GUEST SPEAKER FOR MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE

BRIGADIER GENERAL GERALD E. LANG
DEPUTY COMMANDER
34TH INFANTRY "RED BULL" DIVISION
ROSEMOUNT, MINNESOTA

Brigadier General Lang is the Deputy Commander 34th Infantry Division, Minnesota Army National Guard, Rosemount, Minnesota.

Brigadier General Lang was born in Milaca, Minnesota, in 1952. He was a 1970 graduate of Milaca High School and completed basic training at Fort Dix, NJ, and AIT at Aberdeen Proving Grounds, MD. Brigadier General Lang has deployed overseas to Bosnia/Herzegovina where he served as the Deputy Commander for Multi-National Brigade (North) a NATO Stabilization Force (SFOR) mission for Operation joint Forge. Brigadier General Lang took his position as Deputy Commanding General, 34th Infantry Division, in September 2005. Brigadier General Lang is the Vice-President of the Concrete Products Division for Knife River Corporation, one of Minnesota's largest ready-mix concrete corporations with plants throughout Minnesota. Gerald and his wife, Ingrid, live in Sauk Rapids, MN, and have two daughters, Linnea and Erika.

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ADJUTANT'S NOTES

by Gary Munkholm

A hearty welcome to the 2 newest members of Anoka Post 102, James Miller and George Loughry. We hope to see you at future meetings and join us in fellowship during other times of the week.

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

Anoka Historical Society	$500
AL Hospital Association	$200
Anoka Senior Class Party	$300
Andover Senior Class Party	$100
School Patrol poncho's for Franklin School	$150
Special Olympics	$200
Muskie's for Veterans	$100
Assist needy Veterans or Families	$1,500
Emergency Money	$500

The club voted to spend up to $4,000 to replace existing club house lighting with new energy efficient bulbs and ballasts. With the available energy rebates the cost to the club will be approximately $1,000 and Frank Menter will chair the committee to install them. Let Frank know if you can help with this project. Frank is also trying to get some volunteers to take turns cutting our clubhouse lawn during the summer months. Our Post owns 2 lawnmowers and we just need some help guiding them across the grass. Call Frank at 763-421-7277 if you can help with either of these projects.

Don't forget to put the upcoming Memorial Day service on your calendar. This event takes our complete Legion Family to make it happen so be sure to ask someone how you can help. We have asked Wayne Wallace to chair this ceremony as he has done in past years. This special day has grown to be one of our biggest events of the year through everyone's efforts.

THANK YOU

To all my friends:

As I close one chapter in my life, and move on to the next, I wish to express my appreciation for the kindness and consideration that has been extended to me over the years. My 36 years with the Veterans Service Office for Anoka County have been, and will always be, most memorable to sat the least.

It has been my pleasure and honor to have had the privilege to be of service to the veteran community.

I know that you will extend to my successor, Allison Lister, the same courtesy, kindness, friendships, and assistance that you have given to me for so many, many years.

Duane R. Krueger

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Anoka County VSO (Retired)

Anoka Law Enforcement Memorial and Open House

Our annual memorial service and police station open house will be held on Thursday, May 13 from 2 to 4 pm at the Public Safety Center located at 275 Harrison St.

The highlight of the event will be a K-9 demonstration at 2:45 pm and a short memorial service and wreath laying for APD Officer Verl Whinnery who was killed in the line of duty in 1948.

Stop by the Public Safety Center for a station tour, visit our displays, pick up some give-aways, and enjoy refreshments.

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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.

☐ Mother ☐ Grandmother
☐ Wife ☐ Great-Granddaughter
☐ Sister ☐ Self
☐ Daughter (step-relative also apply)
☐ Granddaughter

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

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Commander's Column
Gregg Werbowski

We had a great send-off for Duane Krueger on March 29th given by co-workers of his from Anoka County. A lot of presentations given. The SAL did a super job on the food.

At our general membership meeting held April 6 we welcomed and initiated some of our new members. Hope to see everyone around the Club in the coming months.

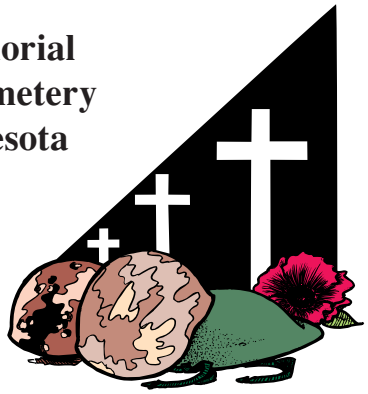
10th District Commander Tess Davis testimonial was held April 10th in Princeton. It was my first testimonial that I have attended, it was very interesting.

Hope to see everyone around the Club.

Remember: Let's Soar Like An Eagle.

MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE

Veterans Memorial
Forest Hills Cemetery
Anoka, Minnesota



Monday
May 31, 2010
10:00 A.M.

Last Monday in May
We pause to remember those who died
With so much courage,
So much pride.
They'll never come back,
But memories endure
To remind us of freedom: fragile, pure.
We're worthy of their sacrifice
If we pause each day
Not just on the last Monday in May

S.A.L. NEWS
Commander Charlie Heemer
Whatever it Takes

We would like to welcome Jack Everett to the Wednesday night SAL cooking team. Stop by the kitchen and say hello, Jack. Also welcome home snowbirds. We have missed you.

We gave a donation of $50 to Meals on Wheels. We also gave the Legion the new decals that are on the entrance doors - for their birthday gift.

Don't forget the 10th District Convention is at Osseo the 21st to 23rd of May. If interested in attending please contact me or Al Amundson.

Poppy Days are the 14th and 15th of May. Volunteers are needed to go out and distribute Poppies.

Membership dues can still be paid for 2010. If not paid, your newspaper copy has been discontinued. Don't forget, if you move, see me so I can put in your change of address to make sure you continue getting your newspaper.

Memorial Day Service to be held May 31 at 10:00 am. I would like to see a good SAL turnout to pay their respect for our fallen veterans.

Nominations for new officers at our next meeting May 4th.

Additions to our SAL
Wednesday Dinner Specials include:

May 5 & 19
Prime Rib ~ $9.50

May 12 & 26
Country Fried Steak ~ $8.00

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.

Only $6.00!

PANCAKE BEAKFAST
Anoka American Legion Post 102
SUNDAY, MAY 16th ~ 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Pancakes ~ eggs ~ Sausage ~ juice ~ Milk ~ coffee

Proceeds to help support Junior Legion Baseball!!

Poppy Days

Poppy Days are fast approaching! Once each year, Americans observe Poppy Day, which is a voluntary tribute to our deceased and disabled servicemen and women. We must not forget our Veterans!

Our contributions have been declining the past couple of years so this year a special letter will be going out to all Auxiliary members asking for each ones support. Monitory support is needed as well as volunteers to help distribute poppies on Poppy Day, which is May 14th and 15th. I will also be seeking help from the SAL, Legion Members, and Legion Riders for Poppy Distribution.

Poppy cards will be available in the Post Club Rooms. When you are at the Post ask for one and put your name on it for a donation.

All Poppy funds go to support programs at the VA Hospitals, the Minnesota Veterans Home, Minnesota Stand Down, Anoka County Veterans Job Training and Transportation programs and much more.

Wearing a Poppy came to mean honoring the dead And helping the living.

If you can help anytime on May 14th and 15th – even for an hour or two I would appreciate a phone call or if you are willing to help distribute cards at the club at the Wednesday night Steak Fry or the Friday night Bingo please let me know. I can be reached at 763-754-3800.

Thank you in advance for any contribution you may make to this worthwhile fund raiser.

I am also submitting a poppy poem that has been one of my favorites. Hope you enjoy it too. Hang it on your refrigerator as a reminder of our continuing freedom we enjoy because of the many Veterans that have served our country.

Sandy Phillips ~ Poppy Chairman

The Inquisitive Mind Of a Child

Why are they selling poppies, mummy?
Selling poppies in town today
The poppies, child are flowers of love
For the men who marched away
But, why have they chosen a poppy, mummy?
Why not a beautiful rose?
Because, my child, men fought and died
In the fields where the poppies grow
But why are the poppies so red, mummy?
Why are the poppies red?
Red is the color of blood, my child
The blood our soldiers shed
The heart of the poppy is black, mummy
Why does it have to be black?
Black my child, is the symbol of grief
For the men who never came back
But, why mummy, are you crying so?
Your tears are giving you pain
My tears are my fears for you my child
For the world is FORGETTING AGAIN

In the photo are Gary Munkholm, Trixie Bezenar, Larry & Sandy Phillips, Bill Golden, Cliff Newman and Darlene Thell.

WELCOME HOME

Several members of Post 102 Legion Family welcomed home the 87 members of the Anoka based National Guard E Battery 151st Field Artillery unit on Wednesday March 31st at the Lord of Life Church in Ramsey.

It was an awesome experience to welcome home these soldiers. There were flags galore along with hundreds of motorcycles from the Patriot Guard and Legion Riders. We all waited patiently for the 2 buses to arrive as we had conflicting times of their arrival. They were escorted in by the fire and police departments from the surrounding communities. It was so exciting to see the families being reunited after a year of separation.

As we were departing for our cars a young soldier that we had visited earlier tracked down Larry Phillips and presented him with his 82nd Airborne Patches, as Larry had told him earlier that he also served with the 82nd! He told Larry that those patches have been around the world! This was truly touching and brought tears to the eyes of us that witnessed this.

Thank you troops for serving and welcome home.

Sandy Phillips

President's Column
Darlene Thell

I've had another busy and fun month. I attended the 10th District Junior Conference on March 27th. New officers were installed and the theme was "Juniors Racing Into Patriotism." An area race car driver brought his race car and parked it near the door. The girls sat in the car and asked questions. Fun time at the Fridley Legion.

On March 29th I had the pleasure of taking part in the retirement celebration, honoring Duane Krueger, Director of Anoka County Veteran Services, at our Anoka Legion. It was a beautiful evening attended by many.

I was there at the Lord of Life Church parking lot on March 31st when the Anoka based National Guard E Battery 151st Field Artillery Unit was welcomed home with beautiful honors. Our veterans and our military are our heroes. Let's always support them, and remember them.

I attended our 10th District Commander Tess Davis testimonial dinner on April 10th. It was a fun evening attended by quite a lot of our Post, SAL and Auxiliary members.

We have our Auxiliary Jr./Sr. Pot Luck with Girls County-State at 6:30 pm at our Unit meeting evening May 4th. Our meeting and election will follow. Please come members. Anoka High School scholarship night is on May 12th and Poppy Days are May 14-15. Please volunteer to help honor our veterans by handing out poppies. Thank You.

ANOKA UNIT 102
REACHES GOAL - 375 - MARCH 23
and
ALL TIME HIGH - 376 - APRIL 7
THANK YOU ALL!

Auxiliary Jr/Sr Pot Luck

May 4th will be the Jr/Sr Auxiliary Pot Luck Dinner at 6:30 pm. All Auxiliary members are invited to come. Bring a dish to pass and enjoy a great meal before our monthly meeting. Our 3 Girls State candidates will be attending this dinner.

Kathy Zwerdling
Girls State Chairman

JAN'S JOTTINGS

by Jan Reiter

The regular meeting of Edward B. Cutter American Legion Auxiliary was held on Tuesday, April 6, 2010 at 7:00 pm.

Americanism: Lynette sent a box around for $.50 for those who did not wear their auxiliary pin. Remember to fly your flags everyday at half staff if a local soldier has passed.

Education: Kathy Zwerdling found another place to put the Netha Feist scholarship money. It is a simple annuity account and it will pay 3% if we leave it in 7 years. It will never go below 3%. We can take out the $500 each year with no penalty. A motion was made to go ahead and put the money into the simple annuity account at Wells Fargo. Passed.

Fund Raising: A Casino trip to Turtle Lake on May 15th. Lenora handed out the flower certificates to Auxiliary members. So if you would like to let some Auxiliary member know.

Girls State: Kathy Zwerdling said she will be interviewing the girls that are eligible for Girls State. County Day is April 22nd at 8:30.

Home Service: Lynette Pavin said keep saving post cards and stamps.

Juniors: The District Conference was March 27 in Fridley; 10th Dist. President Sam Odegard of Anoka presided. April 9th will be Junior Department Conference in Waite Park. A couple of juniors made entries for the conference. At the Legion birthday dinner we had 2 juniors help pass out the cake and one of them made a presentation at the dinner. At the dinner Brooke Newman did sign language to the Pledge of Allegiance.

Membership: Betty reported that for the 2010 year, Anoka Unit had 12 new members, 2 tranfers, 2 Jr to Sr. members, 2 changed to VIM members for a total of 325 senior members and 51 junior members. Our goal (374) was reached on March 23 and our All-time-high (376) was reached March 31.

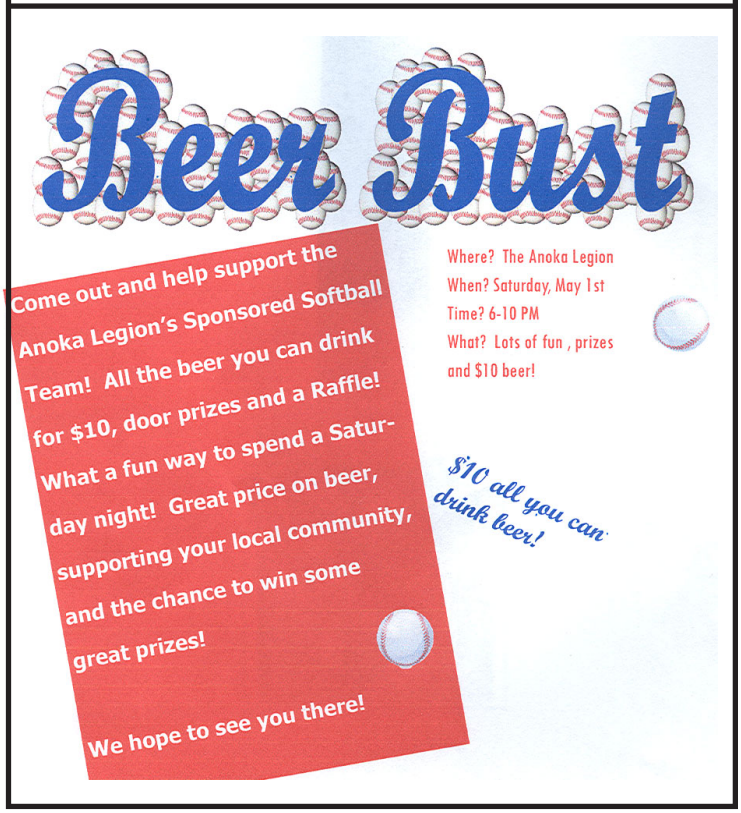
Nominating Committee: Nominated for the 2010 year are as follows: Pres.-Darlene Thell, 1st Vice Pres. - Norah Wyman, 2nd Vice Pres. - Deb Mayasich, Ex. Committee - Lynette Pavin and Joyce Jelle, Treasurer - Jeanene Hays and Sgt.-at-Arms - Mary Hamilton.

Past President's Parley: Karen Orr said next month they will set a date for the Gold Star Mother dinner. She is working on the history of the Unit for the last 90 years for the National history of the Auxiliary.

Poppy: Sandy Phillips will send out Poppy letters with a Poppy in them, asking for a donation to this program. This will go out before Poppy days May 14-15.

VA&R: Cathy Newman reported that she and Pres. Darlene took all the items for the VA Shower to the VAMC. It totaled $2,554. She thanked everyone who brought these items for veterans.

New Business: Pot Luck will be at the May 4th meeting along with future Girl Staters. Sandy Phillips and Darlene Thell were at the homecoming of the troops in Ramsey. They said the Patriot Guards and Legion Riders were lined up on the road holding flags for the troops when the buses pulled into the parking lot. Cathy Newman held a memorial service for our 4 members who passed away this last year. The were: Della McArdle, a 51 year member and past Unit President; Rae Girffin, Gold Star Mother; Margaret Lisle, a 12 year member and Gold Star Mother, Netha Feist, a 61 year member and past Unit and 10th District President.



The first memorial poppies distributed by The American Legion and Auxiliary following World War I were made of silk by French widows and war orphans. But poppy manufacturing was soon turned over to disabled veterans in this country. Hospitalized U.S. veterans in Minnesota produced the first memorial poppies made in this country in 1922.

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS

-Matt Berens

I just got off the motorcycle after a run to Lake Mille Lacs, and am happy to report that bike weather is continually improving.

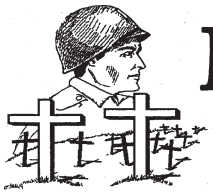
The 45th Annual Flood Run was held on April 17th, with the Tenth District of the American Legion Riders as one of the primary sponsors. The route was from Prescott, Wisconsin to Wabasha, Minnesota. All proceeds from the Run benefit Gillette Children's Hospital, and a good time was had by all in downtown Wabasha that Saturday evening.

Our second annual Anoka Legion Riders Hog Roast is quickly approaching on **June 5th**, and we are currently looking for donations for our silent auction. Contact me for details. For those interested, tickets will be 8.00 in advance and 10.00 at the door, and we will be serving from Noon to 4pm.

Thanks to the expertise of Webmaster Allen Amundson, the **A.L.R. events schedule is now available** in a printable format on the web site, **www.anokalegion.org**. Just click on AL Riders on the left side, and then click on A.L.R. Events in the top center. You are immediately up to speed on all the great events going on this riding season.

Do you or someone you know belong to the Legion Family, and have a motorcycle larger than 350cc's? If so, we'd love to see you out on the road with us supporting Veterans all over Minnesota. Call me at 763-257-6251. Ride Safe!

IN REMEMBRANCE



Memorial Day Services

Saturday, May 29, 2010

10:00 A.M.
Morningside Memorial Gardens
11800 University Avenue N.W.
Coon Rapids, Minnesota

11:30 A.M.
Bunker Hills Park
Foley Blvd. & Main Street (CSA #14)
Coon Rapids, Minnesota

Presented By:
The Veteran's Organizations of Anoka County

LEST WE FORGET

Everyone is invited to attend the family picnic following the ceremonies at Bunker Hills Park provided by he Anoka County Veterans Council.

Twins Sold Out

The American Legion Family Day at the Twins has been sold out. No more tickets are available.

– MN Legionnaire

Veterans Career Fair

The annual Minnesota Veterans Career Fair 2010 will be held Wednesday, May 5, from 11 am to 3 pm at the Earle Brown Heritage Center at 6155 Earle Brown Drive in Brooklyn Park.

Employers and counselors will be available. Bring your resume.

– MN Leionnaire

Poppy Day, an annual memorial to the war dead and disabled veteran, is sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary. By "wearing a poppy" on Poppy Day, each American can honor the sacrifice made by our service men and women while assisting the living.

Legionville Work and Play

This year's Legionville Work and Play has been extended to every weekend in May. Housing or camp/trailer sites are available to volunteers and breakfast and dinner will be served each day.

For more information, or to make arrangements contact Mike Neubarth, general manager, at 507-430-1221. His email is campmanager@legionville.org.

Those who would consider volunteering are asked to fill out the following information form.

Legionville Volunteer Information Sheet

Name: _____

Address: _____

_____

Phone: _____

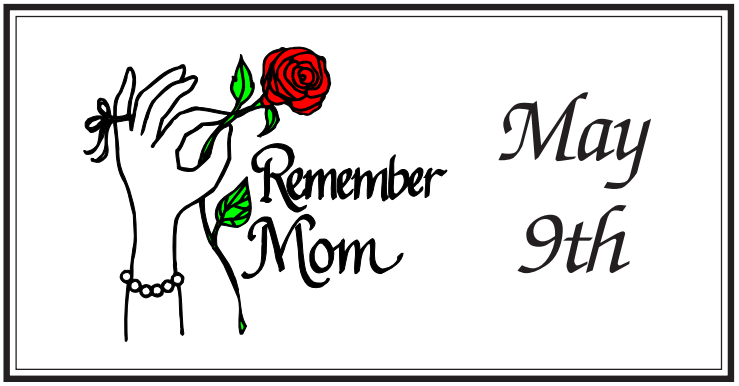
Date available: May _____ Sept. _____ Both _____

Please check all that apply to your skills:

☐ Carpenter	☐ Electrical	☐ Plumbing
☐ Painting	☐ Yard Work	☐ Tree Trim
☐ Wood split	☐ Cleaning	

Return information to:
Michael Neubarth, General Manager
9544 Legionville Rd., Brainerd, MN 56401
campmanager@legionville.org

– MN Leionnaire



VA Shower Update

A big thank you to all members that made a donation for our Annual VA Shower to the VA Hospital. Along with the items the Auxiliary and past presidents made, we had a total of $2,554 credited to our Auxiliary. So see, your little something you donated all counts up when put together.

Thank you to all so much and the veterans it helps.

VA&R Chairman
Cathy Newman

The American Legion Auxiliary adopted the poppy as the Memorial Flower at the organization's first convention in Kansas City in 1921. After taking this action, the Auxiliary pledged that 100 % of the Poppy Day contributions would go to welfare work for service men (and women) and members of their families.

Credits: Anoka historical items from past years of the Fred Moore Middle School Calendar Club.

MAY 2010

POPPY MONTH

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
COMING IN JUNE 1 Elections / Post & SAL meetings 1 Election Dept. delegates / Aux. Meeting 5 Legion Riders Hog Roast 9 Twin Rivers Bingo 2:15 / Jrs. wanted 13-19 Girls State / Bethel College 13-19 Boys State / Marshall		15 Home Opener / Anoka Jr. Legion Baseball 20 Fathers Day 25-27 SAL Detachment Convention / Legionville TBA Post / Unit / SAL Installation TBA Past Pres / Gold Star / 50 yr. members TBA Pres. Darlene's dinner		Every Thursday & Friday Grill Open 5:00 – 8:30 pm	1st Friday Each Month BLOODMOBILE	Beer Bust 6-10 pm at Anoka 102 Post sponsored / Mens Softball Team 1
Club Open 12-10 Bar Bingo 3:00 pm 2	*90 years ago* *May 1920:* *Knights of Columbus council #2018 is started – 83 members.* 3	Post General Mem. Post Everlasting 7:30 pm S.A.L. Mtg. 7:00 pm Auxiliary Jr./Sr. Pot Luck w/ Girls County-State 6:30 pm Meeting/Election Following 4	SAL Sponsored Dinner 5:30-7:00 Steak, Chicken, or Stuffed Shrimp $7.50 Steak & Shrimp Combo $10.00 5	Bar Bingo 7:00 pm 6	Meat Raffle 5:00 pm Bar Bingo 6:30 pm 7	*80 years ago* *May 1930:* *Health Day Program to be held by All Anoka Schools in Goodrich Memorial Park.* 8
Club Open 12-10 Bar Bingo 3:00 pm **MOTHER'S DAY** 9	*80 years ago* *May 14, 1930:* *Choo-Choo Grill opens in basement of Witte's Drug Store (2nd & Main).* 10	NEWSPAPER MEETING 7:00 pm *May 11, 1858:* *MN officially became 32nd State* 11	SAL Sponsored Dinner 5:30-7:00 Steak, Chicken, or Stuffed Shrimp $7.50 Steak & Shrimp Combo $10.00 Aux. Twin Rivers Bingo 2:15 pm 12	Bar Bingo 7:00 pm *Law Enforcement Memorial Day* 13	**POPPY DAYS** Meat Raffle 5:00 pm Bar Bingo 6:30 pm 14	Aux. Bus to Turtle Lake 10 am 15
Club Open 12-10 Bar Bingo 3:00 pm Jr. Legion Baseball Pancake Breakfast 9-1 16	*50 years ago* *May 1960:* *Triangle Park renamed Aaron Greenwald Park (near Thurstons).* 17	House & Ent. Meeting 7:00 pm 18	SAL Sponsored Dinner 5:30-7:00 Steak, Chicken, or Stuffed Shrimp $7.50 Steak & Shrimp Combo $10.00 Legion Riders 7 pm 19	Bar Bingo 7:00 pm 20	Meat Raffle 5:00 pm Bar Bingo 6:30 pm 21	Dist. Convention Osseo-Maple Grove Dept. Pres. Marsha Bible Testimonial Waite Park 22
Dist. Convention Osseo-Maple Grove Club Open 12-10 Bar Bingo 3:00 pm 23	Victoria Day (Canada) 24	Executive Board Meeting 7:00 pm 25	SAL Sponsored Dinner 5:30-7:00 Steak, Chicken, or Stuffed Shrimp $7.50 Steak & Shrimp Combo $10.00 26	Bar Bingo 7:00 pm 27	Veterans Flags Local Cemetaries 5 pm Meat Raffle 5:00 pm Bar Bingo 6:30 pm 28	Morningside Memorial Gardens 10 am Bunker Hills Park Picnic 11:30 am 29
Club Open 12-10 Bar Bingo 3:00 pm 30	Memorial Day Serivce 10:00 AM Veterans Memorial Forest Hills Cemetary Anoka Club Open 11 am – 7 pm 31	Memorial Day Service 10:00 am - Veterans Memorial, Forest Hills Cemetary, Anoka The program includes patriotic music by the North Suburban Concert Band, recitations by local 5th graders, guest speaker and placing of memorial wreaths. Posting of Colors by The American Legion and National Guard, Firing Squad, Taps. Free coffee, pop and cookies for those who attend the program. Post, Auxiliary, SAL members and those who took part in the service are invited to the Post Clubrooms for a light lunch.			**FLAG DISPLAY DAYS** May 9 - Mothers Day May 13 Peace Officers Memorial Day (half staff until sunset) May 15 - Armed Forces Day May 31- Memorial Day (half staff until noon)	