Donna's Testimonial

Sunday, May 2nd at Anoka Post 102 had many attending Tenth District President Donna Redepenning's testimonial. Carol Kottom, District Secretary was mistress of ceremonies, Department President Shirley Frederick brought greetings.

Donna was happy to have her and Darrels family attend; son Rob, daughter-in-law Sara, grandkids Alison and Tommy, also son Michael; Bud & Betty, Deb Redepenning and Jolene & Paul Connoy.

Many past 10th District Presidents and several past Department Presidents attneded including Annette Bray who is currently serving another term as 5th District President. Past 10th District ad Department Legion and SAL Commanders where also in attendance.

Presentations included "the jacket" from the 10th Dist. Officers, a gift certificate from the Anoka Past Unit Presidents and from Anoka Pres. Lynette Pavin - Donna's Honored Life Member card.

Front l to r: Bud and Betty Redepenning Back: Paul and Jo Connoy, Donna, Michael, Tommy, Rob, Alison, Sara, and Deb Redepenning

from Donna, "it has been a great year and one I will never forget"

Thanks

It has been an honor to have served as 10th District President. I have many people to thank for their help and support. Starting with my husband Darrel, I could not have done it without him. Thank you to my family and friends and the Anoka American Legion Family. My testimonial was fabulous! Thanks to Carol Kottom (from the Buffalo Unit) for being the M.C. and to Gary Munkholm for the music entertainment, to Cliff Newman for serving as the Sgt. at Arms and Jean Parvey as Chaplain. To my daughter-in-law, Sara and sister-in-law, Jo for the "surprise" picture board, it was very special. I would like to thank"Catering Central" for the delicious spaghetti dinner that they served. I need to thank my chairman Cathy Newman; for doing an outstanding job with the help of Anoka Unit 102. The dessert was made by Cathy and Jan Reiter and served by Unit 102 members. Thank you to everyone that attended and shared my special day with me. It has been a great year and one I will never forget.

10th District President 2013-2014
Donna Redepenning

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HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

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Adjutant's Notes

by Gary Munkholm

1. A hearty welcome to the newest member of Anoka Post 102 Dale Buckholtz sponsored by Jim Hays. We hope to see you at future meetings and join us in fellowship during other times of the week.
2. **If you haven't paid your dues as of this newsletter please make an effort to send them in. We are very close to making goal and need all of the help we can get. You may also pay your dues by using the National American Legion website.**
3 Commander Reimann conducted the **Post Everlasting** Ceremony for our **20 deceased comrades** during this past year.
4. Many thanks from the Post to Frank and Don Menter for the repair of 2 lights in the club house and Bill Bune for welding our front door handle.
5. Al Springer gave us a report from the Anoka County Advisory Council meeting and announced that Post 102 was asked to host the opening flag ceremony on July 22nd for the Anoka County Fair.
6. A reminder that next year's Post Officers will be elected at next month's general meeting.
7. Gambling manager Paul Adler presented the following list of donations for the last month which were approved by the general membership:

a. 2 Legion School Awards for Anoka HS	$2,000
b. American Legion Hospitalized Veterans	$200
c. 1st Half Anoka County property tax	$10,736
d. St. Cloud VA Veterans Fishing Trip	$100
e. American Legion singing seniors	$100
f. ACM member dues for gambling	$250
g. Water & Light costs	$1,250
h. Center Point Energy for gas costs	$1,200
i. U.S. Treasury for tax on wagering	$400
j. Assist needy Veterans & Families	$1,500
k. Emergency Money	$500

IN JUNE

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

FRIDAYS
6th - Fish Fry - $10.00
13th - BBQ Beef Sandwich - $8.00
20th - Oriental Chicken Salad - $8.00
27th - French Dip - $8.00

Tax included on all the above.
CATERING CENTRAL

Post 102 extends sincere sympathy to the families of

CHARLES F. WALLACE
Charlie was a 48 year member of The American Legion and a World War II Veteran

FLOYD MICHNOWSKI
Floyd was a 22 year member of The American Legion and a World War II Veteran

2014 Anoka American Legion Baseball Schedule

Edward B. Cutter Post #102

June 11th	vs Elk River	Castle Field	8:00pm
June 13th – 15th	Red Haddox Wood Bat Tourn. Bloomington, MN		
June 17th	vs Maple Grove	Castle Field	8:00pm
June 18th	at Westphal Legion, Armstrong HS		6:15pm
June 19th – 22nd	Roadtrip to St. Louis		
June 24th	at Osseo	Osseo HS	6:15pm
June 25th	vs Ham Lake Legion	Castle Field	8:00pm
June 27th	vs Park Center Legion	Castle Field	6:15pm
July 28th	at Richfield	??	??
July 2nd	vs Champlin Legion (2)	Castle Field	6:15pm
July 3rd	Legion Alumni Game	Castle Field	7:00pm
July 8th	at Andover, Andover HS		6:15pm
July 9th	vs Lino Lakes Legion	Castle Field	8:00pm
July 10th – 14th	Paul Hanus Gopher Classic		
July 15th	at Totino Grace Legion, TG HS		6:15pm
July 16th	vs Tri City Blue Legion	Castle Field	8:00pm
July 24th - 27th	District Playoffs		
August 1st – 4th	Minnesota State Tournament		Eagan, MN
August 7th – 11th	Central Plains Tournament		Fargo, ND
August 7th – 11th	Great Lakes Tournament		Terre Haute, IN
August 14th – 19th	World Series		Shelby, NC

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Commander Gary Reimann

I hate to be the one to bring some sad news, but I have to tell you that Betty Erickson, our newspaper staff worker for the past 46+ years and editor since 1987, is retiring. What a volunteer!! I have had the pleasure to work with her for the past two years. What dedication and professionalism - our Post was lucky to have such a wonderful person to do our paper. Thanks Betty, from all of us at Post 102!

It was discussed at the May Newspaper meeting that maybe a committee of three would be the way to go. If you are interested and would like more info, come to the next meeting June 10 at 7:00 pm or contact me. Betty will stay on as editor until Sept. and will be happy to help everyone get started.

The Wednesday SAL Dinners have been busier since the snowbirads have returned and the weather has improved. Thanks for supporting our Post.

God Bless America!

L-R: Cmdr. Brian Tanaka, commanding officer USS Minnesota, Post Cmdr. Gary Reimann, Senior Chief Steven Williams, chief of the boat.

Cmdr. Tanaka and Chief Williams visited Anoka HS before stopping at Post 102 while on a 3 day metro tour.

The USS Minnesota; the newest submarine in the naval fleet was commissioned Sept. 7, 2013, is the most technologically advanced sub in the world and will become the first fast-attack sub to welcome women on board.

The USS Minnesota, SSN783, "The Silent Hammer" is the 4th naval vessel to bear the name "Minnesota. The new USS Minnesota with 134 crew members will have its first deployment in late 2015.

Legion Riders Director Daniel Soland

Anoka Legion Riders will take part in a **Legacy fundraiser** at Famous Dave's in Coon Rapids on **Thursday, June 19,** 5 pm to 8:30pm.

The Legion Riders Legacy Scholarship Fund is for the children of fallen veterans.

Please come and support the Riders and also Famous Daves.

S.A.L. Commander Patrick Vevea

Hello Legion Family,
This is traditionally the month I say my thanks and goodbyes to everyone that made my two years serving as Squadron Commander a success. I do have some thank-yous, but I will do that personally.

Success, on the other hand, is tough to determine. Were we successful in raising money to distribute to our various charities, scholarships and Club functions, etc.? That's a yes! As hard as it is to do what we do with just a few, there are some hardcore members that still believe that participating in such a great organization is very worthwhile.

The vast majority of our members belong just to belong. To them I say, what would have become of this, the greatest country on earth, if our forefathers and our military men and women had chosen to just join and not be a factor in our history. **If more members would attend just a few meetings and/or functions, it would make a big difference in whether or not this Squadron can continue to operate at the high standards of our Squadrons history**, or just become a social club that most members already think it is.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNERS

If your dining party will consist of 8 or more persons, PLEASE call ahead to make Reservations.
You may call the Club at: 763-421-0083.
You may also send a text to Al at: 612-867-5698
OR email to sal@anokalegion.org.

Please include your name, the number of persons and the date (WED).

ANOKA AMERICAN LEGION COLLECTOR CAR & MOTORCYCLE SHOW

WHERE:
Anoka American Legion
Post #102
400 West Main Street
Anoka, Minnesota 55303

WHEN:
First Wednesday of the Month
(June 4th, July 2nd, August 6th)
from
4 PM – 8 PM

Wednesday, June 4
4 pm - 8 pm

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Wednesday, June 4
4 pm - 8 pm

Prize Drawing for Drivers

Legion Club Steak Fry 5:30 – 7:00

Questions? Call Ray Turnquist: 763-421-1722

Jan's Jottings

by Jan Reiter

The regular meeting of Edward B. Cutter American Legion Auxiliary was held on Tuesday, May 6, 2014 with the Mother/Daughter Junior Pot Luck dinner preceding the meeting. Our Girls Staters were introduced, they talked about their school activities, and County Day and how they all liked seeing the jail.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Fund Raising: Cathy Newman stated that the Craft Sale was a success and feed back from the vendors was very good so if we want to do it again that might be an option. We made a good sum to help our programs. Darlene Thell said we have sold 55 plants and she will still be selling them until May 23 and they at the pull tab booth. Carol Hathaway said she is still working on a Casino trip.
Girl's State: Kathy Zwerdling motioned to send in the reservations for the 3 girls going to Girl State. They are Diana Williams, Nina Anderson, & Savannah Wilson. County Day was attended by 26 students from Anoka, Fridley and Andover.
Juniors: The 10th District hosted the Junior Department Conference on April 11 & 12 in Hopkins. Kiana Coleman, from the 10th District became Department Jr. Auxiliary 2nd Vice President. She is also 10th District Honorary Junior President.
Nominating Committee: The following ladies were nominated and elected:

President: Cathy Newman
1st Vice Pres: Open
2nd Vice Pres: Diane Wolford
Treasurer: Jeanene Hays
Sgt at Arms: Carol Hathaway
Executive Board: Norah Wyman & Karen Orr

Past Presidents: Past President's, Dept scholarships for healthcare workers were awarded to five recipients.
Unfinished Business: Donna Redepenning's Testimonial went very well and she thanked everyone for her wonderful year and all the help with her Testimonial.
New Business: Betty Erickson is retiring as editor for the Post Paper. They are in need of a new editor.

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Almost Final 2014 Report
Auxiliary Membership - 341

Unit 102 has not yet reached GOAL of 354 for this year. Thanks to the 288 seniors and 39 juniors who renewed their membership; and to the 10 new and 4 transfer seniors and 1 new junior member listed below.

Seniors:

Liz Blue (trans/Coon Rapids - 23 yrs)		Linda Egelkraut
Jill Halvorson (trans/Unit 1982 - 15 yrs)		Andrea Hennen
Vicki Hennen	May Rose Johnson (trans/Zimmerman - 2 yrs)	
Jean Kingren	Joanne Nelson	Cindy Pipenhagen
Kara Reiser (trans/Delano - 8 yrs)		Judy Slattery
Julie Sturgill	Darla Tallman	Char Thompson

Junior:
Hazel Clark

Congratulations to Hannah Droogsma who graduated to senior membership at age 18 (Mom Cyndi, Grandpa Al Campbell).

Memories: From June 2013 to this date, Unit 102 has lost the following members:

Joyce Westlie Smith Past Unit Pres. 1965-66	Sept. 28, 2013	54 year member
Donna Molumby	Oct. 21, 2013	21 year member
Marion Ehlen	Dec. 3, 2013	35 year member
Myrtle Daml	Dec. 29, 2013	51 year member
Sigrid Timmer	Jan. 2, 2014	9 year member
Joyce Jelle	Jan. 4, 2014	11 year member
Lois Hettwer Kottke Past Unit Pres. 1978 -79	Jan. 18, 2014	46 year member
Patricia Steele	Jan. 23, 2014	11 year member
Faye Johnson	Mar. 11, 2014	27 year member

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.

President's Column

Lynette Pavin

Elections of the new officers were held; Cathy Newman will be your president during the year 2014 - 2015. Congratulations to Cathy and the other officers. Have a wonderful year.

I would like to thank all of my officers and chairmen. You did a super job when a little extra was needed.

Other activities coming up in June include the installation of officers and the 10th District Convention in Hopkins.

Hope you have a safe and enjoyable June. More sun; less rain; warm temperatures.

President Lynette's Dinner

Wednesday, June 25 - Anoka Legion
Social - 6:00 p.m. Dinner - 7:00 p.m.

All Unit Members are invited to attend.

Menu

1/2 Baked Chicken $9.00
Steak $9.00
Fish/Shrimp/Chicken Breast $8.50
Steak & Shrimp $12.00
Walleye $11.00
All meals include potato, salad and roll.

Call Lynette at 421-1840 by June 18 for reservations.

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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.

Thank You

A BIG "THANK YOU" goes out to all those who responded to the Poppy Letter they received last month. This is a true indication that we have many members who believe in our organization and its purpose to support our many veteran programs.

Also, thank you to those that donated and signed poppy cards at the post club room and most of all thank you to all those that volunteered to distribute poppies on Poppy Days - May 16th and 17th. Also, if you see a poppy can displayed, be generous with your change.

It is not too late to make a donation to the Poppy Program. If you lost the information you received in the mail - donations can be dropped off at the Post Club Rooms or mailed to me at address below.

Sandy Phillips, Unit 102 Poppy Chairman
3012 - 127th Lane NW, Coon Rapids, MN 55448

PARTY

Saturday, June 14th, 2014
Noon - 5 pm
Anoka American Legion

Bike Show • Flag Retirement
Food • Fun
Best Bike Contest
with music and friends

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

June 4 - Wednesday
Post Collector Car/Motorcycle Show
4-8 pm SAL Dinners 5:30 - 7 pm

JUNE 2014

June 14 - Saturday
Post Flag Day Party
Bike Show/Contest Food~Fun

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Club Open 12-10 **Bar Bingo 4:00 pm** 1	2	**Bar Bingo 6;30 pm** **Post General Mem. 7:30 pm** **S.A.L. Mtg. 7:00 pm** **Auxiliary Mtg. 7:00 pm** 3	**POST COLLECTOR CAR/MOTORCYCLE SHOW 4-8 PM** **SAL Dinners 5:30-7:00** **Prime Rib $11.50** 4	**SEE MENU ON PAGE 2 for TUES, THURS. & FRI. MENU** 5	**Meat Raffle 5:30 pm** **Bar Bingo 7:00 pm** 6	**Legion Family Day** **Twins vs Astros** **1:10 pm** 7
Club Open 12-10 **Bar Bingo 4:00 pm** 8	9	**Bar Bingo 6:30 pm** **NEWSPAPER MEETING for July/August 7:00 pm** 10	**SAL Dinners 5:30-7:00** **Ctry Fried Steak $8.50** **Aux. Twin Rivers Bingo 2:15 pm** **Jrs wanted** 11	12	**Meat Raffle 5:30 pm** **Bar Bingo 7:00 pm** 13	**Post Flag Day Party** **Bike Show** **Flag Retirement** 14
June 15-20 **Boys State - Marshall** **Girls State - St. Thomas** **FATHER'S DAY** 15	16	**Bar Bingo 6:30 pm** **House & Ent. Meeting 7:00 pm** 17	**SAL Dinners 5:30-7:00** **Smoked Pork Chop $9.50** **Legion Riders Mtg. 7:00 pm** 18	**Installation of Officers 6:30 pm** **Post-Unit-SAL-Riders** **Rider's Legacy Fund Raiser see page 3** 19	**Meat Raffle 5:30 pm** **Bar Bingo 7:00 pm** 20	**10th Dist. Convention Hopkins 21st & 22nd** 21
Club Open 12-10 **Bar Bingo 4:00 pm** 22	23	**Bar Bingo 6:30 pm** **Executive Board Meeting 7:00 pm** 24	**PRES. LYNETTE'S DINNER** **SAL Dinners 5:30-7:00** **1/2 Bkd Chicken $9.00** 25	26	**Meat Raffle 5:30 pm** **Bar Bingo 7:00 pm** 27	**SAL Detatchment Convention Legionville** 28
Club Open 12-10 **Bar Bingo 4:00 pm** 29	30		**Concerts In the Park** **Sunday Evenings 7:00 pm** **George Green Park** **June 8 - *Cattail Moon*** **June 15 - *No. Suburban Concert Band*** **June 22 - *Jessie Smelter*** **June 29 - *Lee Engele & Friends***		**1st Friday each month Red Cross Bloodmobile at Post 7 AM - 1 PM**	

EVERY WED STEAK $9.00 - FISH/SHRIMP/CHICKEN $8.50 - STEAK & SHRIMP $12.00 - WALLEYE $11.00

Flag Display Days
June 14 Flag Day
June 15 Father's Day

COMING IN JULY

1- Post & SAL Meetings - No Aux. meeting
2- Collector Car/Motorcycle Show
3- Fireworks - Anoka HS at dusk
4- Ice Cream Social Geo. Green Park 12-3 pm
9- Aux. Twin Rivers Bingo 2:15 pm / Jrs. wtd
12- Riverfest 9 am - 5 pm
16-Legion Riders Meeting - 7 pm
17-19- Dept. Conv. - Rochester
22-27- Anoka County Fair
22- Fair Flag Raising - 12 Noon
TBA- Boys & Girls Nation

COMING IN AUGUST

1st Week Minnesota Stand Down
5- Post - SAL Meetings - No Aux. mtg
6 -Collector Car/Motorcycle Show
12- Primary Election
13- Aux. Twin Rivers Bingo 2:15 pm/Jrs. wanted
19- Legion Baseball World Series Championship-Shelby, NC
20 Legion Riders Meeting 7:00 pm
21 MN State Fair Begins
22-28- Nat'l Convention Charlotte, NC