

# AMERICAN LEGION POST 102

400 West Main St., Anoka



## DINNER & PROGRAM

Saturday, November 12, 2011

Social Hour 6:00 - 7:00 pm  
Dinner 7:00 pm

Carved Ham & Turkey  
*with all the trimmings & dessert*

**DINNER -  
\$10.00 PER PERSON**

Limited to the first 200 people.

Tickets must be purchased  
before event.

No tickets will be sold on the  
day of the dinner.

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HAPPY  
*Thanksgiving*  
ONE  
AND ALL

# ADJUTANT'S NOTES

by Gary Munkholm

A hearty welcome to the newest members of Anoka Post 102 Roger Foss sponsored by Wayne Wallace, William Barnes sponsored by Frank Menter, and Kathy Tiegs sponsored by Mike Brainard. We hope to see you at future meetings and join us in fellowship during other times of the week.

Darrel Redepenning gave us a **Castle Field** update. The new Castle Field is going to be at Anoka High School with the old field being sold by the city of Anoka. This would mean the Legion Baseball team will have to play at another field for at least one year. The American Legion memorials were also mentioned as a concern for the move to the new field.

We still have a lot of members who haven't renewed their Post membership dues. Don't forget that you can pay your dues on line and then you won't have to use a stamp to mail it in. Your voice with membership is important to our National leaders when it comes to making sure our fellow comrades are assisted to the fullest with Veteran's Benefits.

Don't forget to attend the annual Veteran's Dinner on November 12th by purchasing your tickets at the pull tab booth.

Many thanks to Cliff Newman and Kathy Zwerdling for the outstanding Boys and Girls State program you both chair. At last month's joint Legion family meeting the Staters gave us an overview of events they attended during their weekend session.

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

|                                 |        |
|---------------------------------|--------|
| Adopt-A-School Program          | \$ 150 |
| Member recognition dinner       | 1,000  |
| Assist needy Veterans or Family | 1,500  |
| Emergency money                 | 500    |

## THURSDAYS

BBQ Ribs ~ Texas Toast ~ Cole Slaw ~ Potato  
Full Rack \$12.00 Half Rack \$10.00

## FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER SPECIALS

Starting November 4th

Nov. 4 ~ Beef Tips over Baked Potato \$8.00  
with vegetable, roll & butter

Nov. 11 ~ Lasagna \$8.00  
with vegetable and garlic toast

Nov. 18 ~ Sante Fe Chicken Salad \$7.00  
with roll

Nov. 25 ~ Bleu Cheese Burger \$6.25  
with fries or tots

*Tax included on all the above.*



Post 102 extends sincere sympathy to the families of



**BEN E. MCLAUGHLIN**

Ben was a 64 year member of The American Legion and a World War II Veteran.

**VERNON C. WESTLUND**

Vernon was a 39 year member of The American Legion and a Korea War Veteran

**RICHARD E. SWENSON**

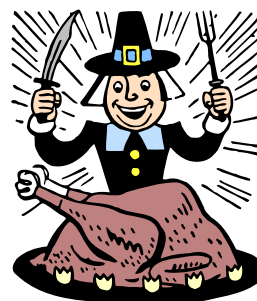
Richard was a 35 year member of The American Legion and a World War II Veteran

## ATTENTION POST 102 HUNTERS

It's that time of year again and we need your help! The annual **Post 102 Veterans Wild Game Dinner** is scheduled for Saturday, **December 10th** at 12 noon in The Commanders Hall. As in past years, we ask that you consider a donation of some of your wild game for this event. Donations can be dropped off at the Post at any time or if you have any questions feel free to call me at 763-571-8623. Of course we also need volunteers to help prepare, serve, clean-up, work bingo and EAT. Our guests include local dignitaries and patients from the St. Cloud and Minneapolis V.A. Medical Centers. I'm told every year that this Dinner is one of the patients favorite outings. They were very disappointed last year when a big blizzard prevented them from attending so hopefully the weather will cooperate this year.

Mark your calendars and kick start your Holiday spirit by taking part in this 44th annual event. Hope to see you there!

Darrel Redepenning



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## Commander's Column

**Fadi A. Awaijane**

Greetings fellow Legionnaires,

The Legion, Auxiliary and the S.A.L. held a joint meeting October 4th for the Boys and Girls Staters. Four young men and 3 young ladies came and spoke about their experiences at Boys and Girls State.

November 12th is our annual Veteran's Day Dinner; tickets are on sale at the Pull Tab Booth. It is a great event to honor our local Veterans. I am looking forward to seeing you at the Post.

Let us remember that the men and women who are serving our country today are not like the people we are fighting. They are our sons, daughters, husbands, wives, mothers, fathers and yes, even grandfathers and grandmothers. They form the core of our nation, not the fringe. They are the rock, not the quicksand.

May God protect them and all that they represent.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE!**

## Adult Vets Daycare Center



Betty, Bud Redepenning and Deb Mayasich helped out with Jingle Bingo at the Adult Veterans Daycare Center in Richfield on October 7th.

They had a lot of fun helping the Veterans with this new and fun way of playing Bingo. The game is based on American History and is designed to make the Veterans think and have fun in a different way to play the game. Each square takes an answer relating to History, and each winner received four "good neighbor" quarters and had to share half with his neighbor player. Each Veteran was treated to ice cream and cookies.

Betty Redepenning

## Speaker for Veterans Day Dinner

**LTC Barbara O'Reilly (ret)**  
**Director of Women Veteran and  
Employment Initiatives**  
**Minnesota Department Veteran's Affairs**

LTC Barb O'Reilly enlisted in the Army in 1989 as a Signal Intelligence Interceptor, rising to the rank of Sergeant. She was commissioned through Officer Candidate School, Fort Benning, Georgia in 1995. Her active duty assignments included Brigade Adjutant, 704th Military Intelligence Brigade and Operations Officer. She entered the Minnesota National Guard in 1999. Her assignments included Education Services Officer, Commander 347th Personnel Services Detachment, Personnel Community Relations Officer, Executive Officer 147th Personnel Services Battalion, Commander 147th Personnel Services Battalion, Chief of Deployment Cycle Support and the Beyond the Yellow Ribbon Program for the Minnesota National Guard.

LTC O'Reilly deployed to Afghanistan in support of operation Enduring Freedom from January 2007 until February 2008.

Her military awards include the Army Achievement Medal 3rd award, the Army Commendation Medal 2nd award, the Joint Services Commendation Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal 2nd award, the Minnesota Medal for Merit, the Bronze Star, and the Legion of Merit.

She has two children, Maggie and Addie, and lives in Woodbury.



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# JAN'S JOTTINGS

by Jan Reiter

The regular meeting of Edward B. Cutter American Legion Auxiliary was held on Tuesday, October 4, 2011. A joint Post and Auxiliary meeting was opened by Commander Fadi Awaijane for the purpose of introducing our Girls and Boys Staters. We heard from our Boys and Girls State representatives. Lunch was served and then the regular Auxiliary meeting was opened by President Norah Wyman with a song, made by Jean Johnson. The September 7, 2011 meeting minutes were approved. Mary Ann Ruud was a guest.

**Americanism:** Deb Mayasich passed the box around for the \$.50 to be put in by the ladies who did not wear their Auxiliary pins. Kathy Zwerdling will deliver flags to the kindergarten class at St. Stevens School.

**Education:** Kathy Zwerdling reported that Nov. 13-19th is Education week. She made a motion to buy apples for the schools in Anoka. Seconded and carried. They will be bagging and delivering them that week.

**Fund Raising:** October 1st was the Elvis Experience. There was a silent auction and a buffet dinner. The profits from this were \$935 on the food and \$674 on the silent auction. Sandy thanked everyone who helped make this fund raiser a success. Sue Nunnelee presented a motion to hold our annual Halloween refreshment and baked goods on the 29th of October. Seconded and carried. She is in need of help both Friday evening and Saturday.

**Home Service:** Lynette Pavin said anytime you do anything at home for a veteran that is not related to you, you can count those hours for Home Service. She also reminded everyone that they should save commemorative, express mail, foreign and air mail stamps, picture postcards and S&H stamps. Trim stamps to 1/4 of an inch around the entire stamp and leave the stamps on the postcard.

**Legislation:** Mary Hamilton reported the National Riders collected \$640,000 on their Legacy rides.

**Membership:** Betty Erickson reported that she has 197 members. She will be handing out continuous pins at the Early Bird Dinner.

**Sunshine:** Nancy Bever thanked everyone for all the cards.

**VA&R:** Cathy Newman reported that coupon clipping is back but you need to look up on commissary websites which ones are doing this. Cathy has started collecting items for the troops and she wants everyone to remember to bring items at the Early Bird Dinner to be put in these boxes. A dentist gave 25 toothbrushes, toothpaste and floss. She has also got some gift certificates to buy things for this project.

**Unfinished Business:** Jan Reiter reported that we will be starting a funeral luncheon committee and will be asking for volunteers at the EBD.

**New Business:** Fall Conference will be Oct 27-29 in Mankato. Sue Nunnelee reported that the project she and her 10th District commander had when they were 10th District leaders was completed. It was a Sport Court at the Spinal Chord Injury Center at the VA Hospital. Jean Johnson reported that she made 125 Thank you cards for our Veterans to be used for whatever we need them. She has a nice poem inside.

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## The American Legion, Department of Minnesota VETERAN'S INFORMATION DIRECTORY

### American Legion Informational Numbers

|  |                |
|--|----------------|
| Department Headquarters                  | (651) 291-1800 |
| Toll-Free                                | (866) 259-9163 |
| Auxiliary Headquarters                   | (651) 224-7634 |
| Toll-Free                                | (888) 217-9598 |
| Gulf War Veterans Hot-Line               | (800) 433-3318 |
| Legionnaire Newspaper                    | (651) 291-1800 |
| National Headquarters (Customer Service) | (800) 433-3318 |
| Dept. Rehabilitation Director            | (612) 970-5402 |
| Am Legion Claims Office                  | (612) 970-5662 |
| VA Hospital Representative               | (612) 467-3849 |
| The American Legion - Washington         | (202) 861-2700 |

### Veterans Information Phone Numbers

|  |                |
|--|----------------|
| Veterans Affairs (State Office)                    | (651) 296-2562 |
| Center for Women Veterans                          | (800) 827-1000 |
| Dept. of Defense Incident Hotline                  | (800) 472-6719 |
| Department of Veterans' Affairs Toll-Free Helpline |                |
| for Gulf War Veterans                              | (800) 749-8387 |
| Fed. VA Insurance                                  | (800) 669-8477 |
| Federal Veterans Grants                            | (800) 827-1000 |
| Fort Snelling Natl. Cemetery                       | (612) 726-1127 |
| Social Security Administration                     | (800) 722-1213 |
| VA Medical Center - Mpls.                          | (612) 725-2000 |
| VA Medical Center - Fargo                          | (701) 232-3241 |
| VA Medical Center - St. Cloud                      | (320) 252-1670 |
| V.A Regional Office & Insurance Center             | (612) 970-5307 |
| Veterans Benefits Information                      | (800) 827-1000 |
| Veterans Guardianship                              | (651) 297-4142 |

### E-MAIL Addresses

|   |                             |
|---|-----------------------------|
| MN American Legion State Headquarters           | department@mnlegion.org     |
| MN American Legion Auxiliary State Headquarters | deptoffice@mnala.org        |
| The American Legion National Headquarters       | tal@legion.org              |
| Dept of MN Rehabilitation Director              | tnewman@mnlegion.org        |
| Legionville Camp                                | information@legionville.org |

### WEB Sites

|   |                          |
|---|--------------------------|
| Minnesota American Legion               | www.mnlegion.org         |
| The Am. Legion Natl. Hdqtrs.            | www.legion.org           |
| The Minnesota Am Legion Aux.            | www.mnala.org            |
| DOD's Gulf War Illness Home Page        | www.gulfink.osd.mil      |
| Veterans Affairs in Washington          | www.va.gov               |
| MN Veterans Affairs                     | www.mdva.state.mn.us     |
| Minnesota Veteran Information (LinkVet) | www.minnesotaveteran.org |



## President's Column

Norah Wyman

Hello Again,

October has arrived and it is a busy month for all of us. We have the Halloween weekend to end it but before that the Early Bird Dinner will happen. We will be preparing and sending troop care packages off to those names we have, to let them know how much we care. We must all work together to make things happen for those who serve our country. If you receive this fantastic newsletter you should never be out of the loop from "What's Happening?"

Thanks again to all the members who paid their dues early and attend the Early Bird Dinner. Thanks to all my chairpersons and committee chairs for your commitment.

### Don't Miss Page 2 – of the MN Legionnaire

Be sure to read about the Mpls. VA Spinal Cord Trauma Center and those who made it possible – including a member of Anoka Unit 102.

### Now Is The Time

BEFORE...Veterans Day November 11...Thanksgiving November 24...National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day December 7...1st Day of Winter December 22...

Before things get really busy and the snow comes again, drop your dues in the mail (\$20 senior – \$3.50 junior – \$3.00 past president) or leave at the pulltab booth.

Thank you for helping our programs for veterans, children & youth and our community. Without all of our members, we cannot support all of these programs – and please don't forget your fellow members in need.

If your dues notice is mislaid, just send your check to me – 1826 Cressy Ave., Anoka, MN 55303.

Betty Erickson, Chairman



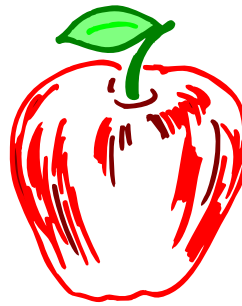
### AUXILIARY UNIT 102

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

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



## American Education Week Nov. 13-19

On Monday, November 14th we will be needing volunteers (Legion, Aux, SAL & Riders) to help bag apples. The apples are given to teachers, cooks and maintenance personnel at schools in the Anoka area.

We will deliver the apples on Tuesday, November 15th. Hope to see you on the 14th at 7:00 p.m. to help with this Legion Family project.

Kathy Zwerdling – Education Chrm.

### October Joint Meeting

On October 4th, at the joint Legion and Auxiliary meeting, we had the privilege of hearing our 3 Girls Staters speak. Attending from Anoka High School were, Donna January, Abbey Nixt and Bailey Deters. They told of their experiences at Girls State, what they learned and the friendships they made. A slide presentation was given of the week and it was very informative. The girls thanked the Auxiliary for giving them the opportunity to attend Girls State.

Kathy Zwerdling – Girls State Chrm.






Chrm. Kathy, Bailey Deters, Abbey Nixt, Donna January and Pres. Norah



Shown with Chmn. Cliff and Cmdr. Fadi are: Jeff Herrala - Anoka HS; Henry Bertram, Tyler Boe and Brian Kessler from Andover HS.

# NOVEMBER 2011

| SUNDAY   | MONDAY   | TUESDAY  | WEDNESDAY   | THURSDAY   | FRIDAY   | SATURDAY  |
|--|--|--|---|--|--|---|
| <p>90 years ago - Oct. 31 - Nov 2, 1921:<br/>The American Legion Auxiliary adopted their Constitution and Preamble at their first National Convention held in Kansas City, Missouri.</p> |  | <p>Post General Mem.<br/>7:30 pm<br/>S.A.L. Mtg. 7:00 pm<br/>Auxiliary Mtg. 7:00 pm</p>          | <p>SAL Dinners<br/>5:30-7:00<br/>Prime Rib \$10.00</p>  | <p>SEE MENU ON PAGE 2<br/>for<br/>THURSDAY &amp; FRIDAY MENU</p>   |  | <p>90 years ago Nov. 11, 1921:<br/>Proclaimed Armistice day - legal holiday this year, school closed.</p> |
| <p>Club Open 12-10<br/>Bar Bingo 4:00 pm<br/>Daylight Savings Ends (fall back)</p>   | <p>80 years ago Nov. 1931:<br/>City informs County that the charge for using the jail is \$500/year.</p>     | <p>ELECTION DAY<br/>"VOTE"</p>   | <p>SAL Dinners 5:30-7:00<br/>Country Fried Steak \$8.00<br/>Aux. Twin Rivers Bingo 2:15 pm</p>  | <p>Bar Bingo 7:00 pm</p>   | <p>Meat Raffle 5:30 pm<br/>Bar Bingo 7:00 pm<br/>VETERANS DAY</p>  | <p>Veterans Day Dinner Social 6-7 PM<br/>Dinner 7:00 PM<br/>Aux. Rally Monticello 2 pm</p>                |
| <p>Club Open 12-10<br/>Bar Bingo 4:00 pm</p>   | <p>Apple Bagging for Am. Ed. Week 7:00 pm<br/>Commanders Hall</p>  | <p>Delivery of Apples to Anoka Schools<br/>NEWSPAPER MEETING 7:00 pm</p>                         | <p>SAL Dinners 5:30-7:00<br/>Prime Rib \$10.00<br/>Legion Riders Meeting 7 pm</p>   | <p>Bar Bingo 7:00 pm</p>   | <p>Meat Raffle 5:30 pm<br/>Bar Bingo 7:00 pm</p>   | <p>60 years ago Nov. 10, 1951:<br/>Knights of Swing play at Teen Town Hall opening for the year.</p>      |
| <p>Club Open 12-10<br/>Bar Bingo 4:00 pm</p>   | <p>80 years ago Nov. 1931:<br/>Annual union Thanksgiving service of all churches held at Baptist Church.</p> | <p>House &amp; Ent. Meeting 7:00 pm<br/>President John F. Kennedy Assassinated Nov. 22, 1963</p> | <p>NO SAL DINNER</p>  | <p>Happy Thanksgiving<br/><br/>Club Closed</p>                                   | <p>Meat Raffle 5:30 pm<br/>Bar Bingo 7:00 pm</p>   | <p>70 years ago Nov. 26, 1941:<br/>Mr. Wilcox adds clock to basketball scoreboard at AHS.</p>             |
| <p>Club Open 12-10<br/>Bar Bingo 4:00 pm</p>   | <p>50 years ago Nov. 13, 1961:<br/>District #11 enrollment Nov. 1 totals 11,766 (inc. Anoka)</p>             | <p>Executive Board Meeting 7:00 pm</p>   | <p>SAL Dinners 5:30-7:00<br/>Steak, Chicken, or Shrimp \$8.00<br/>Steak &amp; Shrimp Combo \$11.00</p>  | <p>90 years ago Nov. 1921:<br/>Farrier Brothers build new icehouse north of the Milk Factory.</p>  | <p>Renew Your Membership NOW!<br/>Dues:<br/>Legion - \$35<br/>Auxiliary \$20 Sr.<br/>Aux. Jr. - \$3.50<br/>SAL - \$20<br/>Dual Legion/Sal - \$10</p> | <p>Veterans Day Dinner Tickets \$10 at Pull Tab Booth</p>   |
| <p>Coming in December</p>  |  |  | <p> Flag Display Days<br/>11th Veterans Day<br/>24th Thanksgiving</p> | <p> 1st Friday each month<br/>Red Cross Bloodmobile at Post<br/>7 AM - 1 PM</p> |  |   |