Colonel Wayne Hayes guest speaker for Memorial Day Service

Col. Hayes is the USPFO for Minnesota National Guard and has a dual responsibility with respect to their working relationships with the CNGB and the Adjutant General for Minnesota. He works for and is responsible to the CNGB to ensure that all applicable laws, regulations, policies, and procedures established by Congress, DoD, DA, and DAF, as implemented by the CNGB, are complies within the state.

Col. Hayes was born November 11, 1955. A 1974 graduate of Coon Rapids High School, he went on to earn a Bachelor of Science degree in International Affairs from Metropolitan State University and a Masters Degree from the U.S. Army War College.

His military education includes Infantry and Field Artillery Officer Basic and Advance Courses, Combined Arms Staff Service School, U.S. Command and General Staff College, and U.S. Army War College.

Col. Hayes began his career when he enlisted in February 1974. He became a commissioned officer March of 1979 through the Minnesota Military Academy.

Colonel Hayes and his wife, Shawna, live in Coon Rapids, Minnesota. They have three children, Casey, Brooke and Zach.

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ADJUTANT'S NOTES

by Gary Munkholm

The Executive Committee voted to keep the annual membership dues at $35 and it was gladly accepted at the General meeting.

Gary Reimann thanked Paul Adler, Commander Ron, and Sam Orr for helping him put the new TV's up. The TV's were donated from an anonymous donor and Denise sent the anonymous donor a thank you card and a free dinner for two.

Rick Oelschlager worked out a deal with Comcast Business Cable to switch all of our phone lines, TV, and internet to them for a savings of $500 a year. Many thanks to Rick for saving the club some money.

The District Convention for the Mighty Tenth is coming up on May 13th and if you plan on going be sure to contact Commander Wolford for the dtails.

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

Anoka County Historical Society	$ 500
St. Cloud and Ely fishing trip for Vets	100
Muskie's Inc. for Vets fishing opener	100
Assist needy Veterans or Families	1,500
Emergency money	500

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DIRECTOR

GOVERNMENT CENTER
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Anoka, MN 55303-5034

763-323-5290

Anoka Law Enforcement Memorial and Open House

Our annual memorial service and police station open house will be held on Thursday, May 12 from 2 to 4 pm at the Public Safety Center located at 275 Harrison St.

The highlight of the event will be a K-9 demonstration at 2:45 pm and a short memorial service and wreath laying for APD Officer Verl Whinnery who was killed in the line of duty in 1948.

Stop by the Public Safety Center for a station tour, visit our displays, pick up some give-aways, and enjoy refreshments.

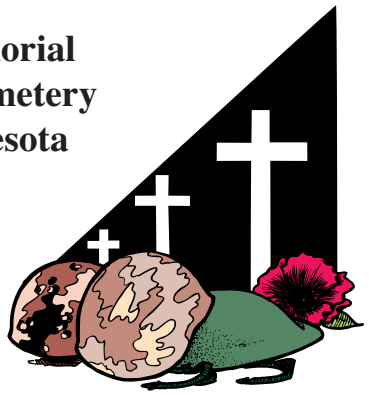
Post 102 extends sincere sympathy to the families of

RALPH M. REITER
Ralph was a 12 year member of The American Legion and a Korean War Veteran

RAYMOND I. BLAKE
Raymond was a 4 year member of The American Legion and a World War II Veteran

MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE

Veterans Memorial
Forest Hills Cemetery
Anoka, Minnesota



Monday
May 30, 2011
10:00 A.M.

Last Monday in May
We pause to remember those who died
With so much courage,
So much pride.
They'll never come back,
But memories endure
To remind us of freedom: fragile, pure.
We're worthy of their sacrifice
If we pause each day
Not just on the last Monday in May

POST HOSPITAL EQUIPMENT

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.

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Commander's Column
Ron Wolford

Spring has finally sprung. The weather we are having is the reason we live in Minnesota. Last year we were the leaders in tornadoes in the nation. Sure don't want to repeat that record.

I hope that everyone has a chance to see the improvements at the Post. The new televisions sure look great in the bar area. What I like about our Post is that everyone makes you feel like Cheers from television fame. If you want to talk, about any topic you want to discuss, it will be addressed. Like they say everyone has an opinion on any subject be it correct or not. Of course, the correctness is in your own belief. By the same token if you just want to sit and be alone you will not be bothered.

Make plans to attend the Memorial Day celebratilon at the park on May 30th. Last year was great and this year will be better.

This Post is leading Legion Posts into the future of America. Come join the fun at your Post.

"There are many ways of going forward, but only one way of standing still."

- Franklin D. Roosevelt.

MEMBERSHIP ELIGIBILITY DATES into THE AMERICAN LEGION

Persian Gulf War	August 2, 1990 to date of cessation
Panama	December 20, 1989 to January 31, 1990
Grenada/Lebanon	August 24, 1982 to July 31, 1984
Vietnam War	February 28, 1961 to May 7, 1975
Korean War	June 25, 1950 to January 31, 1955
World War II	December 7, 1941 to December 31, 1946
World War I	April 6, 1917 to November 11, 1918

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S.A.L. NEWS
Commander Allen Amundson

It looks like spring has finally arrived. It's been a long time coming, and I can't wait to see everything get green and colorful again. A big thank-you to all who participated in our casino bus trip to Turtle Lake, and special thanks to those who helped us have fun on the way up and back. I believe everyone had a good time and we truly appreciate your support.

Charlie and I attended a District Rally at Mound on April 1, which was sponsored by The American Legion Riders and run by Diane Sullivan, the District Director. It was somewhat different than usual and a great deal of fun. A delicious meal was served by the Mound S.A.L. Squadron.

If any past members haven't renewed your membership, please do so now, and we always welcome new members.

If any S.A.L. members (including Dual members) are interested in helping on our Wednesday Night Dinners, please contact Al Amundson or Lance Nelson. We could really use some 'backup' help, especially in cooking, but also in serving and cleanup.

The main upcoming events are 10th District Convention at Fridley on May 20-22, and S.A.L. Detachment Convention at Legionville on June 24-26.

Our next Squadron meeting is on May 3rd at 7:00 pm. Nominations for next years officers will be accepted and elections will be held the following month in June. Please plan on attending both of these important meetings.

Until next month...
"Let's Make a Difference"

IN REMEMBRANCE

Memorial Day Services

Saturday, May 28, 2011

10:00 A.M.
Morningside Memorial Gardens
11800 University Avenue N.W.
Coon Rapids, Minnesota

11:30 A.M.
Bunker Hills Park
Foley Blvd. & Main Street (CSA #14)
Coon Rapids, Minnesota

Presented By:
The Veteran's Organizations of Anoka County

LEST WE FORGET

Everyone is invited to attend the family picnic following the ceremonies at Bunker Hills Park provided by the Anoka County Veterans Council.

May 21st & 22nd

BLAINE AVIATION DAYS

Anoka County Airport (ANE) | **Jane's Field – Blaine, MN**

Come to the Airport & Discover Aviation

Experimental, homebuilt, civil, corporate, military, WWII and vintage aircraft on display, numerous aviation exhibitors and vendors, FAA pilot safety seminars each day.

EAA 237 hosts: **Pancake Breakfast 7a.m. to 11a.m.**
C.A.P. hosts: **Lunch 11a.m. to 3p.m.**

AIRCRAFT RIDES
Fixed Wing
Helicopter
Bi-Plane
B-25

DISPLAYS
Golden Wings Museum will be open for viewing its collection of over 25 vintage aircraft.
Antique and classic cars on site.
Remote Control & Control Line plane displays.

Pilots Fly In! – Plenty of transient parking available
PIC's eat FREE *- Mode C waiver will be in effect*

Daily warbird & military fly-over's, kids activities, flag ceremony & car parade.

Hangar Dance: Saturday Night

This is a **FREE** event to the public, requesting a parking donation to help cover costs.

www.BlaineAviationDays.org 763-568-6072

Poppy Days

Each year around Memorial Day, Veterans of Foreign Wars members and American Legion Auxiliary volunteers distribute millions of bright red poppies in exchange for contributions to assist veterans that may be hospitalized or living in a Veterans' facility or a part of the many other Veteran programs that are available to them. The program provides multiple benefits to the veterans and to the community. The hospitalized/nursing home veterans who make the flowers are able to earn a small wage, which helps to supplement their incomes and makes them feel more self-sufficient. The physical and mental activity provides many therapeutic benefits as well. Donations are used exclusively to assist and support veterans and their families. The Poppy also reminds the community of the past sacrifices and continuing needs of our veterans. The Poppy has become a nationally known and recognized symbol of sacrifice and is worn to honor the men and women who served and died for their country in all wars. The Poppy Program has been around since the early 1920's.

Poppy Days are fast approaching in the Anoka area and at Post 102! Poppy Day's are **May 20th and 21st.** This is also the same date as of District Convention so many members will not be available on the 21st.

Poppy cards will be available in the Post Club Rooms after April 21st. When you are at the Post ask for one and put your name on it for a donation.

With our declining Poppy receipts over the past few years we enlisted the help of our Auxiliary membership last year by sending a letter and poppy to each member requesting their financial support! This proved to be very successful so once **again this year letters will be mailed to our members. If there is any Legion member** that sees this article and wants to make a contribution we welcome those too! **Please mail your donation** to me at my home address listed below or mail to the Post. (A poppy donation has already been received in the mail from a Legion member.)

I will also be seeking help from the SAL, Legion Members, and Legion Riders for the distribution of Poppy Cards and Poppies. Please and Thank You! Any amount of time you can give will be greatly appreciated! Last year we did not have enough bodies to cover businesses in Anoka, Andover and Ramsey! Please call me if you are willing and able to help on **May 20th and 21st!**

All Poppy funds go to support programs at the VA Hospitals, the Minnesota Veterans Home, Minnesota Stand Down, Anoka County Veterans Job Training and Transportation programs and much more.

Thank you in advance for any contribution you may make to this worthwhile fund raiser. **I will be awaiting your call at 763-754-3800** to put your name on the list!

Wearing a Poppy came to mean honoring the dead
And helping the living.

Sandy Phillips – Poppy Chairman
3012-127th Lane NW, Coon Rapids, MN 55448

The first memorial poppies distributed by The American Legion and Auxiliary following World War I were made of silk by French widows and war orphans. But poppy manufacturing was soon turned over to disabled veterans in this country. Hospitalized U.S. veterans in Minnesota produced the first memorial poppies made in this country in 1922.

Boxes Sent to the Troops

Nine (9) boxes of "stuff" have been sent to Afghanistan and Iraq this year from Unit 102. We received gift cards from Target and Wal-Mart so I could go shopping for items the servicemen and women had asked for: batteries, snack foods, toys, personal items, magazines – too many to mention.

The Auxiliary paid for the mailing of these boxes – we are so happy to do this to support our troops.

Cathy Newman
National Security Chairman

AUXILIARY UNIT 102

Edward B. Cutter Post 102, Anoka, MN 55303

You are eligible to join the Auxiliary if your veteran relative is a current member of The American Legion; or if deceased, had served during the eligibility dates of one of eight war eras.

- ☐ Mother
- ☐ Wife
- ☐ Sister
- ☐ Daughter
- ☐ Granddaughter
- ☐ Grandmother
- ☐ Great-Granddaughter
- ☐ Self

(step-relative also apply)

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

JAN'S JOTTINGS

by Jan Reiter

The regular meeting of Edward B. Cutter American Legion Auxiliary was held on Tuesday, April 5, 2011. Darlene introduced new member, Jocelyn Awaijane.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Fund Raising: Lenora Root handed out the plant coupons – for those who sell 5 plants, their name goes into a drawing for a plant, for every 10 sold – it goes in twice, etc.

Girls State: Kathy Zwerdling reported County Days is April 28. She is in need of help that day. Kathy reported 11 girls applied to Girls State and she interviewed them and will do the hard job of picking 3 of them and an alternate. They will speak at the May meeting. SAL has paid for a 3rd Girl Stater.

Junior Activities: Sue Nunnelee reported the Juniors had the Junior District Conference on March 26th at our Post. Forty people registered and she thanked Sandy Phillips, Cathy Newman, Kathy Zwerdling and Darlene Thell for helping at the conference and thanked everyone who donated cookies and bars. They went over well. Registration totaled $168, expenses $92. They made a profit of $54.54

Leadership: Jan Reiter thanked everyone who brought in their reports and she will get them to Department before the 15th of April. She also thanked Sandy for taking over the leadership meeting.

Membership: Betty Erickson said we are at 357. We need 18 members to reach goal. A motion was made to draft a resolution that the number of deceased Auxiliary members be subtracted and factored into the yearly goal number for MN units. Approved.

Nominating Committee: Kathy Zwerdling, Carol Hathaway and Cathy Newman submitted the following nominations for officers for the year 2011-12.

President: Norah Wyman
1st Vice Pres. Lynette Pavin
2nd Vice Pres. Deb Mayasich
Treasurer: Jeanene Hays
Sergeant at Arms: Ann Larson
Executive Committee: Connie Amundson & Kathy Zwerdling

Poppies: Motion by Sandy Phillips to send out poppy letters again this year. Approved. Poppy Days are May 20-21, for those who help, Sandy is making a T-shirt for you to wear that day.

Unfinished Business: Sandy Phillips has checked into the "Elvis Experience" as a fund raiser for the Auxiliary. It will be October 1 and they are making up flyers for us to put up.

New Business: Jan Reiter handed out Officer and Chairman's duties. It was discussed about having another craft sale in the fall. Tabled for now. Next months May 3rd meeting is at 6:30 with a pot luck, bringing a dish to pass.

The American Legion Auxiliary adopted the poppy as the Memorial Flower at the organization's first convention in Kansas City in 1921. After taking this action, the Auxiliary pledged that 100 % of the Poppy Day contributions would go to welfare work for service men (and women) and members of their families.

Auxiliary Pot Luck

May 3rd at 6:30 p.m. will be our annual May Pot luck dinner before our Auxiliary meeting. All Jr. and Sr. Auxiliary members are encouraged to attend. Bring a dish to pass and enjoy great fellowship and great food. Our Girls State candidates will be introduced following the dinner. Hope to see all of you at the dinner.

Kathy Zwerdling
Girls State Chairman

Poppy Day, an annual memorial to the war dead and disabled veteran, is sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary. By "wearing a poppy" on Poppy Day, each American can honor the sacrifice made by our service men and women while assisting the living.

President's Column
Darlene Thell

Hello Auxiliary members,

There are always good things going on at our Post. On March 26 our Post hosted the Jr. Auxiliary 10th Dist. Conference. Our 10th Dist. Aux. Pres. Peggy Tesdahl was there to install the new officers. Our own Darrel Redepenning (10th Dist. Cmdr.) and Gary Semmel, the 10th Dist. SAL Cmdr. were also present. Thank you to all members who helped to make this day successful, and a special thank you to our Junior Auxiliary Chairman Sue Nunnelee for planning the event and the Tacos in a bag lunch. It is great seeing the girls serve our Veterans the way they do.

10th Dist. Aux. Pres. Peggy Tesdahl and
10th Dist. Cmdr. Darrel Redepenning
with the Junior Girls who attended the conference.

Red Fridays - - - I'm sure many of you have heard of Red Fridays and honor our military by wearing red on each Friday. If you haven't heard, our idea of showing solidarity and support for our troops with dignity and respect, has been going on and will continue each Friday until the troops all come home, sending a message that ....Every red blooded American who supports our men and women afar will wear some red item. If every one of us who loves our country will share this with acquaintances, co-workers, friends and family, it will not take long before the USA is covered in Red, and it will let our troops know the once "silent" majority is on their side more than ever.

The first thing a soldier says when asked "what can we do to make things better for you? "..." We need your support and your prayers."

God Bless America and lets always be there for our veterans and troops.

In Memoriam

AUDREY LEAH (LaFontaine) REICHERT

Audrey, a 61 year Auxiliary members, was born in Minneapolis and passed away March 12, 2011 in Minneapolis after living in Anoka for many years.

Audrey was a Past Unit President in 1952-53, serving with Commander Robert (Bob) Stewart.

Edward B. Cutter Unit 102 extends its sympathy to Audrey's family and friends. A memorial to Project New Hope was sent by the Unit and the Past Presidents Parley in her name.

VA Shower for Veterans
Families of Veterans helping Veterans

Thanks to all that came forward with donations for our annual VA Hospital Shower. We had another good year for the Minneapolis and St. Cloud Veterans Hospitals. We collected and got credit for $2,271.75 because of you and your small bottles and personnel hygiene items we got! Thank you, thank you.

Remember we will do this again next year so start saving those items now, the more the better for the Veterans.

If you have any questions about this program please call me!

Cathy Newman – VA&R Chairman

L-R: Pres. Darlene, Chairman Sue, Jr. Pres.–Elect Izabella Barros, Princeton, Out-going Jr. Pres. Brooke Nikolas, Fridley and Dist. Pres. Peggy.

Credits: Post/Auxiliary
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POPPY MONTH

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Club Open 12-10 Bar Bingo 3:00 pm 1	*40 years ago* *May 1971 -* *Cmdr. Buster LaTuff* *Another steak fry in May - any committee interested - in holding this - contact Club Room Comm.* *10th Dist. Conv. in Wayzata - June 11 & 12).* *May 31 - Memorial Day Parade starts at Bridge Square and ends at Veterans Memorial in the cemetery.* *Our Post is host this year; Pete Lish is chmn. if you have any inquiries.* *Grand Marshall - Howard Menter. (Pete is a current 45 yr. Post member).* *Note: May, June & July are important membership meetings for you to voice your ideas on the coming years activities & budget so the committees can plan ahead.* *(Buster is a current 57 yr. Post member.)* 2	**Post General Mem.** **Post Everlasting** **7:30 pm** **S.A.L. Mtg. 7:00 pm** **Auxiliary Jr./Sr. Pot Luck w/ Girls County-State 6:30 pm Meeting/Election Following** 3	**SAL Dinners 5:30-7:00 and Country Fried Steak $8.00** 4	**Every Thursday & Friday** **Grill Open 5:00 – 8:30 pm** **Bar Bingo 7:00 pm** 5	**Meat Raffle 5:30 pm** **Bar Bingo 7:00 pm** 6	**Dept. Cmdr. Tom Lannon Testimonial LeCenter** 7
Club Open 12-10 Bar Bingo 3:00 pm **MOTHER'S DAY** 8	9	***May 11, 1858: Minnesota officially became 32nd State*** 10	**SAL Dinners 5:30-7:00** **Steak, Chicken, or Stuffed Shrimp $7.50** **Steak & Shrimp Combo $10.00** **Aux. Twin Rivers Bingo 2:15 pm** **Awards Night Anoka HS** 11	**Bar Bingo 7:00 pm** **Law Enforcement Memorial Day** 12	**Meat Raffle 5:30 pm** **Bar Bingo 7:00 pm** 13	*40 years ago* *May 21, 1971 is Poppy Day, we again need volunteers. For all Children who help, a free movie pass and cash prizes for the most donations. Contact Joyce Westlie if you or your child can help. (Joyce is a current 51 yr. Unit member.)* 14
Club Open 12-10 Bar Bingo 3:00 pm 15	16	**NEWSPAPER MEETING** **7:00 pm** 17	**SAL Dinners 5:30-7:00 and Prime Rib $9.50** **Legion Riders Meeting 7 pm** 18	**Bar Bingo 7:00 pm** 19	**Poppy Days** **Dist. Convention – Fridley 21 & 22** **Meat Raffle 5:30 pm** **Bar Bingo 7:00 pm** 20	**Armed Forces Day** 21
Dist. Convention – Fridley Club Open 12-10 Bar Bingo 3:00 pm **Maritime Day** 22	**Victoria Day (Canada)** 23	**House & Ent.** Meeting 7:00 pm 24	**SAL Dinners 5:30-7:00** **Steak, Chicken, or Stuffed Shrimp $7.50** **Steak & Shrimp Combo $10.00** 25	**Bar Bingo 7:00 pm** 26	**Meat Raffle 5:30 pm** **Bar Bingo 7:00 pm** **Veterans Flags Placement Local Cemetaries 5:00 pm** 27	**Morningside Memorial Gardens 10:00 am** **Bunker Hills Park Memorial Service 11:30 am** 28
Club Open 12-10 Bar Bingo 3:00 pm 29	**Memorial Day Serivce 10:00 AM Veterans Memorial Forest Hills Cemetary Anoka** **Club Open 11 am – 7 pm** 30	**Executive Board** Meeting 7:00 pm 31	**FLAG DISPLAY DAYS** May 8 - Mothers Day May 12 - Peace Officers Memorial Day (half staff until sunset) May 21 - Armed Forces Day May 22 - Maritime Day May 31- Memorial Day (half staff until noon)		*40 years ago - May 1971 President Peggy Violet* *May 5 - dinner 6:30* *Meeting 8:00:* *10th Dist. Jr. Pres. Mary Jo Deschene will tell us of her experiences (Mary Jo is a current 56 yr. Unit member).*	*May 27 -* *Wreaths for memorial Day will be made - this is always a joint venture with the VFW, so let's have a good turnout!*

COMING IN JUNE

7	Elections / Post & SAL meetings	16	Home Opener / Anoka Jr. Legion Baseball
7	Election Dept. delegates / Aux. Meeting	19	Fathers Day
8	Twin Rivers Bingo 2:15 / Jrs. wanted	24-26	SAL Detachment Convention / Legionville
12-18	Girls State / Bethel College	TBA	Post / Unit / SAL Installation
12-18	Boys State / Marshall	TBA	Past Pres / Gold Star / 50 yr. members
12/19/26	Concerts in the Park	TBA	Pres. Darlene's dinner

Memorial Day Service 10:00 am - Veterans Memorial, Forest Hills Cemetary, Anoka
The program includes patriotic music by the North Suburban Concert Band, recitations by local 5th graders, guest speaker and placing of memorial wreaths.
Posting of Colors by The American Legion and National Guard, Firing Squad, Taps.
Free coffee, pop and cookies for those who attend the program.
Post, Auxiliary, SAL members and those who took part in the service are invited to the Post Clubrooms for a light lunch.