



Come Celebrate 94th Birthday of



The American Legion March 16, 2013

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

Menu:
Smoked Pork Chops w/dressing
Augratin Potatoes
California Medley
Salad, Rolls, Coffee
Birthday Cake



Prepared by the SAL Cost \$11⁰⁰ Donation

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

Purchase your tickets at Post Club Room
at the Pull Tab Booth By 3/6/2012

NO PHONE RESERVATIONS
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Come Enjoy Our St. Patrick's Day Early with the Anoka Legion!



Corn Beef & Cabbage

Buy your tickets
ahead of time.
Meal will be \$6.00
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\$7.00 the day of
March 16th (Sat)
12:00 – 5:30 pm

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ADJUTANT'S NOTES

by Gary Munkholm

A hearty welcome to newest member of Anoka Post 102 Jim Thompson sponsored by Rick Oelschlager. We hope to see you at future meetings and join us in fellowship during other times of the week. Anoka Post 102 still leads the 10th District in membership turn in. If you haven't renewed by now please send in your dues and a friendly reminder that you can also renew on line at the American Legion National web site.

Department President Raleen Tolzmann of Mountain Lake addressed the membership explaining her project of improving the waiting room at the VA Hospital. She also stated her second project is updating the Legionville kitchen.

The general membership voted to sponsor the Woman's softball team for \$1,400 and the Men's softball team for \$2,500.

You can view or download our monthly newsletter by using our website www.anokalegion.org and see the newsletter in color under the link "News". Check out the site and you can also use the same site to get removed from the newsletter mailing list to help save the Post mailing and printing costs.

It was good to hear the many positive comments from members at the last meeting about their treatment at the VA Hospital and clinics.

The general membership voted to spend up to \$10,000 on repair of the clubhouse elevator. This will bring the elevator up to State standards and install much needed safety devices.

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

Boy Scouts Northern Star Council donation	\$ 375
Sponsor 8 school patrollers for Legionville	2,000
St. Cloud VA annual fishing trip for Vets	100
North Hennepin Baseball Legion registration	743
3 boys to Boys State	900
Lakeview Classic registration for ball tournaments	325
Jr. Legion Baseball insurance costs	300
Red Haddock Lvt. registration for ball tournament	400
Gopher Classic registration for ball tournament	600
Baseball uniform parts	1,000
Post for monthly utilities cost	2,040
U.S. Treasury (Tax and Wagering)	400
Assist needy Veterans or Family	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 – \$5.00

THURSDAYS

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

THURSDAYS DURING DINNER

Bottle Beer is \$2.50
 5:00 – 8:30

FRIDAYS

ALL YOU CAN EAT FISH FRY \$9.00

Also Available each Friday
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2nd Vice Commander Ray Turnquist

The month of February was Americanism month. What is Americanism? This patriotic word is one of the four pillars of the American Legion. It oversees a wide variety of programs built on community service, citizenship, patriotic values and the mentoring of young people.

Americanism is the love of our country, loyal to her institutions as the best yet devised by man to secure life liberty, individual dignity and happiness. It is the willingness to defend foreign and domestic.

Americanism also means peace, strength, the will and courage to live as free men in a free land.

Americanism is a friendly hand to people everywhere who respect our institution and our thinking. It is not just a word. It is a cause, a way of life, the best way of life ever known. Americanism is also a challenge and a hope in the world.

As stated in the American Legion Preamble, one of our purposes is "To foster and perpetuate a one hundred percent Americanism". Let us always strive to live true to these words. Take the time this February to reflect on the meaning of this very powerful word.



S.A.L. Commander Patrick Vevea

Greetings Legion Family:

At our February meeting, greetings were given by the Department President before she went to attend the Auxiliary meeting. Our Squadron approved a donation to Legionville to purchase a "paver" supporting the building project. We also approved two attendees to Boys State and to Girls State.

Membership is at 120 paid members. Our GOAL is 171 – if you haven't renewed please do so soon.

If you haven't had the opportunity to enjoy the Monday Nite Deep-Fried Tacos, I suggest you mark your calendar – 4 pm - 7 pm every Monday. Prices are very reasonable at \$2.50 each or even better get 3 for \$5.00.

Until next time . . .

EVERYONE PLEASE NOTE

The Edward B. Cutter Monthly Newspaper can be downloaded on line by going to our web site:

www.anokalegion.org

Viewing on-line rather than getting a printed copy will help us cut printing and postage costs.

The average cost per newspaper is 68¢

**TO BE REMOVED FROM THE NEWSLETTER MAILING LIST
GO TO www.anokalegion.org, click on "Current Newsletter" and follow directions. Have your Membership Card Handy, because your ID is required.**

*Try it once and see if this will work for you!
Only 50 members out of 1022 have responded.*

You will be surprised to see how much information there is on the web site and how nice it is to see colored photos.

2013 DUES

**86 American Legion members
have not paid their 2013 dues.**

**Please pay as soon as Possible.
Dues are \$35.00**

Going - Going - Gone

Unit 102 invites everyone to attend their annual White Elephant Auction on March 5, 2013. The auction will commence after the membership meetings have concluded. Guests welcome.

Anyone can contribute items for this auction. Please wrap items. Be creative. Bars, fudge, etc. in ziplock bags or plastic wrap. Jars of pickles, vegetable, relish, jams or jellies also can be donated.

Homemade craft items or collectable do not need to be wrapped.

Proceeds from the auction will go to support the Girl's State program.

Auctioneer will be a Legion member assisted by an Auxiliary member. Come and have fun, laugh a lot and support a good cause.

Lynette Pavin – 1st Vice President.

Chairpersons' report on MidWinter

The donations received from the MidWinter Conference held at Anoka Post 102 exceeded the expenses by \$820.00. The Chairpeople contacted each of the organizations (Legion, Auxiliary, SAL & Legion Riders) to ask for approval to purchase paver bricks for Legionville. It was agreed to purchase 1 \$500.00 Granite Paver (12"x12") and 4x8 pavers (\$100.00 Each) for each organization. Legionville is such an important program for the Legion Family, the students are taught Patrol Safety. Think about it - Minnesota has the only program of its kind in the Nation. Donations for the program are always gladly accepted.

Cliff Newman – Chairperson

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 16th



Larry Pocrnich
Dept. Vice Commander
8th & 10th Districts
The American Legion

Larry Pocrnich is a 7 year member of Hibbing Post 222 and a Vietnam Vet.

He served at Cobb-Williams-Nehiba Post as Commander (4 years), Adjutant and Membership, Finance and Fund Raising.

Larry was 8th Dist. Cmdr. 2010-11, he also served as Vice Cmdr., Boys State Chair and Councilor, Boy Scout Chair. For Department, Larry was POW-MIA Chair.

He and wife Patty, an Auxiliary member, have four children and four grandchildren.

Larry is also a member of the 40\$8 Voiture 80, Family Readiness Group, Beyond the Yellow ribbon, Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts, ISFAC.



Bill Stein
Detachment Vice Commander
8th & 10th Districts
The American Legion

Larry Pocrnich is a 7 year member o Bill Stein is currently serving the Detachment of Minnesota as Detachment Vice Commander 8th and 10th District since 2006. Stein is eligible through his service in Vietnam. He has been a Legion member for 43 years and has

served at the Wayzata Post as Second Vice, First Vice and Post Commander, and is currently serving on the Board of Trustees.

On the District level he served as Rural Hennepin County Commander as well as other offices. He also served the 10th District as Advisor for the Sons of The American Legion, Chaplain twice, Membership, Vice Commander, District Judge Advocate and 10th District Commander 2000-2001.

He has served the Department of Minnesota on the Public Relations committee for five years and has served on the Minnesota American Legion Foundation Board, he is currently serving on the Department Post Development and Rehabilitation committee. He is an active member of the Minnetonka Voiture 1281 and has held most offices including Chef de Gare.

He is a dual member member of the Sons of The American Legion where he as served on the Finance Committee as well as Judge Advocate and Membership chairman. On the Detachment level, he served as Detachment Judge Advocate for 4 years. He has also served on the Detachment finance committee for 5 years and is currently serving as 8th and 10th Detachment Vice Commander.

Stein is a life member of both the Montrose 1901 VFW and the DAV St. Cloud Chapter 9. He has attended 13 National Conventions and was appointed to four National committees.



Shirley Frederick
Department First Vice 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.

Grayson Roers

Honorary President - Junior Auxiliary

Grayson Roers of Madison Unit 158 has been an Auxiliary member since birth and loves being a member of the American Legion Auxiliary.

She's very involved in her local FFA chapter, church and is an active member of a cooperative youth board. She is very dedicated to her competitive high school varsity dance team - this year she's a captain.

Grayson has held the offices of Dept. 2nd Vice, 1st. Vice and now President - Dept. of Minn. She attends membership rallies and conferences, and had the privilege of attending Girls State last year - she enjoys speaking both with fellow Junior and Senior members.

He project this year is "Colorful Care for our Lady Veterans", raising money to update the womens' center at the VA Hospital. Grayson is excited and can't wait for the Dept. Junior Conference in April.



President's Column

Darlene Thell

A lot of wonderful events continue to be taking place at our Post. Thank you to the members who helped at the Sewing Bee on that cold January afternoon. **The next Bee will be Tuesday, February 26 at 7:00 pm (for those working during the day). Anyone may come and help.**

Thank you to everyone who took part in the Jan. 25-26th Snowmobile Rally and a special thank you to Post Commander Gary and First Vice President Lynette for taking care of the refreshments, as our Post hosted the Friday 9 pm Rally.

A huge thank you to everyone who brought items for the Baby Bundle and Cleaning Items Baskets, items for the VA Shower and to Cathy Newman who did a fantastic job in chairing this project. Our Unit had the honor of having our Dept. President Raleen Tolzmann attend our February meeting.

Please remember our March Birthday Dinner. It's always one of the special events of the year with good food and great speakers. Hope to see many of you there.

Always remember to keep our military, POW-MIA Veterans and those who gave their lives to keep our country free, in your prayers.



Cathy Newman the Anoka Unit's Veteran Affairs and Rehabilitation Chairman and Department President Raleen Tolzmann (from MN Lakes Unit 287) with donations from the Anoka American Legion Auxiliary Unit 102 for Raleen's projects. Raleen is collecting basic items a new baby needs and is distributing the "Baby Bundle Baskets" to new mothers at the Mpls. V.A. Hospital. She is also collecting items (cleaning supplies) for the MN Assitance Council for Veterans, Homeless Veterans Program for veterans that are in the transitional housing or structured independent living programs.

JAN'S JOTTINGS

by Jan Reiter

The regular meeting of Edward B. Cutter American Legion Auxiliary was held on Tuesday, February 5, 2013 and conducted by 1st Vice President Lynette Pavin. We had a special guest, our Department President, Raleen Tolzmann. She talked about one of her projects, the Baby Bundles and Cleaning Supplies for the Veterans. The other project of hers is to refurbish the VA for the women Veterans. If she has money left, she will put it towards the kitchen at the new barn at Legionville. She thanked everyone who brought Baby Bundles and Cleaning Supplies and added she is so proud of everything we do for the Auxiliary.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Education: March 15th is the deadline for a lot of the Auxiliary scholarships. Kathy Zwerdling mentioned that we gave small flags to the kindergarten students at Franklin for learning the Pledge of Allegiance. Kathy received a big thank you from them.

Girls State: Kathy Zwerdling said they will be having the Girl State Assembly at the High School on February 20th. There will be an Ice Breaker for the Girls and Boys Staters in May. A motion was made to have it at Anoka. Approved.

Junior Activities: Sue Nunnelee stated the Junior Department Conference will be April 13th at 7 Clan Casino in Thief River Fall.

National Security: Cathy Newman sent around an email from a soldier that received a care package from our Unit.

Poppy: Lynette Pavin stated that the Department Poppy Chairman would like some new ideas on how to use Poppies.

VA & R: Cathy Newman thanked everyone who brought items for the Department President's project of making a "Baby Bundle Baskets" for single mothers veterans and the "cleaning baskets" for Veterans that move into new places to live.

Unfinished Business: Cliff Newman, Chairman for the Mid-Winter Conference, addressed the Auxiliary and stated that we had made a \$800 profit from the Conference. It was suggested that the Anoka Legion family buy a brick or several bricks for Legionville. The cost of the granite blocks are, for a large \$500 and small ones \$100. They will have the Anoka Legion name on them. A motion was made to approve that the profits from Mid-Winter Conference to go towards the bricks for Legionville. Approved.





New Business: Our Birthday Dinner will be March 16th. Posters and tickets will go out soon. A motion was made to hold a White Elephant Auction at our March meeting with the profits going to the 2nd Girls State registration, \$150 towards the Girls State Program and the remainder into our General Fund. Approved.

Auxiliary Membership

28 members still needed

Thank you to those 19 who renewed since last month! I had hoped more would have been mailed in – since the 2nd dues notice came out in January. I will have begun calling by the time you read this – hopefully I will hear "I mailed my dues"!! Please send your dues (\$25) as soon as you possibly can!

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

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Renew your membership NOW Legion - \$35 Auxiliary Sr. - \$25 Aux. Jr. - \$5 SAL - \$20 Dual Legion/Sal - \$10	EVERY MONDAY SAL Deep Fried Tacos 4-7 pm \$2.50 ea 3/\$5.00	BAR BINGO EVERY TUESDAY 6:30 PM	 1st Friday each month Red Cross Bloodmobile at Post 7 AM - 1 PM	SEE MENU ON PAGE 2 FOR TUES. THURS. & FRI. MENU	Meat Raffle 5:30 pm Bar Bingo 7:00 pm All You Can Eat Fish Fry \$9.00	March 1973: Congratulations to Past Cmdr. Ed "Buster" LaTuff on his promotion to Captain on the Anoka Police.
Club Open 12-10 Bar Bingo 4:00 pm	4 - 7 National President Minnesota Tour			Meat Raffle 5:30 pm Bar Bingo 7:00 pm All You Can Eat Fish Fry \$9.00	SAL Detach. Spring Conference Morris	
Club Open 12-10 Bar Bingo 4:00 pm St. Patrick Rally Champlin Daylight Savings Spring Ahead	<i>40 years ago March 1973: We need only about 30 members to reach our 10th consecutive All-time-high of 698 and fill "Bud's Barrel".</i>	Post General Mem. 7:30 pm S.A.L. Mtg. 7:00 pm Auxiliary Mtg. 7:00 pm Annual Aux. Auction	SAL Dinners 5:30-7:00 Prime Rib \$11.50	<i>40 years ago March 1973: Interested in Working Bingo? Lots of help is needed so some of the guys who have worked for quite a few years can "take a break".</i>	Meat Raffle 5:30 pm Bar Bingo 7:00 pm All You Can Eat Fish Fry \$9.00	94th Birthday Celebration Social 6-7 pm Dinner 7 pm
Club Open 12-10 Bar Bingo 4:00 pm St. Patrick Rally Champlin Daylight Savings Spring Ahead	<i>Post 102 boasts 50 new members this year: 34 Vietnam 9 Korean 7 WWII</i>	Bar Bingo 6:30 pm NEWSPAPER Meeting 7:00 pm	SAL Dinners 5:30-7:00 Country Fried Steak \$8.50 Aux. Twin Rivers Bingo 2:15 pm Ash Wednesday	<i>Call Chmn. "Whiskey" Visneski or Captains - Team #1 Jerry Abeln</i>	Meat Raffle 5:30 pm Bar Bingo 7:00 pm All You Can Eat Fish Fry \$9.00	94th Birthday Celebration Social 6-7 pm Dinner 7 pm
Club Open 12-10 Bar Bingo 4:00 pm 	<i>Transferees: 2 Vietnam 4 Korean 2 WWII.</i>	Bar Bingo 6:30 pm House & Ent. Meeting 7:00 pm	SAL Dinners 5:30-7:00 Prime Rib \$11.50 Legion Riders Meeting 7:00 pm	<i>Team #2 Bob Duclos</i>	Meat Raffle 5:30 pm Bar Bingo 7:00 pm All You Can Eat Fish Fry \$9.00	10th Dist. Junior Conference Lino Lakes Dept. Rally - Anoka Dinner 5 pm
Club Open 12-10 Bar Bingo 4:00 pm 	<i>Reinstated: 1 Vietnam 2 Korean 2 WWII.</i>	Bar Bingo 6:30 pm Executive Board Meeting 7:00 pm	SAL Dinners 5:30-7:00 Steak, Chicken, or Shrimp \$8.50 Steak & Shrimp Combo \$12.00	<i>Team #3 Larry Violet Team #4 Cliff Nutter</i>	Meat Raffle 5:30 pm Bar Bingo 7:00 pm All You Can Eat Fish Fry \$9.00	March 1973: Post 102 supplied an American Flay (6x10 ft) to the Anoka Senior High
 Club Closed	March 1973: Thank you to Polly Landowski, Betty Redepenning, Millie Deschene, Katie Clark, Lois Witte and Pres. Barb for the State Hosp. Aux. Bingo Party.	Coming in April 6 Dist. Riders Rally - Golden Valley 12-13 Dept. Jr. Conference - Thief River Falls 19 Poppy Card Days begin 20 Dist. Pres. Testimonial - Wayzata 27 Dept. Riders Rally - Winona TBA Boys & Girls County Day - Anoka	Also the rest home programs (1 Sat. a month) haven't missed a month in over 8 years - Call Don Erickson, Sherm Rokke or Arvid Gutzwiller.	94th Anniversary Paris Caucus of The American Legion March 15-17, 1919		