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Goose Hunt

This was the first year of **Waterfowl for Warriers**, the brain child of Scott Wahl and George Walker. In cooperation with the City of Anoka, Federal Cartridge and the MN DNR, the hunts took place at the Anoka Nature Preserve. This program is planned to be a yearly affair.

Most of the hunters have not been able to hunt for years and this program allowed many veterans an opportunity to hunt - that otherwise would not have been possible.

Eight Post 102 members participated; thanks to the volunteers and to Cmdr. Reimann who helped at all the hunts with special thanks to Scott, George and Jeff Weaver.

Paul Adler

Anoka Legion Toy Drive

December 21st 2013
1pm - 4pm

Bring a new toy for donation

Pictures with Santa
Cookies
Punch

And story telling by men and women of the service (police, fireman, military)

All toy donations will be donated to Toys for Joy

All kids that come will receive a Toy from Santa

Adjutant's Notes

by Gary Munkholm

Reminder to everyone that the club is having a Thanksgiving eve turkey dinner on Wednesday November 27th. Take a break from the holiday bustle and enjoy a meal at the clubhouse.

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.

Darrel Redepenning presented the Post with a plaque, 2 personal letters, and a DVD from Simeon Toronto in appreciation for sending him to Boys State and Boys Nation. The plaque was in turn presented to Post member Cliff Newman for his efforts towards the Boys State program.

I would like to see more members make use of the club facilities from renting the halls to attending the Wednesday night SAL dinners. Remind your friends, neighbors, and relatives about our halls to rent and bring someone to one of the Wednesday night SAL dinners. All money made at the club ends up going towards worthwhile causes.

Gambling manager Paul Adler presented the following list of donations for the last 2 months which were approved by the general membership:

Donation to the Christmas Committee, Inc.	$300
Donation to Emergency Care program at Spring Lake Park HS	$250
Boy Scout of the Year award	$100
Donation to Humane Society of Coon Rapids	$250
Donation to Support Ft. Snelling Memorial Rifle Squad	$100
Donation to the airport Armed Forces Service Center	$100
Donation to the Open 4 Youth program	$250
City of Anoka for Water & Light costs.	$5,200
Center Point Energy for gas costs.	$400
U.S. Treasury for tax on wagering	$800
Assist needy Veterans & Families	$1,500
Emergency Money	$500

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Boy Scout of the Year

Mark Schatza of Troop 204 is this years winner of Boy Scout of the Year Award and American Legion Medal of Merit.

Mark, an Eagle Scout, lives in Ramsey and is a senior at Anoka HS, member of the National Honor Society and a varsity tennis player. Mark is a PSEO student at Anoka Ramsey Community College and plans on pursuing an education in engineering upon completion of his senior year.

Mark is an example all that is good about Scouting.

Paul Adler

IN DECEMBER

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

MONDAYS
5:00 – 8:00 pm
Sloppy Joes with Kettle Chips – $5.00

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~All you can eat - $9.00

13th~Taco Salad - $7.50

20th~Lasagna - $9.00
with Garlic Toast and Vegetable

27th~Stuffed Chicken Breast w/Sage Dressing - $9.00
with Rice Pilaf, Vegetable and Roll

Tax included on all above

Catering Central

Commander Gary Reimann

October was a very busy month - thanks to Scott Wahl and crew for putting on the goose and duck hunt with 8 from Post 102 on two weekends and one Wednesday. What a great time for the guys with 36 geese and 1 duck on the first Saturday!

Halloween Grande Day Parade had the Post Float (thanks to the Sauter Bros.), Sam Orr drove his 1952 military truck filled with Past Post Commanders. I got to salute all the flags in the parade with Jim Hays after getting off the float, very nice parade.

Veterans Dinner had over 135 served, the place was packed. District Cmdr. Dick Juhl and Dist. Pres. Donna Redpenning brought greetings. Guest speaker was Capt. Shannon Gregory (an Anoka HS graduate) - what a delight to hear him speak! Our 50 & 60 year members were there in force. 60 Year attendees: Alan Beckenbach, Gordy Raihle and Bud Redepenning. (Others - Lenny Dehn, Dave Conger, Duke Grosslein, Elmer Hierlinger). I would like to thank everyone who attended the dinner - Ron and crew, what a wonderful job and delicious meal!

Anoka HS Boys Stater Justin Powers came to our meeting and thanked us for sponsoring him to Boys State and he stayed for the whole meeting.

Our Legion Baseball team came in one Saturday and cleaned the kitchen for us - a Big Thanks to all the team.

November 11 - Veterans Day was also busy. The Color Guard did a nice job at 4 schools and Twin Rivers (see Cliff's article). I also attended Ham Lake McKinley grade school for my grandson. I even had time to go for a free lunch at Applebees - thanks to all the restaurants for their support of veterans.

God Bless America ~ Pray for our veterans

Pres. Lynette, Capt. Shannon Gregory,
10th Dist. Cmdr. Dick Juhl, Cmdr. Gary

Legion Riders Director Daniel Soland

What are the American Legion Riders all about? The aims and purpose of the American Legion Riders is: Participate in parades and other ceremonies that are in keeping with the Aims and Purposes of The American Legion. To promote motorcycle safety programs and to provide a social atmosphere for American Legion members who share the same interest. To use our Association to promote and support programs of The American Legion through service to our Community, State and Nation.

Who can be an American Legion Rider?

(1) Be a current member of The American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary or Sons of the American Legion.

(2) Be the legally registered owner of a motorcycle of at least 350cc (21.4 CI) engine displacement and possess a valid driver's license in your state of residence (military equivalents acceptable as well).

- OR -

Must be the legal spouse of an ALR member in good standing within the Chapter of application.

The Anoka Chapter of the American Legion Riders holds monthly meetings on the third Wednesday each month. If you are interested in becoming an American Legion Rider, plese attend a meeting or ask a current member for an application.

If you are interested in supporting the American Legion Riders, there are T-shirts and Lapel pins available for sale. All proceeds go to support the Legacy Scholarship fund.

Please contact Dan Soland if you have any questions or would like to purchase a t-shirt or lapel pin.

50 Year Members, seated L-R:
Harlen Menk, Bruce O'Connor, Rich Duclos, Cliff Nutter
Standing L-R:
Dale Hesli, Bill Baillie, Robert Nelson

Unable to attend: Les Boyd, Bob Duclos, Russ Holmes, Jim Leger, Neil Macheledt, Hartley Medin

Jan's Jottings

by Jan Reiter

The regular meeting of Edward B. Cutter American Legion Auxiliary was held on Tuesday, November 5, 2013.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Americanism: Darlene Thell has handed out Certificates to Businesses that display our flag like CUB. This will be continued throughout the year. She stated Homestead place has 42 veterans as residents.

Field Service: Bingo will be November 13, 2:15 pm, at Golden Living Care Center. There will be a Military celebration on November 11 at Golden Living Care Center.

Fund Raising: Sandy Phillips reported we had the Elvis Experience on October 5th She thanked everyone who made this a complete success. Sandy made a motion to have another Elvis Experience next year on December 13th. Seconded and carried. The Halloween Fund Raiser., Sue Nunnelee thanked everyone who helped get supplies, make sandwiches, helped on Saturday, all those that baked goodies for the sale and the 3 juniors that helped.

Leadership: Jan Reiter reported there will be a leadership class put on by the Coon Rapids Legion on January 18, 2014 at a cost of $10.

National Security: Cathy Newman reported there still is a coupon program. You can cut coupons, even if they are expired up to 6 months, for the military families over seas. The website to go to for this is http://www.grocerysavingtips.com/expiredgrocerycoupons.htm Check the website before sending coupons, as it is updated monthly.

Past Presidents: Remember the New Years Day bake sale and start making baked goods and freeze them for that day.

Public Relations: Darlene thanked everyone who helps her get things into the paper. She showed how some of the pictures and articles are in the Anoka County Union paper.

VA&R: .Cathy Newman has patterns for things the Veterans Home and Hospital need, that have to be sewn.. She read a thank you email from a military officer that received one of her boxes she sent out. She has received 44 cell phones to be recycled for the military. Eighty Christmas cards were signed and written at the Early Bird Dinner and Cathy sent them to Operation Christmas Cards.

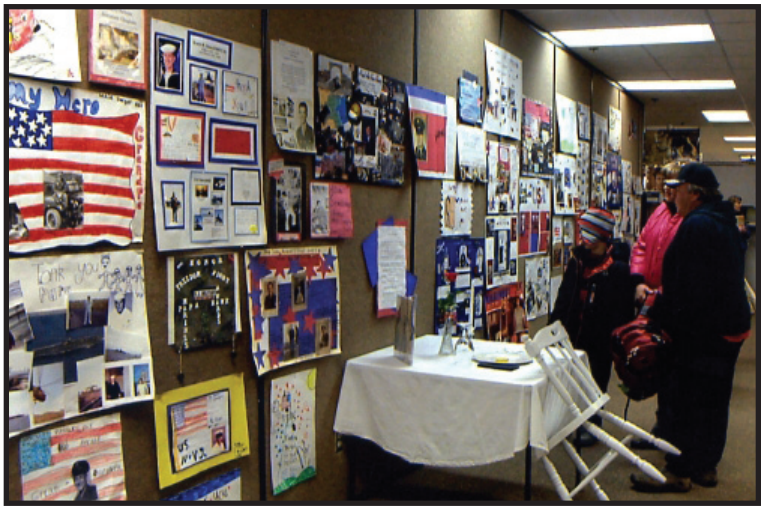
Donations:

Minneapolis VA Medical Center	$100
St. Cloud VA Medical Center	$100
MN Veterans Home (Mpls & Hastings)	$150
Five Dollar Bill Shower	$100
Amer. Leg. Fund for Hosp Vet.	$75
10th Dist. Activity Fund (Mpls & St. Cloud)	$100
Veteran Job Training Program	$200
Veterans Volunteer Transportation Prog	$300
Christmas Gift Shop	$50
Veterans Rest Camps (3)	$150
American Legion Aux Hosp Program	$100
National Creative Arts Festival MN	$75
Minnesota Stand Down	$200
Ride to Recovery	$200
Natl Amer Leg Child Welfare Foundation	$100
Legacy Scholarship Program	$100
Ft. Snelling Rifle Squad	$100
Anoka County Adopt a Family	$200

Cliff Newman approached the Auxiliary and stated we will be having Mid-Winter Conference on January 4 and Sandy Phillips volunteered to chair for the Auxiliary. The Mid Winter Conference silent auction will go towards the MN and National Creative Arts Festivals.

Unfinished Business. The Early Bird dinner served 85 people and we handed out continuous pins. Donna Redepenning reported on Fall Conference. She stated that they made $4500 from their silent auction and this will go toward the Auxiliary Emergency Fund. Karen Orr stated that we should be sending thank you cards to businesses that give something to or for the veterans.

New Business: Sue Nunnelee said that the Brain Science Foundation provides scholarships and are in need of donations for this program. She will bring it to the finance committee.



Veteran's Day Events Attended by Edward B Cutter Post 102 Color Guard

Friday, November 8 - 9 a.m. at Lincoln Elementary
Dan Soland, Jim Hays & Cliff Newman
Students recited poems, sang patriotic songs, made posters honoring family members past & present. Cliff Newman talked about what is a veteran.

Monday, November 11 - 7 a.m. at Anoka Sr High School
Fadi Awaijane, Jim Hays, Dan Soland & Cliff Newman - posted and received colors, layed wreath honoring veterans.
High school band, choir & orchestra performed patriotic songs. Students spoke on "What is Veteran's Day". Guest speaker - Command Sergeant Major David Eustice.

Monday, November 11 - 9:30 a.m. at Ramsey Elementary
Fadi Awaijane, Jim Hays, Dan Soland & Cliff Newman
Flag raising with short program outside. Outstanding Wall of Honor inside school.

Monday, November 11 - 1:30 p.m. St. Stephens Elementary
Fadi Awaijane, Jim Hays, Dan Soland & Cliff Newman - posted and received colors.
Students sang patriotic songs, read poems. Guest Speaker - Retired Army Veteran - Mr. Whitaker (Anoka Police Officer)

Monday, November 11 - 3:30 p.m. Twin Rivers Center
Cliff & Cathy Newman, Unit President - Lynette Pavin
Resident veterans & staff veterans were honored. Music & social program followed.

Cliff Newman
Post 102 Color Guard

President's Column

Lynette Pavin

October is now past and here comes November. I hope all of you who attended the Auxiliary Early Bird Dinner and silent auction had an enjoyable time. The food was delicious as always. Congratulations to all who received their 20, 30, 40, etc. pins for continuous membership.

The Halloween Fund Raiser was again a big success. Thank you Sue for organizing it even though you had shoulder surgery. Thank you to all members who donated baked goods or were helping that day.

I had the honor of riding on the Legion float with Post Cmdr. Gary, 10th Dist. Cmdr. Dick Juhl, 10th Dist. Pres. Donna Redepenning, and 10th Dist. SAL Cmdr. Jeremy Copher. Seeing all the people waving back at us was amazing!

On Nov. 9, the annual Veteran's Day Dinner was held. A wonderful dinner was enjoyed by all who attended. The guest speaker, Capt. Shannon Gregory, gave a wonderful and informative talk about his career in the military. Also honored at the dinner was the Boy Scout of the Year and 50+ Year Members of the Post.

Happy Thanksgiving and Happy Chanukah to all.

Stay warm, stay safe while enjoying the company of friends and family this holiday season.

Auxiliary Early Bird Program

Continuous year members - many were unable to attend.

40 Years *L-R: Sue Nunnelee, Lenora Root, Doris Nunnelee, Karen Orr* ***45 Years:*** *Helen Barkuloo*

30 Years *L-R: Mary Faber, Mava Mikkonen*

25 Years*: Lorraine Blanchette*
20 Years *L-R: Liz Miskavige, Tracy Hall*

Past Commanders / Past Presidents Holiday Dinner

All Past Commanders, Presidents, Directors and their guest of the Anoka 102 Post, Auxiliary, Junior Auxiliary Squadron & Riders are invited to the annual Holiday Dinner at the Legion Club on, **Wednesday, December 11. Social 6 - 7 p.m., Dinner at 7 p.m.**

Reservations, menu choice and payment required by December 6, 2013.

Steak - $10.50 ~ Shrimp (5) - $10.00
Steak & Shrimp - $13.00 ~ Smoked Pork Chop - $10.50

Send reservations and payment to:
(checks payable to S.A.L. Squadron 102
Liz Abeln
18201 Cressy Ave.
Anoka, MN 55303

Any questions, call Liz at 421-9652 or Betty at 421-4562

Sue Nunnelee, Parley Chairman

Thanking Our Veterans

Cards were given to many veterans this year to thank them for their service to our country by myself and Darlene.

A basket of candy and cards were put out at the VA Ramsey Clinic; cards at River Oaks, Twin Rivers/Golden Living, The Farmstead, Bridge Square Apts., Walker Plaza, Walker on the River and The Homestead of Anoka; also sent to the Eagles Nest Centre.

A card and gift of money was given to 7 veterans at AMRTC by the Unit.

This is just a small way we of the Auxiliary can show our veterans how much we appreciate all they did to keep us free and safe. Vietnam vets - welcome home!

Thank you all -
Cathy Newman, VA&R Chmn

Auxiliary Membership

Your 2014 dues notice is in your house waiting for you to add your check and mail to me!

So, before the holiday season and all that goes with it, find the notice and send it - 86 seniors and 11 juniors have not yet paid!

Those still waiting for their new card, I am getting them out - thank you for your patience.

Betty Erickson - Chairman

Credits: 40 years ago
1973 Post/Aux. Newsletter

DECEMBER 2013

Cmdr. Myron Way
Pres. Liz Abeln

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Flag Display Days 7th - Pearl Harbor Day (half-staff until sunset) 25th - Christmas Day	*40 Years ago: 3rd annual banquet for the Junior Legion Baseball Team held for 65. Mac McLean cooked, awards given, 5 boys graduate - 10 return. Coaches Dick Johnson & Carl Leadens, Managers Ralph Batters & Bob Barkuloo ended the season 16 & 8. Their final game was against Post softball team. "This game gave the boys something to talk about."*	Bar Bingo 6;30 pm 3 Post General Mem. 7:30 pm S.A.L. Mtg. 7:00 pm Auxiliary Mtg. 7:00 pm	EVERY WED STEAK $8.50 - FISH OR SHRIMP $8.00 - STEAK & SHRIMP $11.00 SAL Dinners 5:30-7:00 4 Prime Rib $10.00	SEE MENU ON PAGE 2 for MONDAY, TUESDAY, THURSDAY & FRIDAY MENU 6	Meat Raffle 5:30 pm Bar Bingo 7:00 pm	Pearl Harbor Rally Osseo 7 Veterans Wild Game Dinner
Club Open 12-10 8 Bar Bingo 4:00 pm		Bar Bingo 6:30 pm 10 NEWSPAPER MEETING 7:00 pm	Past. Pres. & Cmdrs. Holiday Dinner 11 Aux./Post/SAL 7:00 pm Aux. Twin Rivers Bingo 2:15 pm	*40 Years ago: Early Bird Dinners: Post spaghetti served 125. 2 films - Vikings Highlights 1972 & "4 Days to St. Paul" - Winnipeg 500 Snowmobile. Aux. served 42, meal by Lois Holmbo & helpers - breast of chicken on bed of rice flavored w/sherry! Waitresses were Cmdr. Myron, Jr. Past Bud, Svc. Officer Gib.* 12	Meat Raffle 5:30 pm 13 Bar Bingo 7:00 pm	School Patrol Christmas Party 10 am to 12 noon 14 Yellow Ribbon Ceremony 6 pm Fair Grounds
Club Open 12-10 15 Bar Bingo 4:00 pm		Bar Bingo 6:30 pm 17	SAL Dinners 5:30-7:00 Country Fried Steak 18 $8.00 Legion Riders Mtg. 7:00 pm	19	Meat Raffle 5:30 pm 20 Bar Bingo 7:00 pm	Kid's Christmas Party / Toy Drive 1-4 pm 21
District Christmas Rally Mound 22 Club Open 12-10 Bar Bingo 4:00 pm	House & Ent. 23 Meeting 7:00 pm	*Christmas Eve Club Open 12 Noon to 5:00 pm* 24	MERRY CHRISTMAS 25 Club Closed	26	Meat Raffle 5:30 pm 27 Bar Bingo 7:00 pm	*40 Years ago: One of the largest and best Veterans Day Dinners thanks to Don & Sue Fiebiger. Speakers were Mayor Frank Leibl of Fridley and Steve Merrick, a Navy R.O.T.C. U of M cadet, the first to receive the R.O.T.C. scholarship from Post 102.* 28
Club Open 12-10 29 Bar Bingo 4:00 pm	Executive Board 30 Meeting 7:00 pm	Bar Bingo 6:30 pm 31	January 1st New Years Day Brunch for all paid 2014 Legion, Auxiliary and SAL members – if not yet paid - you may do so that day.		1st Friday each month Red Cross Bloodmobile at Post 7 AM - 1 PM	

Anoka is a Yellow Ribbon Community!
The Proclamation Ceremony will be held at the Anoka Fairgrounds on December 14th, 2013 at 6:00 pm.

COMING IN JANUARY 2014

1 New Years Day Brunch - Club Open 10:00 am (Wed)
Past Commanders serving 11:00 am
Past President's Bake Sale during Brunch
4 Mid-Winter Conference at Anoka (Sat.)
7 Membership Meetings