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Persian Gulf War	August 2, 1990 to date of cessation
Panama	December 20, 1989 to January 31, 1990
Grenada/Lebanon	August 24, 1982 to July 31, 1984
Vietnam War	February 28, 1961 to May 7, 1975
Korean War	June 25, 1950 to January 31, 1955
World War II	December 7, 1941 to December 31, 1946
World War I	April 6, 1917 to November 11, 1918

AUXILIARY UNIT 102

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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
- ☐ Wife
- ☐ Sister
- ☐ Daughter
- ☐ Granddaughter
- ☐ Grandmother
- ☐ Great-Granddaughter
- ☐ Self

(step-relative also apply)

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

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ADJUTANT'S NOTES

by Gary Munkholm

A hearty welcome to our new member Joseph Scavo to Anoka American Legion Post 102. We hope to see you at future meetings and join us in fellowship during other times of the week.

If you are reading this newsletter and haven't paid your dues for the year please send them in as soon as possible. We are getting close to making our membership goal for the year and we need everyone's support. Remember that your membership counts with the show of numbers at the State and National level for congressional help to aid our fellow comrades.

Many thanks to our members that helped Jerry Abeln with last month's Monte Carlo day at the St. Cloud Veterans Hospital. It is always good to see the smiles on our Vets faces when they win at the games.

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

Legionville Registration for 8 students	$1,600
Tents for Boy Scout Troop 233	500
Donation to support RISE	100
Help support Veterans on the Lake project	250
Assist needy Veterans or Family	1,500
Emergency money	500

St. Cloud VA Medical Center

Annual Monte Carlo held January 15th for the veterans at St. Cloud VA. Approximately 50 patients attended - various games were played. With Gary Munkholm running the **Roulette Wheel** to pay off the odd or even bets placed by the players. Charlie Davidson and Art Schnetger ran the **Beat The House Game** – the players would place their bets, the house rolls the dice and adds up the number and the players try to beat the number.

Howie Zunker and Cliff Newman ran the **Chuck O Luck** game – similar to the beat the house game. Rich Oelschlager, Larry Kitt and Jerry Abeln dealt **Black Jack**.

All patients expressed their gratitude for us being there. The average player won $3.00. Thanks to all for helping.

Jerry Abeln

Post 102 extends sincere sympathy to the family of

CHARLES R. EHLEN

Charles was a 64 year member of The American Legion and a World War II Veteran
Charles was the first
Paid Up For Life Member of Post 102
He died on May 29, 2010
We apologize for omitting him in our June 2010 Newspaper.

We also extend our sincere sympathy to the family of
GEORGE PINGER

George was a 28 year member of The American Legion and a World War II Veteran.

North Suburban
Concert Band

Cathedral Concert
Sunday, March 6th – 2:00 pm
Meadow Creek Church in Andover

American Legion Bowling Tournament

The 2011 American Legion Bowling Tournament will be held FEBRUARY 26 - APRIL 17, 2011 Hosted by Osseo-Maple Grove Post 172.

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Commander's Column
Ron Wolford

Recruiting is the life blood of our Legion. We need to be the individuals who make sure that we ask all of our friends and acquaintances to join us for something very special at our Legion. The executive board each took ten names of Legion members who have not paid their dues to give them a telephone call to remind them they will not have the opportunity to be a part of the post.

We try very hard to make everyone welcome and a part of the Legion. I don't know why someone would not join but I have heard some good reasons from our members. They still joined and are glad that they made the commitment.

The hardest thing to do sometimes is to let go of the past. If we can do this we can be free from the crosses we carry with us. I left a lot of this behind this summer when I rode in a parade and a young man held up a sign that said, "Thank You Veteran!" This would not happen without the AmericaLegion.

Let me leave you with this quote from Albert Einstein, "Everything that is really great and inspiring is created by the individual who can labor in freedom." Thank you veterans for my freedom.

S.A.L. Casino Bus Trip
Turtle Lake
Saturday - March 26

Leave Anoka 10:00 am
Leave Casino 4:30 pm
$ 10.00 per person - $ 5.00 back at Casino
FUN, GAMES & BINGO - on the Bus

Reservations at Pull-Tab Booth

S.A.L. Squadron 102
Anoka, MN
annual
"MEET YOUR MEMBERS"
GALA
Daytona 500
Sunday, Feb. 20, 2011
12:00 Noon

S.A.L. NEWS
Commander Allen Amundson

Well, the Mid-Winter Conference is now a month in the past. I hope it was, at least, mid-winter because I don't see any signs of Spring just around the corner. While attendance was down somewhat, I hear we have received many compliments and I would like to thank everyone for all of their hard work and participation.

I would like to welcome new members Joe Berg and Christopher Knight.

Thanks to everyone who helped and participated in our Dinner Buffet on Jan. 22. Charlie and I participated in the Snowmobile Rally on Jan. 29. We stopped at Coon Rapids, Anoka and the final program at Champlin. We turned in 10 members for a **new all-time-high of 173** members. A hearty thanks and congratulations to all who have helped us achieve this new goal. Just because we've reached goal doesn't mean we should stop there; let's keep those renewals and new members coming in.

Upcoming events include:

S.A.L. Membership Gala on Feb. 22 at Anoka, S.A.L. Sweetheart Rally on Feb. 26 at Wayzata, S.A.L. Spring Conference on Mar. 12 at Clearwater, Post 102 Birthday Dinner on Mar. 12 at Anoka and an S.A.L. Sponsored Casino Bus trip to Turtle Lake on March 26.

It has been said that "familiarity breeds contempt". I'm not so sure about that, but "familiarity" certainly contributes to our "taking things for granted", which can lead to a lack of appreciation for what we have and enjoy. One such example is the ongoing support for S.A.L. that exists at our Anoka Post. In my conversations with other Squadrons in our District, I realized that levels of support for S.A.L. vary considerably. So, on behalf of our Squadron and myself, I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and everyone for the great level of support and cooperation you continue to provide.

In addition, we currently have 28 Dual members. That's 16% of our total membership, Thank You! Though the Auxiliary obviously cannot be dual members, they have helped provide fund-raising opportunities as well as signing up their sons and grandsons for membership. Some of them have contributed many hours in helping with our Wednesday night dinners. Quite a few of the Legion Riders are S.A.L. or Dual members, and we have participated in joint activities. I would also like to thank our Club manager Denise Adler for all of her time and effort.

Naturally we all have differences of opinion and that is not a bad thing, but there is also mutual respect, cooperation, and support. So why not take a few moments in our busy lives to reflect on and appreciate a few of the "familiar" things that we take so "for granted".

Until next month...
"Let's Make a Difference"

February 26th
SAL
Sweet Heart Rally
Wayzata

Special Guests for Birthday Dinner

Thomas Lannon – Department Commander
Minnesota American Legion

Thomas Lannon, Prior Lake, was elected Department Commander of the Minnesota American Legion at the annual convention held in Rochester in July, 2010. He is a member of Prior Lake Post 447, and was its charter commander.

Lannon, 66 served in the Marine Corps during the Vietnam War, and he is a graduate of Mankato State University with a degree in accounting. He retired from Scott County as Deputy Auditor after 34 years of service.

He served as post commander for five terms and on the Prior Lake executive committee for over 20 years. In the district, he served as commander from 1997-98 and served on many district committees.

At the state level, he was vice commander in 1999-2000, served on the Executive Committee, the Post Development Committee, the Constitution and Bylaws Committee, and he was president of the Minnesota American Legion Foundation prior to his election as commander.

At the National level, Lannon served on the Internal Affairs Commission, the NS/FR Committee, and the Constitution and Bylaws Committee. He is also a member of the Marine Corps League, ANAVICUS, and the 40/8.

He and his late wife, Mary, have three daughters and two granddaughters.

Lannon's project for the year is purchasing a new handicapped-accessible van for Veterans on the Lake resort in Ely.

Linda Thompson

Linda Thompson is a 32 year member of the American Legion Auxiliary. She has served most positions on the Unit and District level including Unit President (2 terms) and District President in 1997-1998. On the Department level she has served as 2nd Vice President, Historian, Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation, Leadership, Auxiliary Emergency Fund, Brain Science Committee (2 terms) and Vice Chairman (1 term), Legislation, Music Extravaganza, Resolutions and Poppy Chairman. She is currently serving as the Department 1st Vice President and National Security Chairman. Linda is an honorary life member of the Coon Rapids Unit and has been endorsed as a candidate for the office of Department President for 2011-2012. She has held many Leadership Workshops on both the District and Department levels as a certified Leadership Instructor. On the National level Linda served the 1995 Minneapolis Convention as the National Public Relations Chairman. Linda's eligible for the American Legion Auxiliary through her husband Jerry, a Viet Nam Veteran. Jerry passed away in June 2009; they have three sons, two sons are Desert Storm veterans, one daughter-in-law and six grandchildren all are members of the American Legion Family.

Bill Peters
Detachment Commander - Minnesota

Bill Peters joined the Sons of American Legion as a member of Apple Valley Squadron 1776 in the late 1970's while he was involved with his local Community Athletic Association. Apple Valley Post 1776 was a generous contributor to the Association, and as a result of the many meetings he attended with the Legion, he found out he was elgible to become a member of the Sons because of his father's service to the country during World War II.

After a move to South Minneapolis in the mid-1990's, he transferred to Minneapolis Squadron One. This is when he started to be more involved as an officer of his Squadron. With Squadron One, he was Second Vice for one year, First Vice for one year, and then served as Commander for three years.

During his period as Squadron Commander, he began to attend District 5 meetings. He was appointed to fill the vacant Historian position of District 5 during the winter of 2004. Because of the needs of the District 5, and because of his background and abilites , he was elected District 5 Commander at their 2004 Convention. He served as Commander for three years from 2004 through 2007, thus also becoming a member of the Detachment Executive Committee.

The Detachment elected Bill as their 4th and 5th District Vice Commander at their 2007 Convention, and he held that position for the next two years. During the Detachment Convention in Legionville on June 27, 2009, Bill Peters was elected Detachment Commander for 2009-2010.

Brittany Duffee-Dohm
Department Junior Auxiliary President

Brittany Duffee-Dohm, Department Junior President 2010-2011. I am a member of Falldin Unit 555 of Minneapolis 5th District. I am eligible through the service of my great-grandfathers Gordon Duffee, WWII and Richard Fearing, Korea. Grandfather Patrick Duffee spent 8 years in the Army and great-uncles Tony Arealano and Albert Lloyd, Vietnam.

My theme this year is "Veterans are Shining Stars", my symbol is the Blue Star, my project this year is for Legionville and the purchase of new sports equipment and my goal this year is to increase membership for the Junior Auxiliary.

Come Celebrate 92nd Birthday of

The American Legion March 12, 2011

Commander's Hall Post 102

Social Hour 6:00 p.m.

Dinner 7:00 p.m.

Cost $10^{00} Donation

Dinner open to all
Legion, Auxiliary, Sons of the American Legion Members & Guests

Purchase your tickets at the Post Pull Tab Booth
Before 3/5/2011

NO PHONE RESERVATIONS
All Reservations must be pre-paid!

JAN'S JOTTINGS

by Jan Reiter

The regular meeting of Edward B. Cutter American Legion Auxiliary was held on Tuesday, February 1, 2011.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Americanism: Box sent around for $.50, if you did not wear your Auxiliary pin. Deb Mayasich talked about the Flag Alliance group, that is not bipartisan, is trying to get an amendment sent thru for the physical discrimination of the American flag. She had a petition to sign for this amendment. There is an essay contest for schools on "How can I show my pride in being an American". Deb will be talking to the schools. She reminded us that February is Americanism month.

Children & Youth: Norah Wyman reported to keep collecting pop tabs, campbells soup labels and box top for education for our C&Y program.

Community Service: Book went around for community service hours to be recorded.

Finance: Sandy Phillips reported that Department said that a lot of the programs are down in receiving donations.

Girls State: Kathy Zwerdling reported she is working on a date for County Day and for the assembly at Anoka High School for Girls State.

Junior Activities: Sue Nunnelee reported the Juniors will be having a Fun Day at Lino Lakes on Feb 26th. The Junior District Conference will be March 26th at our Post. She is in need of help for this. Department Junior Conference will be April 9th at Willmar.

UD&R: Donna Redeppening handed out a folder to new member Connie Amundson that evening.

Past Presidents Parley: After Barb Ridge reported on the sewing bee (article elsewhere), she noted that $213.50 was made on the New Years Bake Sale.

Unfinished Business: Sandy Phillips as the Mid Winter Conference chairman thanked everyone who made it a success. The Auxiliary made a profit of $200 from this day.

New Business: Norah reported we will be having our Birthday dinner on March 12. Donna Redepenning reported we will be having our 10th District Commander's Testimonial here at the Anoka Legion on April 30th and she is in need of help in planning this.

In Memoriam

ESTHER MARION (ANDERSON) DALSEN

Esther, a 14 year Auxiliary member, was born October 9, 1931 in Litchfield, MN and passed away September 7, 2010 in Anoka.

Edward B. Cutter Unit 102 extends its sympathy to Esther's family; a memorial in her name to Project New Hope was sent by the Unit. (The Unit regrets not knowing in a timely manner about Esther.)

AUDREY MAE (JOHNSON) JOSLYN

Audrey, a 9 year Auxiliary member, was born September 27, 1926 in Anoka and passed away January 13, 2011 in Anoka.

Edward B. Cutter Unit 102 extends its sympathy to Audrey's family and many friends. A memorial to Project New Hope in Audrey's name was sent by the Unit.

Project New Hope

A few veterans from MN and WI got together to form three non-profit organizations with aims to help returning soldiers and their families. "For The Veteran, By A Veteran" (mental health), "Outdoors and Beyond" (free trips to hunt, fish, hike and kayak), and "Project New Hope" (help the entire family).

The board of Project New Hope, consisting of these members, puts together retreats in McGregor and other places around Minnesota five times a year.

Three day retreats are for combat veterans and their families, both American and Canadian. It features indoor and outdoor family activities; adults attend sessions led by licensed counselors, some from the VA, all volunteer staff. Objective is to be low key and offer assistance as requested by the family. Cost of the camp is free and all meals are provided.

Minnesota is among the leading states providing care for returning soldiers, but there isn't much in remote and rural areas. The mission of Project New Hope is to provide veterans and their families the education, training and skills necessary to manage their lives after wartime service.

The Auxiliary has given memorials of members who have passed away to Project New Hope for the past two years.

41ST ANNUAL AUCTION

On Tuesday March 1 (following the meeting) is the Unit's annual auction.

Donated items should be wrapped. Be creative. Hand-made craft items do not need to be wrapped. Food items in Zip-lock or plastic wrap are okay.

All Unit, Post and SAL members are invited. Come have fun and bring the checkbook.

Moneys raised go to **Dept. Girls State Program** and **Dept. Gift Shop.**

Post auctioneer will be assisted by Americanism Chairman Deb Mayasich.

President's Column

Darlene Thell

Hello to all members,

The time goes by so quickly – another month has gone by and soon spring will be here. A very welcoming thought indeed.

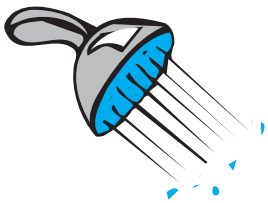
Our Auxiliary was honored with the presence of our Dept. President Darlene Wondra, at the annual Past Presidents Parley Sewing Bee, held in January. Thank you to her, and all who helped sew the greatly appreciated laundry and wheel chair bags for our veterans.

Thank you to all who took part in the Annual Snowmobile Rally on January 28 and 29. A lot of people were met, membership turned in, and it was a fun time. A huge thank you to Commander Ron and to Diane for preparing the delicious food that was served and all those who helped out with the successful hospitality our Post offered.

As we all know March is Food Shelf donation month, so I'm asking all members to please **bring a donation item for the Food Shelf**, either to our **March meeting** or to the **Birthday Dinner** in March. Every item or two adds up to a lot of items; thank you very much.

Please remember we have our Annual Auction after the March Unit meeting. I'd love to see a lot of members attend the meeting and bring a wrapped gift to be auctioned. It's another fun time; Legion and SAL members are also invited to attend.

God bless the American Legion and God Bless America



VA SHOWER Still On!

Attn: Post, SAL and Unit members . . .

If you can donate any of the following, veterans at the Mpls. & St. Cloud VA Hospitals would be very appreciative:

Jumbo and regular playing cards, tube socks, gloves, stocking caps, small sizes of: lotion, deodorant, Scope, toothpaste, Efferdent, Fixodent, Kleenex, etc.

Bring items to the March 1 meetings (or anytime before the end of March) - or leave at the pull tab booth.

Remember those in VA Centers.

Cathy Newman, VA & R Chairman

Auxiliary Membership 34 Members Needed

The ALA, the Department of Minnesota and especially the Unit – our Edward B. Cutter Unit 102 – needs all 34 of you to renew your membership.

Help us support our programs: for veterans – we support 13 different programs in Mpls. and St. Cloud VA Hospitals, nursing homes, and rest camps. Also MN stand Down (homeless), Ride to Recovery, Job Training, Transportation, Armed Forces Service Center (MSP Natl. Airport - the only one of its kind in the US), Fort Snelling Natl. Cemetary Rifle Squad, Legacy Scholarship (for children of those killed in action) and Support Our Troops.

Locally, American Education Week (apples), 3 Anoka HS Scholarships, Girls State, Boys & Girls County Day, Legionville (school patrolers), Anoka County Campership (handicapped children), Adopt A Family, ACBC, Meals on Wheels, Fisher House and others.

If there is any problem, please let me know; otherwise mail or drop off your dues ($20) as soon as it is possible for you – thank you.

Betty Erickson – 763-421-4562
1826 Cressy Ave., Anoka MN 55303

Past Presidents Parley News

Our January 18th, 2011 Sewing Bee was quite successful. We had seven past presidents attend, plus the honor of having our Dept. President Darlene Wondra from Montgomery, come up to help us.

We appreciated Darlene's help, she was one of four who brought their portable sewing machines, along with Karen Orr, Jan Reiter and Donna Redepenning. The others who helped were Betty Erickson, Lenora Root, Sandy Phillips, and myself.

We cut patterns, ironed fabric and finished off the laundry and wheel chair bags with cording, plus lots of chatting with coffee and treats. We made 23 laundry bags and 16 wheelchair bags with the help of Liz Abeln, Karen Orr and Jeanene Hays doing some of those in their homes.

Thanks again ladies for your help. These bags go to the Veterans Hospital in St. Cloud.

Barb Ridge
Past Presidents Parley Co-Chair

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

MARCH 2011

Community Service Month

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
SAL Detachment Spring Conference March 12 Clearwater		**Post General Mem. 7:30 pm** **S.A.L. Mtg. 7:00 pm** **Auxiliary Mtg. 7:00 pm** **VA Shower & Annual Auction** 1	**SAL Dinners 5:30-7:00 and Country Fried Steak $8.00** 2	**Every Thursday & Friday Grill Open 5:00 – 8:30 pm** **Bar Bingo 7:00 pm** 3	**Meat Raffle 5:30 pm** **Bar Bingo 7:00 pm** 4	**1st Friday each month Red Cross Bloodmobile at Post 7 AM - 1 PM** 5
Club Open 12-10 **Bar Bingo 4:00 pm** 6	***70 years ago March, 1941: Anoka's Battery F boards train for Camp Claibourne, Louisiana*** 7	***60 years ago March 10, 1051: Card Party Knights of Pythias Hall 8 pm*** 8	**SAL Dinners 5:30-7:00 Steak, Chicken, or Stuffed Shrimp $7.50 Steak & Shrimp Combo $10.00** **Aux. Twin Rivers Bingo 2:15 pm** 9	**Bar Bingo 7:00 pm** 10	**Meat Raffle 5:30 pm** **Bar Bingo 7:00 pm** 11	**92nd Birthday Celebration Social 6-7 pm Dinner 7 pm** 12
Club Open 12-10 **Bar Bingo 4:00 pm** **Daylight Savings Spring Ahead** 13	***92 years ago March 15-17, 1919: The Paris Caucus; four committees formed to plan a permanent organization, temporary constitution, name and place of next meeting.*** 14	**NEWSPAPER MEETING 7:00 pm** 15	**SAL Dinners 5:30-7:00 and Prime Rib $9.50** **Legion Riders Meeting 7 pm** 16	**Bar Bingo 7:00 pm** **St. Patrick's Day** 17	**Meat Raffle 5:30 pm** **Bar Bingo 7:00 pm** 18	***40 years ago Mar. 1971 Newsletter 585 Post members to date John Reynolds Band at 52nd B. Dinner Mar. 6 Wheelchair Basketball in Mar.*** 19
Club Open 12-10 **Bar Bingo 4:00 pm** **1st Day of Spring** 20	21	**House & Ent.** Meeting 7:00 pm 22	**SAL Dinners 5:30-7:00 Steak, Chicken, or Stuffed Shrimp $7.50 Steak & Shrimp Combo $10.00** 23	**Bar Bingo 7:00 pm** 24	**Meat Raffle 5:30 pm** **Bar Bingo 7:00 pm** 25	**10th Dist. Jr. Conference Anoka 9 am** **SAL Casino Bus Turtle Lake 10 am** 26
Club Open 12-10 **Bar Bingo 4:00 pm** 27	***60 years ago March 18, 1951: Mr. & Mrs. Arnie Beltrand purchase Wellhausen Locker Plant*** 28	**Executive Board** Meeting 7:00 pm 29	**SAL Dinners 5:30-7:00 Steak, Chicken, or Stuffed Shrimp $7.50 Steak & Shrimp Combo $10.00** 30	**Bar Bingo 7:00 pm** 31	**92nd Anniversary Paris Caucus of The American Legion March 15-17, 1919**	

Coming in April

2	Dept. Appreciation Rally - Apple Valley
9	47th Dept. Junior Conference - Willmar
23	79th Dept. Aerial Roundup
24	Easter
30	Aux. Bus to Turtle Lake
30	10th Dist. Cmdr. Darrel Redepenning Testimonial - Anoka
TBA	Boys & Girls County Day
TBA	Poppy Card Days

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Aux. Meeting Wed. Mar. 3 w/initiation
Bingo Teams to attend - will start working June 6
VA Hospital Dance Mar. 16