



**Come Celebrate  
95th Birthday  
of**



**The American Legion  
March 15, 2014**

**Commander's Hall Post 102  
Social Hour 6:00 p.m.  
Dinner 7:00 p.m.**

**Menu:  
Meat Loaf  
Mashed Potatoes & Gravy  
Tossed Salad, Corn, Rolls, Coffee  
Birthday Cake**



**Prepared by the SAL Cost \$11<sup>00</sup> Donation**

**Dinner open to all  
Legion, Auxiliary, SAL, Riders, Members & Guests**

**Purchase your tickets at Post Club Room  
at the Pull Tab Booth before 3/11/2014**

**NO PHONE RESERVATIONS  
All Reservations must be pre-paid!**

**Come Enjoy Our  
St. Patrick's Day  
with the Anoka Legion!**



**Corn Beef & Cabbage  
with Carrots & Potato  
\$8.00**

**Catering Central**

**Serving 3:00 – 7:00 pm**



**Get your tickets at  
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# ADJUTANT'S NOTES

by Gary Munkholm

Many thanks to Bill Golden for getting a Post bowling team back. If you are interested in working with the bowling team leave your name and phone number at the bar.

Gambling Manager Paul Adler reported on the Minnesota Revenue audit from June 30, 2010 to May 30, 2013. Everything was well documented with no further action needed. The general membership thanked Paul for a job well done.

The general membership approved supporting Legionville by purchasing a fundraising brick for \$500.

Rick Oelschlager presented the Post with a plaque from the Legion Rider Legacy Run for donating \$500.

**If you haven't paid your dues as of this newsletter please make an effort to send them in. You may also pay your dues by using the National American Legion website. Our Post is very close to making our goal for the year and with your help we can do it.**

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

Legionville Registration of School Patrollers	\$2,000
MN American Legion Foundation Boy Staters	900
State of MN Annual Gambling License/Fee	600
Police Canine Association	500
Jr. Legion Baseball for our Post team	2,500
City of Anoka Water/ light cost	1100
Centerpoint Energy Gas cost	1,200
U.S. Treasury for tax on wagering	400
Assist needy Veterans & Families	1,500
Emergency Money	500




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

**TUESDAYS**  
1/4 lb. Burger Basket – \$5.50

**THURSDAYS**  
BBQ Ribs ~ Texas Toast ~ Cole Slaw ~ Potato  
Full Rack \$12.00 Half Rack \$10.00

**EVERY FRIDAY**  
Fish Fry-All you can eat 10.00  
*Look for Chef's Specials Also*

**Monday - March 17th  
ST. PATRICK'S DAY  
Corn Beef & Cabbage  
Carrots and Potato  
\$8.00**

**Serving 3:00 pm – 7:00 pm  
Get your Tickets at the Bar**

*Tax included on all the above.*  
CATERING CENTRAL

## Time for Our VA Shower

In the month of March we will be doing our donations for our Annual VA Shower. It is for the items for our Veterans at the Mpls. VA Hospital. The small bottles of toiletries, word finds, small deoderants, small tooth pastes, calendars, tablets, decks of cards, Large print greeting cards.

You can bring these to the post with my name on it or bring to the March meeting. This is one of our ways of helping our Veterans out with things they need. You have always come to their aid and I know we will again.

Thank You all very much

Cathy Newman

**WANTED:**


**VINTAGE & MUSCLE CAR  
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Call Ray Turnquist 763-421-1722



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## Commander Gary Reimann

I hope everybody is getting by with all this cold Weather!

What a dinner for “Waterfoul for Warriors” about 50 people attended thanks to Dave (Anoka Meats) – he made up the meat for cooking; SAL Commander Chunk Vevea, Jim Batters and Tim Dahlheimer - what a great team in the kitchen.

We can't forget the outside team Scott Wahl, George Walker, Jeff Weaver, Paul Adler, City of Anoka, Anoka Police and Fire Department, Federal Cartridge and the DNR. It was a very enjoyable evening. We hope to have another one next year.



I'm also working on a deer hunt for next fall. Look for details later on. There hasn't been much going on this past month except Wednesday Night SAL Dinners, Bingo and Meat Raffles.

Let's try to get our and support the Legion so we can still enjoy the Legion like we know how good it can be.

Support our veterans and their families.

God Bless the Greatest Country in this World



## S.A.L. Commander Patrick Vevea

Hello Legion Family

I'm not going to depress anyone with talk of our winter, so that's that.

Al Amundson, Tim Dahlheimer and myself attended the Snowmobile Rally last month. None of us fell off or crashed, so that made the day even better. Not much else to report on, it's kind of slow this time of year.

We are always looking for new help and customers for our Wednesday Steak Fry.

Until next month, let's keep it up.

## Annual Auction

Unit 102 invites everyone to attend the Annual Auction on March 4, 2014. The auction will begin after the membership meetings have concluded.

Anyone can contribute items for this auction – all home made or hand made crafts, food, collectibles, etc. - do not wrap. (Food items go like hotcakes!)

Also, if you have something you think is a really good item – don't wrap that either!

Please be considerate of those who attend our auction and only bring things wrapped that YOU would bid \$10 or more and be glad to get - if it doesn't fill that description, maybe it should **not** be wrapped or it should be left at home.

All those attending are there to help support this auction by bidding and raising funds to sponsor our 2nd Girls Stater.

It was a good and fun idea in April, 1971 when it was a Foreign Relations project with CARE and hopefully its still a good and fun idea!

Betty Erickson

(2nd Vice Pres. -

Americanism & Foreign Relations Chairman 1971)

### Material Needed

**Anoka Unit is in need of material for our sewing projects for our Veterans at the VA Medical Centers.**

**The Past Presidents of Anoka have 2 sewing bees in the winter and make many lap blankets, wheel chair bags, neck coolers (for troops overseas), heart pillows, laundry bags, tote bags, bibs and neck pillows. Anyone is welcome to help them and you don't have to even sew; we need pinner, cutters and stuffers.**

**Material is very scarce so if you have some scraps around the house and are willing to give them for us to use, we would be very much appreciative. We use almost everything but wool, nylon, knits, silk and anything real feminine, being most of our Veterans are male.**

**Please bring them to the pull tab booth or call Jan Reiter at 763-427-3733.**

**Thank you!**

### 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.

# SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKERS at BIRTHDAY DINNER MARCH 15th

## Mike Ash – Department Commander

Mike Ash was elected Department Commander of The Minnesota American Legion and will serve as the leader of the 85,000 member veteran's organization for 2013-14.

Ash is a 42 year member of The American Legion. He served in the Air Force for over 20 years as an intelligence analyst. He joined The American Legion in 1972 when he joined the military. While finishing up active duty in Texas, he was elected Post Commander of Alamo Post 2 in San Antonio, and he now belongs to Christie DeParcq Pot 406 in St. Paul.

He has served his district as Commander and host of other offices, and he has served the Department as Vice Commander, Membership Director, Historian, National Convention Representative and Representative on the Armed Forces Service Center at the airport.

At National, he has been a Vice Chairman of the Americanism Committee for five years, and he is a graduate of The American Legion College.

He belongs to the Sons of the American Legion, the 40-8, ANAVICUS, and Amvets.

He and his wife Teresa have two children and five grandchildren. He is employed by the Minneapolis Public Schools as an account specialist in the Special Education Department.

Ash's project of the year is to complete the new learning center at Legionville.

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## Kaitlin Fernlund

### Honorary Junior Auxiliary Department President

I am a senior at Tech High School in St. Cloud. I am very involved with my school, church, Legion functions, and any volunteer opportunity I can get my hands on. I am eligible as a Junior through my mom Veronica and dad Tom who are both Air Force veterans. I have 3 siblings who are also active members of the Legion family and always keep the car rides interesting. Last summer I made the decision to enlist in the U.S. Navy and am part of a delayed enlistment readiness program until I leave for boot camp July 16th.

I bring greetings on behalf of the Minnesota Juniors who continue to work hard throughout the year and have so much fun doing it. Our mission is to serve the veterans and give back because they have sacrificed so much for us. My theme this year is "Touching the hearts of our veterans one stepping stone at a time" with the heart as my symbol. My project is to raise money for craft kits. These kits not only give the VA veterans something to do when they are bored, but they create a hands on therapy both mentally and physically. The veterans are even given a chance to enter their projects into the Creative Arts Festival where they will be recognized, judged, and rewarded for their great talents.

The first weekend in August will be our annual junior fun weekend at Legionville. I also know our department conference in April be a big one considering it will be my last before I leave for the Navy. I thank all members of the American Legion family for supporting the juniors and remember that these young ladies are the future generations of Auxiliary and maybe even dual membership.



## Shirley Frederick Department President American Legion Auxiliary

Shirley Frederick is a 49 year member of the American Legion Auxiliary and a member of the Hackensack Unit 202. She is eligible for membership through the service of her late father, her late husband, 2 brothers and 1 son.

Active on the Unit and District levels, Shirley has served most offices including Unit President twice and Sixth District President for 1993-1994 and 2008-2009 Auxiliary years. She has held most chairmanships for her Hackensack Unit 202 and the Sixth District, some of them several times including over 20 years as Unit secretary. Shirley served on the Benton-Sherburne County Council for several years before moving to Hackensack and transferring her membership to Hackensack Unit 202 in 1973.

Shirley has served at Department Second Vice President and several chairmanships including National Security, Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation, Memorial, Chaplain, Community Service, Auxiliary Emergency Fund, Leadership, Legislation, History and several years as the Home Representative at Ah Gwah Ching a former state nursing facility.

Shirley lives on 5 acres just outside of the city limits where she enjoys watching the wild life come through the woods and eat from her apple and cedar trees. Since her retirement 10 years ago she enjoys part time work at the Hackensack Chamber of Commerce, active involvement in her Lutheran Church and quilting. Shirley has 2 daughters, 3 sons, 11 grandchildren and 7 great-grand children.

Shirley considers it a privilege to be a member and serve the American Legion Auxiliary.



## John W. Affolter Detachment Vice Commander 2nd District The American Legion

Fellow American Legion family members, as a 13 year member (PUFL) of Lorentz Squadron 11 Mankato, 2nd District, I am proud to be serving as the 2013-14 Commander of the Detachment of Minnesota and thank the Detachment members for electing me at our Legionville campout/convention June 29, 2013.

I am eligible for membership through my late father Walter H. Affolter who served in the Army Signal Corps in WWII. I am a dual member and also served in the Army Signal Corps.

I encourage all Legionnaires and others eligible to be a "SON" to join us. We hope to exceed 11,000 members for both 2013 and 2014.

My Commanders Project is Legionville.





## President's Column

Lynette Pavin

When is spring coming? Below zero temps go away! We want warmth.

At the meeting several topics were discussed and resolved that would have been done at the January meeting. Year end reports are coming up. Big change. Birthday Dinner plans have been finalized. See article/poster elsewhere. Tickets at Pull Tabs. Cost \$11.00 – no reservations.

**Bring items for the Veteran's Shower to the March meeting. After the regular meetings, we will again be having our White Elephant Auction. Fun is always a requirement. Everybody welcomed.**

The District Convention is tentatively scheduled for the end of June at Hopkins. More info later.



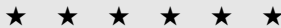
### In Memoriam

#### LOIS M. (KOLBINGER) HETTWER KOTTKE

Lois, a 46 year Auxiliary member, was born May 7, 1929 in St. Paul, MN and passed away January 18, 2014 in Monticello, MN.

Lois served as Unit President 1978-79 with Commander Howard Zunker.

Edward B. Cutter Unit 102 extends its sympathy to her family including Unit member daughter Adele Grow.



#### PATRICIA LOU (JOSLYN) STEELE

Pat, an 11 year Auxiliary member, was born June 24, 1926 in Champlin, MN and passed away January 23, 2014 in Naples, FL.

Edward B. Cutter Unit 102 extends its sympathy to her family and many friends.



Memorials in the names of Lois and Pat were sent by Unit 102 to the Fort Snelling National Cemetery Rifle Squad.

## Craft Show / Aux. Fundraiser

The Auxiliary is putting on a fundraiser Craft Show. All Crafters and Vendors are welcome  
Date: April 11th & 12th Friday & Saturday  
Time: 4 - 8 pm Friday, 9 am - 4 pm Saturday  
Place: Anoka American Legion, 400 West Main St.  
Cost of Table: \$20.00 each.

Whom to Contact: Cathy Newman 763-757-2034, Anoka Post 763-421-0883.

Electricity available, Legion Grill available on Friday, Concessions available on Saturday.

# JAN'S JOTTINGS

by Jan Reiter

The regular meeting of Edward B. Cutter American Legion Auxiliary was held on Tuesday, February 4, 2014. There was no meeting in January due to increment weather so the December 6, 2013 meeting minutes were approved.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Americanism:** Darlene Thell sent around the box for those that did not have their Auxiliary pin on. February is Americanism and she stated she had stopped in at St. Stephens School with information about the essay contest for students on "How to show pride in being an American". Darlene motioned to have the White Elephant Auction in March. Seconded and carried.. A motion to have the profits from the Auction go to: \$300 to 2nd Girls Stater and the remainder to the general fund.

**Education:** Kathy Zwerdling reported that if you have collected Campbell soup labels, box for education, pop tabs, or kemps milk covers, please let her know for her report at the end of March.

**Finance:** A motion to pay: MN Auxiliary Emergency Fund \$100 and National's Auxiliary Emergency Fund \$100. Seconded and carried.

**Fund Raising:** Cathy Newman proposed a **Craft sale for a fund raiser.** A motion to have Cathy as chairman. Seconded and carried. Darlene Thell is going to check out Green Valley Green house about selling plants again.

**Girls State:** Kathy Zwerdling stated there will be an assembly on Feb. 19 at Anoka High School for information on Girls State. She is working on County Day.

**Unfinished Business:** Sandy Phillips thanked everyone who helped to make Mid-Winter Conference a success. Sue Nunnelee stated we had 137 pre-registered, 25 walk-ins, 3 courtesy registrations and 21 no shows. We had 66 Legionnaires, 84 Auxiliary, 14 SAL and 3 Riders.

**New Business:** Cliff Newman reported that we made \$1000 on Mid-Winter Conference and that the Auxiliary gets \$500. The 10th District Convention will be in Hopkins on June 21-22.



## Auxiliary Membership

We're getting there – **but still missing are 34 members not yet paid (\$25) for 2014!!**

2nd dues notices have been sent, phone messages, notes mailed – it's **TIME TO RENEW!**

Any questions – call me: 763-421-4562 and always leave a message. You do not need the renewal slip – mail to me: 1826 Cressy Ave., Anoka, MN 55303 or stop at the Post pulltab booth.

Waiting to hear from you -  
Betty Erickson

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
<p><b>1974: 55th Birthday Dinner:</b> <i>Natl. Committeeman Glenn Dornfeld and Dept. Pres. Marge Goepferd to speak.</i> Tickets \$2 per person, dancing to live music and deluxe portable bar Auxiliary raffle.</p>		<p>Renew your membership NOW Legion - \$35 Auxiliary Sr. - \$25 Aux. Jr. - \$5 SAL - \$20 Dual Legion/Sal - \$10</p>	 <p>1st Friday each month Red Cross Bloodmobile at Post 7 AM - 1 PM</p>	<p><b>SEE MENU ON PAGE 2 FOR TUES. THURS. &amp; FRI. MENU</b> Meat Raffle 5:30 pm Bar Bingo 7:00 pm All You Can Eat Fish Fry \$10.00</p>		<p><i>1974: Past Comdrs. urged to attend March 12 meeting to start proceedings to get reorganized - sounds like a great idea.</i></p>	
<p>Club Open 12-10 Bar Bingo 4:00 pm</p>	<p><i>1974: New Members Get Acquainted Nite 8-9 pm, March 8; hors d' oeuvres served, 2 drinks of your choice with compliments of Cmdr. Myron Way.</i></p>	<p>Bar Bingo 6:30 pm Post General Mem. 7:30 pm S.A.L. Mtg. 7:00 pm Auxiliary Mtg. 7:00 pm Annual Aux. Auction</p>	<p><b>EVERY WED STEAK \$8.50 - FISH OR SHRIMP \$8.00 - STEAK &amp; SHRIMP \$11.50</b></p>	<p>SAL Dinners 5:30-7:00 Prime Rib \$11.50</p>	<p><i>1974 - Bob Duclos: On Feb. 2, the Post hosted 55 school patrollers of Lincoln, St. Stephens &amp; Wilson Schools. The were given membership cards, sworn in by Rudy Betlach (Anoka PD &amp; advisor for 2 years) and shown 2 movies on bike &amp; pedestrian safety. Patch awards (joint venture with the Aux.) were given by Cmdr. Myron Way &amp; Pres. Liz Abeln</i></p>	<p>Meat Raffle 5:30 pm Bar Bingo 7:00 pm All You Can Eat Fish Fry \$10.00</p>	<p>Department Rally Richfield</p>
<p>Club Open 12-10 Bar Bingo 4:00 pm</p>	<p><i>Bring your wife or a date. Membership now at 753 - Anoka ranks 18th in MN 1st Vice Jerry Abeln, Coordinator Pat Wallace</i></p>	<p>Bar Bingo 6:30 pm NEWSPAPER Meeting 7:00 pm</p>		<p>SAL Dinners 5:30-7:00 Country Fried Steak \$8.50 Aux. Twin Rivers Bingo 2:15 pm</p>	<p>SAL Dinners 5:30-7:00 Country Fried Steak \$8.50 Aux. Twin Rivers Bingo 2:15 pm</p>	<p>Meat Raffle 5:30 pm Bar Bingo 7:00 pm All You Can Eat Fish Fry \$10.00</p>	<p>95th Birthday Celebration Social 6-7 pm Dinner 7 pm</p>
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<p>Club Open 12-10 Bar Bingo 4:00 pm</p>	<p><i>1974: full page article "Welcome New Members of Post 102" listed 109 new members 14 transfers and 23 reinstatements. They included</i></p>	<p>Bar Bingo 6:30 pm Executive Board Meeting 7:00 pm</p>	<p>SAL Dinners 5:30-7:00 Walleye Dinner \$10.50 Legion Riders Meeting 7:00 pm</p>	<p><i>1974: House Resolution 865, passed Dec. 18, 1974 and signed by Pres. Nixon, acclaimed March 29, 1974 as Vietnam Veterans Day.</i></p>	<p>Meat Raffle 5:30 pm Bar Bingo 7:00 pm All You Can Eat Fish Fry \$10.00</p>	<p>29</p>	
<p>Club Open 12-10 Bar Bingo 4:00 pm</p>	<p><i>71 Vietnam Veterans, 39 Korea, 31 WWII, 2 WWII - Korea - Vietnam and 3 not indicated.</i></p>	<p><b>Coming in April</b> 11-12 Craft Show - Anoka 11-12 Dept. Jr. Conference - Hopkins 18 Poppy Card Days begin 20 Easter TBA Boys &amp; Girls County Day - Anoka May 4 Donna Redepenning Testimonial - Anoka</p>		<p>VA Shower see article page 2</p>	<p><b>95th Anniversary Paris Caucus of The American Legion March 15-17, 1919</b></p>		