LEGIONVILLE 2011

Legionville started a little sad - pulling in and not seeing the barn. The new barn will be great. Friday afternoon / evening started with the Pork Feed (very good eats) an well attended. If anyone went home hungry this weekend, it wasn't because of a lack of food. The weather couldn't have been any better. Saturday started with the SAL Breakfast, noon the Sixth District Fish Fry, and SAL had dinner and at 9 pm the 10th District "Chile Feed". In between noon and dinner, 3 pm to be exact, the 10th District held a membership rally. The Legion, Auxiliary and SAL had turn-ins that put them above Departments target goal for that date. Department Commanders Chuck Krueger and Gary Semmel (SAL) and Department President Linda Thompson brought greetings to the 10th District. All in all it was a great weekend and it had a full moon.

– Cliff Newman

Plan On Attending: The Joint Meeting October 4th w/Boys & Girls Staters and The Veterans Day Dinner November 12th.

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ADJUTANT'S NOTES

by Gary Munkholm

A hearty welcome to newest member of Anoka Post 102 Phillip Trowbridge sponsored by Roland Herrmann. We hope to see you at future meetings and join us in fellowship during other times of the week.

Many thanks for all who attended Larry Phillips American Legion funeral ceremony. It was impressive to view so many Legion hats during the program.

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 when they go on sale.

Ron is back with his Thursday night ribs and other favorites. Be sure to stop in and see what's cooking.

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

River Trail Learning Center Special Education	$ 200
Anoka Halloween Committee donation	500
American Legion Department Pheasant dinner for Vets	100
Anoka Care Center for resident entertainment	150
Assist needy Veterans or Family	1,500
Emergency money	500

POST EARLY BIRD DINNER will be Thursday, October 13th. Sign up sheet will be at the bar.

SIGNUP CUTOFF IS MONDAY, OCTOBER 10th

THRUSDAYS

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

FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER SPECIALS

Starting October 7th

Oct. 7 ~ Stuffed Chicken Breast $9.00
Sage dressing, garlic roasted potatoes, vegetable roll and butter.

Oct. 14 ~ Liver & Onions with Bacon $7.00
Mashed potato, gravy, vegetable, roll & butter

Oct. 21 ~ Spaghetti with Meatballs $7.00
Vegetable and garlic toast.

Oct. 28 ~ Beer Battered Walleye Sandwich $10.00
French fries and cole slaw

Tax included on all the above.

Post 102 extends sincere sympathy to the families of

LARRY C. PHILLIPS

Larry was a 30 year member of The American Legion and a Vietnam War Veteran.
He was an Honored Life Member,
Past Commander 1994-95
and Past 10th District Commander 1998-99.

CALVIN BEHR

Calvin was a 48 year member of The American Legion and a World War II Veteran

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Commander's Column

Fadi A. Awaijane

Greetings fellow Legionnaire,

Since my last article, I presented colors at the Lynx game and at the 50th year reunion for Anoka High School. I volunteered at the Department veteran's booth at the State Fair Labor day weekend and I marched in the National Convention Parade.

We will have an early bird dinner on October 13th, this is a no cost event for those who are current with their dues. Let's get that membership renewed, I hope to see you all there.

The budget Committee was formed and will work on the 2011-2012 budget. Also, the Post officers and committee members roster is completed.

Lastly the Department Fall Conference is on October 27th thru 29th at Mankato, the same Saturday as the Halloween Grand Day Parade.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE!

Auxiliary Early Bird Dinner Senior and Junior Members Monday, October 17, 2011

Silent Auction ~ Initiation Ceremony and Continuous Year Pins Presentation

Silent Auction items brought by members in past years have included: home canned pickles, jams & jellys; fresh homemade cookies, bars & cakes; crafts, collectibles, books, puzzles, patriotic items, knick-knacks, seasonal - Halloween - Christmas - Easter, etc. Great stuff has been donated for this yearly special event! Bidding starts at $1.00 - please be generous, the **money raised will be used for the Netha Feist Scholarship Fund ($250) with the remainder to the Department of MN Auxiliary Emergency Fund**.

Initiation of new members and those who never had the opportunity to receive an Auxiliary pin at this ceremony - please mention "initiation" when you check in.

Those **34 members** receiving **continuous year pins** from **20 to 60 years** who have paid their 2012 dues have been reminded, those not yet paid - please do so before the dinner.

Junior members are invited to attend.

All members MUST have their dues paid and **reservations made by October 11** to be able to attend!!

Call
Betty Erickson – 421-4562 or Jan Reiter - 427-3733
or the pulltab booth at the Post 421-0883.

S.A.L. National Convention

by Allen Amundson

The 40th S.A.L. National Convention was held August 26-28 right in our own backyard this year. I was privileged to attend as a Delegate from the Detachment of Minnesota. There were 880 Delegates, 26 Alternates, and 56 guests registered from 51 Detachments. Only Rhode Island and D.C. had no registrants. We had several special guests and many awards were given out. One of the most interesting events is the presentation of awards to our young members, such as Boys Nation President, Oratorical Contest winner, Eagle Scout of the Year, etc.. Boys Nation President, Michael Herbert's acceptance speech, brought the entire delegation to a rousing standing ovation. It was truly electrifying.

S.A.L. donated more than $394,000 to the Child Welfare Foundation this year, bringing our accumulative total donations to over 5 million dollars by the end of the year. S.A.L. also donated more than 1 million dollars to other programs, as well as contributing thousands of volunteer hours.

Our new National Commander is Jim Roberts from Florida, and our new Central Region Vice-Commander is John Sansoucci from Missouri.

The Convention was followed by the parade on Sunday afternoon. It was truly an event worth attending. The Minnesota delegation was awesome with their massed colors. I stayed on the sidelines to take pictures, but I want to say thanks and congratulations to all those who participated in the parade.

We can all be proud of our great American Legion Family's accomplishments.

Post Commander Fadi Awaijane, Cliff and Cathy Newman, SAL Commander Bill Knight and 2nd Vice Commander Milton Webster not pictured also volunteered at the Department Veterans Booth at the State Fair Labor Day weekend.

Since the first National Convention in Minneapolis November 1919, it has been held (in MN) St. Paul - 1924, Mpls. 1959 - 1975 - 1994 - 2011 and **will return in 2018 when The American Legion celebrates the 100th anniversary of that first convention.**

President's Column

Norah Wyman

Hello fellow Auxiliary Members,

Fall is here and October is just around the corner. Thanks to all who attended the September meeting.

We have a busy schedule coming up and I hope to see lots of you and yours at the Early Bird Dinner. This edition of the Edward B Cutter Newsletter is packed full of information and please read all the news from cover to cover so you do not miss any dates and activities. I am hoping that the needs of troops and the others in our community can continue to be met with the out pouring generosity of our members. See you in October and please bring donations for the Silent Auction as well as donations for the troop boxes.

Thanks one and all for all the hard work and support!

Past President's Parley Meeting Held September 12, 2011

There were 16 Past Presidents who attended our meeting to discuss our agenda for the coming 2011-2012 year.

Our Past Presidents Parley fund has paid the dues for 3 Gold Star Mothers and 2 Nursing Home members. There are 34 Past Presidents in our Auxiliary Unit, so far 27 have paid their dues for year 2012.

The Past Presidents will be having **Initiation** of any new members to our Auxiliary, the night of the Early Bird Dinner on Monday, October 17, 2011.

We also approved to donate $100 to the **Dept. Past President's Parley Health Care Scholarship Fund**, which applications for this are available thru our Auxiliary, and $100 to our **Girls State Program**.

Coming Events

Christmas Dinner Wednesday, Dec. 14 for Past Senior & Junior Presidents, Past Post and S.A.L. Commanders and their guests. **New Years Day Brunch Bake Sale. Sewing Bee** Tuesday afternoon, Jan. 17, 2012 at 1:00 pm. **Spring Luncheon** with our Gold Star Mothers during the week in June 2012.

Barb Ridge & Darlene Thell
Past Pres. Parley Co-Chairs

In Memoriam

MARJORIE MAY STROUSE

Marjorie, a 25 year Auxiliary member, was born February 19, 1925 in Pingree, No. Dak. and passed away September 6, 2011 in Anoka.

Edward B. Cutter Unit 102 extends its sympathy to Marjories relatives and friends; a memorial in her name to the Girls State Program was sent by the Unit.

JAN'S JOTTINGS

by Jan Reiter

The regular meeting of Edward B. Cutter American Legion Auxiliary was held on Tuesday, September 6, 2011. President Norah Wyman called the meeting to order. The prayer, pledge, preamble and song opened the meeting. The June 7, 2011 meeting minutes were approved with corrections. Our guest was Mary Evertz. A motion was made to approve Pres. Norah's chairmanships.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Education & Girls State: Kathy Zwerdling read a thank you card from a scholarship recipient Rebecca Stearns. Kathy also read thank you cards from Girls Staters Donna January, Baily Dieters and Abby Nixt. Kathy reminded everyone of the October Join Meeting with the Boys and Girls Staters.

Sunshine: Nancy Bever said she is in need of Sympathy and Get Well cards. If anyone has some extras please let her know.

VA&R: Cathy Newman reported she went to the VA Hospital on June 8th to play 6-5-4 with the veterans. She and her Granddaughters took items for the veterans on July 12th. On Aug 2 she and Sandy Phillips went to the Veterans Stand Down and brought two bags of socks to be handed out. Cathy sent out boxes to Shawn Wicks, Bud Shaffer and Blake Oelschager. She wants everyone to remember to bring items to the Early Bird Dinner to be put in these boxes; this would help with the cost.

New Business: Unit approved donations: 40 flags to Franklin School and $50 for the Adult Day Care. Sue Nunnelee presented Jan Reiter with the National Northwestern Division award for the Best Unit Leadership Mentoring Program Report.

Silent Auction Items Needed

The Auxiliary will be holding a silent auction during the Elvis Experience Show and Dinner on October 1, 2011. Auction items are still needed. Items should be new or like new, gift cards or gift certificates. If anyone knows of a business that might contribute a gift certificate or item ask them. Other suggestions would be gift baskets (basket of home canned goods), fresh baked items. Let your imagination run wild! If you have items and not attending the show, I would be glad to pick them up or you can leave them at the Legion marked: Auxiliary Silent Auction. Thank You.

Sandy Phillips, Chairman
763-754-3800

2011 American Legion National Convention

The 93rd National Convention was hosted by Minneapolis this year and I was the 10th District Delegate Chairman for the event. It sure seemed strange to stay at a downtown hotel 8 blocks from where I go to work every morning but, aside from that it certainly had the feel of a normal national convention. I was very impressed with the Minneapolis Convention Center. Although I've been there several times for sport shows or boat shows, I've never been there for a convention. We can all be proud of the great center we have in our own back-yard.

The convention officially started on Tuesday, August 30th but several events take place before that. On Saturday and Sunday the S.A.L has their National Convention and later on Sunday was the National Convention Parade. The parade went down the Nicollet Mall on a beautiful sunny day. Since Minnesota was the host this year, our Department was last in the parade. We traditionally carry mass colors and it was very inspiring to see hundreds of American Flags carried for over two blocks long.

On Monday morning the Minnesota Delegation had a caucus to hear committee reports and resolutions being brought forth to the convention. Monday afternoon is commonly a light agenda and I had the opportunity to do a little shopping at National Emblem. When the convention is in other states, Monday is a good day to do a little sight-seeing. Later in the evening, I hosted the 10th District spaghetti dinner at the Old Spaghetti Factory Restaurant. This is a tradition our District has done for many years at the National Convention but usually it's just the Delegates and spouses. This year, close to home, many non-delegates taking part in the convention, we had 77 people join in.

Tuesday morning is the official start of the convention. The opening ceremony is always very impressive and entertaining, this year was no exception. Of course the buzz was all about The President coming to speak and the security is always at a peak with metal detectors and the stage area barricaded off. No matter what your political feelings are or weather you're in favor of this President or not, it's always quite a thrill to have the President of the United States standing in front of you and it was estimated that 10,000 people were in the Hall at the time. Many of our State leaders were scheduled to speak after the President but after the Presidents speech we saw a mass exit from the Hall leaving only a few hundred to hear our Senators and Governor. It was a little embarrassing but, the Convention doesn't take lunch breaks and the President finished around noon.

Tuesday evening Donna and I attended the National Commanders Dinner. We haven't done this at previous conventions but may in the future. It's was a fancy dress-up affair with a great meal and entertainment by the Nitty Gritty Dirt Band. It was a great evening but pretty expensive.

Wednesday was more sessions and later that evening I hosted a pay-off party in my hotel room. As Delegate Chairman, I had money from the Department and District to help defer some of the cost of the convention (it only covers about a third of your actual cost but it helps). There's nothing like having 25 people in a small room at the same time spilling stuff on the bed you have to sleep on.

Thursday is the last day of the convention and every ones ready to go home. This years high-light was Minnesota's own Kris Nelson from Baxter, Minnesota installed as National Auxiliary President. Kris had a request that the whole Minnesota Delegation attend but also on the agenda at the same time on the Legionnaire side was Congresswoman Michele Bachman speaking. It was decided that half the Legionnaires from our State needed to be there also so it wouldn't look funny to the other States that Minnesota wasn't present when a candidate for President from Minnesota addressed the convention.

So the convention is done and I'm done with all my responsibilities as District Commander. It's been a great ride but I'm looking forward to hanging-out at Post 102 again and a little slower pace. Thanks for all your support.

Darrel Redepenning (Jr. Past District Commander)

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

OCTOBER 2011

27 - 29 Dept. Fall Conference - Mankato

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	Sunday Afternoon and Monday Night FOOTBALL SPECIALS!	**Ghosts of Anoka Walking Tours** **Oct. 6-8-20-24 thru 29 & 31 7:30 pm** **"Monuments to Life" Cemetary Tours 7 pm** **Oct. 13 - Epiphany, Coon Rapids** **Oct. 15 - Forest Hill, Anoka** **Oct. 18 - Oak Leaf, Oak Grove** **Call the History Center 763-421-0600**		**SEE MENU ON PAGE 2 for THRUSDAY & FRIDAY MENU**	**Meat Raffle 5:30 pm** **Bar Bingo 7:00 pm**	**ELVIS SHOW 7 pm** **Dinner before the show 5:30 pm** **Dept. Harvest Rally Melrose 2 pm** 1
Club Open 12-10 **Bar Bingo 4:00 pm** 2	***90 years ago Oct. 1921: Arthur A. Caswell, Sr. (Charter Member) elected Commander*** 3	**Joint Meeting 7 pm w/Boys & Girls Staters General Membership S.A.L. & Auxiliary Meetings to follow** 4	**SAL Dinners 5:30-7:00 Prime Rib $10.00** 5	**Bar Bingo 7:00 pm** 6	**Meat Raffle 5:30 pm** **Bar Bingo 7:00 pm** 7	***80 years ago Oct. 3, 1931: Forget-Me-Nots will be sold for Veteran's benefit.*** 8
Club Open 12-10 **Bar Bingo 4:00 pm** 9	**Post Early Bird Cutoff** **Columbus Day** 10	**NEWSPAPER MEETING 7:00 pm** **Aux. Early Bird Dinner Cutoff** 11	**SAL Dinners 5:30-7:00 Country Fried Steak $8.00** **Aux. Twin Rivers Bingo 2:15 pm** 12	**Post Early Bird Dinner 7:00 pm** **Bar Bingo 7:00 pm** 13	**Meat Raffle 5:30 pm** **Bar Bingo 7:00 pm** **Overnite to Jackpot** 14	***80 years ago Oct., 1941: Robert Beckenbach, Sr. elected Commander.*** 15
8th & 10th Dist. Rally Mora 2 pm Club Open 12-10 **Bar Bingo 4:00 pm** 16	**AUXILIARY EARLY BIRD DINNER Silent Auction Initiation Year Pins 6 pm** 17	**House & Ent.** Meeting 7:00 pm 18	**SAL Dinners 5:30-7:00 Prime Rib $10.00** **Pumpkin Bowl 7 pm Champlin Park at Anoka** **Legion Riders Meeting 7 pm** 19	**Bar Bingo 7:00 pm** 20	**Meat Raffle 5:30 pm** **Bar Bingo 7:00 pm** 21	**Light Up the Night Parade 7:00 pm After Parade Bonfire** 22
Club Open 12-10 **Bar Bingo 4:00 pm** 23	***70 years ago Oct., 1941: Robert Beckenbach, Sr. elected Commander*** 24	**Anoka Halloween Bingo 6:30 - 9:30** **Executive Board Meeting 7:00 pm** 25	**SAL Dinners 5:30-7:00 Steak, Chicken, or Shrimp $8.00 Steak & Shrimp Combo $11.00** 26	**Bar Bingo 7:00 pm** **Navy Day** 27	**Halloween Kids Parade 1:15 pm** **Meat Raffle 5:30 pm** **Bar Bingo 7:00 pm** 28	**Halloween 5K Run 12:50 pm** **Grande Day Parade 1:00 pm Jr. Aux. Fund Raiser upper hall** 29
52nd Annual Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast 7:30 am - 12:30 pm Everyone Welcome Club Open 12-10 **Bar Bingo 4:00 pm** 30	31	**Coming in November** 1 Meetings - Post/SAL/Auxiliary 6 Daylight Savings Ends (fall back) 8 Election Day – VOTE 9 Aux. Twin Rivers Bingo 10 ALA Birthday 11 Veterans Day 12 Veterans Day Dinner 12 Dist. Rally - Monticello 24 Thanksgiving Day TBA American Education Week			**1st Friday each month Red Cross Bloodmobile at Post 7 AM - 1 PM**	**Flag Display Days** **10th - Columbus Day** **27th - Navy Day**