

INSTALLATION 2010 - 2011

June 17th Installation Ceremonies



Commander Ron Wolford



SAL Commander Al Amundson



Auxiliary President Darlene Thell

Past Post 102 Commander Cliff Newman conducted the ceremony and installed Ron Wolford as Post Commander - read all about Ron on the inside. Not present at the ceremony, incoming SAL Commander Al Amundson was not installed at that time. Past 10th District President Sandy Phillips installed Darlene Thell as President of Unit 102 for her second term.

Post 102 Commanders and Presidents installed the new Post, Unit and SAL officers with Wayne Wallace as Sgt.-at-Arms. Following the ceremony, everyone enjoyed a very nice lunch prepared by Cathy Newman.

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ADJUTANT'S NOTES

by Gary Munkholm

A hearty welcome to newest member of Anoka Post 102 Robert Anderson. We hope to see you at future meetings and join us in fellowship during other times of the week.

Many thanks to Paul Adler putting together all of the nuts and bolts to make the new patio take shape. This project has been talked about for many years and now we have an outside area we all can be proud of. The project involved many volunteers which I will let Paul name at a future publication, but thanks to all of you who helped make it happen.

Our clubhouse passed a recent Anoka Police sting operation for underage drinking which bartender Steve caught. Many thanks to our bar staff for their careful work in checking I.D.'s.

For those that may have missed it the new 10th District Commander is our own Darrel Redepenning.

At our last general membership meeting Legion member Frank Menter was awarded a plaque as the Department's Volunteer of the Year award by Junior Past Department Commander Al Davis. Many thanks to Frank for all he does for the Post and the Community.

The general membership approved sponsoring our present men's and woman's softball teams for the fall leagues.

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

Fire Department Educational Coloring Books	\$200
Assist needy Veterans or Families	\$1,500
Emergency Money	\$500

OFFICIAL NOTICE

Changes to the Edward B. Cutter Post 102 Constitution and By-Laws will be voted on by the general membership on Tuesday, November 5, 2010 and changes read to the general membership on Tuesday, October 5, 2010. The changes involve identifying the members of the House and Entertainment Committee, renaming the finance committee to the budget committee, the Chaplain and Sergeant at Arms to be added to the Executive Committee, and recognizing the Sons of the American Legion and the American Legion Riders as part of the Post 102 Legion family.



Post 102 extends sincere sympathy to the families of



GEORGE HUEBNER

George was a 48 year member of The American Legion and a World War II Veteran

DONALD TIMMONS

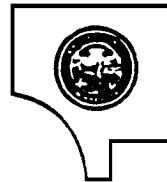
Don was a 17 year member of The American Legion and a Vietnam War Veteran

GILBERT DULINGER

Gil was a 26 year member of The American Legion and a Korean War Veteran.

He was an Honored Life Member and Past Commander 1989-90.

NOTE: Time Changes for Meat Raffle and Bar Bingo on Calendar.



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Commander's Column Ron Wolford

How fast time moves from column to column. The state convention is over and Anoka Post 102 was to collect awards for the Post efforts. This was my first time to see the state organization in action. What a moment to be a part of the American Legion. I was to learn a lot and gain valuable information for our Post.

If you have not been past the Post lately you will be in for a surprise. The deck has a new fence and the cracked corner has been repaired. New windows were installed on the east side of the building in the bar area. They are reflective on the outside and a lot easier to see through from the inside. On the south side we still need to remove the plywood, place in two windows, and punch a hole through the wall to put in a new door. On the inside we need to move trophy cases.

Come on over and see and watch your Legion change for the better. Don't like what is going on? Come to a meeting and express your concerns and ideas. All ideas will be considered for their value and affordability. Please don't be disappointed if you don't see immediate results to your ideas or concerns. We have a proud past and future at the Post and we need your help. We will not throw the baby out with the bath water.

Here is a quote for you, "By ourselves we can do little, but with a group we can accomplish a lot" - Helen Keller.



S.A.L. NEWS Commander Allen Amundson

Summer is almost over and the National Convention is just around the corner. As the new S.A.L. Commander for 2010-2011, I would like to say hello to everyone, and I hope you all had an enjoyable summer. I will do the best I can, and I'm truly looking forward to working with Commander Ron and President Darlene throughout the coming year. Our officers for the coming year are as follows: Commander- Allen Amundson; Vice-Commander - Bill Knight; Finance Officer - Terry Johnson; Adjutant - Jack Everett; Chaplain - Roland Herrmann; Sgt-at-Arms - Kevin Smith; Membership Director - Charlie Heemer. I would also like to thank Lance Nelson for accepting chairmanship of the new standing Activities Committee.

It's a new membership year. So, if you haven't renewed already, please do so. I would like to offer a warm welcome to 16 new members, for a total membership of 82 members. I would also like to thank those who are not S.A.L. members for their time and effort in helping us recruit new members.

I was unable to attend the 'Picnic Rally' at St. Francis, but I understand a great time was had by all. Charlie Heemer and I plan on attending the National Convention in Milwaukee this year.

A big thank you to all of the volunteers and customers who help make our Wednesday Dinners a success. Please note that our Wednesday 'Specials' will be cut back to once a month starting in September.

SAL Scholarship Recipients

Additions to our SAL Wednesday Dinner Specials include:

**1st Wednesday each month
Country Fried Steak ~ \$8.00**

**3rd Wednesday each month
Prime Rib ~ \$9.50**



Travis Pearson



Estefania Garcia

Biography of Ron Wolford

I spent most of my life growing up in Indiana. While in the state, I entered the U.S. Army. I was to be stationed in Ft. Knox, Kentucky (where I married Diane, my next door neighbor); Ft. Bliss, El Paso, Texas; Southeast Asia; and Ft. Rucker, Alabama (where my oldest son Mark was born). After three years in the Army, I returned to Indiana to complete my education at Purdue University with the aid of the G. I. Bill.

I became a teacher at Benton Central High School where we purchased a home in Otterbein, Indiana and were to stay for twenty-six years. While as a teacher, my second son Scott was born.

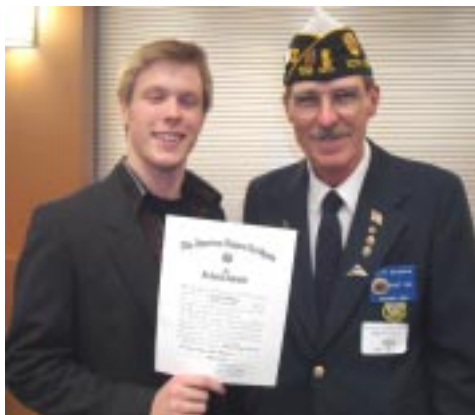
Also during this period of time, I became the first vice president at the local Post Martin Kennedy 125. Next year I was president and for the next five years after that I was a past commander. During this period of time, we became the fastest growing Post in Indiana and were able to double our enrollment. I was also in the honor guard. We performed in all the requirements on Memorial Day, funerals, and other requests. We passed out food baskets at Christmas. We always sponsored a little league team, girls softball team, and a mens softball team. We purchased an RV vehicle for use at all the local fairs that was manned by volunteers. The years of involvement with the American Legion were some of the most enjoyable of my life. I am a life member and have been a member of The American Legion for thirty-three years.

We moved to Minnesota where I went to work as a principal. We purchased a home in Ramsey, Minnesota where we now live. At which time, I joined the Anoka American Legion. The best Legion in America.

2010 SCHOLARSHIP AWARD RECIPIENTS



*American Legion School Award
ERIKA MOSS*



*American Legion School Award
TRAEHN COLLENTINE*



*Theresa Erickson Nursing Scholarship
MARIAH SIS*



*Myron A. Way Scholarship
LOMUMBA ISMAIL*



*Clarence A. Visneski Scholarship
TATIANA FATEEVA*



*Warren C. Feist Scholarship
BROOKE MacIver*



*C. Merion Hicks Scholarship
KATIE CHRISTENSEN*



*Clarence A. Visneski Scholarship
MITCHELL PENNEY*



*Marvin L. Gilbertson Scholarship
LAI KI TUNG*



*Gerald F. Raney Scholarship
EMILY JANISCH*

10th DISTRICT COMMANDER

By Darrel Redepenning

Noticed a lot of white-top Legion caps at membership meetings lately? Well, I guess I'm partially to blame. Back on May 22nd at the District Convention in Osseo, I was elected District Commander for 2010-2011. Although I ran for the position, I didn't fully appreciate how much I would keep running after I got it. It has been a very busy summer!

One of my first chores was to pick officers, chairmen and special appointments. There are several (16) officers and (40) chairmen/appointees. Fortunately a few are elected and some do multiple years but, it's still a little overwhelming. You try to get as many people from as many Posts as you can. But, for some of the key positions, you want people you know and trust. For me, that's Post 102!

So our Post is well represented in the District this year. District Sergeant-At-Arms is Cliff Newman. I swear Cliff was born for this position, he's done it several years for several Commanders and always does a great job, he was an easy pick. Rehabilitation Officer is Gary Munkholm. This is Gary's second year and was recognized at this years Department Convention for excellence at his position. Anyone who knows Gary shouldn't be too surprised, he always give 100%. Children & Youth Officer is our own Post Commander Ron Wolford. Ron accepted the position before Commander Gregg passed away and he had to fill-in early as Commander. I told Ron I would understand if he wanted to back-out due to the circumstances at the Post. But Ron declined, saying once he agrees to something, he follows through. Ron's a stand-up guy, a great Legionnaire and a welcome addition. Then there's Membership Director Rick Oelschlager. This is Rick's second time, he also served in this position when John Torma was Commander a few years back. I though he was the best Membership Director I have seen. But, he was reluctant to do it again and kept me hanging for several months. He's a good friend and I honestly couldn't imagine being District Commander without him on my team.

So that's why there is (5) white-top Legion caps at the Post these days. I've been asked if that's a record? I don't really know but, there's some indication that it could be. There are a few other appointees for our Post serving the District this year that don't wear the District cap, that also need to be recognized. Past District Commander Larry Phillips is serving as S.A.L. Advisor and Paul Adler is serving as Junior Shooting Chairman. And last but surely not least, is someone who probably doesn't realize he's serving as much as he is, my Chief Advisor, Confidant and District Godfather, my dad Past Department Commander Bud.

So thank you Post 102, for sharing some of your members with the District this year, also for your endorsement and for your continued support. Everywhere I go I'm very proud to say I'm a member of Anoka Post 102!!!!!!!

Thanks,
Darrel

ARE YOU ENTERED

Have you signed up for the Post Golf Tourney at Greenhaven September 11th?

All Legion, SAL, Auxiliary members and their guests can play, eat and win prizes . . .

Call Jerry Abeln NOW!

763-421-9652

NOTE:

Time Changes for Meat Raffle and Bar Bingo on Calendar.

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



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.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Wife | <input type="checkbox"/> Great-Granddaughter |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sister | <input type="checkbox"/> Self |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Daughter | (step-relative also apply) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Granddaughter | |

**Ask any
Auxiliary Member.
They will be happy
to sign you up.**

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



In Memoriam IRENE HELEN (CHERNE) BRETH

Irene, a 23 year Auxiliary member, was born in Albany, MN in 1938, and passed away August 13, 2010.

Edward B. Cutter Unit 102 extends its sympathy to husband Herb and family; to Irene's sisters, relatives and friends. A memorial to Project New Hope was sent by the Unit.

Past Presidents Parley

Parley members prepared and served a funeral lunch for the family of Past Commander Gil Duling on Saturday, August 14 at the Post clubrooms. Gil served in 1989-90 with President Mary Cameron; he passed away August 10.

With the family providing the sandwiches, 12 past presidents and 4 Unit members donated salads and desserts; helping that day were 6 past presidents, a past commander, a Unit member and Carl A.

Thanks to Manager Denise and all who helped with the shared special project of funeral lunches for Past 102 Commanders and Presidents.

Betty Erickson

The first Past Pres. Parley get-together of the 2010-11 year is a planning meeting for the coming year on Monday, September 13 at 7:00 pm - Post clubrooms. Chairmen are Barb Ridge and Kathy Zwerdling.

Auxiliary Membership

The National office is in the process of computerizing membership and it is not exactly happening quickly. Membership cards were not received until August 3rd - the first 10th District Rally was the 1st - needless to say, no turn-in from the Auxiliary. Anyway, dues notices are supposed to be sent out by August 31st - check your mailbox. You may also just want to send your check to me or pay at the pull-tab booth now (dues are the same - \$20 senior, \$3.50 junior, \$3 past pres. parley).

I do have 58 senior and 23 junior dues paid as of August 16 and will send to Department office. Welcome to new members: Char Anderson and Kathy Paulson and Junior member Riley Marie Hall.

The next rally is Legionville, Sept. 11 - send your dues in NOW.

Betty Erickson - Chairman
1826 Cressy Ave., Anoka MN 55303

NOTE: Thursday, October 7 at 6:00 pm will be our free Early Bird Dinner for paid senior and junior members. Also, the Silent Auction - Initiation - Continuous Member pin presentations. **Your Dues and Reservations MUST Be In By October 5!**

Auxiliary Presents Scholarships at AHS

On May 12th the Auxiliary presented 3 scholarships to 3 seniors at Anoka High School. The first scholarship is for a girl who plans to attend a two-year college in Minnesota. This award went to Shelby Shields, in the amount of \$500.00. She plans on attending Anoka-Ramsey College. The second scholarship is for a girl who plans to attend a four-year college in Minnesota. This award went to Lisa Knappek, in the amount of \$500.00. She plans on attending St. Benedicts College. The third scholarship is the Netha B. Feist Memorial Scholarship, which was awarded for the first time this year. It is for a boy or girl continuing his or her education in the field of Education. This award went to Delaina Havelka, in the amount of \$750.00. She will be attending St. Scholastica College this fall.

Kathy Zwerdling - Education Chrm.



*Feist Family with Scholarship Winner
DELAINA HAVELKA*



*2 Year College Winner
SHELBY SHIELDS*



*4 Year College Winner
LISA KNAPEK*



President's Column

Darlene Thell

Hello Auxiliary Members,

Thank you for the privilege and honor you have given to me as serving a second term as your President. I look forward to seeing you at the Post and working together to help support our Veterans and this great organization. We will have a great year with the talent and dedication of our officers, chairmen and all of you members.

I, along with other Anoka Legion members, attended the 91st Department Convention in Rochester July 21-24. It was a good convention and I left with ideas and information to pass on our Unit.



On July 27 Cathy and Cliff Newman, Donna Redepenning and Jim Hays served as a Color Guard during the Flag Raising Ceremony at the Anoka County Fair. Thank you to all Post 102 members who were present for the ceremony and program. Visiting junior members from Florida, Jacqueline and Tess Senger, were also there for this special event (grand-daughters of Cathy and Cliff Newman).

On August 1, members of our Post attended the 10th District Annual Picnic Rally of the St. Francis Post 622. It included Folder handout, leadership training, and a potluck picnic lunch, with the St. Francis Post providing the chicken.

On August 11, junior girls Brook and Lea Newman, along with Unit members Lynette Pavin, Cathy Newman, Sue Amundson, Jeanene Hays and myself, helped residents at the Twin Rivers Nursing Home with playing bingo. The residents love seeing the junior girls. Thank you girls, and all who helped, and are there every second Tuesday to help out.

I have accepted the position of District Co-Captain for Membership in the Anoka and Chisago area for the up-coming year. I will serve this position plus the Presidency of our Auxiliary proudly. Hope to see lots more members at our monthly meetings held at 7 PM on the first Tuesday of each month.

Gold Bless the American Legion

Department Unit 102 Awards

The 91st Convention held in Rochester July 21-24 had five delegates attend the Auxiliary sessions.

Department Certificates of Merit awarded to Anoka were: Senior History - Karen Orr Chair, Public Relations - Darlene Thell Chair, Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation - Cathy Newman Chair, and Field Service, most volunteer hours - Cathy Newman Chair.

Department awards included Kienholz Walker Plaque - Past Presidents Parley, chaired by Karen Orr and Lenora Root. Department President Star Celebration of Service Award - Public Relations - Darlene Thell Chair.



Darlene Thell holding her Department Presidents Star Trophy for the most outstanding program in Public Relations program.

Also sent on to Nationals were: Certificate of Participation, Historian Karen Orr and Home Service, most volunteer hours Jeanene Hays. Congratulations to all our chairmen who worked very hard on these programs.

Newly elected 2010-2011 Department Officers are: President - Darlene Wondra, Montgomery; 1st Vice President Linda Thompson, Coon Rapids and 2nd Vice President Raleen Tolzmann, Mankato.

ATTENTION AUXILIARY MEMBERS

We need all of your volunteer/community service hours each month. We know many of our members have a lot of monthly volunteer hours that are not turned in, and we would greatly appreciate you keeping a record of your hours and call Darlene Thell at 763-753-3064, and let her know your hours. She will give the hours to our Community Service Chairman Ann Larson at the Unit meeting each month. Let's help Ann out this coming year with an overwhelming amount of hours for her end of the year report. Please begin with all of the volunteer hours you contributed this summer.

**Auxiliary Overnite Bus Trip
JACKPOT CASINO**

September 17-18

**Only the first 50 to sign up
get to go!**

**Call Carol 427-0185 or
Barb 427-4346 for info.**

SEPTEMBER 2010

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Auxiliary Overnite Bus Trip Jackpot Casino September 17-18 Call Carol 427-0185 or Barb 427-4346						
Club Open 12-10 Bar Bingo 4:00 pm	Labor Day Club Open 11 am - 7 pm	Post General Mem. 7:30 pm S.A.L. Mtg. 7:00 pm Auxiliary Mtg. 7:00 pm	SAL Dinners 5:30-7:00 Steak, Chicken, or Stuffed Shrimp \$7.50 Steak & Shrimp Combo \$10.00 Aux. Twin Rivers Bingo 2:15 pm	Bar Bingo 7:00 pm	Meat Raffle 5:30 pm Bar Bingo 7:00 pm	60 years ago September 8, 1950: New Texaco Station opens at State & Main St. (across from Post 102)
Club Open 12-10 Bar Bingo 4:00 pm	Past Presidents Meeting 7:00 pm	NEWSPAPER MEETING 7:00 pm	SAL Dinners 5:30-7:00 and Prime Rib \$9.50	Bar Bingo 7:00 pm	Meat Raffle 5:30 pm Bar Bingo 7:00 pm POW/MIA Recognition Day	60 years ago September 1920: People object to law requiring voters to show a foot of their legs when voting.
Club Open 12-10 Bar Bingo 4:00 pm	100 years ago September 1910: The Anoka High School Agriculture Department began with 39 students - increasing school enroll- ment, the course covered soils, crops & animal husbandry. During the winter months of Dec. Jan. and Feb., students were able to take the class for free, as directed by state law with a special teacher employed.	House & Ent. Meeting 7:00 pm	SAL Dinners 5:30-7:00 Steak, Chicken, or Stuffed Shrimp \$7.50 Steak & Shrimp Combo \$10.00	Bar Bingo 7:00 pm Autumn Begins	Meat Raffle 5:30 pm Bar Bingo 7:00 pm	Grand Finale Anoka Classic Car Show Anoka County Fairgrounds
Club Open 12-10 Bar Bingo 4:00 pm	Executive Board Meeting 7:00 pm	SAL Dinners 5:30-7:00 Steak, Chicken, or Stuffed Shrimp \$7.50 Steak & Shrimp Combo \$10.00	Bar Bingo 7:00 pm	1st Friday each month - Red Cross Bloodmobile at Post 7 am - 1 pm FLAG DISPLAY DAYS Sept. 6 - Labor Day Sept. 11 - Patriot Day - half staff until noon Sept. 17 - POW/MIA Recognition Day		
Coming in October						
Joint Meeting w/Boys & Girls Staters			Pumpkin Bowl 7:00 pm		Halloween 5K Run 12:50 pm	
Gen. Membership, SAL & Auxiliary meetings to follow			Park Center at Anoka		Grande Day Parade 1:00 pm	
Auxiliary Early Bird Dinner Cut-Off			Light Up The Night Parade 7:00 pm		Junior Aux. Fund Raiser upper hall	
Aux. Early Bird Dinner 6:00 pm			Anoka Halloween Bingo 6:30-9:30 at Post 102		50th Annual Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast 7:30 am - 12:30 pm at Post 102	
Silent Auction - Initiation - Year Pins			Halloween Kids Parade 1:15 pm		Post Early Bird Dinner	