vets Christmas Fund) . . $ 100
2. Minneapolis VA Medical Center (Vets Christmas Fund) 100
3. Minneapolis Veterans Home (Vets Christmas Fund) 100
4. Ft Snelling Memorial Rifle Squad 100
5. Armed Forces Service Center 100
6. Christmas Committee, Inc. 150
7. Bell Center (Donation to Special Ed Dept) 100
8. Christopher Blahut (Boy Scout of the Year Award) 100
9. City of Anoka (Water/light costs) 1,800
10. Centerpoint Energy (Gas costs) 200
11. Anoka Sport Shack (Boys State patches) 40
12. U.S. Treasury (Tax on wagering) 500
13. Assist needy veterans/families 1,500
14. Emergency money 500

Total taxes paid on gambling proceeds for October 2008:
Minnesota Revenue: $3,029 U.S. Treasury: $291

New members accepted by the Post General Membership were Earl L. Jacob, Roger W. Wherland and Walter F. Johnson. 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.

A very Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year to all Post, Auxiliary and Sons of The American Legion members and their families.

Post 102 extends sincere sympathy to the families of

NEIL R. FAIRBANKS
Neil was a 42 year member of Post 102 and a World War II Veteran.

DONALD E. HOSTETLER
Don was a 51 year member, an Honored Life Member and a Past Post commander 1988-1989 of Post 102.
He was a World War II and Korean War Veteran.

RICHARD E. ZIERHUT, SR.
Richard was a 6 year member of Post 102 and a World War II Veteran.

MELVIN D. MATHSON
Melvin was a 20 year member of Post 102 and a Korean War Veteran.

CLARENCE S. IDNEGAR
Clarence was a 8 year member of Post 102 and a Korean War Veteran.

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Commander's Column
Cliff Newman

Greetings Legionnaires,

October 18th – "Light Up The Night" parade, the Post Color Guard led the parade, huge crowd. Thanks to Jim Hays, Fadi Awaijane, Gregg Werbowski and Larry Phillips for helping to represent our Post.

October 23 & 24 – Fall Conference at Mankato, Unit President Cathy and I attended. There is so much information presented, it would take the entire newsletter to cover it – so I brought back literature on everything. I will have it at the general membership meetings.

October 25th – Halloween Grand Day Parade – what a day! Beautiful weather, great crowd, terrific parade. The Post Color Guard and Drill Team let the parade. Thank you very much to all who helped our Post shine. Bravo Zulu to all!

November 8th – Veteran's Day Dinner. The guest speaker Dennis Berg (Anoka County Commissioner).

You had to be there to hear and feel the emotion of this veteran. Sue Nunnelee (10th District President) brought greetings, Darrel Redepenning (10th District Vice Commander) representing Tom Schottenbauer (10th District Commander) brought greetings. Music was provided by the North Suburban Quintet. Thank you to all who set up and took down.

MidWinter Conference to be held at Anoka Post 102 January 3rd, 2009. We, the American Legion Family are looking for volunteers to help us with this conference, contact Cliff Newman at H: 763-757-2034 or C: 612-298-7259.

Happy Thanksgiving

Yesterday is History, Tomorrow is a Mystery,
Thats why Today is called the Present

Veterans Day Dinner Pictures

51 year member Leo Foley and Lorraine Hostetler (for Don) receive citations from Commander Cliff.
51 year member Burton Kraabel could not attend.

Front row L-R:
SAL District Commander Marv Jonas,District President Sue Nunnelee, President Cathy
Back row L-R:
Chris Blahut, Commander Cliff, District Vice Commander Darrel Reepenning, Dennis Berg

S.A.L. NEWS
by Commander Lance Nelson

Greetings and Happy Holidays From the Sons of The American Legion. The Halloween Parade was Outstanding with the special float this year provided by Tony Arellano and Family.

The Report From Fall Conference was that all is well and everyone had a great time.

We are collecting Non-Perishable food items for the local food shelf again this year at this time. So please bring your food donations in and place them in the container that is set up. We have budgeted more to the food shelf this year then in the past because we realize the impact of the current economy has on food shelf supplies.

Yes, WeAre Still Having Wednesday Night Dinner! So Please tell Everyone you can about it! 5:30pm-7:00pm.

Now that the Elections are over..... It's Nice and Quiet Again..... NO MORE AD'S!

A Toast To ALL:

May the road rise to meet you, may the wind be always at your back, the sun shine warm upon your face, the rain fall soft upon your fields, and until we meet again may God hold you in the hollow of His hand.

Remember What Ever it Takes!

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Have you read . . . .

The last issue (November 2008) of the Minnesota Legionnaire – page 11: **World War II Round Table – Operation Downfall.**

Anoka Post 102 member Wayne Dietz was on Iwo Jima when "the United States began planning for what could have been". . . .

Holiday Dinner
Past Presidents - Past Commanders

ANNENTION PAST
Post Commanders ~ SAL Commanders
Unit Presidents ~ Unit Jr. Presidents

You are invited to attend the 4th Annual Holiday Dinner on Monday, December 15th for you and your spouse or guest at the Post in the Commanders Hall. Social hour will be 6:30 to 7:00 pm with dinner at 7:00 pm. You will have a choice of stuffed chicken breast or BBQ Ribs with all the trimmings, desert and coffee for $12.50.

Your food choice and reservations (payable to Unit 102) need to be mailed by Tuesday, December 9th to either:

Lenora Root
820 Elm Creek Cir., Champlin, MN 55316

Karen Orr
1230 4th Av. So., Anoka, MN 55303

Hope to see you all there!

Holiday Dinner
Past President - Past Commanders

BOWLERS

It's that time again to sign up for the 2009 American Legion Bowling Tournament being held at the Jack's House Lanes, Brainerd, MN the 18th and 19th of April 2009.

Saturday April 18th – Singles & Doubles 11:30 am
Sunday April 19th – Team 12:00 noon

Have reservation for Ten Teams (4 persons each).

Will be sending entry blanks to all teams that participated in 2008 at St. Cloud. Also will include motel data for the area.

Will leave additional entry forms and motel information at the Post. Hopefully we can have more then 10 teams.

Entry forms and full teams fees must be returned to me not later than December 22, 2008.

Any questions please call
Dennis R. Hubert
3235 12th Ave., Anoka, MN 55303
763-422-1863

President's Column

Cathy Newman

Hello again. I hear our snow birds are starting to leave us. Hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable trip. We will miss you while your away.

On October 23 & 24, I attended the Fall Conference in Mankato. Auxiliary members that also attended were Sandy Phillips, Sue and Doris Nunnelee.

On the 23rd we had two work shops in the evening: National Security (Identity Theft) and Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation (representatives to share VA needs at the hospital and veterans nursing homes).

The next day had reports from the Department chairman and had a poppy contest. Donna and I entered, but didn't win, they had 74 entries. That evening our District President Sue Nunnelee was in the Grand March and reception. She looked great by the way. I want to thank Sandy Phillips for taking my place as District Color Bearer so I could come home for our big Halloween day at Anoka.

Being Unit President, I got to ride on the float with our Post Commander and the Jr. President Ashley Toikka and the District Jr. President Taylor Hagen. We all had a fun time. A lot of people on the street.

I helped out a little with the Juniors fund raising. Auxiliary ladies helped out in the kitchen and with selling treats. We all work well together.

Next was our Veterans Dinner on November 8th. Good turn-out, good food. I want to thank Missy, Sami, Lenora, Sandy and Lynette for helping set up and decorate for this dinner.

On the 10th I took 19 Veterans Day cards with a flag pin to Anoka Metro Regional Treatment Center for Veterans Day.

Coming in December is the Gift Shop for the Veterans at the AMRTC. Please come and help us show these veterans they are not forgotten. We will have treats, gifts and songs to make their Christmas merry. Be there at 6:30 on December 1st. We will all meet at the front desk.

Can't believe we are planning Christmas things already! But first, everyone have a wonderful Thanks Giving and God Bless you and your loved ones.

Until next time!

Jr. Auxiliary President

Ashley Toikka

September 27th – We had our first meeting at the Legion. We elected new officers. I got elected president, Sami Hicks - Secretary, Sam Odegard - Treasurer and Historian, Taylor Hagen - 1st Vice, Keanna - Chaplain, Carolynn - Sgt.-at-Arms. After we elected and installed new officers, we made place mats for the Early Bird dinner.

October 11th – The District Fun Day was held at Anoka. We had pumpkin decorating, coloring Halloween pictures and corsage making for a contest. It was fun, after that everyone went to the Andover Family Farmstead. There we ate lunch, went through a corn maze, bought pumpkins, went on a hay ride, saw farm animals, like cows, roosters, ponies, etc., and went through a gift shop. The Juniors that came were Sam, Mami, Taylor, Keanna and myself.

October 13th – I went to the Early Bird dinner and the food was very very good! After dinner and the talking, the juniors helped pass things out that people bid on at the silent auction. The juniors that came were Sami, Sam, Keanna, Carolynn and myself.

October 18th – It was one of our regular meetings. We made cards for veterans and made ghost suckers to sell at the Halloween parade.

October 25th – We had a stand inside the Legion during the Halloween parade selling baked goods, snacks, pop, hot dogs and ham sandwiches. Taylor and I rode on the float in the parade waving to all the people. It was very fun. The juniors that came were Sami, Sam, Taylor, Keanna, Carolynn and myself.

November 8th – I went to the Veterans Day dinner and helped with the P.O.W. table by lighting the candle and putting the poppies into the vase. I also got to present (10th District President) Sue with $50 from the juniors for her project. A lot of people got up and talked and Dennis Berg told a story about how he had survivors guilt for 27 years because Russell Halley died for him to save his life and he didn't even know him. The food and the dessert was very good, the juniors that attended were Sami Hicks and myself.

JAN'S JOTTINGS

by Jan Reiter

The regular meeting of Edward B. Cutter American Legion Auxiliary was held on Tuesday, November 4, 2008 at 7:00 pm.

Community Service: Book was sent around for signatures of those that do community service. **At Fall Conference we were told that you can count your hours that you volunteer at church.**

Education: Three Need a Lift Books were bought at Fall Conference and will be given out to the high schools. These books are used for students who want to go on to college.

Fund Raising: An overnighter to Jackpot was on Oct. 10 & 11. They had 34 people but still made a profit of $656.50. Next Casino tip is to Hinckley on Tuesday, November 18. A motion was made to have another overnighter again in February or March, approved.

Public Relations: Sue Nunnelee, 10th Dist. President brought a citation from Fall Conference and presented it to **Darlene Thell for the Best Public Relations report in the Northwestern Division**. Congratulations Darlene.

Sunshine: Sympathy cards were sent to Lorraine Hostetler (Don) Anna Gullick (Red Ellis), Thinking of you to Pam Westlie and Get well to Bonnie Lapham and Lenora Root.

VA&R: Cathy Newman reported that there will be a District Gift Shop at AMRTC on December 1 at 6:30. She received a list of the Veterans Hospitals needs. **The VA Hospital has gone thru 3000 heart pillows this last year and is in need of more heart pillows. They also need neck pillows, laundry bags, small pillows for wheelchair arms and white crew socks.**

Unfinished Business: Sue Nunnelee presented a citation from the **Northwestern Division to Katie Wyman for Unit 102's History report. Sue Nunnelee also received a plaque for the best Junior Activities program in the Northwestern Division. Congratulations to all of you. The silent auction at the Early Bird Dinner netted $416.50, to be used towards the Legacy Scholarship Program.**

Donations Approved:

Minneapolis VA Medical Center	$ 100
St. Cloud VA Medical Center	100
Minnesota Veterans Homes (Mpls. & St. Cloud)	150
Five Dollar Bill Shower	100
American Legion Fund for Hospitalized Veterans	75
10th District Activity Fund (Mpls. & St. Cloud)	100
Veterans Job Training Program (Anoka County)	100
Veterans Volunteer Transportation (Anoka County)	200
Christmas Gift Shop AMRTC (District)	50
Veterans Rest Camp at Forest Lake (50) and Ely (50)	100
American Legion Auxiliary Hospital Program	75
National Creative Arts Festival	50
Minnesota Stand Down (homeless vets)	100
National American Legion Child Welfare Foundation	100
Legacy Scholarship (Veterans children)	50
Ft. Snelling Rifle Squad	50
Meals on Wheels	50
District President's Project	200
District President's Gift	25

New Business: Sandy Phillips reported about Fall Conference. There were 74 entries in the corsage contest and these corsages will be given to National Girl's Nation and Girl's State programs for their use. The National Security speaker spoke on identity theft. Project New Hope was also talked about. The Pheasant Dinners have been going on for 67 years. The Silent Auction for the Auxiliary Emergency Fund tallied $2,900 for this program. The Armed Forces Center at the Airport is in need of volunteers. **Next years Department convention will be at Menohman, MN.** The Department President's projects are large screen TV's and Wii game system for each Veterans Home.

After the meeting, Commander Cliff Newman came in to announce that Mid-Winter Conference (January 10, 2009) is at Anoka and he is in need of the Auxiliary's help.

Only 64 Members More

The Auxiliary due date has passed – your 2009 dues ($20) are needed now more than ever to help veterans – especially those returning veterans.

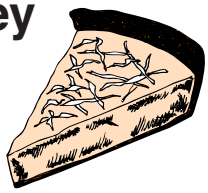
These Auxiliary programs (listed in the Secretary's column) show what the Unit has already done – and with your membership dues – what more can be done.

Please don't let any more time go by without your help – send your dues in now or stop by the pull tab booth.

Betty Erickson
1826 Cressy Ave., Anoka, MN 55303

And, don't forget – the New Years Day Brunch is free for all paid members.

Past Presidents Parley
BAKE SALE



at
New Years Day Brunch
January 1, 2009

Proceeds to Parley Projects!

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.

Ron's Ribs are Back!!!

Open Grill Thursdays and Fridays

Thursdays – 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm
BBQ Ribs, Choice of Potato, Cole Slaw, Texas Toast
Full Rack $11.75 Half Rack $9.75

Friday December 5th
Liver & Onions, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Vegetable, Roll, Butter $7.50

Friay December 12th
Ham Steak, AuGratin Potatoes & Vegetable $7.50

Friday December 19th
Beef Tips over Baked Potato, Vegetable, Roll & Butter
$7.50

Friday December 26th
Meat Loaf, Garlic Mashed Potatoes, Vegetable, Roll & Butter
$7.50

Taxes are included

North Suburban Concert Band

Christmas Concerts with the North Suburban Concert Chorale and The Twin City Youth Chorale at Andover High School, 2115 Andover Blvd. NW.

Saturday, December 13th – 7:30 pm
Sunday, December 14th – 2:00 pm

Admission – $10 for all ages. Tickets available through band members – watch this webside www.nscband.org (this does sell out).

Happy New Year

2009 Spend New Years Eve at Post 102

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POST HOSPITAL EQUIPMENT

Effective January 1, 2008 . . . .
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.

Anyone else wanting to use the equipment will have to have a member of the Post 102 family serve as their sponsor.

Also call Frank if you know of anyone hospitalized so the word can get out.

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

DECEMBER 2008

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Flag Display Days **7th - Pearl Harbor Day (half-staff until sunset)** **25th - Christmas Day**	**Auxiliary Christmas Gift Shop AMRTC 6:30 pm** 1	**Post General Mem. 7:30 pm** **S.A.L. Mtg. 7:00 pm** **Auxiliary Mtg. 7:00 pm** 2	**SAL Sponsored Dinner 5:30-7:00 Steak, Chicken, or Stuffed Shrimp $7.50 Steak & Shrimp Combo $10.00** 3	**Ron's Ribs Grill Open 5:00 – 8:00 pm Bar Bingo 6:30 pm** 4	Grill Open 5-8:00 Meat Raffle 5:00 pm Bar Bingo 6:30 pm **Live Music After Midnight 8:30 - 12:30** 5	**School Patrol Christmas Party 10:00 am – 12:00 noon** Pearl Harbor Rally St. Augusta 6
Club Open 12-10 Bar Bingo 3:00 pm **Pearl Harbor Day** 7	***Dec. 14, 1915: Bed-Davenport $25 – $45 at Thurston & Son*** 8	**NEWSPAPER MEETING 7:00 pm** **Aux. Casino Bus Hinckley** 9	**SAL Sponsored Dinner 5:30-7:00** **Aux. Twin Rivers Bingo 2:30 pm** 10	**Ron's Ribs Grill Open 5:00 – 8:00 pm Bar Bingo 6:30 pm** 11	Grill Open 5-8:00 Meat Raffle 5:00 pm Bar Bingo 6:30 pm **Live Music Mirror Image 8:30 - 12:30** 12	**Jr. Auxiliary Christmas Party 12:00 noon** **Veterans Wild Game Dinner 12:00 noon** 13
Club Open 12-10 Bar Bingo 3:00 pm 14	**Past Presidents Past Commanders Holiday Dinner Social 6:00 – 7:00 pm Dinner 7:00 pm** 15	***Dec. 16, 1904: Output of local starch factory greater than any other in Northwest.*** 16	**SAL Sponsored Dinner 5:30-7:00 Steak, Chicken, or Stuffed Shrimp $7.50 Steak & Shrimp Combo $10.00** **Anoka Legion Riders Chapter 102 7:00 pm** 17	**Ron's Ribs Grill Open 5:00 – 8:00 pm Bar Bingo 6:30 pm** 18	Grill Open 5-8:00 Meat Raffle 5:00 pm Bar Bingo 6:30 pm **Live Music Rice Street Boyz 8:30 - 12:30** 19	***Dec. 1914: Formal opening of State Bank's new banking room.*** 20
Club Open 12-10 Bar Bingo 3:00 pm **Winter Begins** 21	***Dec. 15, 1915: The City Hall will open for a roller rink.*** 22	**House & Ent.** Meeting 7:00 pm 23	***Christmas Eve Club Open 12 Noon to 5:00 pm*** ***NO SAL DINNER*** 24	**MERRY CHRISTMAS Club Closed** 25	Grill Open 5-8:00 Meat Raffle 5:00 pm Bar Bingo 6:30 pm **Live Music Wild Fire 8:30 - 12:30** 26	***Dec. 15, 1915: Mass meeting at Green theatre to form Anoka "Booster Club".*** 27
Club Open 12-10 Bar Bingo 3:00 pm 28	***Dec. 16, 1917: Service flag was dedicated at the Congregational Church Sunday.*** 29	**Executive Board** Meeting 7:00 pm 30	**New Years Eve Music 8:30 – 12:30 Entertainment** *FREE* **hors d'oeuvrs at midnight & party favors** 31	**January 1st New Years Day Brunch**	**1st Friday each month Red Cross Bloodmobile at Post 7 AM - 1 PM**	***Dec. 10, 1915: J.H. LeSeur, French Infantry Officer visits Ford Tractor Plant.***
RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP NOW!	**Monday Football Specials During Games**	**COMING IN JANUARY** **1 New Years Day Brunch** **Past Commanders serving 11:00 am – 1:30 pm** **Past Presidents Bake Sale during brunch** **Club Open 10:00 am – 7:00 pm** **6th Membership meetings** **10th 10th District Mid-Winter Conference – Anoka**				**Catering Central Friday Nite Specials – see page 7**