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10th District Testimonial Dinner

It was an evening to remember for District President Sue Nunnelee when she and District Commander Tom Schottenbauer were honored at a Joint Testimonial Dinner held at the Anoka American Legion on April 25th. Past Department Commander Marland Ronning and Past District President Sandy Phillips were the master and mistress of ceremonies for the evening's events.

Sue was honored to have her brothers Tom, Stephen and Dan attend along with her Mom Doris. Many Past Unit Presidents were also in attendance as well as most of the District Officers and chairmen. Stephen is a member of Post 102 American Legion.

Gary Munkholm past Post 102 Commander entertained the attendees with pre-dinner music while a slideshow of Tom and Sue's year as District Commander and District President was playing.

Sue was presented with many nice gifts but her most cherished is a Life Membership from the Unit. Unit Membership Chairman Betty Erickson presented Sue with All Time High membership goal.

Cathy Newman and Jan Reiter were the chairmen in charge of this event and they did a fantastic job at decorating the hall and making centerpieces that were used for door prizes. (more pictures on pages 7 & 8)

ADJUTANT'S NOTES

by Wayne D. Wallace

The Post Executive Committee meeting held April 28, 2009 heard the minutes from the previous meeting and reports from finance, cluhroom and gambling.

The Executive Committee **approved the changing of the house rules** whereby an individual, under 21 years of age, may be in the bar/lounge area up to 9:00 pm if accompanied by a parent and no bar bingo event is being conducted.

The Executive Committee **approved the policy of granting financial support** to any Post member in their campaign for District or Department Commandeer. This policy commences with campaign funds supporting Darrel Redepenning for Tenth District Commandeer for 2010-2011.

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 May 5, 2009 heard the minutes from the previous meeting and reports from Post officers and committee chairmen.

Gregg Werbowsi, First Vice Commandeer, reported (811) members are signed up for 2009.

Post Commander Cliff Newman requested Nominating Committee Chairman, Gary Munkholm, annouce the **nominees for Post officer positions for 2009-2010**.

Commander: Gregg Werbowski, **First Vice Commander**: Ron Wolford, **2nd Vice Commander**: Fadi Awaijane, **3rd Vice Commander**: Gary Reimann, **Finance Officer**: Richard Oelschlager, **Chaplain**: James Hays, **Sgt-at-Arms**: William Golden. **Executive Committee** (2-year term): Paul Adler and Gary Munkholm. **Election** of the above Post officer positions will be held at the next Post General Membership meeting **June 2, 2009** and nomination, from the floor, will be taken for those positions.

Commander Newman performed the solemn "Post Everlasting" ceremony for those Post members who passed away since the last ceremony in May 2008. Dennis L. Carlson, Earl S. Johnson, Roger R. Hammond, Vincent M. Oman, Eugene H. Cornelius, Howard E. Curry, Donald L. Prozinski, Hans J. Siebert, Lloyd (Babe) Wells, Charles O. Sell, Neil R. Fairbanks, Donald E. Hostetler, Richard E. Zierhut, Sr., Melvin D. Mathson, Clarence S. Monegar, William R. Glenn, Jr., Robert J. Bauer, James M. Wennerlund, Wayne W. Dietz, Robert W. Stewart, William D. Ekmark, Kenneth G. Merrick, Jerome A. Jankord, George W. Dakis, Alois M. Zajic, Kenneth G. Sutliff and Rex R. Erickson.

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

1. Anoka County (1st half property taxes) $11,240
2. Bernard P. Ward (American Legion School Award Scholarship) 1,000
3. Hannah T. Yang (American Legion School Award Scholarship) 1,000
4. City of Anoka (Water/light costs) 1,200
5. Centerpoint Energy (Gas costs) 365
6. County Flags (Purchase American flags for downtown streets) 180
7. U.S. Treasury (Tax on wagering) 500
8. Champlin Athletic (Legion baseball equipment) 1,525
9. Bob N. Weave (Purchase & embroider (24) baseball caps) . 400
10. Edina 2009 Wood Bat Tournament (Jr Legion Baseball) 330
11. Apple Valley Senior Babe Ruth (Jr Legion Baseball) . . . 400
12. Assist needy veterans/families 1,500
13. Emergency money 500

Total taxes paid on gambling proceeds for April 2009:
Minnesota Revenue: $6,810 **U.S. Treasury: $301**

Post 102 extends sincere sympathy to the family of

DAVID H. KOPECKY

David was a 47 year member of The American Legion and a World War II Veteran.

JUNE 21st

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Commander's Column
Cliff Newman

Greetings Legionnaires,

As we're taking care of our lawns, gardens and general spring clean-up – maybe summer is coming.

President Cathy and I attended County Day at the Anoka Government Center – a great bunch of students. We need a lot more like these young people. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped with this. Bravo Zulu!!

After a long week of preparation (actually longer than that) I was delighted to attend the Joint Testimonial of 10th Dist. Cmdr. Tom Schottenbauer's and 10th Dist. Aux. Pres. Sue Nunnelee's dinner and roast. Great attendance and many many thanks to all who helped.

Between all these events, I made all the Tuesday meetings. It all comes with the job and I enjoy it. Thank you all for your support. Almost forgot, Pres. Cathy and I attended the send off of the Anoka based E Battery of the Minnesota National Guard on their way to Fort Sill, Oklahoma then to Iraq. It was great to see all the Patriot and Legion Riders there for our troops from Anoka. Bravo Zulu!!

Next month, attend the membership meeting and vote for the candidate of your choice for the officers of our Post home.

Please give them the support you have given me.

Thank you
Commander Cliff

Remember Yesterday is History, Tomorrow is a Mystery and thats why they call Today the Present.

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 June 5th
Ham Steak, Augratin Potatoes Vegetable, Roll & Butter $7.50

Friday June 12th
Nacho's with Seasoned Beef, Chips, Lettuce, Black Olives, Jalepeno Salsa, Cheese $7.00

Friday June 19th
Chicken Ceasar Wrap with Fries or Tots $7.50

Friday June 26th
Spaghetti with Meatballs, Garlic Toast and Vegetable $7.50

Taxes are included

June 14th

HAPPENING NOW

Join us for Lunch at the Legion Monday thru Friday

2009 Junior Legion Baseball Schedule

All league games start at 7:30 pm except as noted.

	Home	Visitor	
June 3	Anoka	Excelsior	7:30 pm
June 6	Dick Johnson Tournament - Castle Field		
June 10	Anoka	Andover	7:30 pm
June 12-14	Edina Tournament - Braemar Field		
June 16	Maple Grove	Anoka	6:15 pm
June 17	Anoka	Blaine	7:30 pm
June 18	Anoka	Champlin	7:30 pm
June 19-21	Red Haddox Tournament - Bloomington		
June 22	Coon Rapids	Anoka	7:30 pm
June 23	Armstrong	Anoka	6:15 pm
June 25	Centennial	Anoka	6:15 pm
June 29	Anoka	Fridley	7:30 pm
June 30	Brooklyn Park	Anoka	6:15 pm
July 2,3,5	Apple Valley Firecracker – Apple Valley		
July 6	Tri-City	Anoka	6:15 pm
July 7	Anoka	Osseo	7:30 pm
July 9	Anoka	St. Michael	7:30 pm
July 14-16	North Hennepin Playoffs		Low seed home
July 23-26	District 10 Playoffs - Coon Rapids		
August 6-10	Central Plains Regional – Minnetonka		
August 14-18	World Series - Fargo, ND		

LEGION RIDERS

The Anoka Chapter of the American Legion Riders held their Inaugural Run on Saturday, May 2nd and the turnout was good...We first drove to Clearwater and met up with our brothers and sisters at Post 323. Their Legion Riders were having their second annual Bike Run, and a total of over forty motorcycles were counted departing Clearwater, bound for the Litchfield Legion. Special thanks to Clearwater Legion Riders Secretary/Treasurer Kathy Radunz, who really made the Anoka people feel right at home...

Tickets are on sale nor for the big **Legion Riders Hog Roast** to be held on **Saturday, June 13th at 2 pm**...Advance tickets are $8.00 and $10.00 at the door...and don't forget about the silent auction to be held at 4 pm...

If you haven't gotten your American Legion Riders T-shirt, they are still available in various sizes for $16.00.

And finally, we have our Legion Riders meetings on the third Wednesday of every month at 7 pm in the Commander's Hall. If you or anyone you know is interested in joining, don't hesitate to send me an email at alr102@anokalegion.org. Ride Safe and we'll see you on the road!

7th Annual ANOKA RIVER RUN

Every Saturday night beginning at 5:00 pm until dusk, this weekly car show runs from May 16 until September 12

(except July 11, Riverfest)

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1946 – 1949

Eligibility Dates
WWI: April 6, 1917 – Nov. 11, 1918
WWII: Dec. 7, 1941 – Dec. 31, 1946

…The challenge in 1946 was that never in a single year had so many Americans ended their jobs – the Army and Navy released 9,387,307 men and women and millions of civilians doing war work also needed jobs. More Americans were unemployed than in 1933, during the Great Depression. Under the G. I. Bill, 7.8 million veterans (nearly half of all who served) received educations; they otherwise would have flooded the labor market.

…1946…Membership nationally doubled to 3,326,556 and 15,000 posts; four years later it fell below 3 million but posts increased to 17,360.

…March 1946…The American Legion Magazine, Pony Edition…This edition, the "pony", containing editorial material only, is restricted in quantity but allows us to supply every member of The American Legion with a copy of the magazine. Advertisers continue to appear in the 1,260,000 regular size copies we are able to print during the paper shortage emergency…(it measured 7 1/2in L x 6 1/4in W).

…Aug. 1946…The first Boys Nation – then called Boys Forum of National Government – was held on the campus of American University. It was officially adopted as a Legion youth program at the 1946 National Conv. in San Francisco.

…March 1946…Minnesota had 660 posts with 67,500 members – in July, the 80,000 mark was passed and in July 1947 had 90,000 members. Also in MN, from 1940 through 1949 were 135 new posts, 44 posts reactivated and 6 new women's posts.

…1946…The American Legion Memorial Heart Research Professorship (now the American Legion & Am. Leg. Auxiliary Heart Research Chair) was established by action taken at the Dept. Conv. in St. Cloud. It was kicked off in Feb. 1947 when the MN Am. Leg. Foundation (est. 1926) transferred its remaining funds of $7000).

…1948…First Independent Am. Legion Basketball Tournament held in Hibbing.

…March 1948…First State Bowling Tournament (76 teams) held at the Recreation Alleys in Minneapolis.

…June 12-18, 1949…First Boys State session held at the U of M Farm School Campus in St. Paul.

…EDWARD B. CUTTER POST 102 managed to function for almost 25 years of its existence without a place to call home…promoting Legion programs…sending delegates to conventions…hosting District Conventions…supporting the schools and community of Anoka…beginning the Post Hospital Program via the Collier's Publishing Co. subscription proposition…Meetings were held at the Armory (until June 18, 1939), City Hall, the high school, over the Gambles Store, the Odd Fellows Hall and members homes until 1944…**The first Post clubrooms** (located upstairs of Colburn-Hilliard) were provided by Graydon and Clyde Hilliard who moved their storage to the basement at no charge and paid for remodeling and put in a bathroom. Walt Jacobs had paneled the three rooms – one for Post meetings, one for the Auxiliary and a bar room. Each room had a stove to provide heat and the coal and ashes were hauled up and down the stairs…Bottle beer was 10c, drinks 20c – 25c. The club had to be operated as a private bottle club in those days and it wasn't really a money-making operation.

Hours were 11am – 1am, 6 days and sometimes 7 days a week….Guy Spencer remembers that poker games and a slot machine were popular past times. One time a paid speaker from St. Paul came out to address the members at a social function and after a few minutes of trying his luck, he hit the jackpot and very graciously cancelled his speaking fee……Mac McLean was discharged in 1945, came back to Anoka, found his brother Robert was manager of the Legion – Robert was getting tired and asked Mac if he wanted the job…as money was short, Mac became the bartender, waiter, bouncer, janitor and whatever else was required to keep it going.

(That Main St. block between 1st & 2nd : State Bank, Gambles, Colburn-Hilliard, 1st National Bank).

…April 10, 1946…Anoka Will Have Town Baseball Team…The Edward B. Cutter Post 102 will sponsor baseball in a big way this season. For the past 16 years the local Legion Post has spent a lot of time and money on Junior Legion baseball in Anoka. This year a great number of the boys who were former Jr. Legion players are back from the service and are anxious to "strut their stuff" on the diamond again. The Jr. Legion team will continue as in the past. Thanks to our Mayor Robert B. Ehlen and Charles Horn of Federal Cartridge for helping the Legion out on uniforms. It is also rumored that Mr. Horn will forward a check in support of the town team. The City is hard at work now getting the diamond fixed up – a new back-stop, sodding the infield and slicking up the park in general.

Anoka will join the Independent Central League with Crown, Albertville, Soderville, Princeton or Zimmerman, St. Francis, Orrock and Rogers. Tryouts at Park St. April 11, 6:15. **The following have a desire to try out**: Bill Ekmark, Don Ekmark, Kenny Dahlheimer, Gene Pratt, Curtis Chamberlain, Cliff Johnson, George Ziegler, Dick Sorenson, Bud Rainbow, Mark Klonowski, Clarence "Smokey" Rither, Fred Zurn, Jr., Gordy Paschka, Irving Redman, Bud Hingtgen, Jerry Raney and Roy Donnett. Each team is allowed 16 active players, boys returning from military service after May 5th may be signed up at any time. Anoka opens May 5th against Rogers at Anoka.—Walter Jacob, Legion Athletic Officer.

…May 8, 1946…(entire program published in Anoka County Union w/names of Gold Star Mothers, Fathers and Wives)…The American Legion & Auxiliary held the Gold Star Mothers Banquet May 2nd at the Anoka High School Auditorium; with L.O.Jacob of the Legion, Jesse Wellhausen Aux. Pres., Toastmaster Judge Harold Rogers and speaker, the Hon. Harold E. Stassen….**Attending were 47 mothers, 35 fathers and 6 wives of boys who died in service from the communities of Anoka, Champlin, St. Francis, Bethel and Cedar**….Their annual event had to be postponed during the recent war years but these two organizations plan on resuming this most worthwhile occasion.(excerpts Feb.6,Apr.10,May 1 & 8 papers).

…1946…Medal Of Honor recipient Richard Keith Sorenson survived a grenade attack on Namur Island in the Marshall Islands Feb. 1-2, 1944. A U.S. Marine Pvt., he was discharged in 1946 after many months in the hospital and was honored with a parade and banner hung across Main St. "Welcome Home Ricky".

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…Aug.28, 1946…American Legion Post is starting annual magazine sales, proceeds will buy wheel chairs, beds for use in homes – Walt Jacob, Chairman.
…Oct.1946…L.O. Jacob elected Commander.
…Oct.4, 1946…Tuesday evening regular meeting approved buying 20 jackets for members of Legion sponsored baseball team that won the championship of the Independent Central League this past summer; (gray & red **"Champs 1946 ICL"** with baseball & Legion emblems) will be given the players at the Anoka Booster Club meeting at Greenhaven. All wishing to attend contact Adjutant Mac McLean. Also approved to sponsor about 20 Anoka school patrolmen under the general supervision of Police Chief Rolland Castle.
…Nov, 8, 1946…Members voted to donate $500 towards the purchase of new band uniforms for the Anoka high school band…the Legion has paved the way with the first donation, more funds are needed to completely equip the unit. Also approved was the purchase of 15 reversible hooded jackets (tan w/ black & red checked wool inside, stenciled on the back, Legion emblem on the left sleeve) for the Anoka school patrol. Membership drive starts with **quota at 166**; Walt Jacob captain of WWI vets, Bill Murtaugh WWII vets with the loser preparing a big dinner for the members.
…Dec. 6, 1946…Anoka School Patrol members will be sworn in between halves of the basketball game between Anoka & No.St.Paul. Sgt. Kaiserstatt of the MN HWY Patrol and L.O. Jacob of the Legion will headline the program with Mayor R.B. Ehlen, Municipal Judge Rogers, Police Chief Castle and members of the city commission lending a hand.
Jan. 10, 1947…Anoka American Legion vs. Cambridge American Legion at Anoka HS Gym – admission 50c &25c (the Anoka team is the same team that played as the Alumni last Friday night)…The **Anoka squad**: Bill Wanamaker, Jack Rainbow, Bob Jacob, R.A Johnson, Willis Castle, Billy Bye, Roy Donnette, Bob Stewart, Jerry Raney, Ray Pipenhagen and Ossie Oswald; Dick Bune, coach.
…Apr.4,1947…Jack Riley, Jr. succeeds to Commander (L.O. Jacob resigned due to pressure of other business)…Arlo Mann chairman of comm. to make plans for new Legion clubroom…members voted $200 to Legion baseball team, Walt Jacob chairman…voted to assist the VFW in their proposed Centennial celebration this summer, Arch Pease publicity chairman…Elmer Deschene became 1st vice comm., 2nd vice appointed next meeting. H.C. Closson was accepted as a member.
…Apr. 25, 1947…FIFTY-TWO JOIN LEGION POST… Initiation comm. was Arlo Mann, Guy Spencer, Forrest Johnson, C. Merion Hicks, Rudy Beckenbach and Lawrence Holen. Speaker Charles Anderson, Veterans Service Office of the Civil Service Commission in Wash., D.C. was introduced by Arthur Meade, MN State Veterans Officer. His talk included: veterans preference, and in 1941, vets were 13% of govt. employees, in 1947, its 42%; also 6 veterans on the Supreme Court, 8 in the Cabinet, 251 in the House and 47 in the Senate.
…May 16, 1947…Two of the 18 hospital beds have been received and are now available – from proceeds of the recent Collier's magazine subscription drive.
…June 6, 1947…EDITORIAL…Every year the American Legion has sponsored one boy member of the school patrol from Washington, Franklin, St. Anne's and the high school to attend the MN Patrol Camp near Little Falls. However, in the Washington and Franklin patrols there are more girls than boys – yet only boys can go to the camp. The Legion came up with a top decision – it has given enough money to the Girl Scouts so that one girl from each of the Franklin and Washington patrols can be sent to camp free. **The action is commendable**.
…Aug. 22, 1947…Dick Bune, Post 102 member, placed 13th in the championship flight of the State Legion golf tournament at Southview in Minneapolis.
…Sept. 5, 1947…Jack Riley, Jr. elected Commander, Elmer Deschene – 1st Vice, Arlo Mann – 2nd Vice, Jordan Odegard – Adjutant, Thomas Payette – Sgt.at Arms, Howard Menter – Chaplain, Warren Bowers – Finance Officer, C. Merion Hicks – Historian. Executive comom.: Bob Beckenbach, Sr., Guy Spencer, Frank Ward, Forrest Johnson, Walter Lafferty, Don Miller and the above officers.
…Nov. 14, 1947…Legion To Buy Several Polio-Pak Heaters for Local Use…Proceeds From Sales Of Magazines Used.
…Dec. 19, 1947…The local Legion team will have flashy new uniforms of gold & white when they make their initial home appearance Dec. 30th. The team will be much strengthened with the end of exams at the Uof M and Hamline – Bob Johnson, Willis Castle, Jerry Jacob, Bill Wanamaker and Billy Bye may appear in the lineup.
…1948…(ed.note..this group of Anoka Legionnaires continued to play basketball through the 1948 season and probably longer – they played several benefit games for the March of Dimes – they joined the newly-formed Independent League – preliminary games on Sunday afternoons added to the fun; Swedetown, Slabtown, Eastside Midgets, high school intramural teams w/coaches Pete Castle & Charlie Sell – players added included: Williard Castle, Jess Yoho, Kenny Dahlheimer, E. Jacob, members Ekmark, Aultfather; business manager Chuck Ward and coach Harry Bennett.
…1948…Post members were looking for new quarters, the membership was nearing 225 and it was getting crowded…then…
…June 25, 1948…Anoka Union headline…"Colburn-Hilliard Ravaged By Raging Fire On Monday"…the fire started shortly before 6:10 pm when Club Manager Clarence Lundberg called the fire department; it all but demolished the Legion Club and water and smoke damage was seen in every other business in the block. (Union)…"Meanwhile, one of the largest crowds ever seen in Anoka jammed the downtown section and the problem was so acute that Police Chief Castle asked for aid. Members of Headquarters Battery, 125th F.A. who were drilling at city hall were sent to the scene and aided the police. An armed detail of guardsmen were on duty all night to prevent pilfering."
…Fall, 1948…The Legion purchased the Jacobson farm of approx. 15 acres (between Oakwood Cemetery and Fairoak Ave.) They kept what they needed and sold the remaining 12 (100 ft) lots for $2000 per lot. Will Ridge and Walt Jacobs formed the building committee, got organized, had no problem getting help and **got started after July 4th…**They rented equipment from City Mgr. Rudy Johnson, **businesses in Anoka donated material and workers donated their time**. These included: builders, Carlson

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King, Ed Bune & Sons, Wally & Arne Martinson, Linden Plumbing & Heating, Hayford Plumbing, Grossleins, Thurstons, grocery stores, bakeries, Bob Ehlen sent a check. On a Saturday, as many as 100 workers had breakfast at Greenhaven (Lawrence Chouinard) paid by the Club; many came back on Sunday – even without breakfast....
…(from retired Fire Chief Becky Beckenbach – Dec. 1979)…"The members dug a hole, built a foundation, pulled the two houses to the site, attached them, built a porch and accomplished all the wiring, plumbing and interior carpenter work"…Becky remembers it as a cooperative effort with the masons and electricians, plumbers and carpenters of the Post donating their skills, and the unskilled members helping in any way they could.
…in addition to the 2 houses, glassed in porch, they put in a well and septic tank; city crews did the pipes, lights, etc. The Post kept track of time worked and paid the City….**Among the 100 or so Legion members, those recently discharged and volunteers were**: Howard Menter, Jerry Raney, Dave McArdle (electrician – not a member until early '50's), Dick Steidl (dug the basement with a hand shovel), Marv Gilbertson (helped shingle the roof, painted, replaced some plumbing), Dick DeLong volunteered at 10 to 11pm week nights, Arch Pease kept track of the work and progress and wrote of the support by individuals and business.… (The off ramp from Hwy. 10 by Greenhaven was the location of the Post "on the hill".)
…Oct. 1948…Elmer Deschene elected Commander (shared w/ Howard Closson).
…Dec. 3, 1948…The American Legion needs as many men as possible for work this weekend, if 30 report Saturday and Sunday, the new quarters can be fixed so that the majority of work will then be inside jobs. Carpenters and general labor is badly needed…Lunch will be served at Greenhaven Sunday noon with Sonny Deschene doing the culinary work…Work is ready to start on the remodeling of the interior together with the wiring and the heating plant…Support your Legion project and lend a hand this weekend….By Christmas, had a big party.
…Oct. 1949…Morris Linden elected Commander.

Sources for this issue included:
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Will Ridge – Building Committee
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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.

Thank you

On behalf of myself and 10th District Commander Tom Schottenbauer, I want to thank the Anoka American Legion Family for hosting our joint testimonial on April 25th. It was a wonderful evening full of friendship and fun. We were both very appreciative of the generous gifts and "mostly" kind remarks of those present. We have enjoyed our year of service to the American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary. This evening was definitely one of the highlights of that year.

A special "thank you" to chairmen Cathy Newman and Jan Reiter and to all the members of Unit 102 for their hard work in planning and preparing this event. Thank you also to my Mistress of Ceremonies, Sandy Phillips for her participation. You made this very special for me and a night we'll never forget. Thank you for your dedication to our organization and for your dedication of service for all veterans and their families.

Sue Nunnelee
10th District American Legion Auxiliary President

Unit President Cathy welcomes everyone to Anoka and the testimonial.

Pictured with 10th District President Sue (standing) are L_R, Mom Doris and brothers Tom, Dan and Steven.

President's Column

Cathy Newman

Hello Auxiliary Members,

May has been flying by me! April was not too bad. The Commander and I attended County Day with the Boys and Girls Stater. We went on a tour of the Government Center, the jail and 911 communications area. Had a good time with the students.

Our Post and Auxiliary hosted the testimonial for our 10th District President Sue and Commander Tom Schottenbauer. My thanks to Jan and Sandy for all their help in doing the testimonial.

We had our May Pot Luck, mother, daughter and granddaughter meeting. So nice to see them come together for this meeting. Two of our Girls Staters and a mom of the 3rd girl also came.

We have the District Convention in Clearwater on May 30th.

This will be the end of my year. I will be sad about that. I have so many of you to thank for all your help and support over the last year.

My congratulations to our new officers for next year. Darlene Thell will be your new President.

My dinner will be on Monday, June 8th at 6:00 pm. I have chosen **Old County Buffet on Main Street in Coon Rapids** by Home Depot. Please **call Jan Reiter at 427-3733 or sign up at the June 2nd meeting** if you plan to attend and if you need a ride we will work something out. Hope you can make it. It will be fun to try something new. The food menu should please all!

Once again till my last column – thanks for all your help and support you have shown me during the year.

So until next time - God Bless!

Doris M. signs the book as Liz Abeln presents the photo array and story of Pres. Sue's adventures with the Drill Squad - featured was the 1981 ALA magazine and picture of the Drill Squad - National Convention Parade in Hawaii.

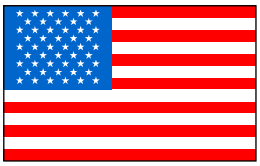
Local Students Tour Government Center

"County Day", sponsored by the Anoka American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary, was held April 17th at the Anoka County Government Center. This is an event coordinated with selecting Boys and Girls State representatives from the Junior class of the local schools. Students who attended "County Day" were from Anoka High School, Blaine High School and Coon Rapids High School.

The morning started in the County Commissioners Board Room. Terry Johnson, Anoka County Administrator, welcomed the group and introduced 3 Commissioners who spoke: Dick Lang, Rhonda Sivarajah and Dan Erhart. Next, the County Attorney and County Deputy Sheriff spoke and answered questions from the students. Following the speakers, the students toured the jail and 911 Central Communications area.

Following the tour, the group was treated to lunch at the Anoka Legion Post Home.

Kathy Zwerdling - Girl State Chairman



Pocket Flags

The flags for the Unit's "Pocket Flag Project" have arrived. We have 300 to fold after trimming. If you are interested in participating, please contact Lynette Pavin 421-1840 or Cathy Newman 757-2034 for flags and instructions. Anyone can participate, even juniors. Completed flags will be given to military personnel that are to be deployed.

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.

JAN'S JOTTINGS

by Sandy Phillips

The regular meeting of Edward B. Cutter American Legion Auxiliary was held on Tuesday, May 5th, 2009. Preceeding the meeting the annual Girls State/Mothers Day potluck was held, with lots of delicious food. We heard from our Girls State Representatives Samanata Sager and Amanda Kaas who told us of their visit to the County Government Center. Junior President Ashley Toikka opened the meeting, which was followed by a short program from the Juniors. Activity leader told what the Juniors have done this past year.

Following the election President Cathy presented incoming President Darlene Thell with flowers. Congratulations Darlene!

District Convention is May 29-30 in Clearwater. Delegates elected to the convention were: Sue Nunnelee, Cathy Newman, Darlene Thell, Norah Wyman, Ann Larson, Lynette Pavin, Kathy Zwerdling, Donna Redepenning and Betty Erickson. Alternates approved were: Betty Redepenning, Lenora Root, Liz Abeln, Doris Nunnelee, Jeannene Hays, Maryann Voit, Carol Hathaway and Barb Fechner. Sandy Phillips will be attending as Delegate at Large.

District President Sue thanked the Unit for the wonderful Testimonial Dinner and Life Membership that was given to her.

Kathy Zwerdling will present the scholarships at Anoka Senior High on May 13th if Mary is unable to attend. The Department of Minnesota Scholarship Fund is getting low and has recommended that each unit donate $.10 per member. Kathy made a motion that we donate $37.50 to the Department of Minnesota Scholarship Fund.

Election of Officers was held for the 2009-2010 Auxiliary Year The following were unanimously voted in by the membership:

President: . . . . . Darlene Thell
1st Vice President: . . . . . Norah Wyman
2nd Vice President: . . . . . Ann Larson
Sgt.-at-Arms: . . . . . Lynette Pavin
Treasurer: . . . . . Jeannene Hays
Executive Committee: . . . . . Carol Hathaway & Sandy Phillips

CONCERTS IN THE PARK

Enjoy Sunday evening concerts at 7:00 pm at

George Green Park

(behind the Aquatic Center)

June 7 – Monarch
June 14 – Blue Drifters
June 21 – Andy LaCasse Trio
June 28 – Beauty and the Beast

President Cathy's Dinner
Monday, June 8 ~ 6:00 pm
Old Country Buffet
(Main St. by Home Depot)

All Unit 102 members are invited to attend.

Please call for reservations by June 2 or sign up at the Unit Meeting.

Call Jan Reiter 427-3733

Past Presidents Gold Star Luncheon

All past Presidents and 50+ years members are invited to attend the annual get-together to honor our Units Gold Star Mothers. It will be held on **Saturday, June 6th at Main Event**, 3420 129th Ave. NW, Coon Rapids. **It's the old Moe's in Riverdale**.

We will gather at the restaurant at **11:30** and place our order by noon. They do accept credit cards or cash but no checks.

Please **call Lenora at 763-427-1744 or Karen at 763-427-1248 to make reservations** or if you would like a ride. You can **also sign up** at our **June 2nd** Auxiliary meeting. Hope to see all of you there for this fun event!

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

JUNE 2009

Jr. Legion Baseball Home Games 7:30 pm

Every Friday Grill Menu – Kitchen Open 5:00 – 8:30 PM

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
DANCE *Greenhaven Club House* *Sponsored by American Legion Benefit for Hospital Fund* *Sat., Feb. 9; 1946 – 9:00 pm – $1.20 couple* *Music by Ellie VanAlstine* 1		**Post General Mem. Election 7:30 pm** **S.A.L. Mtg. 7:00 pm** **Auxiliary Meeting & Memorial Service** 2	**SAL Sponsored Dinner 5:30-7:00 Steak, Chicken, or Stuffed Shrimp $7.50 Steak & Shrimp Combo $10.00** 3	**Ron's Ribs Grill Open 5:00 – 8:00 pm Bar Bingo 7:00 pm** 4	**Grill Open 5–8:00 pm** Meat Raffle 5:00 pm Bar Bingo 6:30 pm 5	**Past. Pres./Gold Star & 50 yr. members Lunch Main Event 11:30 am** 6
Club Open 12-10 Bar Bingo 3:00 pm 7	**Pres. Cathy's Dinner Old Country Buffet 6:00 pm** 8	**ANOKA HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION** 9	**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 Jrs. Wanted** 10	**Ron's Ribs Grill Open 5:00 – 8:00 pm Bar Bingo 7:00 pm** 11	**Grill Open 5–8:00 pm** Meat Raffle 5:00 pm Bar Bingo 6:30 pm 12	**AL Riders HOG ROAST 2:00 pm Silent Auction 4:00 pm** **Vietnam Era Honor Day MN Capitol Grounds** 13
Club Open 12-10 Bar Bingo 3:00 pm **Girls State Bethel College Boys State - Marshall (both 14th – 20th)** 14	*1947:* *Jim Farrier opened the Cottage Drive In 1947 and in 1949 added the 1st Dairy Queen in Anoka.* *At the grand opening, gave away 1,000 ice cream cones. They sold the Lem-O-Lime soft drink bottled by Grossleins.* *In 1976, it was demolished and replaced with the present building.* 15	**NEWSPAPER MEETING 7:00 pm** 16	**SAL Sponsored Dinner 5:30-7:00 Steak, Chicken, or Stuffed Shrimp $7.50 Steak & Shrimp Combo $10.00** 17	**Ron's Ribs Grill Open 5:00 – 8:00 pm Bar Bingo 7:00 pm** 18	**Grill Open 5–8:00 pm** Meat Raffle 5:00 pm Bar Bingo 6:30 pm 19	**19-20-21 SUMMERFEST** 20
Club Open 12-10 Bar Bingo 3:00 pm **FATHER'S DAY** 21		**House & Ent.** Meeting 7:00 pm 23	**SAL Sponsored Dinner 5:30-7:00 Steak, Chicken, or Stuffed Shrimp $7.50 Steak & Shrimp Combo $10.00** 24	**Post/Unit/SAL Installation 6:30 pm** **Ron's Ribs Grill Open 5:00 – 8:00 pm Bar Bingo 7:00 pm** 25	**SAL Detachment Convention Legionville** **Grill Open 5–8:00 pm** Meat Raffle 5:00 pm Bar Bingo 6:30 pm 26	**SAL Detachment Convention Legionville** 27
Club Open 12-10 Bar Bingo 3:00 pm 28	29	**Executive Board** Meeting 7:00 pm 30	*Headquarters Battery* *125th F.A. Bn.* *BENEFIT DANCE* *Oak Ridge Resort – Crooked Lake*		*IRV Barrett's Orchestra* *Wed. Eve. July 2, 1947 – 8:00 pm till closing* *Admission 50¢, Tax Incl.* *Advertising sponsored by* *American Legion Post 102 – Anoka*	

Flag Display

June 14

Coming in July

3rd	Fireworks – Anoka HS at dusk	16th – 18th	Department Convention – Mahnomen
7th	Post and SAL Meetings – No Aux. Meeting	21st – 28th	Anoka County Fair
4th	Mayors Annual Ice Cream Social – Geo. Green Park 12 – 4 pm	21st	Fair Flag Raising – 12 noon
11th	Riverfest		