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**Past Presidents Parley BAKE SALE
at New Years Day Brunch**

Annual New Years Day Brunch

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

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ADJUTANT'S NOTES

by Gary Munkholm

A hearty welcome to the newest members of Anoka Post 102 James Carlson, John Klucking sponsored by Frank Menter, Timothy McLaughlin sponsored by Jim Hays, Dennis Davis sponsored by Art Parvey, and Tom Carlson, Kelly Jones sponsored by Wayne Wallace. We hope to see you at future meetings and join us in fellowship during other times of the week.

Ron Wolford is working on thank you letters to the local merchants for what they did for Veterans on Veterans Day.

Cliff Newman thanks everyone for helping out at the School Patrol Party and wrapping the teacher's apples for National Education week.

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.

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

Fort Snelling rifle squad	\$100
School Patrol Christmas party	\$350
Wild Game Dinner expenses	\$500
Armed Forces Service Center	\$100
Minneapolis Families for Christmas organization	\$250
Minneapolis Veterans Holiday Fund	\$100
St. Cloud Veterans Holiday Fund	\$100
Boy Scout of the year award	\$100
Post 102 for 2nd half property taxes	\$11,030
Post 102 for Utility expenses	\$1,900
Assist needy Veterans or Family	\$1,500
Emergency money	\$500

THANK YOU!

We veterans want to take a moment to say thank you to all the merchants who provided a real moment for all the individuals who served their country on Veterans Day. This was done by providing meals, car washes, signs, and in other ways around the community. Anoka and the surrounding cities sure made a lot of veterans feel like heroes.

These two words don't sum up the feelings and emotions that swell up in our minds and hearts of all who were in harms way to protect the freedom we all enjoy in the greatest country in the world.

We have a saying that goes something like this: No veteran, no freedom, no country! These people expressed a gratitude that was humbling to all of us who served a debt that we owed our country. Veterans have long memories and we will not forget.

Ron Wolford – Past Commander



Post 102 extends sincere sympathy to the families of



LEWIS M. RITCHIE

Lewis was a 23 year member of The American Legion and a World War II Veteran.

NORMAN G. NELSON

Norman was a 7 year member of The American Legion and a Vietnam War Veteran

JAMES H. PENN JR.

James was a 32 year member of The American Legion and a World War II Veteran

LENNART NOREN

Lennart was a 20 year member of The American Legion and a World War II Veteran

IN JANUARY

THURSDAYS

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

FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER SPECIALS

Starting January 6th

Jan. 6 ~ Swedish Meatballs \$8.00
Mashed Potatoes with Gravy, Vegetable and Roll

Jan. 13 ~ Liver and Onions \$8.00
with Garlic Roasted Potatoes, Veg & Roll

Jan. 20 ~ Lasagna \$8.00
with Vegetable & Garlic Toast

Jan. 27 ~ Meat Loaf \$8.00
with Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Veg & Roll

Tax included on all the above.

By national appointment, MN Legionnaire Editor Al Zdon was named to the 100th Anniversary Observance Committee.
– MN Legionnaire

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Commander's Column

Fadi A. Awaijane

Greetings fellow Legionnaires,

Happy New Year, I hope you had an enjoyable time during the Christmas Holiday. I hope all your wishes and resolutions for 2012 come true.

On December 10th, 2011 we enjoyed the Wild Game Dinner with the men and women from Minneapolis and St. Cloud Veterans Hospitals. Thanks to Darrel Redepenning and all the Volunteers I'd also like to thank the SAL cooking team and the Auxiliary members who helped in this event.

I'd like to welcome all of our new members and transfers to our Post, I am pleased that we are starting to see new faces at our General Meetings. Thanks to all the volunteers who made 2011 a very good year and Post 102 one of the most successful Posts.

January 1st New Year's Day is the Brunch for all paid members, if you have not paid your dues yet you may do so that day. January 7th 2012 the **Mid-Winter Conference**, it will again be held at our post. The post families are asking for your help.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE!

School Patrol Christmas Party



On Saturday December 3rd, Post 102 hosted the annual school patrol Christmas party. 120 students from Wilson, Ramsey, St. Stephens and Franklin elementary schools were entertained the first hour by Anoka Police Chief Phil Johanson with a S.W.A.T. equipment Show & Tell. The second hour the students were provided Karoke entertainment by Sandy Arnold.

Thank you, thank you, thank you to the following for all your help: Gary Rieman, Rick Oelschlager, Bill Engstrom, Joe Zimmerman, Ray Turnquist, Jim Hays, Darrel Redepenning, Norman Thunnell and Sam Orr.

Ciff Newman - Chairman



S.A.L. NEWS Commander Bill Knight

Happy New Year to all,

I would like to welcome our new members: Thomas Kmecik and Nick Muske.

Mid-Winter Conference is coming up January 7th 2012. It would be nice to see more of you at the conference which will be held at the Anoka Post.

The Budget has been voted on and accepted for 2012. The wild game feed was on December 10th and I would like to thank Jimbo and his crew for preparing the meal once again. At least this year we didn't have 10" of snow to tend with. January 28th is the Snowmobile rally. The membership/Daytona 500 Party is just around the corner, FEB 26TH 2012.

We are still looking for volunteers for the Wednesday night dinners, so if you can spare some free time to come out and help it would be greatly appreciated.

S.A.L. Meetings are the first Tuesday of the month. It would be really nice to see some new faces and get some of your comments and/or concerns. The meetings are at **7:00 PM**; I look forward to seeing you.



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Iraq Post Offices Closed

Because U.S. forces are coming home from Iraq by the end of the year, the U.S. Postal Service has stopped accepting mail addressed to military post offices as of November 17.

For more information, go to the Military Postal Service Agency website.

– MN Legionnaire

Redesigned American Legion website legion.org

Check it out!

– AL Dispatch



President's Column

Norah Wyman

Hello Auxiliary members,

It is almost time to ring in the New Year 2012. I look forward to seeing many of you at the Brunch on New Year's Day.

We have been so busy and so many members are out there doing things weekly for Vet's and the Troops and their families. That is what we are all about! Thanks for all the great support and for doing all that you do.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

January Sewing Bee

Our annual sewing bee will be Tuesday afternoon, January 17, 2012 at 1:00 pm at the upper hall. Any Auxiliary member can come and join the Past Presidents with this project for the veterans hospital residents. Bring your portable sewing machines, scissors, pins, etc., or just come and use your talents. If you have any questions call Jan Reiter at 763-427-3733, or Barb Ridge at 763-421-2451.

If anybody has any material that they are not using anymore and would like to donate to the cause, please call above numbers.

Barb Ridge/Darlene Thell
Past Presidents Parley - Co-chairman

Auxiliary Membership

41 senior members not yet renewed

At the Dec. 6 Aux. meeting, 13 ladies volunteered to call members who had not yet paid their 2012 dues; if you were contacted – please send your dues (\$20) to me before January 6 or pay when you attend the New Years Day Brunch.

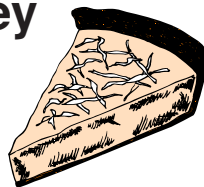
Anoka is again hosting the 10th District Mid-Winter Conference Jan. 7, all members are welcome to attend and/or help with this event.

The Unit needs ALL of our members to renew their membership to fully fund our programs for veterans and those serving now. Thank you in advance!

Betty Erickson, Chairman

Past Presidents Parley BAKE SALE

at
New Years Day Brunch
January 1, 2012



*Proceeds to
Parley
Projects!*

WILD GAME DINNER A BIG SUCCESS

The 44th Veterans Wild Game Dinner held on December 10th was storm free this year and very well attended. 55 hospitalized Veterans (22 from the St. Cloud Medical Center and 33 from the Minneapolis Medical Center) along with 10 Hospital Staff, enjoyed a great meal prepared by Past SAL Commander Jim Batters and his "A-Team" crew. We also had 25 volunteers from our Post to help serve, help with Bingo and help clean-up. According to everyone surveyed, this may have been the best attended Wild Game Dinner ever and certainly sets the bar high for next year. We changed the format a little this year. We did away with the Head table, shortened-up the program and played a little extra Bingo. Our Guests loved it, many expressing their gratitude when it was all over.

Other Guests included some of our local Dignitaries, Anoka County Commissioner Dan Erhart and his wife Kathy, Laura Bartley and Amy from the Anoka County Veterans Service Office, Past District Commander / Retired Veterans Service Officer Duane Kruger and his wife Robin. Of course we had a few Legion Dignitaries, Post Commander Fadi, 10th District SAL Commander Charlie and a couple of late attendees, 10th District Commander Bill Stump and Detachment SAL Commander Gary Semmel.

The attendance was up this year but the wild-game donations were a little lower than other years, forcing us to supplement with some beef roasts. So the dinner wasn't completely wild game but, the cooks joked that they thought the beef was from a wild bull and they should know because some of them are full of bull.

Once again everyone had a great time and we all look forward to the second Saturday in December for this annual tradition. Mark your calendar now for the 45th Veterans Wild Game Dinner and thanks to everyone that helped to make this year such a big success.

Darrel Redepenny



JAN'S JOTTINGS

by Jan Reiter

The regular meeting of Edward B. Cutter American Legion Auxiliary was held on Tuesday, December 6, 2011.

Children and Youth: Norah Wyman reported that Katie Wyman was buying items to be put in the Christmas basket for a family for Christmas..

Field Service: Bingo will be December 14th , 2pm, at Twin River Care Center. Last month on Veterans Day Lynette Pavin took over cards and a golden dollar to the 11 veterans at the nursing home. She also gave each one of them a patriotic beanie baby.

Finance: Karen Orr reported that once a year Form 990 from the IRS has to be filed to keep our tax exempt status. She has done this for the unit.

Donations Approved:

Mpls. VA Med. Center	\$ 100
St. Cloud VA Med Center	100
MN Vet Homes	150
Five Dollar Bill Shower	100
Amer. Leg. Fund for Hostitalized Veterans	75
Veterans Rest Camp	100
National Creative Arts Festival	50
Ride to Recovery	100
Legacy Scholarship Program	50
District President's Project	50
10th District Activities Fund	100
Veterans Job Training	100
Veterans Volunteer Transportation Program	200
Christmas Gift Shop	50
MN VA Hospital Activities	40
American Legion Auxiliary Hospital Program	75
MN Stand Down	100
National American Legion Child Welfare Foundation	50
Ft. Snelling Rifle Squad	50

Girl's State: Kathy Zwerdling stated that the Girls State program will have to be getting new apparel this year and their budget of \$2000 will not cover it and asking is for extra donations. The Girls State project for this year is to give socks for the homeless. If you would like to donate some of them bring them to a meeting and Kathy will take care of it.

Home Service: Lynette Pavin 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 inch of an inch around the entire stamp and leave the stamps on the postcard. Also, if you do anything for veterans, such as crochet hats for veterans, that is counted as hours for our annual reports in April.

National Security: Cathy Newman said she sent off 6 boxes to the troops and now has sent a total of 14 boxes; Postage cost was \$103.60. Thank you cards were sent to the businesses that help donate to the boxes. Carol Hathaway's son said the troops were ecstatic over the boxes and the cards inside.

VA&R: On November 10th for Veteran's Day Cathy Newman and Darlene Thell took a rose in a vase and a package with goodies for the 7 veterans at AMRTC. Cathy and Sandy Phillips helped out at the Gift Shop at the Veterans Home.

New Business: Sandy Phillips is chairman for the Mid-Winter Conference on Saturday, January 7, 2012. She is in need of help for this. There will be a silent auction and a poppy contest. Donna Redepenning reported that at the Department Pearl Harbor Rally they had a speaker that lived thru the Pearl Harbor disaster. Sue Nunnelee moved to have the unit endorse Donna Redepenning for 1st Vice President for the 10th District. Seconded and carried. Gordy Berquist visited the auxiliary to tell us about a magazine (Smartgive) that tells what charities are safe to give to and which are not. Lynette read a poem about a soldier, "Twas a night before Christmas".

SAVE FOR SANDY

Poppy Chairman Sandy Phillips would like you to save Pringles containers and ice cream pails to be used for donation containers on Poppy Days in May.

Bring to meetings, weekly dinners, bingo etc. – drop off at the pulltab booth. Thank you all.

Coming in February
Watch for news about an Auxiliary
casino day trip to Turtle Lake.

EVERYONE PLEASE NOTE

The Edward B. Cutter Monthly Newspaper can be downloaded on line by going to our web site:

www.anokalegion.org



Viewing on-line rather than getting a printed copy will help us cut printing and postage costs.

Let us know and we will remove your name from the mailing list for the newspaper.

Try it once and see if this will work for you!

You will be surprised to see how much information there is on the web site and how nice it is to see colored photos.

JANUARY 2012

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Jan. 1st New Years Day Brunch Past Cmdr. serving 11:00 am – 1:00 pm Past Pres. Bake Sale during brunch Club Open 10 am - 5 pm	<i>70 years ago</i> Jan. 1942: <i>Main Street Bridge is</i> <i>opened with parade.</i>	Post General Mem. 7:30 pm S.A.L. Mtg. 7:00 pm Auxiliary Mtg. VA Shower 7:00 pm	SAL Dinners 5:30-7:00 Prime Rib \$10.00	SEE MENU ON PAGE 2 for THRUSDAY & FRIDAY MENU Bar Bingo 7:00 pm		10th Dist. Mid-Winter Conference at Anoka Registration 7:30 am Session 9:00 am
Club Open 12-10 Bar Bingo 4:00 pm	<i>70 years ago</i> Jan. 14, 1942: <i>Anoka American</i> <i>Legion presents city</i> <i>with Iron Lung.</i>	<i>70 year ago</i> Jan. 22, 1942: <i>38 Anoka Air Raid</i> <i>Senior Wardens</i> <i>registered and</i> <i>finger printed.</i>	SAL Dinners 5:30-7:00 Country Fried Steak \$8.00 Aux. Twin Rivers Bingo 2:15 pm	Bar Bingo 7:00 pm	Meat Raffle 5:30 pm Bar Bingo 7:00 pm	<i>90 years ago</i> Jan. 1922: <i>Kiwanis Club of</i> <i>Anoka gets charter.</i>
Club Open 12-10 Bar Bingo 4:00 pm	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	NEWSPAPER MEETING 7:00 pm Past Presidents Sewing Bee 1:00 pm	SAL Dinners 5:30-7:00 Prime Rib \$10.00	Bar Bingo 7:00 pm	Meat Raffle 5:30 pm Bar Bingo 7:00 pm	<i>90 years ago</i> Jan. 1922: <i>Main Motors advertised</i> <i>“Buy your gasoline from</i> <i>a visible measuring</i> <i>pump”.</i>
Club Open 12-10 Bar Bingo 4:00 pm	<i>70 years ago</i> Jan. 23, 1922: <i>Anoka Legion Post 102</i> <i>opens clubrooms over</i> <i>Gamble Store.</i> <i>(E. Main St.)</i>	House & Ent. Meeting 7:00 pm	SAL Dinners 5:30-7:00 Steak, Chicken, or Shrimp \$8.00 Steak & Shrimp Combo \$11.00	Bar Bingo 7:00 pm	10th District Snowmobile Rally Turn-in Hopkins 6:00 pm Meat Raffle 5:30 pm Bar Bingo 7:00 pm	
Club Open 12-10 Bar Bingo 4:00 pm	<i>70 years ago</i> Jan. 7, 1942: <i>Harlan Thurston</i> <i>named Chairman of</i> <i>Rationing Board.</i>	Executive Board Meeting 7:00 pm	FLAG DISPLAY DAYS 	January 1st New Years Day January 16th Martin Luther King Day	 1st Friday each month Red Cross Bloodmobile at Post 7 AM - 1 PM	<i>Freeze Yer Gizzard</i> <i>Blizzard Run:</i> <i>International Falls,</i> <i>January 21</i>
January 1st New Years Day Brunch for all paid 2012 Legion, Auxiliary and SAL members – if not yet paid - you may do so that day.		Anoka Legion Riders Chapter 102 Meeting 7:00 PM Post Clubrooms 3rd Wednesday of every month.	Coming in February 5 Four Chaplains Sunday 6-9 Natl. Cmdr's. MN Tour 11 Dept. Rally - Brainerd 2:00 pm 18 SAL Rally at Anoka 2:00 pm 19 SAL Members Party 12:00 noon		TBA St. Cloud & Mpls. VA Creative Arts Festivals <i>Numb Your Bun</i> <i>5K Run:</i> <i>Coleraine, January 28</i>	