



EDWARD B. CUTTER

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ATTENTION: 2007 Unpaid Members

Your membership in
Post & Unit 102
expired December 31, 2006.
As of January 1, 2007
you are considered
delinquent and
March 1, 2007 you will be
removed from the Post roster.

We need you to remain a
member of Post 102. Please
remit your dues for the year
2007
NOW!

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

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Coming In March

Celebration of the
88th Anniversary of the
American Legion
Paris Caucus - March 15, 16, 17, 1919



BIRTHDAY DINNER

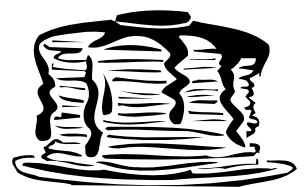
Saturday, March 10
Social 6:00 ~ Dinner 7:00

Special Guests include
Department Commander John Cox
10th District President Bev Otterness
SAL Det. Cmdr. John Zgoda



Boy Scout Troop #233
Hosting Pancake Breakfast
at Post 102

Sunday, February 4th
9:00 am to 12 noon
Open to the public
Cost - \$5.00 per person
Children 5 years and
younger eat free.



To the Anoka Legion and its members:

*Thank you for your support of my Eagle Scout project;
collecting gently used winter coats for ACBC, the Anoka
County Food Shelf. The coat drive was very successful.
My goal was to collect 200 coats. I was able to meet this
goal due to your very generous support. 36 coats were
collected at the Anoka Legion. I am very grateful to all
those who donated so generously.*

Sincerely,

*Josh Charest
Boy Scouts of America Troop 233*

ADJUTANT'S NOTES

by Wayne D. Wallace

The Post Executive Committee meeting held December 26, 2006 heard the minutes from the previous meeting and reports from finance, clubroom and gambling.

The Post was hit with some unexpected costly repairs when it was noticed the furnace units were not functioning properly. Upon inspection by the gas company, it was found the furnaces were badly in need of new heat exchangers. It was also found the gas lines on the roof needed replacing in the name of safety. Although costly, the Executive Committee approved all needed repairs to be done immediately.

The Executive Committee reviewed all requests for donations and those approved were recommended for approval to the Post General Membership.

The Post General Membership meeting held January 2, 2007 heard the minutes from the previous meeting and reports from Post officers and committee chairmen.

Adjutant reported Post members Edward Coleman and Richard (Dick) Johnson have passed away since the last meeting.

First Vice Commander Gary Munkholm reported (805) members are signed up for 2007. We are currently (71) members ahead of one year ago but (82) short of our goal. We have had (16) Post members sign up for the PUFL (Paid-Up-For-Life) program since the dues increase notice.

The following Lawful Purpose donations/expenses projected for January 2007 were approved by the Post General Membership:

1. Membership Recognition Brunch (New Years Day) \$650
2. Legionville (Registration for (16) School Patrolers) 2,240
3. Legion Boys State (Registration for (4) boys to Boys State) .. 1,100
4. Driver expenses for (3) drivers to St. Cloud VAMC 120
5. Special Olympics - MN 500
6. City of Anoka (Water/light costs) 1,975
7. Centerpoint Energy (Gas costs) 1,000
8. Anoka-Ramsey Youth Athletic Association 150
9. S.A. VanDyk (Jr. Legion Baseball Insurance) 325
10. United States Treasury (Tax on wageering) 600
11. Gopher Classic (Jr. Legion Baseball Tournament) 500
12. Red Haddox Invitational (Jr. Legion Baseball Tournament) 375
13. Russ Hinrichs (Alexandria Jr. Legion Baseball Tournament) 175
14. Assist needy veterans/families 1,500
13. Emergency money 500

Total taxes paid on gambling proceeds for December 2006:
Minnesota Revenue: \$9,865 U.S. Treasury: \$470

New member accepted by the Post General Membership

was Brent Gummert.. We welcome you into Post 102 Brent and hope to see and meet you at our monthly Post meeting held the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30 pm.



Post 102 extends sincere sympathy to the families of



EDWARD E. COLEMAN

Ed was a 31 year member of Post 102 and a World War II Veteran.

Ed was a very respected local attorney and judge and an outstanding baseball player.

RICHARD A. JOHNSON

"Dick" was a 36 year member of Post 102 and a World War II Veteran.

Dick coached our Post's Junior Legion Baseball Team for (33) years and will be hard to replace.



From the Desk of

Lannie Vaughn
Club Manager:

New heating is being installed and the new roofing is about 75% completed on the clubrooms. The roof is already completed on the garage.

Our Boy Scout Troop #233 will host a pancake breakfast at the Post on February 4th from 9:00 am to 12 noon and will be open to everyone. Cost – \$5.00 per person and children 5 years and younger eat free.

We are now open at 12:30 Monday - Friday. On Sundays we have \$1.50 hamburgers for your enjoyment. Don't forget Karaoke every Sunday and Thursday and Bar Bingo every Sunday and Friday.

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**Commander's
Column
Darrel Redepenning**

Howdy Legionnaires,

Many of you have asked lately, what's going on with the roof at the club? Many have noticed workers on the roof and equipment around the building. Well, unfortunately we've been dealing with several repair and maintenance issues. We sustained some damage from the big storm late last summer (so, most of it is from that). Then we had 3 of our 4 furnaces break down at the same time in mid December and discovered some gas leaks with the pipes on the roof. Needless to say, these could not be put off until spring so, we have had to have the work done in the middle of winter. Thankfully we're having a mild winter, so far.

January 1st was of course New Years and our Annual Membership Brunch. The Past Commanders (all decked-out in their new shirts and caps) served about 300 members and guests. The menu was free pancakes, sausage and eggs. Club Manager Lannie offered a special on Bloody Mary's, which was such a big hit, that he had to run to the store for more mix. A good time was had by all!

January 6th was District Mid-Winter Conference, hosted by the Milaca Post. Anoka was well represented with several Post, Unit and Squadron members present. The conference also includes membership turn-in and the ladies of Unit 102 made their goal. Congratulations ladies, I hope the Post can do the same soon. We're still about 75 short at the time of this writing. If we can get everyone to renew, the whole Anoka Legion family can be at goal!

January 7th was our turn to host Monte Carlo Night at the St. Cloud VA Medical Center. I was finally able to attend and had a great time. In fact, I'm not sure who has more fun, the patients or the Legion volunteers? Thanks to Jerry Abeln for keeping this event going every year. Our Post hosts the first Sunday evening of January every year and Jerry is always looking for volunteers so, keep it in mind for next year.

That's all for now, thanks for all your support and I hope to see you at the Post.



S.A.L. NEWS
by
Commander Al Amundson

Greetings to All,

It's a New Year... my how time flies.

I am sure all who attended the New Years Day Brunch appreciated the great job the Past Commanders do for this event. Many

thanks to the Post and Past Commanders for providing this.

A big thank you to all who helped us with our Food Drive during the Holiday Season.

Hurrah! We have reached our membership goal for 2007. Many thanks to all of you who helped us to accomplish this, and a special thanks to Charlie Heemer, our Membership Director.

Several S.A.L. members attended the Mid-Winter Conference in Milaca, on January 6.

Please plan on attending our upcoming Annual S.A.L. "Meet the Members" party (see insert) on Sunday, February 18. All S.A.L. members (and guest) are welcome.

Our next General Membership meeting is Tuesday, February 6, at 7:00 p.m. Please plan on attending.

Until next month... "Whatever it takes"

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION
Squadron 102 - Anoka, Minnesota

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP PARTY

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18, Noon – 5 pm

featuring
the 'Daytona 500'



All S.A.L. Members (and Guest) Welcome

Food - Door Prizes - Fun

** Bring a Non-Perishable Food Item
(or Donation)
Receive a Free Door Prize Ticket **

Oratorical Contest

The 10th District Oratorical Contest was held on January 13th, 2007 at Edward B. Cutter Post with (4) four students participating. The students were sponsored by the following Posts:

Laura Wallace

Fridley Sr. High School Fridley Post 303

Haylee Elvendahl

Cambridge/Isanti High School Cambridge Post 290

Josh Mathews

Homeschooled Princeton Post 216

Archana Nair

Eden Prairie High School Anoka Post 102

The contest follows the rules of the Department (State) contest, each contestant was required to present an 8-10 minute prepared orientation which related to some phase of the Constitution of the United States which gives emphasis to the attendant duties and obligations of a citizen to our government. They were also required to present an 3-5 minute extemporaneous discourse on one of four articles and/or amendments to the Constitution.

Thanks to Anoka Post 102 for providing the space for this contest. Thanks to Judges: Opal Stokes, Gary Munkholm and Sandra Erickson.

Respectfully submitted,
Clifford E. Newman
10th District Oratorical Chairman



Home Hospital Equipment Scheduled Hours

Mondays 10:00 am – Noon
Thursdays 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm
Saturdays Noon – 2:00 pm
Call for info: 763-421-0883

Donation Suggested
(Garage - Anchor Lot)

32nd Annual St. Cloud VA Monte Carlo Held Sunday, Jan. 7th, 2007

Thanks again to all the volunteers for giving up their Sunday evening to entertain the Veterans at the St. Cloud Hospital. We gave the winners \$180; \$130 from the Legion and \$50 from the SAL. Thanks to the SAL for their donation.

The entertainers were Rick Oelschlager, Matt Berens, Muff Banwert, Dale Voltin, Charlie Davidson, Bruce O'Connor, Gordy Berquist, Dave Small, Howie Zunker, and our Post Commander Darrel Redepenning.

We entertained around 60 patients, all thanked us for a good time.

Thanks again to all.

Jerry Abeln, Chairman

New Years Day Brunch



As junior past commander it is my duty to write a short column on the New Years Day Brunch. As in the past the Past Commanders did themselves proud with the way they put everything together. We had to overcome some small problems like no syrup bottles but it was taken care of with ease.

If you count the plates we served about 270 meals which is down from years past, but not by much. I think everyone had a great time and left with a full stomach. It is good to get together with old friends and talk about old times. So if you missed it this year you should put it on your calendar for next year.

I need to thank all the Past Commanders who took time to help with this year's brunch. They all worked as a team to get the job done with no problems. Thank You! I also need to thank the SAL who came in and helped clean up in the kitchen. Without the bake sale that the past presidents put on, we would not have had dessert. Thank you to all and see you next year.

Rick Oelschlager – Past Commander



President's Column

Dawn McCrady

Happy "Hello's " to you all.

Time sure flies. It is hard for me to believe it is February already. I hope you are all happy and healthy. Hopefully 2007 has been kind to you so far.

The New Year's Day Brunch appeared to me to be a success again. I saw a lot of people present and they all seemed to enjoy it. There were plenty of wonderful goodies to be purchased from the Past Presidents bake sale also. My husband and I sure enjoyed some of them.

At the January meeting there was some discussion about a need for more volunteers to help with funeral lunches. The desire is to get enough volunteers that a rotation schedule can be designed. If you are able and willing to help please contact us and we will put you on the list. Thank you ahead of time. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

Plans are in the works for the Legion's Birthday Dinner. The date of the dinner will be March 10. We hope to see you there.

Our next meeting will be February 6. Have a great month.

Your President,
Dawn McCrady

JAN'S JOTTINGS

by Jan Reiter, Unit 102 Secretary

The regular meeting of Edward B. Cutter American Legion Auxiliary was held on Tuesday, January 2, 2007 at 7:00 pm. President Dawn McCrady called our meeting to order. The prayer, pledge, preamble and singing of Silent Night opened the meeting.

Children and Youth: Donna Redepenning reported if there is anyone that we think could be a Youth Hero, please let her know. She has applications for this award. A \$50 Cub gift card was given to a needy mother and daughter at Christmas.

Field Service: Lynette Pavin reported bingo at Twin River Care Center. It is in need of help. For Christmas, she gave a card and a dollar bill to the veterans at the two nursing homes in Anoka. We have 14 veterans between the two nursing homes.

Funeral Luncheon: A funeral lunch was held for Caroline Hatten on December 9th, 2006. We served approximately 75 people. Hot dishes, ham sandwiches, salads and cake were served.

Home Service: The Auxiliary will be collecting commemorative, express mail, foreign and air mail stamps, picture postcards and S&H stamps. Trim stamps to 1/2 of an inch around the entire stamp and leave the stamps on the postcards.

Endorsement: Approval was given by the Unit for the endorsement of Sue Nunnelee for the office of 10th District 1st Vice President for the year 2007-2008.



Bake Sale



L-R: Donna Redepenning, Barb Fechner, Sue Nunnelee, Cathy Newman, Lynette Pavin, Liz Abeln and Nancy Bever

On January 1st at the News Years Brunch the past presidents held their Annual Bake Sale; 14 Auxiliary ladies brought baked goods to sell. A nick variety of cookies, candy, bars, cakes and breads was offered to those attending the brunch. Ladies that didn't bake something made cash donations.

14 ladies baked – 7 ladies donated cash

The sale brought in a total of \$228.50 so far. If you are a past president and couldn't get to the bake sale and still wish to donate cash you may send it to our Treasurer Jeanene Hays or leave at the Post.

Thanks to all the past president who helped out for this sale. A special thanks to Liz Abeln for helping me set things up in the morning. Sandy Phillips, our chairman was unable to attend this year. Proceeds to Parley projects.

Past President Parley Co-Chairman
Cathy Newman

P.S. Sewing bee on February 19th at 6:30 pm; will be sewing articles for the troops and veterans.

Mid-Winter Conference

The 10th District Mid-winter Conference was held on Saturday, January 6th at the Milaca American Legion. The day started early at 8:30 am, with a combined Legion, Auxiliary and SAL meeting. Our District President Bev Otterness, Commander Allen Karie and SAL Commander Wayne Mattingley presided over the meeting.

Their project is to buy wheelchair accessible tables for the VA Hospital. For more information about the 10th District, log on to their website at www.mighty10th.com.

After lunch the three groups met separately. At the Auxiliary meeting the District Chairmen each gave a short speech on their program. Department President Dee Dee Buckley spoke to us about her projects. One of them is to collect 6-packs of socks for veterans attending Minnesota Stand Down. If you would like to donate, you can bring them to a meeting or to the pull-tab booth.

The highlight of the day was when Betty Erickson (our Unit membership chairman) announced that our Unit made goal. District Membership Chairman Sue Nunnelee congratulated our Unit and handed out a Gold Record/CD award to Betty. See it in our trophy case in the lounge.

Those attending from our Unit were:



L-R: Sue Nunnelee, Lynette Pavin, Betty Erickson, Dist. Pres. Bev Otterness, Cathy Newman, Dept. Pres. Dee Dee Buckley and me.
(not pictured - Marianne Voit)

Donna Redepenning
Jr. Past President

Happy Valentine's Day ♥



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AUXILIARY UNIT 102

Edward B. Cutter Post 102, Anoka, MN 55303

Membership Eligibility - Any Veteran who served at least one day of active duty during eligibility dates and your relationship to the Veteran is by one of the following, you are eligible to join the Auxiliary.

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mother | <input type="checkbox"/> Granddaughter |
| <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) |

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

Veterans Shower

Once again it is time to help out our veterans at the veterans hospitals. They are in need of some items that I'm sure we can help with at the Mpls. Veterans Hospital.

Puzzles - Word Find Books or other kinds - Chap Stick - White Crew Socks

Also at the St. Cloud VA Hospital, much the same, but if you have winter jackets in good condition in larger sizes they could use them when they leave and go out for work they want to look good.

If you have the small bottles of toiletries I will take them too.

These men have given their all for us, so lets see what we can do for them now.

You may bring your donations to our February and March meetings.

Thank you,
Cathy Newman
Veterans and Rehabilitation Chairman

We Got GOAL!

Auxiliary Unit 102 reached its goal of 366 on January 5 – just in time for the 10th District Mid-Winter Conference in Milaca.

Special thanks to those 10 latest members that were needed to get it; 8 renewal and 2 new members – without you, we couldn't have done it!

Now, all we need are 5 more members to make our All-Time-High of 371. Why not?

Surely, there must be wives, daughters, granddaughters (including step-children), sisters and mothers of the 800 members of Post 102 who are interested in joining the Auxiliary!

Talk to any of the pull-tab ladies in person or call 421-0883 (Post Clubrooms). Call or write to me:

Betty Erickson – 763-421-4560
1826 Cressy Ave., Anoka, MN 55303

Casino Bus Trip Jackpot Junction Casino March 2nd & 3rd, 2006

Cost:

\$50.00 per person Double Occupancy

\$75.00 Per Person Single Occupancy

Fee includes bus ride, Hotel Room


\$15.00 Cash Returned at Casino plus 400 points on
Jackpot Junction Card

Bus Leaves Anoka Legion 6:00 on March 2nd
Leaves Jackpot Junction at 3:00 on March 3rd
First 50 Reservations Go—Rest put on a waiting List



Anoka Unit 102 Auxiliary Fund Raiser



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
KARAOKE Sunday & Thursday by Harley Linder "over 1500 songs"	February Hillites: 4th Pancake Breakfast 18th SAL Party 19th Past Pres. Sewing		Club Open 12:30 PM Monday - Friday February 23, 1921 Aux. Unit 102 Chartered	Every Thursday: Ron's BBQ Ribs 5:00 - 8:00 pm Full Rack \$11.00 1/2 Rack \$9.00 Karaoke 8-11 pm	Meat Raffle 5:00 pm Bar Bingo 6:30 pm Legion Grill 5:00 - 8:30 pm Music 8:30-12:30 Mirror Image Ground Hog Day	Music 8:30-12:30 Mirror Image
Boy Scout Troop 233 Pancake Breakfast 9 am - Noon Club Open 12-10 Bar Bingo 3:00 pm Bingo 7 pm Karaoke 6-9 pm Burgers/Fund Raiser 2-6 pm Auxiliary	Post General Mem. 7:30 pm S.A.L. Meeting 7:00 pm Auxiliary Meeting 7:00 pm	SAL Sponsored Dinner 5:30-7:00 Steak, Chicken, Pork Chop or Shrimp \$6.50 Steak & Shrimp Combo \$9.00 Bingo 7 pm	<i>Feb. 6, 1939</i> <i>Anoka On The Air in</i> <i>"My Home Town"</i> <i>broadcast on station</i> <i>WDGY</i> Karaoke 8-11 pm	<i>Feb. 15, 1910</i> <i>Mail carriers must take</i> <i>coins placed in a case</i> <i>on mail boxes</i> <i>to pay postage.</i> Karaoke 8-11 pm	Meat Raffle 5:00 pm Bar Bingo 6:30 pm Legion Grill 5:00 - 8:30 pm Music 8:30-12:30 Squishy Mud	Music 8:30-12:30 Squishy Mud
Club Open 12-10 Bar Bingo 3:00 pm Bingo 7 pm Karaoke 6-9 pm Burgers/Fund Raiser 1-6 pm Drill Squad	NEWSPAPER MEETING 7:00 PM WEB 8:00 PM	SAL Sponsored Dinner 5:30-7:00 Steak, Chicken, Pork Chop or Shrimp \$6.50 Steak & Shrimp Combo \$9.00 Bingo 7 pm Aux. Twin Rivers Bingo 2:30 pm Valentines Day	<i>Feb. 22, 1922</i> <i>Grand Masked Ball -</i> <i>sponsored by Anoka</i> <i>American Legion</i> Karaoke 8-11 pm Washington's Birthday	Meat Raffle 5:00 pm Bar Bingo 6:30 pm Legion Grill 5:00 - 8:30 pm Music 8:30-12:30 Grand Reunion	Jr. Aux. Meeting 12 Noon Sweetheart Rally Osseo 2 pm Music 8:30-12:30 Grand Reunion	8th & 10th Rally Deer River Music 8:30-12:30 AM Gold
Club Open 12-10 Bar Bingo 3:00 pm Bingo 7 pm Karaoke 6-9 pm Burgers/Fund Raiser 1-6 pm SAL 12 noon - 5 pm	Aux. Casino Bus Hinckley House & Ent. Meeting 7:00 pm	SAL Sponsored Dinner 5:30-7:00 Steak, Chicken, Pork Chop or Shrimp \$6.50 Steak & Shrimp Combo \$9.00 Bingo 7 pm Ash Wednesday	SAL Sponsored Dinner 5:30-7:00 Steak, Chicken, Pork Chop or Shrimp \$6.50 Steak & Shrimp Combo \$9.00 Bingo 7 pm	COMING IN MARCH 2 & 3 Aux. Jackpot Casino Overnite 10th Birthday Dinner TBA Dist. Junior Conference	Meat Raffle 5:00 pm Bar Bingo 6:30 pm Legion Grill 5:00 - 8:30 pm Music 8:30-12:30 AM Gold	 FLAG DISPLAY DAYS February 12 February 19
Club Open 12-10 Bar Bingo 3:00 pm Bingo 7 pm Karaoke 6-9 pm Burgers/Fund Raiser 1-6 pm Color Guard	Executive Board Meeting 7:00 pm	SAL Sponsored Dinner 5:30-7:00 Steak, Chicken, Pork Chop or Shrimp \$6.50 Steak & Shrimp Combo \$9.00 Bingo 7 pm	Bingo 7 pm			