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Annual New Years Day Brunch

Club Open 10:00 am to 5:00 pm
Brunch Served 11:00 am to 1:00 pm

JOIN US NEW YEAR'S DAY
FOR A FREE BRUNCH

All Paid
Post, Unit, Juniors, SAL members
and a guest are invited.
If not yet paid - you may do so that day.

Past Presidents Parley BAKE SALE

Club Open to the Public at 1:00 pm

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Adjutant's Notes

by Gary Munkholm

A hearty welcome to the newest member of Anoka Post 102 David C. Tollefson, Timothy Galvin and Ronald P. Beaubien We hope to see you at future meetings and join us in fellowship during other times of the week.

Many thanks to Cliff Newman for representing our Post at last month's Revitalization event held at the Osseo Legion Post. Cliff called local area Legion members who belong to the National Post and are not members of their local Posts. As of last count we could foresee 22 members of the National Post transferring to our Post because they live in our area.

Gambling manager Paul Adler presented the following list of donations for the last month which were approved by the General Membership:

Armed Forces Service Center	$100.00
Cliff Newman (expenses for School Patrol Party)	$350.00
Ft. Snelling Memorial Rifle Squad	$100.00
Tom Bashaw (reimb. for food on Vet. Wild Game Dinner)	$500.00
Anoka Ramsey Comm. College (nursing school donation)	$500.00
City of Anoka (water / light costs)	$1700.00
CenterPoint Energy (gas costs)	$300.00
U.S. Treasury (tax on wagering)	$350.00
Assist needy Veterans/Families	$1500.00
Emergency Money	$500.00

10th District
Mid-Winter Conference
Sat, January 3, 2015
Pre-REGISTRATION & INFO
www.anokalegion.org
[Anoka Members- NO FEE]

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.

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Post 102 extends sincere sympathy to the families of

STEVEN L. TAYLOR
Steven was a 48 year member of The American Legion and a Vietnam War Veteran

ROBERT D. WILKERSON
Robert was a 25 year member of The American Legion and a Korean War Veteran

IN JANUARY

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

TUESDAYS

1/4 lb. Burger Basket – $5.75

THURSDAYS

BBQ Ribs ~ Texas Toast ~ Cole Slaw ~ Potato
Full Rack $13.00 Half Rack $11.00

FRIDAYS

2nd - Fish Fry - $10.00
9th - Broiled Walleye ~ Potato, Veg, Roll - $14.00
16th - Turkey Commercial ~ Mashed Potatos, Gravy & Veg $9.00
23rd - Shepherd Pie ~ Veg, Roll - $9.00
30th - Prime Rib Sandwich ~ w/AuGratin Potatos - $11.00

Tax included on all the above.
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PLEASE NOTE

The ONLINE edition may contain additional articles.

Commander Ray Turnquist

December is another busy month for our club. The wild game dinner was Saturday, Dec 6th-what a great event and very well attended. Thank you Darrel Redepenning and all the volunteers for the outstanding job. A special thanks to the SAL for the fantastic job they did in preparing the delicious meal.

Dec. 13th was the school patrol Christmas party. It was a fun event and the kids always look forward to it. The Elvis Experience was also held on the 13th. The Auxiliary worked so hard putting this event together and I hope it was a great turn out.

The New Year's Day brunch and bake sale is coming up fast. Our post is hosting the Midwinter conference on January 3rd. We're always looking for volunteers to help set up on Friday, Jan 2nd, and also help on Saturday.
Don't forget about the Wednesday night "steak fry".

Have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Looking forward to many great things in 2015.

Commander Ray

Anoka Legion Family Delivers Apples to Anoka Schools

In recognition of American Education Week November 16-22, the Anoka American Legion Family delivered 776 bright red, delicious apples to Anoka schools which were then distributed to the teachers, staff, cooks and custodians. The Legion Family bagged, boxed and delivered the apples as a small token of appreciation given to our educators during American Education Week. A BIG "Thank You" to the 15 volunteers from the Legion, Auxiliary, SAL and Riders for helping make this such a successful program.

Kathy Zwerdling - Unit Education Chairman

Apple bagging volunteers

S.A.L. Commander Tim Dahlheimer

Happy New Year!

As we enter into 2015, the SAL team would like to wish our entire Legion Family a healthy and prosperous New Year!

As you know, on Saturday, January 3rd, our Post is hosting the Mid-Winter Conference. This is a "big" event and we need SAL help in many areas to make it a success. We need help on Friday night with set-up, Saturday morning's Registration table, and clean up. Let us know if you can help.

Along with our popular Wednesday night steak fry, our Saturday roast beef "commercial" sandwiches continue to be a big hit! Now, each month we are going to mix-it-up a little and offer hot turkey sandwiches as well as hot meatloaf sandwiches on select dates. All three are served with mashed potatoes and gravy. We serve from 1:00-3:30pm every Saturday. The cost is only $5.00. The menu schedule is listed in the calendar. Come on in and check us out!

Until next time, let's be safe and thankful for all we have!

Tim Dahlheimer, SAL Commander

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNERS

If your dining party will consist of 8 or more persons, PLEASE call ahead to make Reservations. You may call the Club at: 763-421-0883. You may also send a text to Al at: 612-867-5698 OR email to sal@anokalegion.org.

Please include your name, the number of persons and the date (WED).

VA Gift Wrap

President Cathy and Cliff Newman along with Rosetown Volunteers at the Minnesota Veterans Home Gift Wrap.

President's Column

Cathy Newman

Hello to All,

Well, here it is Christmas, decorating and shopping time. Can you believe it's that time already? I sure can't. This year is going so fast, anyway back to matters at hand. November was the Apple Bagging for Education Week. It's always fun and we had a lot of members come to help. Cliff and I delivered 180 apples to Anoka Senior High School. Staff in the office were all waiting to get one, as you can see in the picture.

Members of our Unit attended Dept. President, Chris Ronning's, Testimonial at Osseo American Legion. It was different, but fun; there was Music and Dancing. It all started at 2pm with dinner at 6pm. Hope everyone had a Wonderful Thanksgiving with someone. The Post sponsored Wild Game Dinner for Veterans, was last Saturday, December 6th. The weather was great and we had a good turnout. The SAL did a great job on the food! and everyone enjoyed themselves. We had two Jr Auxiliary come and help. Coming up next is our New Year's Brunch and Bake Sale. Do You believe that? Hope all members bring a guest and come out for Breakfast, and buy something at the Bake Sale. There is a lot of good baked stuff there waiting for you. Past Presidents can make something and bring it to the Commanders Hall to help out, the more the merrier.

After that is Mid-Winter Conference. Anoka is hosting it again this year. Look for registration information in the Newsletter. There will also be a silent auction with proceeds going to the Fisher House. One more thing, still waiting for a name for anyone that has been deployed.

Hope each and every one of you have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

God Bless All & God Bless America
Cathy Newman

Jan's Jottings

by Jan Reiter

The regular meeting of Edward B. Cutter American Legion Auxiliary was held on Tuesday, December 2, 2014, with President Cathy Newman opening with the prayer, pledge, preamble and the song "I'll be home for Christmas." The November 4, 2014 meeting minutes were approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Education: Kathy Zwerdling thanked everyone who helped bag and deliver 766 apples to 9 schools. Keep saving labels for education.

Fund Raising: Carol Hathaway said the Casino bus trip is cancelled due to lack of enough people to go. Sandy Phillips talked about the Elvis Experience on December 13 and is asking for help with the fund raiser. Kathy Zwerdling reported the Bune family sent the Auxiliary $285 to be used on our programs. A motion was made to give $100 towards the Brain Science Foundation. Seconded and carried. The rest of the money will be put in our budget and use it when it is needed. Cathy Newman's memorial fund goes toward the Brain Science Foundation.

Junior Activities: They will be meeting at Mid-Winter Conference.

National Security: Jean Parvey stated that the department program would like to have some welcome home troop baskets made, to be handed out at the Serviceman Center, to the troops when they arrive home. Well she made some beautiful bags and filled them up. If anyone wants to donate items for this, bring them to any meeting. Items can be toothbrushes, paste, lotion, chapstick, candy and any other small items you think they can use. Target has donated $50 towards this program. She has collected Christmas cards and found a place (Holiday mail for heroes) to mail them.

Past Presidents: Past Commanders and Past Presidents, SAL Commanders, & Riders Directors Christmas party will be Dec 17th. There will be a bake sale on New Year's Day during the New Years day brunch.

Poppy: Sandy will be ordering poppies. She will be checking into doing the poppy poster contests at local schools.

Service for Veterans: This is a new name for the combining of the field service program and the home service program but you still be doing the same things but they will be combined on one report at the end of the year.

VA & R: Cathy Newman announced that the Gift shops are going on at the VA Nursing Home and the VA Hospital and she will be working at it.

Unfinished Business: . Karen Orr stated that a post member, Warren Feist wrote a book on the American Legion, fifty years from 1919 to 1969. Mid-Winter Conference will be at Anoka this January 3, 2015. We will need help this day. We will also be having a silent auction with the money going to the Fisher House by the VA.

New Business: Donna Redepennning reported the Wild Game Dinner will be Dec 6th at the club.

47th Annual Veterans Wild Game Dinner
IS A BIG SUCCESS-

Every year I worry whether we will be able to continue to pull off our annual event. First I worry about the wild game donations (it wasn't a good year for deer hunters). Then I worry about the weather and if our guests will be able to make it (two bad weather years in a row and no-shows from the St. Cloud V.A. Medical Center). But the one thing I NEVER worry about is whether we'll have enough volunteers from the Post 102 family. This "feel good" event always draws volunteers from every aspect of our Post family (some for many, many years). The Wild Game Cooking Crew (aka the S.A.L) once again did a fantastic job. The Auxiliary was there to prepare the desserts, provided the ice cream, cards with candy canes and helped serve our guests. The Legionnaires were there in force to help with serving, bingo and cleaning up. In fact, even Santa Claus (aka Ron Wolford) made an appearance and sang some Christmas Carols (or at least tried to sing).

With the weather sunny and mild, we had a great turn out. Both V.A. Medical Centers (Minneapolis and St. Cloud) participated, along with Veterans from the Two Rivers Golden Living and (new this year) the Walker Plaza. We estimate that (with volunteers) we served over one hundred people. With what turned out to be ample supplies (our generous donators came through again), I doubt that anyone left hungry! After the dinner there were some short introductions and then Paul Adler and the bingo team took over. By the feed-back I received, everyone had a great time and was happy they were invited.

My thanks go out to everyone that helped to make this 47th event a special one. It takes a lot of people and a lot of big hearts to pull this off every year. I hope to see all our volunteers again next year for the 48th annual Veterans Wild Game Dinner.

Darrel Redepenning

Wild Game Dinner Volunteers

SAL Kitchen Crew: L>R: Pat Vevea, Jim Batters, Tim Dahlheimer, Terry Johnson, Jeremy Johnson

Auxiliary Helpers : L>R: Sue Nunnelee, Donna Redepenning, Pres. Cathy, Karen Orr]

Unit 102 National Awards

Unit 102, American Legion Auxiliary, received three National Awards at the National Convention held in Charlotte, NC in late August, 2014. Awards presented were to Darlene Thell, Public Relations Chairman, for the Best All Around Media Program; Lynette Pavin for the most field service volunteer hours and Cathy Newman, VA&R Chairman, for the best Unit Program in the Northwest Division. Congratulations ladies, Unit 102 is proud of your accomplishments! Three National Awards in one year!

L>R: Darlene Thell, Lynette Pavin, Cathy Newman

Wild Game Dinner for Veterans
(additional pictures)

President Cathy & Commander Ray

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EVERY WEDNESDAY - SAL DINNERS
5:30-7:00pm

January 2015

3 - 10th District Mid-Winter Conference

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1st Friday each month Red Cross Bloodmobile at Post 7AM - 1PM	*FLAG DAYS* 1-New Years Day (FS) 19-Martin Luther King Jr Day (FS)		NEW YEARS DAY BRUNCH Club opens 10:00am Brunch 11:00am-1:00pm 1	Every Thursday & Friday Grill Open 5:00-8:30 pm - Menu Pg 2	Meat Raffle 5:30pm Bar Bingo 7:00pm 2	10th District Mid-Winter Conference 'Anoka' 'NO HOT BEEF' 3
Club Open 12-10 Bar Bingo 4:00pm 4	5	Bar Bingo 6:30pm General Mem. Mtgs. Post 7:30pm Aux & SAL 7:00pm 6	*'Special'* Prime Rib *$11.50* 7	8	Meat Raffle 5:30pm Bar Bingo 7:00pm 9	10
Club Open 12-10 Bar Bingo 4:00pm 11	12	Bar Bingo 6:30pm Newspaper Mtg. 7:00pm 13	Nursing Home BINGO - 2:15 pm 'Golden Living' *'Special'* Country-Fried Steak *$8.50* 14	15	Meat Raffle 5:30pm Bar Bingo 7:00pm 16	EVERY SAT SAL HOT 'Commercial' $5.00 (See Below) 17
Club Open 12-10 Bar Bingo 4:00pm 18	*Martin Luther King Jr Day* 19	House & Ent. Mtg. 7:00pm Bar Bingo 6:30pm 20	*'Special'* Smoked Pork Chop *$9.50* Legion Riders Mtg. 7:00pm 21	22	Meat Raffle 5:30pm Bar Bingo 7:00pm 23	10th District Snowmobile Rally 24
Club Open 12-10 Bar Bingo 4:00pm 25	26	Executive Board Mtg. 7:00pm Bar Bingo 6:30pm 27	*'Special'* 1/2 Baked Chicken *$10.00* 28	29	30	31

STEAK-$9.00|FISH/SHRIMP/CHICKEN-$8.50|STEAK+SHRIMP-$12.00|WALLEYE-$11.00

February 2015

07 DEPT Sweetheart Rally - Chanhassen

14 10th District SAL Sweetheart Rally - Delano

COMING UP

SAL Sat HOT 'Commercial' 1-3:30pm - $5.00

Jan 3 - 'NO HOT BEEF' (Mid-Winter Conf.)

Jan 10 - 'Hot Beef'

Jan 17 - 'Hot Turkey'

Jan 24 - 'Hot Meatloaf'

Jan 31 - 'Hot Beef'