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ATTENTION: 2010 Unpaid Members

**Your membership in
Post & Unit 102
expired
December 31, 2009.
As of January 1, 2010
you are considered
delinquent and
March 1, 2010 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 2010
NOW!**

10th District Oratorical Contest Jan. 2, 2010



The 10th District Oratorical Contest was held at Post 102. We unfortunately had only two (2) contestants, the winner was Jairus Wenzel – Princeton; homeschooled and sponsored by Post 102. 2nd place went to Emily Tischer – Cambridge-Isanti High School and sponsored by Cambridge Post 290.

I wish to than the following for being judges and timekeepers: Ron Wolford, Charlie Heemer, Bob Thies and Al Amundson. Thank you to the Anoka Post for time and place to hold this contest.

Cilff Newman
10th District Oratorical Chairman

ADJUTANT'S NOTES

by Gary Munkholm

Welcome new members to Anoka Post 102 Jerry Shockley, Vincent Undis, William Kline-Pells, Jeff Masog, W.E. Trunnell, Doug Freeby, and Joseph Werbowski. We hope to see you gentlemen at future meetings and join us in fellowship other times of the week.

Membership report was given with 695 members to date and 750 members on this date last year. If you are reading this newspaper and haven't paid your dues for 2010 please send in a check and pay them now. Be sure to ask your friends and neighbors if they belong to the American Legion Family and invite them to join in case they haven't been asked before.

The Mid-Winter Conference we hosted earlier this month was a success and many thanks to all of the Legion Family members who helped make it a success.

The club purchased a new keg cooler for the bar in the upper hall as the old one didn't work anymore. The club also purchased a new commercial carpet cleaning machine to take care of the existing carpet as opposed to hiring the cleaning out in the future. New floor tile in the hallway was also approved by the general membership.

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

New Years brunch food expenses	675.00
Donation to support Special Olympics	200.00
Drivers expenses for Monte Carlo Night	120.00
Boys State Registration for 3	900.00
Assist needy Veterans or Families	1500.00
Emergency Money	500.00

Additions to our SAL Wednesday Dinner Specials include:

February 3
Country Fried Steak ~ \$7.50

February 17
Prime Rib ~ \$9.00

February 10 and February 24
Pork Chop ~ \$7.50



Post 102 extends sincere sympathy to the families of



JAMES E JANSEN

James was a 47 year member of The American Legion and a Korean War Veteran

ROBERT H. PETERSON

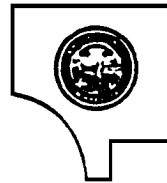
Robert was a 7 year member of The American Legion and a World War II Veteran

ATTENTION BOWLERS

The dates for the American Legion State Bowling Tournament are April 17th and 18th, 2010. The tournament is being hosted by Forest Lake Post 225, however, bowling will be held at the Stars & Strikes Entertainment Center, Wyoming, MN. Singles will be Saturday April 17th at 11:30 am and team on Sunday, April 18th at noon.

Entry form and info sheet available at the Post. Entries must be submitted by December 31, 2009.

Dennis Holmstrom 763-226-0727
(Name Change Correction)



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Commander's Column Gregg Werbowski

Hello everyone. Time keeps flying by – it's time for another newspaper article.

Our New Year Brunch was great. The Past Commanders did a great job as usual. Great turn-out and a fun time was had by all.

The Mid-Winter Conference as held on January 9, 2010. We had an excellent turn out of 165 people – thank you Legion, Auxiliary, SAL and Rider members for all the help to make it a great success. Thank you to all the speakers.

Remember: Let's Soar Like an Eagle!



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

The Squadron would like to welcome the newest members – Darryl Hathaway and Trenton J. Masog.

We gave donations of \$50 each to Meals on Wheels, Child Welfare in memory of Jeff Helget and Family Hospital Association.

SAL will be having a casino bus trip to Turtle Lake on Saturday, February 6th. Sign up at the pull tab booth.

"Welcome Your Members" party will be on Sunday, February 14th. Come and enjoy the Daytona 500 race and good food. All monies raised and food brought in will go to the ACBC Food Shelf. The fun starts at noon.

Our Squadron was represented at the Mid-Winter conference. It was very informational. A thank you to all who attended.

To All Members of Squadron 102
Notice is hereby give that several changes to our Squadron By-Laws will be voted on at our next General Membership Meeting on February 2 at 7:00 pm.

Our membership is very close to goal. Send in your 2010 dues now.

We still need help for prep work and clean-up at our Wednesday night dinners.

SAL

Welcome Your Membership Party
February 14, 12:00 noon

Bring a non-perishable food item
Watch Daytona 500 Race on Big Screen TV
Food ~ Prizes ~ Fun

All donations go to ACBC Food Shelf

Veterans Personal Needs Shower

It's time again to help out our veterans hospitals with the personal needs shower! The hospitals (Minneapolis and St. Cloud Veterans Hospitals) need our help with personal items.

Some things are small bottle (motel size) of shampoo and conditioners, lotions, (no mouth wash), word-find books, teeth cleaner (Efferdent), small tooth paste and small deorderent (Target has them for 99¢.

Anyone can help with this project for our veterans, not just the Auxiliary.

Please bring your donations to our February or March meeting or leave them at the Post with someone and they will get them to me.

Because the veterans don't always stay long, small bottles work out best over the big size.

Thank you so much for your help. It's the little things that mean a lot some times.

Cathy Newman
VA&R Chairman

QUILTS and PILLOWS



Mary Cole, Cokato Unit 209 presented to me several handmade quilts and heart pillows; these will be used by the veterans at the Mpls. Veterans Home and the Mpls. VA Hospital.

From our Anoka Unit, Jeanene Hays has knitted many pairs of slippers and hats for the veterans. Joyce Jelle has made wheelchair bags. The Past Presidents will be holding a sewing bee in January to make more items for the veterans at these two facilities.

If anyone likes to sew or knit and help out our veterans, please give me a call at 763-754-3800.

Sandy Phillips
Dept. Veterans Home Rep.

Anoka Unit 102

Fund Raiser

Casino Bus Trip to Jackpot Junction

February 26th & 27th, 2010

Bus Leaves
Anoka Legion at 8:00 p.m. 2/26/10
Leaves Casino at 5:00 p.m. 2/27/10

FUB

Games

Cost

\$75.00 Double Occupancy
(Includes bus ride and 1 night lodging at Casino Hotel)

\$25.00 Cash Back

400 Points on JJ Card

\$5.00 Food Coupon

Beverages & Snacks on Bus

Make checks payable to Anoka Unit 102 and mail to:
Carol Hathaway 802 Lincoln St., Anoka, MN 55303

Or leave at Post 102 Pull Tab Booth - Questions call Carol at 427-0185
or Sandy at 763-754-3800 - Reservations are 1st come with fee

10th District Mid-Winter Conference January 9, 2010



The 10th District Mid-Winter Conference was held at our Post. Bravo Zulu to the Posts' Legion family for all their help in making this conference successful.

The Post hosted 165 Legion family members for the day. The joint session took place in the Presidents hall, the afternoon sessions were as follows: Legion in Commanders hall, Auxiliary in the Presidents hall, Sons of the American Legion in the Legions meeting room, the Legion Riders met in the Legions meeting room after the SAL were finished.

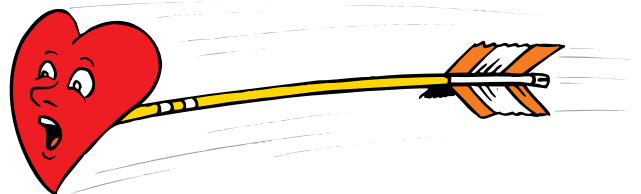
Guest speakers were Dept. Adjutant Randy Tesdahl, Dept. Service Officer Tom Newman and St. Cloud Vets Hospital representative Trish Aljets. Speakers brought valuable information to the conference.

Numerous donations were presented to the Commanders and Presidents projects as well as the American Legion Foundation and Legionville.

The silent auction was held in the Posts lounge dance floor area. Almost \$500 was raised at the silent auction. These funds will be used for the Girls State tea in June. A well received lunch as prepared and served by the Auxiliary of Post 102.

Again, thank you to the Post and Legion family for making the conference successful – again.

Chair Persons
Cliff Newman, Sandy Phillips, Al Amundson





President's Column

Darlene Thell

I would like to begin by honoring one of our Auxiliary members. Sue Nunnelee works for Anoka County, and she and co-workers collected approximately 250 pairs of socks for our veterans during November and December. Thank you very much Sue...great work.

October, November and December were busy months for our Auxiliary. The Mid-Winter Conference came up quickly. A special thank you to our wonderful Legion family for working together and making this a successful conference...and another special thank you to Sandy Phillips and Cliff Newman for chairing this even. Fantastic job....thank you.

The morning and afternoon sessions went well and I feel we all learned a lot and have a lot of information to pass on to our members.

Congratulations to Cathy Newman for taking 2nd place in the poppy contest...a job well done.

Have a very blessed year. Our next meeting is on February 2nd. We always look forward to new faces and ideas to share.

Auxiliary Membership

Are you one of the 27 members who have not yet renewed your Auxiliary membership???

Some members will be receiving the 2nd and Final Dues Notice in January – if you have already paid your dues - just throw it away.

If you **have not** paid - PLEASE do so as soon as possible.

Some members will also receive a letter or phone call from me a day or two after the dues notice from National.

Betty Erickson, Chairman 763-421-4562
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**Annual Auxiliary Overnite
Jackpot Casino Bus Trip
February 26-27
SPACE STILL AVAILABLE
Call Carol - 427-0185
for information**

JAN'S JOTTINGS

by Jan Reiter

The regular meeting of our Auxiliary was held on January 5th, 2010.

Field Service: The next bingo will be February 10th - 2:15 pm at Twin Rivers Care Center. Lynette gave a Christmas card to every resident and a gift of a stuffed animal was given to everyone who played bingo.

Junior Activities: Sue Nunnelee announced that Sam Odegard, 10th Dist. Junior President would have an ice cream social fundraiser at Mid-Winter. Motion made and approved to host the Junior Fun Day February 27 at Anoka. District Conference is March 27 in Fridley and Department Conference is April 10 in Waite Park.

Past Presidents Parley: Their annual New Years Day bake sale made a profit of \$207. The Past Presidents served the funeral lunch for Netha Feist. She was a 61 year member and a District President in 1977-78. Motions by Karen Orr to send a \$10 memorial from the Past Presidents fund and the \$15 Unit memorial to Project New Hope in honor of Netha. Approved.

Poppy: Sandy Phillips ordered poppies and said poppies when up 3¢ this year.

VA&R: Cathy Newman reported that there was a Gift Shop on December 7 at AMRTC for 11 veterans. They served them healthy snacks, sang and gave each one of them a gift.

New Business: Motion by Sandy Phillips to endorse Donna Redepinning for the Executive Committee, 2010-2011. Approved.

Birthday Dinner will be March 13th with SAL doing the meal. Motion made and approved to put \$100 toward a specified birthday gift to be presented at the dinner.

Donna Redepinning commented on how good the wild game dinner was.

Pres. Darlene is asking if anyone has any **unused cards** (birthday, sympathy, thank you, thinking of you, blank cards, etc.) to save them and bring to the pull tab booth. These will be distributed to the unit Sunshine Chairman, Veterans Home or sent to the military for their use.



AUXILIARY UNIT 102

**Edward B. Cutter Post 102, Anoka, MN
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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.**

