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Come Celebrate the 97th Birthday of The American Legion

Saturday, March 12, 2016
Commander's Hall Post 102
6:00 PM Social - 7:00 PM Dinner
Cost $12.00 Donation

Open to all Legion, Auxiliary, SAL members and Guests

Purchase your tickets at Post 102 Pull Tab Booth

All Reservations Must be Prepaid

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Auxiliary Unit 102 Fundraiser

Vendor, Craft & Bake Sale

FRI-SAT, MARCH 18-19

Friday 4-8 PM | Saturday 9 AM-4:00 PM

Tables $20.00 - Contact: Cathy Newman
763-757-2034

Wine & Craft Beer Tasting

THURSDAY, MARCH 31

6:30-8:30 PM

Tickets $10.00
[Purchase at Pull-Tabs]

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Adjutant's Notes

by Gary Munkholm

A hearty welcome to the newest members of Anoka Post 102: Frederick W. Olson, sponsored by Doug Hookom and Dan Soland; Daniel Schei, Persian Gulf, sponsored by Doug Hookom; Robert William, Vietnam Veteran, sponsored by Wayne Wallace; Lori J. Allert, Persian Gulf, sponsored by Doug Hookom; and Leslie D. Hamilton, Vietnam Veteran, sponsored by Doug Hookom. We hope to see you at future meetings and join us in fellowship during other times of the week.

Due to National raising their dues, the General Membership voted to raise our Post dues to $40 starting January 16, 2016. A reminder that you can pay your dues online via the National Legion website, mail them in, or just drop them off with the bartender.

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 Veteran 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.

Paul Adler announced that our sponsored Junior Shooting Club, the Center Shots, took first place recently in a contest at Fort Benning, Georgia. The Junior Shooting Club practices in our lower hall once a week.

Many thanks to Cliff Newman for chairing the committee for Mid-Winter. Thanks also go to President Cathy Newman and theAuxiliary, as they were a big help with setting up and serving the luncheon for the event. Cliff Newman chaired the recent Oratorical contest held at our Post. As always, a job well done. Dan Soland will be chairing the wine tasting event on March 31st, 6:30 – 8:30 pm.

Gambling manager Paul Adler presented the following donations for the last 2 months which were approved by the General Membership:

a. Boys State Registration	$1,300
b. Donation to ARC	$200
c. Anoka Ramsey Athletic Association	$500
d. Early Bird dinner expenses	$700
e. Northland Special Olympics donation	$200
f. Anoka Hope for Youth donation	$250
g. Anoka HS Senior Class party	$300
h. Donation towards building a handicap ramp	$500
i. Rise, Inc.	$250
j. US Treasury for Tax Wagering	$600
k. Renew Gambling License and permits	$600
l. Minnesota Revenue Tax on Gambling	$5,000
m. City of Anoka for Water and light Costs	$3,000
n. Center Point Energy for Gas casts	$1,550
o. Assist needy Veterans & Families	$1,500
p. Emergency Money	$500

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Post 102 extends sincere sympathy to the families of

DELANO L. BECKMAN

Delano was a 36 year member of The American Legion and a Vietnam War Veteran

LEO T. FOLEY

Leo was a 58 year member of The American Legion and a World War II Veteran

LESTER H. LOGES

Lester was a 6 year member of The American Legion and a World War II Veteran

RON'S GRILL

Every Tuesday, Thursday & Friday
Grill Open 5:00 – 8:30 pm

TUESDAYS

Sloppy Joe w/Fries or Tots - $7.00

THURSDAYS

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

FRIDAYS

MARCH 2016

4th, 11th, 18th, 25th - Fish Fry
~ Baked Potato, Veg, Roll, Butter - $12.00

17th St. Pat's Day- Corned Beef & Cabbage
~ Veg, Roll, Butter - $10.00

APRIL 2016

1st - Top Sirloin Steak
~ Potato, Veg, Roll, Butter - $12.00

8th - Taco Salad - $9.00

15th - Stuffed Pork Chop
~ Potato, Veg, Roll, Butter - $12.00

22nd - Reuben Sandwich
~ w/Coleslaw & Fries or Tots - $10.00

29th - Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce
~ Italian Sausage, Veg, Garlic Toast - $10.00

Tax included on all the above.
CATERING CENTRAL

PLEASE NOTE

The ONLINE edition may contain additional articles.

Commander Ray Turnquist

A lot has happened since the last newsletter. January 16th was the Mid-winter Conference held at our post. I want to thank everyone who helped in the set-up Friday and the help on Saturday. A special thanks to Cliff and Kathy. Many hands make light work, so thank you to all that made this conference a success.

January 30th. Anoka hosted the Snomobile rally. Thanks to all who showed. This is a tradition that goes back many years and it is great to have it continue.

January 9th, Anoka held the District Oratorical Contest with a strong field, so the 10th district will be well represented. Anoka will be hosting a dual rally (8th and 10th) on Feb 27th at 2 pm. Let's have a good showing.

Saturday, March 12th. our post will celebrate the 97th birthday of the American Legion. The social opens at 6pm with the dinner at 7. Please keep that date open and attend.

On **Saturday, March 19th,** Anoka will be hosting the club's 1st chile cook off . The Legion, Auxiliary, SAL and the Legion Riders will all be competing against each other for bragging rights. The cook off will be in conjunction with the Auxiliary craft show and bake sale. If anyone has any thoughts or ideas as to how to make this a great success please contact Gary Reimann.

The annual wine tasting party will be at our post on **Thursday, March 31st**, from 6:30-8:30. Cost is $10. In addition to wine, this year we will be serving craft beer. So all you beer drinkers plan to attend!

The Anoka post is putting together a 5 year plan as to what we would like to see done at the club. If anyone has ideas or suggestions, please contact a board member and voice your opinion. This is YOUR club, so let's hear your thoughts.

I would like to thank Cliff Newman and Dan Soland for installing the new grill that the SAL donated. Many thanks to Cathy Newman for the awesome cleaning job.

I would like to welcome all the new members to our post. If there is anything we can do to help you, please let us know. The best thing you can do to help the club is to "get involved".

Don't forget the Wednesday nite steak fry and the Sunday afternoon lunch. The SAL does a great job and work hard to put this on. Let's support them by attending.

God Bless America, Commander Ray

S.A.L. Commander Tim Dahlheimer

Greetings from the SAL team!

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

Saturday, March 12 - American Legion 97th Birthday Dinner
Friday, March 18 - Auxiliary Craft Show & Bake Sale 4-8pm
Saturday, March 19 - Auxiliary Craft Show & Bake Sale 9am-4pm
Saturday, March 19 - Post 102 Chili Cookoff Noon-4pm
Thursday, March 31 - Wine & Craft Beer Tasting 6:30-8:30pm

SAL food service change: **Beginning Sunday, February 21st,** SAL will now be serving food from **2-5pm every Sunday**. This will be replacing our Saturday food service, which will be discontinued. The Sunday afternoon menu will consist of walleye nuggets, chicken and meatloaf sandwiches, potato wedges, mozzarella sticks, and onion rings. Our goal is to capture the Sunday bingo crowd, as well as our regular guests. Our prices will be very reasonable. Stop in and check it out!

Our Wednesday night steak fry now features our regular menu items which include: Steak, Chicken Filets, Walleye Nuggets, Shrimp, Steak+Shrimp, Walleye, 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 "Chunk" Vevea 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

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

President's Column

Cathy Newman

Hello Ladies,
Well here we are writing articles for the Mar/April newsletter and I'm saying, " hope everyone had a great New Years Eve and great New Years Day". I feel like I'm behind in telling you the news about the Auxiliary. First was the New Years Brunch and our Bake Sale. It all went well. Thanks to all Past Presidents' that baked or brought something.

On January 16th, we held the 10th District Mid-Winter Conference. Having it on the second or third weekend seems to go better for all. We had around 150 people attend. It was, as always, informative with all the reports. Thanks to all our Auxiliary Ladies that brought things for the silent auction, the money went to the 10th District programs. On January 29th & 30th, the 10th District Snowmobile Rally was held. Cliff and I went along with a team all day, picking up membership and ending up at Hopkins VFW for the final turn-in from all teams. Great way to get out and meet other Legion, Auxiliary, SAL & Rider members.

As you know our Feb. meeting was canceled because of severe weather conditions. If school or scheduled events at the post are canceled there will be no Unit meeting held. Call the Legion after 5PM, the President will have canceled the meeting by then. If you hear about this happening, call a friend and pass it on. I hope you are able to get this newsletter in time to still attend the following events. We are doing a sewing bee again on February 23rd. At our March meeting, we will have our Annual Auction (read Sue's article in this newsletter). Plan to stay, it's a lot of fun.

I'm still having the VA Veterans personal shower, bring your donated items to the March meeting. We are asking for small bottles as usual, tooth brushes (no paste), Efferdent, puzzle books, word finds, current magazines (three months old). This is what the Auxiliary Resources tell me they need. Don't forget to buy your Birthday Dinner tickets for March 12th. Our guests will be our Department Officers.

I'm getting to the end! Next will be our Craft Show and Bake Sale on March 18th. & 19th. We still need Crafters. Call Me!! The greatest gift you can give someone is your time; because when you give your time, you are giving a portion of your life that you can never get back. We never have enough Volunteers for things we do. I think I've covered everything.

Till next time, God Bless
Cathy Newman, Unit 102 President

In Memoriam

Doris Marie Cecilia (Ream) Nunnelee

Doris, a 42 year Auxiliary member, was born May 21, 1926 in Minneapolis and passed away January 2, 2016.

Doris was a Ladies Drill Team member (80's) and an active volunteer in Unit 102.

Edward B. Cutter Unit 102 extends its sympathy to Doris's family, especially daughter Sue (past Unit and 10th District President) and to many friends.

Patricia Jean (Morton) Nutter

Patty, a 25 year Auxiliary member (husband Cliff), was born February 23, 1932 and passed away at home January 23, 2016. After living in California for 30 odd years, Cliff and Patty returned to Minnesota.

Edward B. Cutter Unit 102 extends its sympathy to Patty's family, brothers and sisters, and many friends.

Memorials in Doris and Pattys names were sent by Unit 102 to The American Legion Minnesota Brain Science Foundation.

WHITE ELEPHANT AUCTION

No, we don't really auction off "White Elephants", but there are usually some unusual "treasures" to be had at our annual auction- (following the March 1st Auxiliary meeting). All Legion family members are invited to attend. It's great fun with lively bidding on wrapped items and baked goods. All proceeds will go toward Auxiliary programs. So plan on bringing an item(s) for the auction and also bid on some "surprises" as well.

Sue Nunnelee, Unit 102 2nd Vice President

TO: 45 Senior Auxiliary Members

A 2nd dues notice for 2016 dues was sent to you in January... if you put it aside, mislaid it or threw it away- you don't need it.

Just write your check ($25) to Anoka Unit 102 and mail to me at: 1826 Cressy Ave., Anoka, MN 55303 (or stop at Pull-tabs).

Please, do it now before Easter is here! Our veterans programs need you!!

Thank you, Betty Erickson

Jan's Jottings

by Jan Reiter

The regular meeting of Edward B. Cutter American Legion Auxiliary was held on Tuesday, January 5, 2016.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Education: Kathy Zwerdling stated save box tops for education. You still can donate school items to the auxiliary such as pencils, notebooks, etc. Auxiliary scholarships are available at the high school for any students.
Past Presidents: We had our annual Christmas party on December 16th with 34 Past, Pres, Past Commander's, & SAL Squadron leaders. Wonderful desserts thanks to our ladies that brought them. Jan Reiter thanked everyone that worked and brought goodies to sell at the January 1 brunch. The Past President's will be having another sewing bee on January 19th. We are in need of workers and you don't have to even sew.
Poppy: We are in need of a poppy chairman or several chairman to share the job.
VA&R: Cathy Newman said the VA is in need of little bottles of shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, notepads, eye glass cleaner, toiletries and note cards.
Other Business: Donna Redepenning reported that the Wild Game Dinner for the Veterans was a success. The hats that were donated were used for prizes for bingo. Veterans loved them. They were served a very good meal along with cake and ice cream. Darlene Thell made up cards for the veterans and even put candy in it. Santa and Mrs. Santa, alias Ron & Diane Wolford, visited the Veterans.

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POST HOSPITAL EQUIPMENT

Call Frank Menter 763-237-4375 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.

Poppy Days

Poppy Days are approaching soon. The Poppy program is one of the most important programs in the American Legion Auxiliary. Through this program we receive the funds to support our many Veteran programs. Funds are used only for Veterans - not any of our other programs!

Unfortunately, due to health issues, I am unable to continue as Poppy Chairman; a position I have held for many years. The Unit is looking for a Poppy Chairman and discussion has suggested that we have a co-chairman for each segment of the Poppy Program, for which we have had some volunteers; but a Chairman is needed to coordinate all. Any member willing to do this? Please contact President Cathy or myself if you are willing to take on this rewarding and challenging position. We'd love to hear our phones ring off the hook!!!

After April 15, Poppy letters will be sent again this year to all Legion and Auxiliary members. We look forward to your generous donations and your willingness to help distribute poppies on Poppy Days - May 20th and 21st. If you can't wait to get your name on the poppy distribution list, you can call Jan Reiter.

The Poppy Program will be discussed at our March meeting, please attend with your ideas and suggestions. Thank you for any input to this very import Auxiliary Program.

Sandy Phillips, Past Poppy Chairman

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ANOKA LEGION
welcomes
"Service Dogs"

2016 Birthday Dinner Guests

Department 1st Vice Commander, Darrel Redepenning, of Fridley. Darrel is a 44 year, Honorary Life Member, of Anoka Post 102. He served 3 years in the U.S. Army. He has served the Post in many capacities, including 2 years as Post Commander and 13 years on the Post Executive Committee. At the District level he was the 10th District Commander and was chairman of several committees. At the Department level he served 7 years as the Trophy and Awards Chairman, 2 years (of a 5 year appt) on the Rehabilitation Committee and in 2012 was the Department Membership Director. Darrel has served on the National Membership Committee, National Memorial Service and was appointed last year to the National Veterans Education and Employment Commission. Darrel is a Life Time Member of the D.A.V . Darrel has been married to Donna for 40 years and they have 2 sons and 2 Grandchildren.

Department Auxiliary President, Sandy Frederickson, is a member of the American Legion Auxiliary #264, Glenville, for 35 years. She has served in many Department positions. Her theme is "Serving those who served" and her symbol is an Eagle. Her project is MN Creative Arts, and Emergent Needs Fund @Mpls VA Health Care system. Her husband and her have two grown sons and 4 grandchildren. Her outside interests are gardening and crafts.

SAL Detachment Commander, 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, and Sons of the American Legion for 16 years, as well as a life member of the DAV for 8 years. He has served in various positions within the American Legion and SAL. He is a father of 3 children and grandfather of 6. He is very active with Boy Scouts of America as an Assistant Scoutmaster. He currently resides in New Ulm.

Junior Honorary Auxiliary Department President, Bryce Soltis, has a conflict of interest and will not be able to attend.

Post 102 Chili Cookoff

Legion | Auxiliary | SAL | ALR

SATURDAY, MARCH 19

Noon-4:00 PM

Chili will be available with Donations

Oratorical Contest

The 10th District Oratorical Contest was held on Jan. 9th, 2016 at the Anoka American Legion. The contest winner: **Erica Lynn Sundvall,** 17 year old Senior from Cambridge Sr. High School. She was sponsored by Cambridge American Legion Post 290. She was assisted in her oratorical training by Kelly Fahrni, Cambridge Sr. High School. There were two students from Cambridge and two students from Anoka Sr. High School. The winner will go to State Semi Finals at Coon Rapids or Osseo American Legions on Feb. 20th, 2016.

Cliff Newman, 10th District Oratorical Chairman

Mid-Winter, January 16th, 2016, Anoka Post 102

Preparation began in December 2015 with an agenda setting meeting with District Legion, Auxiliary, SAL & ALR, Adjutants & Secretaries. The Anoka Legion Family went into action – planning for hall set-ups, registration, coffee & rolls, lunch & silent auction. The Auxiliary served 146 Legion, Auxiliary, Jr Auxiliary, SAL & ALR members. The silent auction went well. Thanks to all for donating.
Thank you! Thank you! Anoka Post 102 Legion Family.

Chairman, Cliff Newman

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.

Sons of The American Legion - Anoka Squadron 102

SUNDAY GRILL

2:00 - 5:00 PM

APPETIZERS / SIDES

Boat = $2.00
Basket = $4.00

Potato Sidewinders

Waffle Fries

Boat = $3.00
Basket = $6.00

Onion Rings

Boat = $6.00

Walleye Nuggets

Boat = $4.00
Basket = $8.00

Mozzarella Sticks

Shrimp

SANDWICHES

$6.00

Chicken

Meatloaf

Combo Basket = $8.00
Any 3 Appetizers (exc Walleye Nuggets) & 3 Dips

All Orders include your Choice of the following-

Ketchup | Ranch | House Special | Cheese | Marinara | Cocktail / Tartar Sauce

Edward B. Cutter Post 102 Event Calendar

2016

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
6:00 pm- Meat Raffle | 7:00 pm- Bar Bingo

MONTHLY RECURRING EVENTS

MARCH

1 TUE 7:00 pm General Membership Mtgs
7 MON 7:00 pm Legion Bingo @ Golden Living
9 WED 2:00 pm Auxiliary Bingo @ Golden Living
13 SUN Daylight Savings begins
14 MON 7:00 pm Post History Mtg
22 TUE 7:00 pm House & Entertainment Mtg
29 TUE 7:00 pm Exec Board Mtg

APRIL

4 MON 7:00 pm Legion Bingo @ Golden Living
5 TUE 7:00 pm General Membership Mtgs
11 MON 7:00 pm Post History Mtg
12 TUE 7:00 pm Post Newsletter Mtg
13 WED 2:00 pm Auxiliary Bingo @ Golden Living
19 TUE 7:00 pm House & Entertainment Mtg
26 TUE 7:00 pm Exec Board Mtg

OTHER EVENTS

5 SAT DEPT Appreciation Rally – Legionville
12 SAT 97th Birthday Dinner - Social 6pm Dinner 7pm
18 FRI Arts & Crafts Show – 4:00-8:00pm
19 SAT Arts & Crafts Show – 9:00am-5:00pm
19 SAT Chili Cookoff – Anoka, Noon-4:00pm
19 SAT 10th District Rally – Delano, 2:00pm
19 SAT SAL Spring Conf. - Morris, 9:00am
31 THU Wine & Craft Beer Tasting – 6:30-8:30pm

9 SAT DEPT Commanders Testimonial – Adams, TBD
14-24 Poppy Card Days [Post 102]
16 SAT 10th District ALR Rally – Maple Lake, 2:00pm
30 SAT DEPT April Rally – TBD, TBD

COMING IN MAY

1 SUN District Commanders Testimonial – Osseo Noon
DEPT Appreciation Rally
3 TUE Auxiliary Jr/Sr Potluck Dinner [General Mtg]
20-21 FRI-SAT – Poppy Days
21 SAT District Convention – Osseo

THIS DAY IN HISTORY - Holidays

12 Mar *Girl Scouts of USA founded – 1912*
13 Mar *Daylight Savings Begins*
15 Mar *American Legion Birthday – 1919*
17 Mar St. Patricks Day
19 Mar *Iraq War Begins – 2003*
20 Mar *Palm Sunday*
25 Mar *Good Friday*
27 Mar Easter Sunday

1 Apr *April Fools' Day*
6 Apr *Army Day*
11 Apr *Persian Gulf War Ceasefire – 1991*
13 Apr *Thomas Jeffersons Birthday*
18 Apr *Tax Day*
22 Apr Earth Day
29 Apr *Arbor Day*
30 Apr *Vietnam War Ends – 1975*

Flag Flying Days =