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April 15th*



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April 20-29:*

*Poppy cards will be  
available at the pull-tab  
booth in the Post  
Clubooms; members  
and patrons will be  
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sign a card - cards will*

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are given to veterans and their families - all  
money is used from the Poppy Fund.*

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# ADJUTANT'S NOTES

by Gary Munkholm

A hearty welcome to the newest members of Anoka Post 102 Mark D Eggleston and Allan E Nedohon sponsored by Wayne Wallace. We hope to see you at future meetings and join us in fellowship during other times of the week.

Our Post is very close to making our membership goal for the year. We need you to renew your dues if you haven't done so already. Don't forget that you can renew dues on line using the American Legion National web site. For our current members I ask all of you to ask some of your friends if they are members of a Veterans group and ask them to join our Post if they don't have membership in another Legion Post.

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

Donation to the ACBC Food Shelf .....	\$4,000
Donation to support our Jr. Shooting Team for scanner ....	780
Donation to Anoka County for Park Memorial .....	100
Donation to Anoka High School graduation party .....	300
Donation to the Minnesota Military Museum .....	250
Legion Baseball team for registration and equipment .....	1,500
Donation to the Anoka County Historical Society .....	500
Post 102 for Utility expenses .....	1,950
Tax on Wagering to the U.S. Treasury .....	\$400
Assist needy Veterans or Family .....	1,500
Emergency money .....	500

**Anoka Unit 102 Auxiliary  
Spring Mothers Day Plant Sale**

**Price \$17.00**

Buy Plant Gift Cards  
**April 3rd to May 14th**

at Anoka Legion Pull Tab Booth  
or From a Auxiliary Member

Make Checks Payable to  
**Anoka Unit 102**

Impatiens  
Ivy Geraniums  
Petunia  
Mixed Baskets  
Swedish Ivy


Many, Many More Selections Available

**Plant Pick-Up Times**  
April 6th to June 6th 2012


at  
Green Valley Greenhouse  
Ramsey, MN

**Proceeds Help Support Our  
Veterans and Community Programs**


**IN APRIL**

**TUESDAYS** 

April 3rd & 17th  
1/4 Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Veg/Roll  
\$7.00


 April 10th & 24th  
1/4 lb. Burger Basket – \$5.00

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**THURSDAYS** 

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

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 **FRIDAY**

**6th**  
All-You-Can-Eat Fish Fry \$8.00  
with Baked Potato, Veg & Roll

**13th**  
Liver & Onions \$8.00  
with Mashed Potatoes & Veg.

**20th**  
Stuffed Port Chop \$9.00  
with Twice Baked Potato & Veg

**27th**  
Italian Sausage and Penne Pasta \$8.00  
with Veg and Garlic Toast

*Tax included on all the above.*

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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

**Fadi A. Awaijane**

Greetings fellow Legionnaires,

Happy Easter! It's springtime, welcome home snowbirds. The Anoka Legion celebrated the 93rd Birthday of the American Legion with Dinner and a birthday Cake. Our guests were the Department of Minnesota Adjutant Randy Tesdahl, Linda Thompson Department of Minnesota Auxiliary President, Amelia Tesdahl Department of Minnesota Junior Auxiliary President, and Gary Semmel Detachment Commander of Sons of the American Legion.

I'd like to thank the post Auxiliary for the Birthday card and the gift to our Post (200 Steak Knives), and thanks to SAL for buying the Legion a combination of speaker microphone and a stand. Also I would like to thank the SAL for the excellent food as always and thanks to Lea Newman the Granddaughter of Cliff and Cathy Newman for doing the sign language for Pledge of Allegiance and singing the Happy Birthday Song.

Again, I'd like to thank the Auxiliary for putting the Program together. Last but not least thank you to everyone who helped the setup and the clean up.

If you haven't visited the Post lounge, you might want to stop by and check our new 60" flat Screen Television and the Pool Table. We also purchased round tables for the Commanders Hall.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE!



## SAL Spring Conference

So what is SAL Spring Conference? Many people don't know or have never heard of it. Actually, it is just like Fall Conference, but SAL only. A statewide ('Detachment') assembly to exchange ideas, review reports and conduct any necessary business. Though the majority of attendees are Detachment Officers and Chairmen, the main meeting is open to all Legion Family members and guests. This year it was held at the Bagley American Legion Post (about 20 miles west of Bemidji). Being my first time at this Post, I was duly impressed. It's facilities were adequate to meet our needs of 100+ people and the hospitality was terrific. If you are ever in the vicinity, stop in and say hi. They serve up a fantastic walleye dinner.

I attended as Detachment Media Chairman ("Webmaster") and also represented the 10th District in the absence of 10th District SAL Commander, Charles Heemer, who is recuperating from surgery.

The Finance and Executive Committees met on Friday night and the main meeting was on Saturday. This year's Conference was very well attended and, because of the location, we were privileged to have some members from local area Squadrons attending for their first time. Being a long drive for many, we welcomed the fact that the meeting was conducted in a relatively short time, as some of us had other engagements that night.

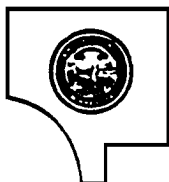
In addition to reports, our main focus this year was our upcoming SAL sponsored "Classic Car & Bike Show" to be held at the St. Francis Post on July 1. This is our first time hosting such an event, but we have very knowledgeable people involved and are truly looking forward to a great show. Full information, including: flyers, registration (for entrants), sponsor forms and shirts supporting the event may be found at [www.mnsal.org](http://www.mnsal.org).

While I'm on the subject of our website, I would like to invite you to visit our Detachment website. While its focus obviously, is SAL; it contains a lot of information, as well as handbooks, manuals and other useful Legion publications which may be used by all our organizations. We also have a 10th District SAL website at [www.mighty10thsal.org](http://www.mighty10thsal.org), where you can access, among other things, both the Legion/SAL and Auxiliary 10th District Newsletters.

I returned home in time to attend our Anoka Legion Birthday Dinner on Saturday night for an excellent program that was well attended. This year I wasn't directly involved in preparing and serving the dinner (being in Bagley), but I would like to congratulate Lance Nelson and other members of our SAL Cooking Team for providing an excellent meal. Terrific job, guys! I would also like to thank Auxiliary Unit 102 for giving us the opportunity to serve the dinner.

Yes, I know, this has nothing to do with Spring Conference... but, I had your attention. Right?

Allen Amundson



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# JAN'S JOTTINGS

by Jan Reiter

The regular meeting of Edward B. Cutter American Legion Auxiliary was held on Tuesday, March 6, 2012. The regular Auxiliary meeting was opened by President Norah Wyman with a prayer, pledge, preamble and song. The February 7, 2012 minutes were approved. Treasure's Report by Jeanene Hays was read and placed on file for audit.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**Education:** If anyone would like to apply for a scholarship please contact Kathy Zwerdling.

**Field Service:** Bingo will be March 14, 2 pm, at Twin River Care Center.

**Finance:** Karen Orr motioned to pay these donations.

Fisher House Foundation	.....	\$100
Legionville	.....	\$50
Childrens Miracle Foundation	.....	\$ 50
Forgotten Children	.....	\$100
MN Home School (Red Wing)	.....	\$ 50
Anoka Cty Campership	.....	\$150
ACBC	.....	\$100
Meals on Wheels	.....	\$100
Anoka Cty Historical Soc.	.....	\$ 50

Seconded and carried.

**Fund Raising:** Lenora Root stated that we will be having our annual plant sale. A motion was made to keep the cost of selling the plants at \$17.00. Seconded and carried.

**Girl's State:** Kathy Zwerdling stated that the Girl State assembly at the high school had 30 girls interested in the program. She will interview these girls on April 3. County Day will be April 19th at the Government Center in Anoka. A motion was made to pay for our 3 Girl Staters (1 is paid for by SAL). Seconded and carried. A second motion was made to have the Anoka unit host the Girls Stater Ice Breaker in May. Seconded and carried.

**Home Service:** Lynette Pavin reminded everyone that they should save commemorative, express mail, foreign and air mail stamps, picture postcards and S&H stamps.

**Junior Activities:** The District Jr. Conference will be in Princeton on March 24, 2012.

**Leadership:** There will be a leadership class held on March 31, in Monticello. Anyone is welcome to go. This is a very rewarding class. There will a **unit leadership meeting** to help those that need help with their annual reports on March 21 at 7pm.

**Membership:** Betty Erickson reported that we have 350 members and we have 17 to our goal. Betty motioned to raise the Junior dues to \$5 and the Senior dues to \$25 for the year 2013. Seconded and carried.

**Memorial:** Kathy Zwerdling stated we had two of our members pass away. They were Donna Irwin, a 36 year member and Kathy Trettel, a 3 year member.

**Poppy:** Sandy Phillips reported Poppy card day is April 29th and Poppy Days are May 18 and 19th. Sandy will be sending out poppy letters again..

**New Business:** Sandy Phillips motioned to reimburse registration for anyone who goes to the leadership class on March 30 in Monticello. Seconded and carried. A motion was made to give \$25 to the Department Junior Project. Seconded and carried. A motion was made to pay for half of the cost of the toner for the printer in our office.

## Auction Action



A big THANK YOU to all of you that attended the Auxiliary's auction. Thank you to Commander Fadi for doing such a great job as auctioneer. Money raised will be used for the Girl's State registrations. Any remaining dollars will support other programs. Total raised was over \$300.00.

Lynette Pavin  
1st Vice President





## President's Column

Norah Wyman

Hello Auxiliary Gals,

It was great to see so many at the March meeting and the Birthday dinner Saturday evening.

I count my blessings being a member of this Auxiliary and for all the support and ambition I see from so many on the team...we get things done at home and abroad. We reach the troops and their families here at home by doing all the great things we do. Stay involved and please remind others who are members to do the same.

The auction following the March meeting was fun as always.

Thanks again for all that you/we do!



### In Memoriam

#### KATHRYN PORTILLA-TRETTEL

Kathryn, a 3 year Auxiliary member, was born April 23, 1965 in Evergreen Park, Illinois and passed away February 23, 2012 in Coon Rapids.

Edward B. Cutter extends its sympathy to Kathryn's family; a memorial in her name was sent to the MN Girls State Program.

#### DONNA IRWIN

Donna, a 36 year member, passed away February 14, 2012.

Edward B. Cutter extends its sympathy to Donna's family and many friends; a memorial in her name was sent to the MN Girls State Program. The Auxiliary assisted the family with the lunch at the Post.

### 55 ALIVE

#### Driver Improvement

#### 4 hour Refresher Course

**MONDAY April 16 or TUESDAY April 17**  
**12:30 – 4:30 Anoka Post 102**

**Cost: \$12 AARP member \$14 non-member**  
**Openings Available**

**Contact Joe Zimmerman 421-4361**

### East Main Street Reconstruction May through October 2012

**On Main Street from Ferry Street to  
6th Avenue**  
**Single lanes in each direction  
during construction.**

# Birthday Dinner




#### Past Unit 102 Presidents:

Back Row: Liz Ablen, Kathy Zwerdling, Sandy Phillips, Jan Reiter  
Middle: Linda Thompson, Department of Minnesota President,  
Nancy Bever, Karen Orr, Sue Nunnelee, Barb Ridge,  
Darlene Thell, Donna Redepenning  
Front: Doris Adkins, Lynette Pavin, Norah Wyman, Unit President,  
Lenora Root, Cathy Newman, Betty Erickson



Back row: Cliff Newman, Rick Oelschlager,  
Middle row: Jim Hays, Bill Golden Sam Orr, Darrel Redepenning  
Front: Ron Wolford, Wayne Wallace, Fadi Awajane - Post 102  
Commaner, Gordy Berquist, Jerry Abeln



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Club Open 12-10 Bar Bingo 4:00 pm  Dist. ALR Rally North Branch  1	40 yrs ago - Post: With a current membership of 679, Post 102 has gone over the top for our 9th consecutive all-time-high. "Well Done" to Chairman, 1st Vice Cmdr. Bud Redepenning. 2	Post General Mem. 7:30 pm S.A.L. Mtg. 7:00 pm Auxiliary Mtg. 7:00 pm Reports Due 3	SAL Dinners 5:30-7:00 Prime Rib \$10.00  4	SEE MENU ON PAGE 2 FOR TUES. THURS. & FRI. MENU  90 yrs ago April 22, 1922: Robbery of Anoka Bank prevented by Sheriff Pratt and posse. 5	Meat Raffle 5:30 pm Bar Bingo 7:00 pm  6	40 yrs ago April, 1972: St. Francis Legion Club to hold a Dedication Dinner on Saturday, April 15. 7
Easter Club Closed  8	Post: Softball Chairman Jerry Abeln reports the 2nd Annual Stag will be April 13, 7 pm-12:30. Free lunch, beer and lots of fun - tickets "a buck a piece". 9	NEWSPAPER MEETING 7:00 pm  10	SAL Dinners 5:30-7:00 Country Fried Steak \$8.00 Aux. Twin Rivers Bingo 2:15 pm  11	70 yrs ago April, 1942: Jenson's Store robbed in daylight - sack of money containing \$70. 12	Meat Raffle 5:30 pm Bar Bingo 7:00 pm  13	Dept. Junior Conference Grand Rapids 8th Dist. 14
Club Open 12-10 Bar Bingo 4:00 pm  15	55 Alive Driver Improvement Refresher Course 12:30 - 4:30  16	55 Alive Driver Improvement Refresher Course 12:30 - 4:30  House & Ent. Meeting 7:00 pm 17	SAL Dinners 5:30-7:00 Prime Rib \$10.00  Legion Riders Meeting 7 pm 18	Boys and Girls County Day  19	Meat Raffle 5:30 pm Bar Bingo 7:00 pm  20	Dist. Pres. Laura Blue Testimonial Coon Rapids 11:30 am  Past Dist. Cmdr. & Pres Dinner at Anoka 21
Club Open 12-10 Bar Bingo 4:00 pm  22	Auxiliary: April 5 meeting at 8 pm, Father Brambilla will speak at 9 pm about Kenya - the Foreign Relations program.  Aux: 52 with 7 Past Cmdrs and 7 Past Pres. at the Birthday Dinner in March - thanks to Sue Abeln, Carol Fachner & Mary Sell, Don & Ruby Kassen, Don & Sue Fiebiger, Jerry & Liz Abeln, Pat Wallace & Barb Fechner. 23	Executive Board Meeting 7:00 pm  24	SAL Dinners 5:30-7:00 Steak, Chicken, or Shrimp \$8.00 Steak & Shrimp Combo \$11.00  25	70 yrs ago April, 1942: Greenhaven Gun Club to operate skeet and trap field. 26	Meat Raffle 5:30 pm Bar Bingo 7:00 pm  Minnesota Arbor Day  27	Dept. ALR Rally Wayzata 1:00 pm  28
Club Open 12-10 Bar Bingo 4:00 pm  29	30	May 1st Jr./Sr Pot Luck Supper 6:30 pm  30	FLAG DISPLAY DAY  EASTER SUNDAY APRIL 24 	 1st Friday each month Red Cross Bloodmobile at Post 7 AM - 1 PM	Auxiliary Spring/Mothers Day Plant Sale \$17.00 purchase plant gift cards April 3rd thru May 14th  Plant pick up dates April 6th - June 6th Green Valley Greenhouse - Ramsey	



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### Coming in May

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|---|---|-------|---|
| 1 | Jr./Sr. Pot Luck Supper 6:30 pm               | 18-19 | Poppy Days                                |
| 1 | Aux. meeting/Election of Officers             | 18-20 | Dist. Convention - Clearwater             |
| 5 | Dept. Cmdr. Chuck Kruger Testimonial<br>Byron | 28    | Memorial Day Service 10:00 am             |
| 9 | Awards Night - Anoka HS                       | TBA   | Boys & Girls State Icebreaker<br>at Anoka |