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BIRTHDAY DINNER - MARCH 7TH

I am proud to say the Birthday Dinner was a huge success thanks to all the many volunteers who helped set up and clean up. The meal was prepared by SAL members and it was delicious and we thank them for doing such a great job. Commander Cliff and President Cathy welcomed our special guests Dept Commander Tom Conway, Dept President Carol Barbknecht, Detachment Commander Wayne Mattingley and Junior Auxiliary President Genna Arellano. Numbers proved to be around 89 meals served and there were many Past Commanders and Past Presidents from Anoka American Legion and their guests present for this special evening.

Once again many thanks for everything everyone did to make this such a great time. I am so proud to be a member of this outstanding organization and for all that we do at home for veterans and abroad for the troops.

Norah Wyman, 2nd Vice President

L-R: Lance Nelson, Cliff & Cathy Newman, Ashley Toikka, Pres. Carol, Pres. Genna Arellano, Cmdr. Wayne and Cmdr. Tom

L-R: Seated: Dept. Pres. Carol Barbknecht, Karen Orr, Cathy Newman, Lenora Root, Jan Reiter.
Standing: Lynette Pavin, Sandy Phillips, Nancy Bever, Liz Abeln, Norah Wyman, Barb Fechner, Donna Redepenning.

L-R: Seated: Wayne Wallace, Jerry Abeln, Bob Duclos, Larry Phillips.
Standing: Cliff Newman, Jim Hays, Sam Orr, Darrel Redepenning, Rick Oelschlager

Poppy Card Days begin April 17th

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American Legion Auxiliary

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ADJUTANT'S NOTES

by Wayne D. Wallace

The Post Executive Committee meeting held February 24, 2009 heard the minutes from the previous meeting and reports from finance, cluhroom and gambling.

Adjutant mentioned receiving the Post Data form from Department Headquarters which requests the amount of Post dues for the next year and where dues are to be sent. **The Executive Cormmittee approved the membership dues for 2010 remain at $35.00** and be sent to the Post 102 address as in the past.

The Executive Cormnittee reviewed all requests for donations and those approved were recommended for approval to the Post General tvlembership.

The Post General Membership meeting held March 3, 2009 heard the minutes from the previous meeting and reports from Post officers and committee chairmen.

Tenth District Vice Cormnander for Pine County Roy Nadeau from Pine City Post 51 visited the Post meeting as a candidate for the office of Tenth District Cormnander for 2009-2010. He mentioned he expected to make some changes as commander and expects a tough election from his opposition and requested the support of Post 102. His opposition, unexpectedly, also visited the Post meeting with her husband. Tess Davis, current Tenth District Membership Director, and Al Davis from Princeton Post 216 were present to also solicit the support of Post 102 in her candidacy for the position of Tenth District Commander for 2009-2010.

Adjutant reported Post members Jerome Jankord, George Dakis, Aloise Zajic and Kenneth Sutliff has passed away.

First Vice Commander Gregg Werbowski reported (793) members are signed up for 2009. We are (12) members behind one year ago and (16) short of our goal.

Post 102 has an AED (Automated External Defibrillator) on hand in event of needed CPR. Staff personnel will begin training on CPR/AED methods and any other individuals interested can contact this Post for more information.

The following Lawful Purpose donations/expenses projected for expenditure in March 2009 were approved by the Post General Membership:

1. Anoka Senior Party Assoc. (Safe evening for graduating seniors) . . . . . $ 300
2. ACBC Food Shelf 2,000
3. City of Anoka (Water/light costs) 1,500
4. Centerpoint Energy (Gas costs) 1,600
5. RISE, Inc. 100
6. Andover Senior Party Assoc. (Safe evening for graduating seniors) 100
7. MN American Legion Fnd (Jr Legion Baseball kit) 100
8. U.S. Treasury (Tax on wagering) 500
9. Assist needy veterans/families 1,500
10. Emergency money 500

Total taxes paid on gambling proceeds for February 2009:
Minnesota Revenue: $3,345 U.S. Treasury: $245

New members accepted by the Post General Membership were: Milton H. Webster, Roland L. Hennager and William A. Richards. We welcome you gentlemen into Post 102 and hope to see and meet you at our monthly Post meeting held the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30 PM.

Post 102 extends sincere sympathy to the families of

JEROME A. JANKORD
Jerome was a 13 year member of The American Legion and a Korean War Veteran.

GEORGE W. DAKIS
George was a 6 year member of The American Legion and a Vietnam War Veteran

ALOISE M. ZAJIC
Al was a 36 year member of The American Legion and a World War II Veteran

KENNETH G. SUTLIFF
Kenneth was a 34 year member of The American Legion and a Vietnam War Veteran.

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Commander's Column
Cliff Newman

Greetings Legionnaires,

My how time fly's when your having fun. On February 21st, President Cathy and I attended the SAL sponsored Sweet Heart Rally at Clearwater American Legion. The next day we went to the 10th District sponsored St. Cloud VA Monte Carlo. The veterans and District people all had a great time. I can't tell you enough times - if you could attend one of the trips it will give you such gratification in giving friendship, laughter, camaraderie. My thanks to all who attended.

10th District Officers, Auxiliary and Volunteers for Monte Carlo Night at the St. Cloud VA Hospital

The 27th of February, President Cathy and I took a weekend off and went on the overnight to Jackpot Junction. We had a great weekend. On the 7th of March, we celebrated the 90th Anniversary of the American Legion. Thank you to our guest speakers Dept. Cmdr. Tom, Dept. Aux. Pres. Carol, SAL Detach. Cmdr. Wayne and Jr. Aux. Pres. Genna. A very grateful thank you to the Post, Auxiliary and SAL members who helped set up, decorate and just plain help. Thank You! Thank You!

Until next time think about this: The statistics on insanity is that one of every four persons is suffering from some sort of mental illness. Think of your three best friends – if they are OK, then it's you!!

Yesterday's History,
Tomorrows a Mystery
and thats why the call
Today the Present.

S.A.L. NEWS
by
Commander
Lance Nelson

Greetings from the Sons of the American Legion.

We are very close to our "All-Time-High" in membership. If you have not renewed your membership, do it now and help us hit a new all-time-high.

Post member Gregg Werbowski reported on an effort to get CPR training for members. The Post also has an Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) installed.

Our SAL "Meet the Members" party on February 15th netted $500 for food shelf donation – see picture below.

Charlie Heemer presented the membership report. There are 6 new members: Larry Larson, William Zwerdling, Mark Kroeplin, Jeff Rol, Alfred Hughes and Joe Adamson.

The Legion Birthday Dinner was a great success! Thanks to all who attended and those who worked on it. Good Job!

Our next Squadron meeting will be Tuesday, April 7th at 7:00 pm.

Don't forget to stop by the Post on Wednesday nights between 5:30 pm and 7:00 pm for the best meal in town. As always, we greatly appreciate your patronage and the efforts of our volunteers.

S.A.L. Commander, Lance Nelson, presents check for $500 to Jerri Loughry of ACBC Food Shelf

LEGION RIDERS

Well, spring is here and motorcycle riding season is finally upon us. The Anoka Chapter of the American Legion Riders will make their Inaugural Run on May 2nd starting Noon at the Post, and going to Elk River, Clearwater and St. Cloud.

Other events planned include the 44th Annual Flood Run beginning in Lake St. Croix on April 18th, a Legion Riders booth at the Donnie Smith Bike Show at the River Center in St. Paul on March 28-29th, and a ride to Legionville on June 27th.

But most importantly please mark Saturday, June 13th on your calendars, as the Anoka Legion Riders will be holding their First Annual Hog Roast. The fun begins at 1 PM; with a silent auction at 4 pm. Tickets will be $5.00 or $7.50 at the door.

If you or anyone you know has a motorcycle and is interested in joining the American Legion Riders, please send an email to alr102@anokalegion.org, or ask the bartender at the Post for an application. We'll see you on the road!

Matt Berens – ALR 102 Director/President

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Old Cell Phones

A real big Thank You to all that donated their old cell phones for the recycling program. We got 39 phones to send in. As you can see I took them to the post office and sent them off. Proceeds from the cell phones are used to purchase prepaid calling cards for American Troops. Great job everyone.

Thanks - Cathy

Juniors At Birthday Dinner

Front: Brook & Lea Newman
Middle: Pres. Ashley Toikka, Sam Odegard, 10th Dist. Pres. Taylor Hagen.
Back: Advisor Missy and daughter Sami Hicks.

Jackpot Casino Trip

Another successful Casino Bus Trip to Jackpot Junction as an Auxiliary Fund Raiser was held on February 27th and 28th. It is because of generous donations from our members and others that help make this a successful fund raiser. We'd like to thank Ron's Catering, The SAL and Greenhaven for their dinner donations. Thanks also to the many members who donated prizes to be used on the bus and thanks to our many faithful customers who join us on these trips. Also, to Barb Fechner for her help in many ways. Another trip is planned for this fall. Watch this newspaper for details.

Carol Hathaway, Chairman
Sandy Phillips, Co-Chairman

1940 – 1945

Eligibility Dates
World War I:
April 6, 1917 – November 11, 1919
World War II:
December 7, 1941 – December 31, 1946

The 1940's opened in a world torn by strife, suffering and unrest; war had been going on in Europe since 1938. At the National Convention Sept. 1940 in Boston, delegates abandoned its 16 year position of neutrality and adopted the National Defense report of aid to Great Britain; they also asked Congress to institute the draft.

…1940…The Legion began to take an active role as an unofficial branch of the FBI. Each post selected 2 members to report to the FBI on local draft dodgers and subversive activities.
…1940…In Minnesota, Department Adjutant Chic Zweiner was asked by Gov. Harold Stassen to organize civil defense units in cities and counties and to be its first director.
…Dec. 7, 1941…Pearl Harbor attacked
... Dec. 8, 1941…War declared on Japan
…Dec, 11, 1941…Germany and Italy declared war on U.S.
After Pearl Harbor, Natl. Commander Lynn Stambaugh immediately placed "all the Legion has and is" at President Franklin Delano Roosevelt's disposal. After war was declared, the Minn. Legion sponsored a statewide Civil Defense meeting on Dec. 21…sponsored and financed a volunteer Air Raid Warden and Fire Fighting School at the U of M in June 1942…helped organize and raise funds for the USO…collected thousands of books for training camps and overseas libraries.
…June 22, 1942…The (original) Pledge of Allegiance recognized by Congress.
…1942…The Minn. Legislature provided a $2.5 million fund for veterans rehabilitation, later adding more funds; a WWII state bonus was also provided.
…1942…The National Convention was moved from New Orleans to Kansas City because of war conditions, travel, rationing restrictions; also the convention had no banquets, no parades, no musical units. Sessions were devoted to the needs of returning veterans and aid for the war effort; it also changed the constitution to make WWII veterans eligible for membership after honorable discharge or termination of hostilities.
…1943…The Minn. Legion proposed that all agencies in the state dealing with veterans be consolidated under a single commissioner appointed by the governor; in May, William Revier was named by Gov. Ed Thye as the first Commissioner of the Department of Veterans Affairs in Minnesota.
…1943…The department convention at Fairbault (War Conference) waived dues for Legionnaires in service and made veterans of WWII eligible for Hospital Assn. benefits.

THE SERVICEMAN'S READJUSTMENT ACT OF 1944
G.I. Bill: Legion's Greatest Single Legislative Achievement

…1943... At the 25th National Convention in Omaha, delegates adopted dozens of resolutions urging Congress to provide veterans wide-ranging assistance that would ease their transitions to civilian life. Because Congress was thinking "war" not "veterans", a single bill was needed. Past Natl. Cmdr. Harry Colmery wrote the first draft; resistance from 4 other veterans organizations was overcome, the name was changed to the G.I. Bill of Rights and Pres. Roosevelt signed it on June 22, 1944. It called for: Educational opportunities. Vocational and on-the-job training. Readjustment allowances. Loan guarantees to help veterans buy homes, farms or small businesses. Review of discharges. Adequate hospitalization. Prompt settlement of claims. Mustering-out pay (eliminated from the GI Bill after it was enacted separately). Effective employment or placement service. Concentration of all veterans' programs in the VA and VA priority in hiring the people it needed.
…1944…The Mankato dept. convention created the post public relations and liaison officer, secret ballot for dept. and that "only delegates from posts shall be entitled to vote at dept. conventions".
…Feb. 3, 1945…The S.S. Dorchester was torpedoed and sank in the North Atlantic with four chaplains Rev. Clark Poling, Rev. George Fox, Father John Washington and Rabbi Alexander Goode and 600 soldiers and sailors. The Chapel of the Four Chaplains in Philadelphia PA was dedicated by Pres. Truman on February 3, 1951.
…Aug.10, 1945…After the Minn. Dept. convention was cancelled, the executive committee met to elect officers and transact business. Membership in Minnesota: 1920-29,856…1930-26,311…1940-30,027…1945-42,016.

HAPPENING AT HOME

…1940…Guy Spencer elected Commander (presented an Honored Life Member November 12, 1977 at a Veterans Day Dinner.)
…Dec.4,1940…Don't Forget!! Bring your toys to the city hall and the Legion and Auxiliary will repair them for needy tots for Christmas.
…Feb.1941…Battery F to be guests at farewell party at Greenhaven.
…1941…Robert Beckenbach, Sr. elected Commander.
…Nov.12,1941…The American Legion and Auxiliary will again sponsor the Christmas Toy Shop. Everyone that has broked or discarded toys or dolls, please call Mrs. Charles Meyer as soon as possible.

WAR IS DECLARED

…Dec.1941…24 hour guard maintained at Power & Pump Station in Anoka.
…Jan.1942…Anoka Air Raid Senior Wardens registered and fingerprinted.
…1942 and 1943…Lawrence Holen elected Commander for 2 terms.
…Jan.23,1942…Anoka Post opens clubrooms over Gambles Store (2nd & Main, then was Colburn-Hilliard Store, now US Bank).
…June 27,1942…Officially proclaimed "Scrap Rubber Day" in Anoka.
…Nov.17,1942…The Minn. Legionnaire states this week that the Edward B. Cutter Post of Anoka has sent in $216.30 which was collected in the milk bottles in the various stores of Anoka for cigarettes for the boys in the service. The Post is very grateful to the people of Anoka for their cooperation.
…Nov.3,1943…Anoka Legion Post is starting its annual magazine subscription campaign to start a fund for the purchase of 6 new portable Hanflig orthopedic fracture beds and mattresses. They will be housed in Anoka, Forest Lake, Center City, Cambridge, Princeton and Mora; available to residents in the counties of: Anoka, Isanti, Chisago, Kanabec, Mille Lacs, (northern parts of)

Hennepin, Ramsey and Washington at all times without charge, except for transportation. Also for use to any physician or hospital for emergencies. This is a community service project and those working will be under the direction of and will have letters signed by Post officers. Through your support the Legion has placed an emergency iron lung and a new portable oxygen apparatus in the Anoka fire station for your use.

…Dec.22,1943…Anoka Post has raised funds for 3 inhalation apparatus and 3 portable insufflations units through the 1942 subscription campaign. Due to war restrictions this vital lifesaving equipment could not be delivered until this time. These will be housed in Anoka, Princeton and Cambridge and available to the doctors and hospitals in those counties.

…May 31,1944…The American Legion and Auxiliary regular meetings will be held on Tuesday, June 6 at the clubrooms. The auxiliary will elect officers for the coming year. Many subjects of interest will come up, as it will be the last meeting until Sept. We hope to have a large turnout as it's the most important meeting ever held. The Post will serve the lunch.

…July 19, 1944…American Legion Post of Anoka has built a pickup station in front of the Oswald hamburger shop near the Baptist Church (Main & Ferry, NW corner). This station is for traveling servicemen only and will doubtless prove of much use to those traveling north on the busy highways.

…July 26, 1944…NOTICE – 17 year old boys. Come to the Legion rooms over the Gamble store Thurs. July 27 at 8:00pm. First Lt. William Marquardt Jr. 25 years old of Superior, Wis. Squadron lead bombardier, will speak. He has completed 25 missions, took part in raids over Berlin, Hanover, Kiel, Emden and the Ruhr Valley. He has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal with three oak leaf clusters and the Bronze Star. Come and hear one of our flying aces. Ed. B. Cutter Post & Henry J. Wuest Post VF W.

…July 26, 1944…Post 102 has sent in $26.75 from the milk bottle collection for cigarettes for the boys overseas. This makes a total of $329.75 collected in Anoka.

…July 26, 1944…The Henry J. Wuest Post VFW and the American Legion are sponsoring a school of instruction for returning servicemen and their relatives. The first meeting will be held on Tuesday night Aug. 1 at the high school auditorium at 8 o'clock. All questions pertaining to benefits etc. of World Wars I and II, will be answered as far as laws and regulations are known to date. All wives, parents and friends of men in service, and those who have been discharged, should attend this meeting. There is no charge.

…Aug.30, 1944…The regular meeting of the American Legion and Auxiliary will be held at 8:30 sharp at the Legion clubrooms. Lunch will be served by the Post. The membership drive is on. Please contact your commander and your president and attend the meetings regularly.

…Sept.6, 1944…EDITORIAL The Minnesota American Legion is authority for the statement that special arrangements have been made at the U of M to give every opportunity to returned servicemen who are eligible for admission to that institution. Special committees will look after the welfare of those veterans of World War II.

…Oct.3, 1944…Rolland Castle installed as Commander.

…Oct.11, 1944…Installation held Oct. 3rd with 22 members and 4 visitors present. Also installed were Adjutant Lawrence Holen, Financial officer Warren Bowers, Chaplain Roy Nelson, Sgt. at Arms Robert Beckenbach, Historian C. Merion Hicks, Service Officer Arlo Mann, athletic officer Walter Jacob and school patrol Guy Spencer.

…Nov.1, 1944…Anoka Post is sponsoring a plan to raise funds for the purchase of New Portable Colson Wheel Chairs through its magazine subscription campaign. The wheel chairs will be housed in Anoka, Osseo, Forest Lake, Center City, North Branch, Cambridge, Mora, Milaca, Princeton and their counties and will be available for temporary use, without charge, to any physician, hospital or individual for emergency use. The plan has also been endorsed by Osseo Post 172.

…Mar.28, 1945…The American Post and the Auxiliary served their 26th annual birthday dinner to 75 members and friends at the clubrooms March 20. Toastmaster Charles LeRicheux led the group in singing a number of popular songs with Mrs. Carl Bonnell at the piano. Program included a boys quartette singing 4 songs, 2 readings and Elmer Thompson of the high school faculty who gave a very interesting talk on his work in the South Pacific area as a Red Cross field director. The table decorations were a red VICTORY in shadow writing placed above the Victory code. The waitresses were Jeanette Hiltz, Elizabeth Colburn, Merrywayne Ridge and Mary Jacob.

May 7, 1945…Unconditional Surrender of all German Forces
May 8, 1945…V-E Day

…May 23, 1945…10th Dist. officials met with members of the Anoka Legion to make plans for the convention to be held in the Anoka High School, June 10th, about 150 delegates are expected to be present.

…June 6, 1945…Legion Baseball…All boys who have not reached their 17th birthday before Jan. 1st and are interested in playing baseball should meet at the ball park Wed. at 6:30.

…June 13, 1945…The 25th Tenth District convention was held in Anoka, Sunday, June 10th; the joint memorial service at 10 am and the Distinguished Guest Dinner was served at Greenhaven with a program from 12 to 2. The Legion held its meeting in the high school cafeteria, the Auxiliary in the auditorium; 250 delegates attended. Those elected included Chaplain Mrs. John Freeburg of Anoka. Special numbers were also contributed by the high school band under the direction of Loren Sederstrom. District membership now numbers over 2,500.

August 14, 1945…Japan Surrendered
September 2l, 1945…Formal Surrender Signed…V-J Day

…Sept.26,1945…Forrest Johnson installed as Commander…The American Legion is meeting this evening in the clubrooms over the Gambles store and will have open installation of officers and initiation of about 20 new members. The first district 40 & 8 installation team of Minneapolis will officiate. Lunch will be served.

Edited by Betty Erickson

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Legion 50 by Ben Gimmestad
The Minnesota Legionnaire/75th Special Edition
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Charlie Sell/Notebook

President's Column

Cathy Newman

Hello Auxiliary Members,

Well I guess we can say Spring is in its way and the end of my year is coming very fast. We have had a lot going on to tell you about. Lots of Thank You's to give out.

We did well on our VA Shower for the Veterans. Donations came to over $400. Thanks to all who donated. I will be delivering these things to the two VA Hospitals.

On February 22nd I attended the 10th District Monte Carlo Night at the St. Cloud VA Hospital along with some other Auxiliary and Post members from Anoka.

On February 27-28 I went on the overnight casino trip to Jackpot. This was a fundraiser for the Auxiliary. This was my first time at this. I sure would do it again.

It was so nice seeing our friends at the Birthday Dinner. The food was very good. Wish we could have more members come. We will be having our Flea Market again this Spring and our Plant Sale also.

I know I run on about a lot of things. I do each month, but I think as your President you should know what I do as I am representing you.

We sill have a number of exciting and fun events coming up and the way to stay on top and be part of these occasions is to come to the meetings and hear about them before they are over. We welcome all who care to come.

Sewing Bee

There were eleven Past Presidents and one Unit member who helped make laundry bags and tote bags at our annual sewing bee on March 10th. Many thanks to Karen Orr, Cathy Newman, Jan Reiter, Norah Wyman and Lynette Pavin for bringing their sewing machines we used. Some itmes were made at home.

All items made will be taken to VA Hospitals where they are needed.

Thank you again to all Unit members who gave their time to cut out, sew, iron and finish each bag. It takes a lot of hands to make this program a success!

Lenora Root & Karen Orr – Co-chairmen

Annual Auction

The 2nd Vices of the Unit and Post were kept busy at the auction following the meetings on March 3rd. Norah Wyman assisted auctioneer Ron Wolford with a good supply of wrapped items bid on by Unit, Post and SAL members. Many packages were patriotic and the unwrapped were homemade and some very nice hand crafted items.

The total of $305 (up from last year) will be split between Legionville and the Girls State program.

Thanks to all who donated and happily bid to make this 39th Auction a lot of fun.

Auctioneer Ron

Karen Orr and her successful bid.

JAN'S JOTTINGS

by Jan Reiter

The regular meeting of Edward B. Cutter American Legion Auxiliary was held on Tuesday, March 3, 2009 at 7:00 pm.

The Post 2nd Vice Commander, Gregg Werbowski, visited the Auxiliary and said that the Legion has an AED machine and he is going to teach CPR classes and teach us how to use the AED machine.

Children & Youth: Just a reminder to still save Campbell's soup labels, box tops for education, pop tabs and Kemp's points for education and give them to your local schools but keep count for our Children and Youth chairman so she can report the amount for our reports in April. For the reports we need the number of Campbell's soup labels plus add up the points on the bottom. (Call Norah at 427-6517.)

Fund Raising: An overnighter to Jackpot was Feb. 27-28. They had 47 people that went and made a profit of $686. Lenora Root reported on our annual Mother Day's plant sale. A motion was made to charge $17 per plant, approved. Pam Westlie talked about the May 2nd Flea Market. She is in need of help with advertising. It will be a combination flea, craft, food, and book exchange. She will charge $15 per table. Applications for a table are at the Pull tab booth.

Girls State: Kathy Zwerdling has contacted the high school and they will have an assembly this month with the junior girls. The last year's Girl Staters will speak to them about their experiences. (County Day is April 21).

Home Service: The Auxiliary is collecting commemorative, express mail, foreign and air mail stamps, picture postcards and S&H stamps. Leave the stamps on the postcards.

Membership: Past President Dawn McCrady gave birth to another member – Lillian Mae McCrady. If anyone has old membership forms, there are changes so get the new ones at the pull tab booth.

Poppy: Poppy Card Days begin Friday, April 17. Poppy Days are May 15 and 16.

VA&R: Cathy Newman thanked everyone who brought items for the VA shower. Cathy took the valentines the juniors made and added some candy to them and delivered them to the veterans at AMRTC. She reported that the VA is in need of laundry and tote bags.

Donations:

Legacy Scholarship (Veteran's children) . . . . . $ 50
Dept. Amer. Leg. Aux. Emergency Fund 200
Nat'l Amer. Leg. Aux. Emergency Fund 100
Anoka County Campership Handicapped Children 300
MN Home School (Red Wing) 50
Anoka County Historical Society 50
Dept. Scholarship Fund 100
Amer. Leg. Family Hospital Association 100
Fisher House 100
Legionville 50
Children's Miracle Network 50
ACBC 100
Calendar Club - Fred Moore School 25
Armed Forces Center 100
Forgotten Children 100

New Business: Lynette Pavin sent around a little pocket flag that she would like our Unit to assemble and send to the troops. These are flags our troops put in their pocket to remind them of home. The cost is $70 for 300. These were in our National Auxiliary Magazine in January, 2009. A motion was made to order these flags. Approved. This can be a National Security project and can be given to troops that are leaving or are already deployed.

Anoka Unit 102 reaches GOAL of 372 March 14th

Joint 10th District Testimonial Dinner
Honoring
District Commandeer
TOM SCHOTTENBAUER
&
Auxiliary President
SUE NUNNELEE

April 25, 2009
4:00 Social ~ 5:00 Dinner
Cost $16.00 Per Person
Pork Loin Roast with Trimmings

Space is limited to 1st 200 Prepaid Registrations
Make Check Payable to:
Anoka Unit 102
Mail to:
Jan Reiter
6533-153rd Lane NW, Ramsey, MN 55303

_____
Name

#_____ Reservations @ $16.00 each

Total enclosed: $_____

Pick up tickets at the Door day of Testimonial
any questions call Jan at 763-427-3733
or Cathy at 763-757-2034

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

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

DENISE'S CORNER

The Madness is Coming in April!!

We are going to be holding a

FINAL FOUR PARTY

Club Open At Noon.
Saturday, April 4th. Come join us for
FUN - FOOD - PRIZES

Craft Sale ~ Flea Market and Book Exchange

Sat., May 2nd - 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
Commanders Hall, Post 102

Lunch Available

Drop off Books Friday May 1 from 4-6 pm or Sat. Morning

TABLES AVAILABLE

For information call Pam 763-421-7046
An Auxiliary Fundraiser

POST HOSPITAL EQUIPMENT

Effective Now
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.

Also call Frank if you know of anyone hospitalized so the word can get out.

Ron's Ribs / Thursdays

Open Grill Thursdays and Fridays

Thursdays – 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm
BBQ Ribs, Choice of Potato, Cole Slaw, Texas Toast
Full Rack $11.75 Half Rack $9.75

Friday April 3rd
Liver & Onions, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Vegetable, Roll & Butter $7.50
(Lenten specials also available)

Friday April 10th
Turkey Club Wrap, Bacon, Lettuce, Tomato, (special dressing) with Fries or Tots $7.50
(Lenten specials also available)

Friday April 17th
Buffalo Chicken Wings, Celery, Bleu Cheese, with Fries or Tots $7.00

Friday April 24th
Chicken Ceasar Wrap with Fries or Tots $7.50

Taxes are included

Anoka Auxiliary Unit 102
Spring-Mothers Day
Plant Sale

Price $17.00

Buy Plant Tickets
April 7th – May 13th 2009
at Anoka Legion Pull Tab Booth
or from a Auxiliary Member

Make checks payable to Anoka Unit 102

Impatients ~ Ivy Geraniums
Petunia ~ Mixed Baskets
Swedish Ivy
Many more selections available

Plant Pick-Up Times
April 8th – June 8th 2009
at Green Valley Greenhouse
Ramsey, MN

Any questions call Lenora Root 427-1744

Proceeds help support our Veterans and Community Programs

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

APRIL 2009

Children & Youth Month

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Federal Cartridge: Sept., 1943 – paid over $11,000 for milk weed at 5¢ lb.; May, 1944 – will pay 15¢ lb. for catnip; June, 1944 – will pay 25¢ for spearmint plants; June 1944 – has 50 jobs available for women over 21.			SAL Sponsored Dinner 5:30-7:00 Steak, Chicken, or Stuffed Shrimp $7.50 Steak & Shrimp Combo $10.00 1	Ron's Ribs Grill Open 5:00 – 8:00 pm Bar Bingo 6:30 pm 2	Grill Open 5–8:00 pm Meat Raffle 5:00 pm Bar Bingo 6:30 pm Live Music Wild Fire 8:30 - 12:30 3	Dist. Jr. Conference - St. Francis Marv Jonas SAL Testimonial - Clearwater Final Four Party 4
Club Open 12-10 Bar Bingo 3:00 pm 5	*Oct. 1942: 200 trucks & 500 men wanted for scrap collection.* 6	Post General Mem. 7:30 pm S.A.L. Mtg. 7:00 pm Auxiliary Mtg. 7:00 pm Reports Due 7	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 8	Ron's Ribs Grill Open 5:00 – 8:00 pm Bar Bingo 6:30 pm 9	Grill Open 5–8:00 pm Meat Raffle 5:00 pm Bar Bingo 6:30 pm Live Music Turn Around Band 8:30 - 12:30 10	*May 1943: Servicemen get up to 5 gallons of gas on visit home.* *Nov. 1944: Colburn-Hilliards publishes "G.I. Bill of Rights".* 11
CLUB CLOSED Easter 12	*Feb. 1943: Govt. orders scrap drive for copper, brass and bronze.* 13	NEWSPAPER MEETING 7:00 pm 14	SAL Sponsored Dinner 5:30-7:00 Steak, Chicken, or Stuffed Shrimp $7.50 Steak & Shrimp Combo $10.00 Legion Riders 7 pm 15	Ron's Ribs Grill Open 5:00 – 8:00 pm Bar Bingo 6:30 pm 16	Dept. Jr. Conference - Richfield Grill Open 5–8:00 pm Meat Raffle 5:00 pm Bar Bingo 6:30 pm Live Music Mirror Image 8:30 - 12:30 17	Dept. Jr. Conference - Richfield Post 102 State Bowling Tourney - Brainerd 18
Post 102 State Bowling Tourney - Brainerd Club Open 12-10 Bar Bingo 3:00 pm 19	*Feb. 1943: Green Theatre admission: 2 lbs. of scrap brass or copper per person.* 20	Boys & Girls County Day 8:30 am Anoka County Govt. Center Lunch/Post 102 House & Ent. Meeting 7:00 pm 21	SAL Sponsored Dinner 5:30-7:00 Steak, Chicken, or Stuffed Shrimp $7.50 Steak & Shrimp Combo $10.00 22	Ron's Ribs Grill Open 5:00 – 8:00 pm Bar Bingo 6:30 pm 23	Grill Open 5–8:00 pm Meat Raffle 5:00 pm Bar Bingo 6:30 pm Live Music Changing Times 8:30 - 12:30 24	Joint Dist. Testimonial Pres. Sue & Cmdr. Tom at Anoka Social 4 pm Dinner 5 pm 25
Club Open 12-10 Bar Bingo 3:00 pm 26	*Nov. 1943: Anoka High School collects 22,750 lbs. of scrap paper.* 27	Executive Board Meeting 7:00 pm 28	SAL Sponsored Dinner 5:30-7:00 Steak, Chicken, or Stuffed Shrimp $7.50 Steak & Shrimp Combo $10.00 29	Ron's Ribs Grill Open 5:00 – 8:00 pm Bar Bingo 6:30 pm 30		

HONOR AMERICA'S VETERANS — Wear a poppy with pride. — AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

Poppy Card Days April 17–26: Poppy cards will be available at the pull-tab booth in the Post Clubooms; members and patrons will be able to donate and sign a card - cards will be displayed in the club. Anoka businesses will also be contacted. All Poppy donations are given to veterans and their families - all money is used from the Poppy Fund.

FLAG DISPLAY DAY

APRIL 12
EASTER SUNDAY

Coming in May

2	Aux. Craft Sale/Flea Market/Book Exchange
2	Dept. Cmdr. Tom Conway Testimonial - Warren
5	Jr/Sr. Pot Luck Supper
9	Dept. Pres. Carol Barbnecht Testimonial Fergus Falls VFW
10	Mothers Day
15-16	Poppy Days
17	Pancake Breakfast - Jr. Legion Baseball
25	Memorial Day Service 10:00 am
30-31	District Convention - Clearwater