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EDWARD B. CUTTER POST 102 - Installation 2017-2018

The annual installation of new officers was held on June 15th this year. Past District President Donna Redepenning and Past Department Vice-Commander Darrel Redepenning were once again the installing officers. Due to a few complaints about last year's "group installation", this year's format was once a-gain a little different and more individualized.

Past Department Commander, Bud Redepenning, installed newly elected Post Commander, Doug Hookom; Past Post Commander, Al Springer, installed Chaplain, Jim Urban. All other officers were installed by Donna and Darrel. The new format seemed to be a hit, and future installations will hopefully be done the same way.

A light meal was made by Cathy Newman, and Jan Reiter helped serve. A great time was had by all.

Darrel Redepenning

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Adjutant's Notes

by Gary Munkholm

Many thanks to the delegates representing our Post at the Department Convention. Post 102 was recognized for their outstanding work by receiving the following awards: Education Award, Safety-School Patrol Award, Boys State Award, Community Service Award, Scouting Award, Jim Urban for outstanding 10th District Chaplain, and Frank Menter for Meritorious Service. We have many outstanding volunteers to make these presentations happen.

The insurance coverage everyone received in the mail is legit, so mail back the card to get the free insurance.

The general membership approved spending up to $750 to repair the outside electric sign with a new computer board.

Many thanks to the members who attended and supported the July 4th Courthouse flag raising and the Anoka County Fair flag raising.

Darrel Redepenning announced that he is running for Department Commander.

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.

Ray Turnquist is heading a committee to replace the two trophy boxes at Anoka High School for the Boys and Girls Staters.

Commander Hookom announced the following dates: August 19, Fire Department Dance at Fairgrounds; October 19, Early Bird Dinner, and November 11, Veteran's Day Dinner.

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

a. Anoka High School Scholarships	$5,500
b. Hope four Youth	$200
c. North Suburban Concert Band	$500
d. Legacy Scholarship fund	$500
e. Department Pheasants Forever Fund	$100
f. Department Commanders Project	$100
g. District Commanders Project for Veterans Home	$100
h. Anoka Ramsey College Nursing Scholarship	$300
i. Kennedy Scales, Inc for gambling scale update	$130
j. Anoka County Transit for VSO Program	$200
k. Minnesota tax on gambling	$13,000
l. City of Anoka for Water & Light costs	$3,000
m. Center Point Energy for gas costs	$700
n. U.S. Treasury for tax on wagering	$600
o. Assist needy Veterans & Families	$1,500
p. Emergency Money	$500

Also presented to the membership was an audit report by Peterson & Company, which Rick indicated was a good report.

Post 102 extends sincere sympathy to the families of

CLINTON A BENSON
Clinton was a 64 year member of The American Legion and a World War II Veteran

WILLIAM FLEMING
William was a 26 year member of The American Legion and a Korean War Veteran

RICHARD DANNER
Richard was a 18 year member of The American Legion and a Vietnam War Veteran

JAMES W. ALLEY
James was a 32 year member of The American Legion and a World War II Veteran

JOHN C SCHONHARDT
John was a 43 year member of The American Legion and a World War II Veteran

IN NEED OF A RIDE ?

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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
Doug Hookom

Let me introduce myself; I'm Doug Hookom, member of Anoka Legion Post 102 for 29 years. I have been active in our post for the past 9 years, attending meeting, helping around the post, Finance Officer, 2nd Vice, 1st Vice and now as your Commander.

A little information about me: My wife Darlene and I have been married 46 years. We have two sons, Scott and Ryan, and four grandchildren, Gavin, Allison, Hannah and Zoey. I served in the US Air Force from November of 1966 to May of 1970, having spent one year in Vietnam from December of 1967 to December 1968. I was a crewmember and we flew in C-47's in Nam and RC-135's while stateside. We were tasked with monitoring, collecting and interpreting military voice and electronic signals in the areas we flew.

Areas I see our post having issues with, as well as posts all across this Legion are recruitment of new members and retention of members. The other area is getting more volunteers to help out as we all hope our post continues to grow.

Someone has said there are three ways to avoid criticism: Do Nothing; Say Nothing and Be Nothing! Any leader is going to face criticism. So if you have a concern or question regarding anything at our post, please ask me or someone on the Executive Committee.

God Bless America, Doug Hookom, Commander Post 102

S.A.L. Commander
Tony Arellano

The time goes by fast as we continue to serve our military in any way we can. The National Guard Armory unit will disband in August. It has been located in the Anoka Armory for 50 years or more. The unit members will be assigned to other units area. The SAL wishes all unit members best wishes!

The August SAL meeting had 6 members present. As I said in my first Newsletter, I would like to see more members attend our monthly meeting, in order to get more members active.

The SAL Sunday Grill menu will be suspended until the middle of September. Our cooking staff needs a break. The SAL Wednesday dinners will continue, We serve from 5:30-7:00 pm. The menu for the dinners remains the same, with Prime Rib the 1st Wednesday of the month, and Specials as announced.

The August Car Show was another success with 30+ cars. Thanks to Tim and Pat for serving Hot Dogs and Brats.

Again, If you have any thoughts to assist SAL, feel free to contact me through the Club Manager or leave a note in the SAL mailbox.

Keep our troops and members in your prayers.

Tony Arellano, SAL Commander

Delegates to Legion Department Convention

L>R: Ron Wolford, Darrel Redepenning, Fadi Awaijane, Cliff Newman, Doug Hookum, Bud Redepenning, Rick Oelschlager, Jim Urban, Ray Turnquist, Gary Munkholm

Chaplain's Corner

Jim Urban

In the morning I grab a cup of coffee and go out on the deck. Its just getting light out and the birds are waking up. What a beautiful song they start to sing. I wondered why I don't start the morning with a song in my heart. God has blessed us with so much more then the birds. Do the birds think how great it is to be given another morning? Are they saying thanks to God for this morning? We should wake up each morning give thanks to our Lord for each day.

I was thinking about all the changes in my life. There has been a lot, and probably for you also. The only thing that has stayed constant is my Lord. His love for us has not changed since we were born, nor will it. How awesome He is.

County Fair Opening Day

The opening was well attended by Post 102 members, County Commissioners, Sheriff's Dept., Legion & VFW Color Guards. Guest speaker was Judge Jenny Walker-Jasper. Also in attendance the County Attorney Tony Palumbo. Nature gave us a beautiful day.

ANOKA LEGION
welcomes
"Service Dogs"

New VA Form Determines National Cemetery Eligibility

The VA now provides eligibility determinations for internment in a VA national cemetery prior to the time of need. Through the Pre-Need Determination of Eligibility Program, upon request, individuals can learn if they are eligible for burial or memorialization in a VA national cemetery.

Interested individuals may submit VA Form 40-10007 and supporting documentation, such as a DD-214, to the VA National Cemetery Scheduling Office.

To obtain a copy of the form, visit www.com.va.gov. Once the form is completed, it can be submitted to the VA in one of three ways: Toll free fax: 1-855-840-8299; Email: eligibity.preneed@va.gov ; Mail: National Cemetery Scheduling Office, P.O. Box 510543, St. Louis, MO 63151.

The VA will review applications and provide written notice of eligibility. The VA will save supporting documents electronically to expedite burial arrangements at the time of need. The new process will help alleviate some of the stress families encounter when trying to find paperwork to verify that a veteran was appropriately discharged so they can be interred in a VA national cemetery.

CRIBBAGE TOURNAMENT

Every Thursday - 1:00-?? PM
[Starting October 5th]

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President's Column

Sue Nunnelee

I'M BACK! And very happy to have been elected Unit President once again. You can be, as I am, proud to be a member of the American Legion Auxiliary, the Department of Minnesota, the 10th District and, of course, Edward B. Cutter Unit 102.

The Mission Statement of the American Legion Auxiliary: In the spirit of Service, Not Self, the mission of the American Legion Auxiliary is to support The American Legion and to honor the sacrifice of those who serve by enhancing the lives of our veterans, military, and their families, both at home and abroad. For God and Country, we advocate for veterans, educate our citizens, mentor youth, and promote patriotism, good citizenship, peace and security.

What does that mean for us? We work with veterans in our communities and support programs that help veterans in our state and nation. We promote Americanism by teaching and demonstrating patriotism on a local level by sponsoring and participating in community events.

I am looking forward to working with our Unit, Post, and Squadron officers and members to continue our history of outstanding service to our veterans and community. I do need your help. If you see an opportunity to increase our visibility or participation in our community, please let me (or any officer/chairman) know about it. We don't have to do the "same thing we've always done" to serve. I would welcome your ideas. Also, if there is a program you're really interested in, let me know. All of our "veteran" chairmen are happy to have help and new ideas.

Since our last Unit meeting in June, we installed our new Unit, Post, and SAL officers. Thank you to Darrel, Donna and Bud Redepenning for being the installing officers. Unit 102 members have attended the Department Convention in Mahnomen, participated in the Flag Raising ceremonies at the Anoka County Courthouse on July 4th and the opening of the Anoka County Fair on July 25th.

By the time this article is published, the first District rally will have been held in Coon Rapids on August 13th and the National Convention, which is scheduled for August 22nd thru August 24th, will be history.

Our first Unit meeting of the new Auxiliary year, will be **Tuesday, September 5th at 7pm**. I hope to see many of you there. The annual Department rally at Legionville will be **Saturday, Sept. 9th**, everyone is welcome to attend. If you've never been there, it's definitely worth the trip. The rally starts at 2pm, but come early to look around the facility.

Coming up in October is our Unit meeting on **Oct. 3rd.** This will start as a joint meeting with the Post and SAL, to hear from our Girls and Boys Stater's, and then continue with our regular meetings. Our Unit "Early Bird" dinner will be held on **Monday, Oct. 16th**, starting at 6:30pm. As always, everyone who has paid their 2017-18 Auxiliary membership dues (this includes Junior members) is welcome to attend this free dinner. We will again have a "silent auction" with proceeds going to the Netha Feist scholarship. Please bring 1 or 2 "nice" items for your fellow members to bid on. At the end of October, the Department Fall Conference will be held in Willmar, on **Oct. 27th and 28th**. This is a very interesting and informational meeting that all members can attend. Also, the Unit will sell food at the Post during the Halloween parade on **Oct. 28th**. We always need workers, and donations of cookies or bars, for this fundraising event. Please let me know if you are able to help.

Hopefully, I've covered most of the events planned for the next 2 months. Thank you to all of our members for your support on behalf of the Unit officers.

Sue Nunnelee, Unit 102 President

Auxiliary Department Convention

The 99th annual Department Convention was held at Mahnomen. There were 245 registered Auxiliary members in attendance. Auxiliary members representing Unit 102 were Cathy Newman, Donna Redepenning and Diane Wolford. Newly elected officers for the Department were: President, Donna Arends; 1st Vice-President, Jean Walker, 2nd Vice-President, Mary Hendrickson.

Our unit was presented with two plaques. These will be presented at the September meeting.

Respectfully submitted by Diane Wolford

2018 Auxiliary Membership Starts NOW!

Your dues notice will be mailed to you – hopefully in September from the National office. Please, do not put this aside! (For those of you who have paid for 2018 early, your card will be mailed to you soon.)
Mail - $25 senior, $5 junior, $3 Past President Parley dues to me OR pay at the pull tab booth, OR online – see address below, OR attend the September 5th Auxiliary meeting.

Our Early Bird Dinner is Monday, October 16, and DUES MUST BE PAID to attend. At that dinner, 44 continuous year pins will be given to those members from 20 years to 65 years. Check your 2017 membership card and add a year – will you be getting your pin this year? (You can call me at 421-4562 to check.

For the 2017 year, Unit 102 had 308 members and because we made GOAL + 1, we were awarded $195 from Department Office. This was deposited in our account and will be used for those members who may need a little help with their dues (health, finances, etc.). Any member who feels she cannot pay her dues, please let me know – we don't want to lose you!

To pay Auxiliary Dues online: www.auxforeverveterans.org (This is the National Auxiliary website)
Thank you all,
Betty Erickson, chairman
Early Bird Dinner – Monday, October 16, 6:30 p.m. (You will not receive another Post Paper before that dinner!)

The 1st Christmas in July
Past Commanders and Past Presidents Dinner

A very good turnout and dinner (SAL). Glad to see everyone especially CLARIBEL AND KENNY BERGHORST at this "1st. Al Campbell told us about the adventures of P.C. Andy Revering in Arizona. We haven't seen Al and Sue for a few years.

Also invited and attending were transferees to Anoka Post and Unit 102: Sandy Arellano, Past Unit President 555 Falldin Post, Past 5th District President, and Tony (SAL); Past Commander Wayne and Past President Ruby Budde – Marshall. Total attending on July 19th from Anoka 102 were 13 Past Commanders, 12 Past Presidents and 14 spouses and guests.
Will there be a "2nd"?
Betty Erickson, chairman

By the way, our Past Presidents Parley was the winner of the 10th District award.

In Memoriam

Hazel Irene (Hierlinger) Lindgren

Hazel, a 59-year Auxiliary member (husband Curtis – brother Elmer), was born December 5, 1925, in Crown, MN and passed away July 24, 2017 in Blaine.

For many years, Hazel shared her garden products at our Early Bird Auction bringing very good donations. Hazel also volunteered at Mercy Hospital from the day it opened until her mid 80's.

Edward B. Cutter Unit 102 extends its sympathy to Hazel's family and many friends. A memorial in Hazel's name was sent by Unit 102 to The American Legion MN Brain Science Foundation.

Carol Alberta (Frankenberg) Hathaway

Carol, a 30-year Auxiliary member, was born May 11, 1944, in San Diego, CA and passed away June 18, 2017 in Anoka. Carol served as Unit President 1992-93 with Commander Bob Kay and in 2000-2001 with Commander Jon Wagner.

Carol also organized casino bus trips for the Auxiliary, worked as a waitress, and for several years as a pulltab seller.

Edward B. Cutter Unit 102 extends its sympathy to Carol's family and many friends. A memorial in Carol's name was sent by Unit 102 to The American Legion MN Brain Science Foundation.

Boy and Girl Staters to Speak at Joint Meeting

Oct. 3rd at 7:00 p.m., we will be hearing from the Boy and Girl Staters, prior to our membership meetings. They attend Anoka High School and will be telling of their experiences at Boys and Girls State. Please join the Legion, Auxiliary, SAL and Riders and support these young students. A light dessert will follow.

Kathy Zwerdling, Girls State Chairman

Please Note

In writing my last article for the newspaper as president, I inadvertently left out a very important elected officer of our auxiliary. Jeanene Hays was elected as our treasurer. Without Jeanene, our bills wouldn't get paid. My apologies.
Diane Wolford, Jr past president

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FRIDAYS

SEPTEMBER 2017

1st - Fish Dinner +[2] - $10.00

8th – Roast Pork Loin +[2]- $11.00

15th – Spaghetti w/Italian Sausage +[3] – 10.00

22nd – BBQ Bacon Burger +[1] - $10.00

29th – Beef Tips over Baked Potato
~ Veg & Roll - $10.00

AUGUST 2017

6th - Fish Dinner +[2] - $10.00

13th – 3 Meat Lasagna +[3] - $10.00

20th – Roast Turkey w/
Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Veg & Roll - $11.00

27th – BBQ Pork Sandwich +[1] - $10.00

[1] *Coleslaw + Fries or Tots*
[2] *Potato, Veg, Roll, Butter*
[3] *Veg & Garlic Toast*

Tax included on all the above.

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AUXILIARY MEMBERS

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POST & SAL
EARLY BIRD DINNER

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2017
7:00 PM

AUXILIARY [+ Jr]
EARLY BIRD DINNER

MONDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2017
6:30 PM

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

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

SEPTEMBER

4 MON 7:00 pm Legion Bingo @ Golden Living
5 TUE 7:00 pm General Mtgs
13 WED 2:15 pm Auxiliary Bingo @ Golden Living
19 TUE 7:00 pm House & Entertainment Mtg
20 WED 7:00 pm Chapter 102 ALR Mtg
26 TUE 7:00 pm Exec Board Mtg

OCTOBER

2 MON 7:00 pm Legion Bingo @ Golden Living
3 TUE 7:00 pm General Mtgs (Joint Session)
10 TUE 7:00 pm Post Newsletter Mtg
11 WED 2:15 pm Auxiliary Bingo @ Golden Living
18 WED 7:00 pm Chapter 102 ALR Mtg
24 TUE 7:00 pm House & Entertainment Mtg
31 TUE 7:00 pm Exec Board Mtg

OTHER EVENTS

6 WED (4th Annual) – 4th Car Show | 4-8 pm – Anoka
7-10 THU-SUN – Legionville Camp-O-Ree
9 SAT 10th District Rally – 2 PM – Legionville
19 TUE Post 102 History Mtg. - 2:00 pm

16 MON 6300 pm – Aux Early Bird Dinner
18 WED 6:00-9:00 pm – Halloween Movie Night
19 THU 6:00 pm Post/SAL Early Bird Dinner
23 MON 6:30-9:30 pm – Halloween Bingo Night
27-28 FRI-SAT – Fall Conference – Willmar
28 SAT 11:00 am-5:00 pm – Halloween Pre-Parade
28 SAT 1:00-3:30 pm – Halloween Grand Parade
29 SUN 7:30 am-12:30 pm – Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast
30 MON 6:30-9:00 pm – Halloween Bingo Night

COMING IN NOVEMBER

THIS DAY IN HISTORY - Holidays

4 Sep Labor Day
11 Sep Patriot Day *
15 Sep *National POW/MIA Recognition*
17 Sep *Constitution Day*
24 Sep *Gold Star Mother's Day*

8 Oct *Firefighters' Memorial Day* *
9 Oct Columbus Day
27 Oct *Navy Day*
31 Oct Halloween

Flag Flying Days - * denotes half staff