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"Christmas in July"

Past Commanders, Presidents & Directors Dinner

Wednesday, July 19, 2017

Upper Hall

Social Hour 5:00 PM (or before) - Dinner 6:30 PM

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FULL WED NIGHT MENU AVAILABLE
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(See MENU on CALENDAR PAGE)

***4th* ANNUAL *Collector Car & Bike Show* – JULY 12 – *AUGUST 2* 4 - 8 PM**
Anoka American Legion, 400 W Main St., Anoka, MN

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Adjutant's Notes

by Gary Munkholm

A big welcome to next year's Executive Committee voted in by the General Membership: **Commander, Doug Hookom; 1st Vice Commander, Gary Riemann; 2nd Vice Commander, Doug Sturgill; 3rd Vice Commander, Jared Sturgill; Finance Officer, Tim McLaughlin; Chaplain, Jim Urban; Sgt-at- Arms, Dan Soland; Historian, Aaron Bahe; Judge Advocate, Darrel Redepenning; 2 Year at Large, Jim Hays and Ray Turnquist.**
Positions of Adjutant and Post Service Officer are appointed by the Executive Committee.

It was good to see many of you at the Memorial Day Observance. We had well over 500 people attending. Many thanks to all for helping with the program as it took all of the Legion family to make it happen.

Chaplain, Jim Urban, was awarded the 10th District Chaplain's award at the District Convention.

A hearty welcome to the newest members of Anoka Post 102: Michael A Svercl, a Navy Vet sponsored by Doug Hookom; and Edward Myers, a Vietnam Vet sponsored by Cliff Newman. We hope to see you at future meetings and join us in fellowship during other times of the week.

Vice Commander Doug Hookom announced that the Post History is now on its own web site by accessing it on the internet using: http://centennial.legion.org/Minnesota/post102. This is results of the Post Centennial committee efforts.

A reminder that you can pay your dues online via the National Legion website, mail them in, or just drop them off with one of the bartenders.

As a Veteran. your membership in the American Legion is very important to us and our National Commander, when he addresses Congress or the White House to help solve Veteran problems. Always look at your membership with the American Legion as another way of showing our leaders that we care about how Veterans are being taken care of.

Gambling manager, Rick Oelschlager, presented the following list of donations during the last 2 months which were approved by the General Membership:

a. Anoka County 1st half property tax	$10,403
b. American Legion school awards	$2,000
c. Support Fisher House	$250
d. Anoka County Cougars special Olympics	$250
e. Anoka county Historical Society	$500
f. American Legion Family Hospital Association	$200
g. Fire Education coloring books	$200
h. City of Anoka July 4th Celebration	$500
i. Minnesota tax on gambling	$9,800
j. City of Anoka for Water & Light costs	$1,750
k. Center Point Energy for gas costs	$600
m. Assist needy Veterans & Families	$1,500
n. Emergency Money	$500

Post 102 extends sincere sympathy to the families of

GERALD V. SKORDAHL
Gerald was a 58 year member of The American Legion and a Korean Wat Veteran

GORDON R. BERQUIST
Gordon was a 46 year member of The American Legion and a World War II Veteran

RON'S GRILL
by Catering Central, Inc.

FRIDAYS

JULY 2017

7th - Fish Dinner +[2] - $10.00

14th - Taco Salad - $9.00

21st - Southwest Chicken Salad - $9.00

28th - Ham Steak +[2] - $10.00

AUGUST 2017

4th - Fish Dinner +[2] - $10.00

11th - Liver & Onions +[1] - $10.00

18th - 1/4 Chicken Dinner +[2] - $10.00

25th - Meat Loaf +[1] - $10.00

[1] *Mashed Potato, Gravy, Veg, Roll*
[2] *Potato, Veg, Roll, Butter*

Tax included on all the above.

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Commander
Ron Wolford

Legionnaires,

This will be my last newsletter for our post. The time I have been your commander has been a special privilege. Let me be the first to encourage you to be involved in your Legion.

Just being at the special events is very important, and I thank you for making these events well attended. This is your club, so please use it at your leisure. This year we lost twenty-seven members who will be very dearly missed. The loss of one member is devastating, let alone twenty-seven.

On the up side, the club is doing very well with new changes. A new women's bathroom is going in as I am writing this newsletter. The ships anchor was painted and, after twenty-five years, rededicated on Memorial Day. The eagle was repainted out front of the post. The parking lot will be repaved sometime this year. You all come out and see the improvements to your Post.

We have a very special group of officers being sworn in July. The incoming Commander has already got BOB FM 106.1 to broadcast from our post every other Thursday all summer.

All service people, ladies who qualify for the Auxiliary, all sons of Legionnaires, and motorcycle riders are welcome. If you don't qualify for those listed, you still may come to the American Legion Post. We welcome all of you to your Post.

God bless America!
Commander, Ron Wolford, Post 102

Anchor Re-dedication

A Special Thanks

Special Thanks to Ardy Hoogestraat, and family of William Hoogestraat, for the generous donation to our post. William was a 52 year member of our post. It's dedicated members and families like this that keep our post active, and continue to help us serve the community.

S.A.L. Commander
Tony Arellano

I would like to start my first newsletter thanking past 3 year Commander, Tim Dahlheimer, on a job well done.

My name is Tony Arellano. I am a Dual member of both The American Legion and SAL, and a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America, Anoka County, Charter #470.

As I start my first year as SAL Commander, I look forward to continuing our SAL programs. I will look forward to getting more SAL members involved in meetings and assisting in activities.

SAL will continue with our Wednesday night dinners; with our regular menu of steak, chicken fillets, shrimp, steak & shrimp, walleye fingers and fish. The first Wednesday of the month we serve a Prime Rib special, as well as other specials at various times. We serve from 5:30 to 7:00 pm. Come on in and check us out. The meals are great.

SAL Sunday Grill service will continue from 2:00 to 5:00 pm. Our Sunday menu consists of: walleye fingers, chicken wings, waffle fries, sidewinder (fries), onion rings, mozzarella sticks, mushrooms, shrimp, and fish or chicken sandwiches. SAL is looking to serve the Sunday Bingo crowd, as well as our regular guests.

I look forward to doing a good job as SAL Commander this coming year.

If you have any suggestions about things the SAL can do, please contact me through our Post.

Tony Arellano, SAL Commander

2017 Memorial Day Service

Chaplain's Corner

Jim Urban

I recently served on jury duty at the court house. It was very interesting and I was happy to do my duty. I've served before, and knew a little what to expect. I wondered during this time, if I was on trial for being a follower of Jesus Christ, would there be enough evidence to convict me? I pray that the verdict would come back as guilty of all charges. Would you be convicted?

By the time this article comes out, we will be past Memorial Day. We should give thanks to a fellow veteran every day, for what he or she has done to secure our freedoms. Even the protesters should give thanks for being able to assemble, whether right or wrong! So, we must stay strong and united to keep these freedoms. And with God's help we will be able to! And with our prayers, lets continue to ask God's help in keeping our great nation truly Great, and help for our government and president.

God Bless you all, Jim

Students Tour Anoka County Government Center

Twelve students in 11th grade at Anoka High School attended County Day at the Anoka County Government Center on April 24th. Students from Andover, Blaine and Fridley High Schools were also in attendance. This annual event is sponsored by the Anoka Post 102 American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary. Students attending County Day are candidates for Boys and Girls State, which takes place in June. While touring the government center, students met County Commissioners Matt Look and Scott Schulte. Also speaking to the group were County Attorney Tony Palumbo and County Sheriff James Stuart. The students also toured the 911 Central Communications area and the Anoka County Jail facility. Following the tour, the students were taken to the Anoka American Legion for lunch. Thanks to all who helped make this such an interesting and educational day for all the students.

Kathy Zwerdling, County Day Coordinator

2017 10TH DISTRICT CONVENTION

This years Convention was once again held at the Osseo Post on June 3rd and was well attended. The Anoka Post had 8 delegates (more than any other Post). District Commander, Bonnie Hanson, kept the agenda going well, though visiting candidates did get a little long-winded. Our new District Commander is Paul Hassing, from the Bloomington Post, and the new District President is Paul's wife, Jodi Hassing. We haven't had a husband / wife team as our District leaders for over 20 years. Our Post Jr. Past Commander, Ron Wolford, was re-elected as Anoka-Chisago District Vice-Commander and Darrel Redepenning was elected as Delegate to the National Convention.

Darrel Redepenning

IN NEED OF A RIDE?

Any member needing a ride to a Legion function or meeting, call:

Daryl Fields.....763-350-0429
Jim Urban.....763-300-0359
Ray Turnquist..763-350-1133
Gary Reimann..612-860-2533
Doug Hookom..763-227-8177

Anoka High School Auxiliarly Scholarships

May 10th, Unit 102 was honored to give 3 scholarships to 3 seniors graduating from Anoka High School. The first scholarship was given to Oduro Ongach, who will be attending Anoka Ramsey College and pursuing Nursing. The second scholarship was given to Morghan Park, who will be attending St. Olaf College. The third scholarship is the Netha B. Feist Memorial Scholarship, and that was given to Isabelle Brezinka, who will be attending the University of Minnesota Duluth. Presenting that scholarship was Netha's son, Richard Feist. These students are all very appreciative of the scholarships they have received.

Kathy Zwerdling, Education Chairman

Kathy Zwerdling with: [L>R] Isabelle Brezinka and Richard Feist (Netha's son), Odura Ongach & Morgan Park

President's Column

Diane Wolford

Greetings Auxiliary Sisters,

This will be my last column as president. The year has gone by really fast.

At the May meeting, the following people were elected as officers for the 2017 – 2018 year:President, Sue Nunnelee; 1st Vice President, Lynette Pavin; 2nd Vice President, Sandy Arellano; Secretary, Jan Reiter; Historian, Karen Orr; Sgt-at-Arms, Cathy Newman; Jr. Past President, Diane Wolford; Executive Board, Ashley Swanson and Jean Parvey. I (Diane) have volunteered to be chaplain for 2017 -2018.

Plaques awarded at 10th District Convention, held at Osseo, MN on June 3, 2017, are as follows: Children and Youth Award, Co-chairman Joni Mika and Denise Vickers; Past President Parley, Chairman Betty Erickson; History plaque, Karen Orr; Department Outstanding entry, Karen Orr; Thompson-Kropuenske Service to Veterans Award, Lynette Pavin.

I just want to say that I have enjoyed serving as president this past year. I've had great support from a lot of good people. Before my year began, as I looked out among all the ladies, mostly past-presidents, I thought, " here's a terrific group of ladies who will always have my back so that I won't mess up too badly." Now that my year has come to an end, I look at the same group of ladies...and….well……uh……

I KNOW that you're a really great group and it has been an honor to be your president.

Diane Wolford, President, God Bless our Troops!

10th District Auxiliary Convention

In Memoriam

Delores Marie (Bross) Cool

Delores, a 27 year Auxiliary member for 2016, was born June 18, 1944 and passed away May 3, 2017 in Lino Lakes.

Edward B. Cutter Unit 102 extends its sympathy to Delores's family, including 10 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren.

A memorial in Delores's name was sent by Unit 102 to The American Legion Brain Science Foundation.

Lorraine Joan Redman

Lorraine, a 5 year Auxiliary member for 2016, was born September 26, 1925 and passed away May 19, 2017.

Edward B. Cutter Unit 102 extends its sympathy to Lorraine's family and many friends.

A memorial in Lorraine's name was sent by Unit 102 to The American Legion Brain Science Foundation.

Past Presidents Parley

The annual lunch honoring Unit 102 Gold Star Mothers was May 17th at Billy's, with 14 attending; 4 Past Presidents, President Diane, 50 year member Mary Sell, and guest of honor, Gold Star Mother Nancy Dehn. Our other Gold Star Mothers; Ruth LeNoue, was unable to attend; and Jeanne Pospich lives in Bullhead City, Arizona. Our good wishes and prayers are with them.

Each Past President gave a brief and "very interesting" short story of her Commander. Hopefully, more past presidents will be able to attend this annual lunch in the future... it is Special. I had invited all members with 50 years or more to participate with us. Again, maybe next year.

Our "Christmas in July" is planned for Wednesday, July 19 at the Post: in Commanders Hall - Social 5:00 pm (or before) - dinner at 6:30 pm. ALL PAST Presidents, Post Commanders, SAL Commanders and ALR Directors are very welcome to attend. (See Full Information elsewhere in this issue.)

Betty Erickson (Chairman), Cathy Westlund,
Kathy Zwerdling

Jan's Jottings

by Jan Reiter

MAY

The regular meeting of Edward B. Cutter American Legion Auxiliary was held on Tuesday, May 2, 2017. The April 4, 2017, minutes were approved. The annual Junior/Senior pot luck supper was held with the new Girl Staters talking about Anoka County Days. We had a guest and a transfer member, Kathie Myers and Judy Kummula, attend the meeting. Welcome ladies.

New Business: Cathy Newman (Funeral chairman) moved to have the price of the funeral meals go up to $3.00 a meal and have it reassessed later. Nancy Bever volunteered to be a 3rd chairman for the funeral committee. Approved. Delegates nominated for District convention were Diane Wolford, Donna Redepenning, Suzanne Nunnelee, Cathy Newman, Lynette Pavin ,Sandy Arellano, Kathy Zwerdling and Betty Erickson. Approved.

JUNE

The regular meeting of Edward B. Cutter American Legion Auxiliary was held on Tuesday, June 6, 2017. The May 2, 2017, minutes were approved. Darrel Redepenning came in and spoke about installation, on June 15th.

Unfinished Business: Jenny reminded everyone of the Legion Riders Legacy runs in June and July and this goes to the Legacy Scholarship. Sue moved to donate $100 to the Legacy Scholarship for the Riders. Approved.

New Business: We received 4 awards at District Convention. They are the Hamilton Children and Youth award, by Joni Mika and Denise Vickers; Chapman History Plaque and Department Outstanding Entry, by Karen Orr; Past Presidents Parley by Betty Erickson and Service to Veterans Award by Lynette Pavin. Congratulations ladies. Delegates nominated for Department Convention were Diane Wolford, Donna Redepenning, Cathy Newman and Betty Redepenning. Approved.

Memorial Service

Following the meeting, a Unit Memorial Service was conducted by President Diane and Chaplain Darlene for the following deceased members: Doris Adkins - Aug 18, 2016 - 64 yrs/2016 - Past President; Dorothy Batco - Sep 2, 2016 - 29 yrs/2016; Mary Blue - Jan 1, 2017 - 46 yrs/2017; Delores Cool - May 5, 2017 - 27 yrs/2017 - 27 yrs/2016; LaVerne Grosslein - Jan 2, 2017 - 57 yrs/2017 - Past President; Lorraine Redman - May 19, 2017 - 6 yrs/2016.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Americanism: Lynette Pavin sent around box for not wearing the auxiliary pin. She collected $12.00 in the box. June 14th is Flag Day, fly your flags.

Education: May 10th was scholarship night at Anoka High School and Kathy Zwerdling handed out three scholarships from the Auxiliary. Two $500 and one $750 were given out.

Girls State: County Day was April 24th and Kathy Zwerdling thanked everyone who helped drive, brought food and served food. The Girls Staters spoke on their time at the Government Center. It was moved to have Brooke Holloway, Natalie Meinhardt, Abby Miller and Gina Wilson attend Girls State. Approved. Kathy Zwerdling moved to give our Girls Staters some spending money. Approved. We have 9 of them going, with 4 from our Unit and other Units sponsoring the others. The five added were: Libby Hinrichs, Grace Novack, Kjersten Jones, Afrianna Warden and Kelly McSherry. Girls State starts on June 11th.

Leadership: Jan Reiter thanked everyone who brought their reports back and she was able to get them in on time to Department office. Jan Reiter reminded everyone to take notes over the summer for our reports.

Membership: We are at GOAL + 1, (307). Please pay your 2018 dues as soon as you receive your notice in September.

National Security: Jean is still trying to schedule a CPR,AED training session.

Nominating Committee: Diane Wolford presented the following for the Unit's election.

President: Sue Nunnelee
Treasurer: Jeanene Hays
1st Vice President: Lynette Pavin
2nd Vice President: Sandy Arellano
Executive Board: Jean Parvey, Ashley Swanson
Sgt at Arms: Cathy Newman

These ladies were elected to their prospective offices.

Poppy: Sue Nunnelee said that May 19-20th are poppy days and we need help. We started selling Large Poppy cards April 21st. Jan Reiter did 1,000 poppy letters on April 18th and thanked everyone that helped. Sue Nunnelee thanked everyone, including the Legionnaires that helped us make this all possible.

Service for Veterans: Bingo at Golden Living Center in Anoka was on June 14th. at 2:30pm, and is ongoing for the summer months. Please save commemorative stamps for the Auxiliary.

VA& R Cathy Newman moved to have $30 to play 6-5-4- at the VA.. Approved.

Anoka Auxiliary reaches GOAL + 1

Thanks to all 307 of our members (37 juniors and 270 seniors) who made this happen! The final 25 were turned in at District Convention is Osseo on June 3rd (the Unit may receive an incentive award for this- we'll find out).

Thanks to those members (6 this year) paying their dues online- (see address elsewhere in this issue). Also, members who mail or drop off their dues as soon as they receive their notice (probably in September), I really appreciate!

Don't forget- your Early Bird Dinner is in October for ALL (Juniors & Seniors) who renew by that date - to be announced later.

Betty Erickson, Chairman

AUXILIARY MEMBERS

[PAY YOUR DUES ONLINE]
www.alaforveterans.org

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by Catering Central, Inc.

Every Tuesday, Thursday & Friday
Grill Open 5:00 – 8:30 pm
[Regular Grill Menu Available]

THURSDAYS

BBQ Ribs ~ Texas Toast ~ Cole Slaw ~ Potato
Full Rack $15.00 Half Rack $13.00

Tax included on all the above.

Poppy Days

Once again we had a successful Poppy Days Program with over 3,000 poppies distributed during the month of May. Thanks to the many members that responded to the Poppy Letter that was mailed the 1st week in May, and to the volunteers that were willing to give their time by distributing poppies on Poppy Days, May 19th & 20th.

We had 30 American Legion family members distributing poppies on Poppy Days, which included 7 husband and wife teams. I want to thank the following Legionnaires / S.A.L. members who helped distribute poppies on Friday and/or Saturday: Commander Ron Wolford, Jim Urban, Sam Orr, Jim Hays. Gary Reimann, Aaron Bahe, Cliff Newman, Doug Hookom, Tony Arellano, Greg Clark, Charles Donaldson, Darrel Redepenning, Al Springer, and Ray Turnquist. Thanks to the following Auxiliary members who also distributed poppies those days: President Diane Wolford, Cathy Newman, Karen Orr, Bev Reimann, Carol Turnquist, Betty Urban, Darlene Thell, Barb Ridge, Jean Parvey, Donna Redepenning, Cathy Westlund, Jan Reiter, Kathy Zwerdling and Dawn Springer. Thanks to Jeanene Hays for collecting the money, and helping with Poppy bucket distribution.

Jan Reiter would like to thank, Cathy Newman, Nancy and Les Bever, Barb Ridge, Karen Orr and Jean Parvey for helping with the Poppy mailing. Also thanks to the Pull Tab workers, and bar manager and workers, for their support during the month of May!

Finally, Thank You to all those that support the Poppy Program in one way or another! Donations are still being accepted from anyone that may have forgotten to send in theirs in. It is never too late to help our veterans! Your donation may either be dropped at the Legion or mailed to the Post (400 W Main, Anoka MN 55303) in care of Jan Reiter.

Sue Nunnelee and Jan Reiter, Poppy Program Co-Chairmen

Anoka County Veterans Council
4th of July
Flag Raising Ceremony
2017

Tuesday, JULY 4, 2017

Anoka County Courthouse

6:30 AM - Assemble
7:00 AM - Ceremony

Coffee & Donuts provided by
American Legion Post 102

PLEASE JOIN US

POST 102 Centennial Website

http://centennial.legion.org/minnesota/post102

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.

Edward B. Cutter Post 102 Event Calendar

2017

WEEKLY RECURRING EVENTS

SUN 4:00 pm **Bar Bingo | Club Open Noon-10 pm
SUN 2:00-5:00 pm SAL Grill Open
TUE 5:00-8:30 pm Grill Open | 6:30 pm **Bar Bingo
WED 5:30-7:00 pm- SAL Dinner /
1st WED of Month = Prime Rib Special
THU 5:00-8:30 pm Ron's Ribs / Grill Open
FRI 5:00-8:30 pm- Grill Open
5:30 pm- Meat Raffle | 7:00 pm- **Bar Bingo

!! UNDER 21 NOT ALLOWED IN LOUNGE DURING **BAR BINGO !!

MONTHLY RECURRING EVENTS

JULY

11 TUE 7:00 pm General Mtgs (NO AUXILIARY)
12 WED 2:15 pm Auxiliary Bingo @ Golden Living
18 TUE 7:00 pm House & Entertainment Mtg
19 WED 7:00 pm Chapter 102 ALR Mtg
25 TUE 7:00 pm Exec Board Mtg

AUGUST

1 TUE 7:00 pm General Mtgs (NO AUXILIARY)
7 MON 7:00 pm Legion Bingo @ Golden Living
8 TUE 7:00 pm Post Newsletter Mtg
9 WED 2:15 pm Auxiliary Bingo @ Golden Living
16 WED 7:00 pm Chapter 102 ALR Mtg
22 TUE 7:00 pm House & Entertainment Mtg
29 TUE 7:00 pm Exec Board Mtg

OTHER EVENTS

6 THU Bob-FM (on patio)
12 WED (4th Annual) – 2ND Car Show | 4-8 pm – Anoka
13-15 THU-SAT Department Convention- Mahnomen
19 WED PAST Post & SAL Commanders, Presidents, & ALR Directors Dinner – Social 5 pm, Dinner 6:30
20 THU Bob-FM (on patio)

2 WED (4th Annual) – 3RD Car Show | 4-8 pm – Anoka
3 THU Bob-FM (on patio)
17 THU Bob-FM (on patio)

COMING IN SEPTEMBER

5 TUE 7:00 pm Auxiliary Membership Mtg
6 WED (4th Annual) – 4TH Car Show | 4-8 pm – Anoka
7-10 THU-SUN Legionville Camp-O-Ree

THIS DAY IN HISTORY - Holidays

2 Jul *1926 – US Army Air Corp established*
4 Jul Independence Day
21 Jul *1969 – First Moon walk*
27 Jul *1953 – Korean Armistice signed*
28 Jul *1914 – WW I began*

1 Aug *Air Force Day*
2 Aug *1990 – Invasion of Kuwait*
4 Aug *1920 – Us Coast Guard established*
7 Aug *Purple Heart Day*
14 Aug *1945 – VJ Day*
16 Aug *National Airborne Day*
19 Aug *National Aviation Day*
20 Aug *National Navajo Code Talkers Day*
26 Aug Women's Equality Day

Flag Flying Days - * denotes half staff