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Come Celebrate the 96th Birthday of The American Legion

Saturday, March 14, 2015
Commander's Hall Post 102
6:00 PM Social - 7:00 PM Dinner
Cost $12.00 Donation

Open to all Legion, Auxiliary, SAL members and Guests

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Adjutant's Notes

by Gary Munkholm

A hearty welcome to the newest members of Anoka Post 102 Lee Hennen sponsored by Gary Reimann, Trent Kolden sponsored by Norm Thunell, and James Urban sponsored by Commander Turnquist. We hope to see you at future meetings and join us in fellowship during other times of the week.

It is reassuring to finally have two new sump pumps and control panel in the basement. Many thanks to all who helped get the job done.

The Post voted to sponsor a Men's softball team again this year. The team members have been very helpful with Post projects.

Many thanks to Cliff Newman for chairing the Oratorical contest again this year.

A reminder that you can pay your dues on line via the National Legion web site or just drop them off with the bar tender. We only need less than 30 members to renew for our Post to make our goal for the year.

The Post will again sponsor 8 students to attend Legionville Safety Patrol School in Brainerd. The students come from Wilson, Franklin, St. Stephens, and Ramsey schools.

Gambling manager Paul Adler presented the following list of donations for the last month which were approved by the General Membership:

a.	Renew all Gambling Licenses for 2015	$600
b.	Boys State Registration	$1,200
c.	Legionville registration for 8 school patrollers	$2,000
d.	Anoka Ramsey Athletic Association youth	$500
e.	Water & Light costs	$1,150
f.	Center Point Energy for gas costs	$1,000
g.	U.S. Treasury for tax on wagering	$350
h.	Assist needy Veterans & Families	$1,500
i.	Emergency Money	$500

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Post 102 extends sincere sympathy to the families of

ROBERT DUCLOS
Robert was a Honored Life member of The American Legion and a World War II Veteran

JONATHAN L. ESSIG
Jon was a 42 year member of The American Legion and aVietnam War Veteran

WILBUR S. FOOTE
Wilbur was a 12 year member of The American Legion and a Korean War Veteran

KENNETH L. JOHNSON
Kenneth was a 2 year member of The American Legion and a Vietnam War Veteran

DOUG L. MCANINCH
Doug was a 12 year member of The American Legion and a World War II Veteran

JOSEPH WERBOWSKI
Joseph was a 6 year member of The American Legion

IN MARCH

Every Tuesday, Thursday & Friday
Grill Open 5:00 – 8:30 pm

TUESDAYS

1/4 lb. Burger Basket – $5.75

THURSDAYS

BBQ Ribs ~ Texas Toast ~ Cole Slaw ~ Potato
Full Rack $14.00 Half Rack $12.00

FRIDAYS

6th - Fish Fry - $11.00
13th - Fish Fry - $11.00
20th - Fish Fry - $11.00
27th - Fish Fry - $11.00

TUESDAY, MARCH 17 4-7PM

Corn Beef & Cabbage
w/ Potatos, Roll & Butter $9.00

Tax included on all the above.
CATERING CENTRAL

PLEASE NOTE

The ONLINE edition may contain additional articles.

Commander Ray Turnquist

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!! The American Legion received it's charter on March 15, 1919, at the Paris Caucus. The Edward B Cutter Post 102 received it's charter August 25, 1919. Help us celebrate on March 14 in the Commander's Hall. It should be a great night.

On **Sat, March 21st**, the Post will be hosting a "Customer Appreciation" day from 12 noon-5pm. There will be special prices on drinks and the SAL will be serving $5 hot beef, turkey or meatloaf sandwiches. It is the best $5 you will spend!

Thursday, March 26th, is the date for the 2nd annual wine tasting event. If you missed it last year, here is your chance to experience many different wines.

The Craft and Vendor show starts **Fri, March 27th, from 4-9 and runs thru Sat, March 28th, from 9-4**. If anyone is interested in a table contact Cathy Newman.

When you participate in these events you are supporting our club. Let's have great turn-outs, as our members work hard to put on these events.

Don't forget the Bloodmobile is the 1st Friday of every month and the Wed night SAL dinners.

I would like to thank everyone involved in remodeling the downstairs bathrooms. They look fantastic.

I would like to welcome all new members to our Post. If there is something you would like to see or be involved in, please let me know.

God Bless America - Commander Ray

S.A.L. Commander Tim Dahlheimer

Greetings from the SAL Command Center!

With Spring just around the corner, the SAL team is gearing up for two special events that will BOTH be taking place on **Saturday, March 21st,** right here at Post 102. Starting at 8:30am the post will be hosting the SAL Detachment of Minnesota Spring Conference. All SAL members are invited and encouraged to attend this very informative conference. Good fellowship will be had by all.

Also on Saturday, March 21st, the club will be hosting the highly anticipated "Customer Appreciation Day" with discounted drinks beginning at Noon. The SAL team will be serving our popular "commercial" sandwiches. All three of our Saturday menu selections; roast beef, turkey and meatloaf will be available. This is going to be a great day at the club!

Along with our weekly Wednesday night steak fry, our Saturday Hot "commercial" sandwiches continue to be a big hit! Now, each Saturday we alternate between hot turkey sandwiches and a choice of hot beef or meatloaf sandwiches. All three are served with mashed potatoes and gravy. We serve from 1:00-3:30pm every Saturday. The cost is only $5.00. The menu schedule is listed in the calendar. Come on in and check us out!

As always, if you have a suggestion or idea that would help the SAL better serve the post, please share it with us. We are always searching for new opportunities.

Happy St. Patricks Day!
Tim Dahlheimer, SAL Commander

10th District Oratorical Contest

The 10th District Oratorical Contest was held at the Anoka American Legion Post 102 on Jan 10th, 2015. There were only two (2) contestants from the District: Erica Sundvall, sponsored by Cambridge Post 290 and Caroline Donaldson, sponsored by Wayzata Post 118. Erica is in Public School and Caroline is home-schooled. Caroline Donaldson (Home-schooled Senior), sponsored by Wayzata Post 118, placed 1st in the Contest. The name may sound familiar - she placed 1st last year in the District Contest. Caroline's older brother, Jack Donaldson, placed 1st in the District & Department Contests and then went on to National Semi Finals several years ago. Caroline will be at Department Semi Finals on February 13th, 2015.

Cliff Newman, Chairman

L>R: District Oratorical Chairman, Cliff Newman; Unit 102 President, Cathy Newman; 1st Place Contestant, Caroline Donaldson; 2nd Place Contestant, Erica Sundvall; District Membership Chairman, Bill Johnson

President's Column

Cathy Newman

Hello to everyone:
The time is flying by, isn't it? Here we are in March, with so many things going on. Two Sewing Bees out of the way and many things made for our Veterans. Thanks to all that came out to help. The Mpls. VA Hospital and the VA Nursing Home Thank You. All the donations were taken to the appropriate places.

The Snowmobile Rally was a weekend of fun for all. The run started with several teams on Friday and all teams running Saturday, ending up at Hopkins American Legion for the Turn-in. One team was at Anoka Post 102 at 4pm, Commander Ray and I presented them with pretzels and warm cheese. Turn-in of membership, then on to Hopkins.

The Unit has made a change and I want you to know about it. Our Sunshine Chairman, Carol Hathaway, has been having problems with her hand writing, so for the rest of this year Nancy Bever will be our Sunshine Chairman. If You need any kind of card sent to someone, call her. Thanks Nancy!

Something I want to run by you members: The Mission of the American Legion Auxiliary is in the spirit of Service, not self. The mission of The American Legion Auxiliary is to support the American Legion and honor the sacrifices and enhance the lives of our Veterans, Active Military, and their Families.

I know I get carried away with my writing as your Unit President, it's my job to represent you by going places and doing things in the name of Your Unit. So sometimes I have a lot to tell you. Please come to our Craft Show. It is another fundraiser, also our Bake Sale. That's about it for now, until next time.

God Bless and God Bless America, any questions please call me.

Snowmobile Rally stopover at Anoka

In Memoriam

Merrywayne (Ridge) Elvig

Merrywayne, a 13 year Auxiliary member, was born January 16, 1931 and passed away January 8, 2015. Merrywayne was a member of numerous community groups, including City of Anoka Housing & Redevelopment Commission for 35+ years.

Edward B. Cutter Unit 102 extends its sympathy to Merrywayne's family and many friends. A memorial in Merrywayne's name was sent by Unit 102 to The American Legion MN Brain Science Foundation.

Also, a memorial in Past Commander (1984-85) Jon Essig's name was sent by Unit 102 to The American Legion MN Brain Science Foundation.

ANNUAL AUCTION

Unit 102 invites everyone to attend the auction on March 3, 2015. This will begin after the membership meetings have concluded. Guests are welcome.

Anyone can contribute items for this auction. PLEASE make sure that items which you donate would be something that you'd want for yourself. Leave your junk at home.

Bars, cookies, etc. should be in zip-locked bags or plastic wrap. Homemade canned goods also can be donated (unwrapped). Craft items or collectables should not be wrapped.

Proceeds from the auction will go to support a second Girls Stater and Unit 102 Emergency fund.

Auctioneer will be 2nd Vice Commander, Ron Wolford, and Diane will be assisting.

Diane Wolford, 2nd Vice President

Veterans Shower

Our annual Veterans Shower will be in the month of March. Donations will be taken to the Minneapolis VA Hospital and the Vets Nursing Home. Items that are in need are: Magazines (no later than 3 months old), Efferdent, Paper back books (Westerns), 3 in 1 Bath & Shampoo (Big Size), Mens Deodorant, Large tube toothpaste, room deodorants. If you can help with any of these items, bring them to the Post or to our next meeting.

Thank You for helping out our Veterans. VA&R Chairman
- Cathy Newman

Jan's Jottings

by Jan Reiter

The regular meeting of Edward B. Cutter American Legion Auxiliary was held on Tuesday, February 3, 2015, with President Cathy Newman opening with the prayer, pledge, and preamble. The January 6, 2014 meeting minutes were approved with corrections

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Americanism: Diane Wolford sent around the box for the $.50 if you didn't have your auxiliary pin on. She said President's Day is meant to be a patriotic day and to honor the accomplishments of the Presidents. A motion was made to have a white elephant auction at our March meeting and that $300 of the profits will go towards our 2nd Girl Stater and the remainder to go in our unit's own Emergency fund. Seconded and carried.

Community Service: Kara reported that this is the month of love and that

Random Act of Kindness Day is the same day as Valentine's Day, February 14th, so do something kind for someone.

Education: Keep saving labels for education. Kathy Z reports that there is a "Loves 4 Learning" program to support. She will try to get someone from Helping Paws to come into our April meeting for a demonstration.

Finance: Kathy Zwerdling checked into new printers and has found one that is reasonable and to let her know when to get it.

Fund Raising: Thank you cards were done on January 20 and Sandy Phillips thanked everyone that helped.

Junior Activities: Department Junior Conference will be in Stewartville on April 11, 2015.

Leadership: Jan Reiter said she will have a leadership meeting in March to help out with reports that are to be filled out by April 15th.

Legislation: The Legion would like you to call your representatives and support the Veterans.

Membership: Betty Erickson reported we still have 50 senior members that have not renewed. Merrywayne Elvig passed away, she was a 13 year member.

Memorial: Donna Redepenning stated that if you would like to send prayers for our Department and District Presidents to go in their prayer books, please let her know.

National Security: Seven "Welcome Home" kits were sent off to the Servicemen's Center by Jean Parvey. She used the Target gift card for supplies. She also sent 65 Christmas card to the Red Cross for the veterans.

Nominating: The nominating committee will be meeting and if anyone is interested in being an officer please let Lynette Pavin know.

Past Presidents Jan Reiter thanked everyone that helped at a sewing bee on Jan 20. The next one will Feb 23 at 6:30 pm at the post. Service for Veterans. Save your stamps and post cards for this program. Nursing Home bingo will be February 11th at the Golden Living Facility at 2:15.

Sunshine: We have a new sunshine chairman, it is Nancy Bever. Betty Erickson sent out 2 sympathy cards this last month and a memorial to Brain Science Foundation.

VA & R: Cathy Newman reported she had taken heart pillows, bottle of shampoo's, etc. out to the Veterans Hospital.

Donations: Department Auxiliary Emergency Fund $100

National Auxiliary Emergency Fund $100

New Business: Sandy Phillips reported that we did a funeral lunch for Jon Essig today and that the funeral committee met and made some changes to the criteria and guidelines

Vendor and Craft Show

Anoka Unit 102 Fundraiser

Friday, March 27 ~ 4-9pm
Saturday, March 28 ~ 9am-4pm

BAKE SALE BOTH DAYS

To Reserve your table ($20)
call Cathy Newman @ 763-757-2034

Birthday Dinner Guests

Peggy Moon – Department Commander

Peggy Moon, Department Commander, is a veteran of the United States Air Force, 1971-74, during the Vietnam War. She has been a member of Zimmerman Post 560 for 36 years. Her theme for the year is "Celebrating Courage".

Chris Ronning - Department President

Chris Ronning, Department Auxiliary President, is a 24 year member of the Auxiliary and is a member of the Osseo-Maple Grove Unit 172 American Legion Auxiliary. Her symbol is the poppy and a butterfly, and her theme is "Our Veterans - Past, Present and Future".

Dennis Henkemeyer - Detachment Commander

Dennis J. Henkemeyer is a 20 year member of the Sons of The American Legion and is a member of Bagley Squadron 16. He also has been a member of The American Legion for 45 years and was elected the Department Commander in 1996. Dennis served with the United States Navy from 1964 until 1968, earning the rank of Radioman Third Class. His motto is "Together, Let's Propel to the Top".

(Full Bio's are available in the Online edition)

Wine Tasting Party

Anoka Post 102

Thursday, March 26
6:30 pm

$10.00

Tickets at Pull-Tab Booth

Gun Safety Training

Anyone interested in Gun Safety training, please contact Denise at 763-421-0883

BIRTHDAY DINNER GUESTS
(Full Bio's)

Peggy Moon – Department Commander

Peggy Moon, Department Commander, is a veteran of the United States Air Force, 1971-74, during the Vietnam War.

She has been a member of Zimmerman Post 560 for 36 years. Moon has served on many committees in Minnesota. She was the MN representative to the dedication of the "Vietnam Women Memorial" and she has been a longtime volunteer at Boys State and the Oratorical Contest.

At the National level, she is the Vice Chairman of the Committee on Children and Youth and the American Legion Child Welfare Foundation. She is an alumna of MN Girls State.

Her husband is the 6th District Legion Commander this year. Her theme for the year is "Celebrating Courage".

Chris Ronning - Department President

Chris Ronning, Department Auxiliary President, is a 24 year member of the Auxiliary and is a member of the Osseo-Maple Grove American Legion Auxiliary.

Her husband is a Vietnam veteran and her son, a combat wounded Desert Storm veteran.

Chris has held several Department Chairmanships and local Unit Chairmanships. She is from Germany and came to this country at the age of 19. They have a combined family of five children.

She is still very active in her spare time at the Osseo Legion Post. Her symbol is the poppy and a butterfly, and her theme is "Our Veterans - Past, Present and Future".

Dennis Henkemeyer - Detachment Commander

Dennis J. Henkemeyer is a 20 year member of the Sons of The American Legion. His eligibility for the Sons of The American Legion comes from his father, John Henkemeyer, who served in the United States Navy during World War II in the Pacific Theater.

Dennis previously served the SAL as a District Commander, Detachment Membership Director for three years and Detachment Historian for two years, before being elected Detachment Commander.

Dennis was presented with a Honorary Life Membership from the Bagley SAL Squadron 16 for his lifetime of dedication to the organization.

At the Department Convention of the Minnesota American Legion last summer, Dennis was endorsed for the high office of National Vice Commander of the Sons of The American Legion. His motto this year is "Together, Let's Propel to the TOP".

For the past 45 years he has been a member of The American Legion and was elected the Department Commander in 1996.

Dennis served with the United States Navy from 1964 until 1968, earning the rank of Radioman Third Class.

Anoka Post 102
Customer Appreciation Day

Saturday, March 21
12 Noon - 5:00 pm

Different Drink Prices Every Hour

HOT Beef, Meatloaf or Turkey Sandwiches
$5.00
12:30-4:30 pm

Elvis Experience

The Auxiliary and SAL annual fund raiser of the 'Elvis Experience' which was held on December 13th was very successful. Thank you to the many Auxiliary and SAL members that helped make it a very enjoyable and profitable event.

Also a special thanks to the Auxiliary members that spent many hours getting donations from area businesses for the Silent Auction which was held the same evening. A special thanks to the many members that donated wonderful items for the sale. And thanks to those members that helped take care of the auction that evening. I am pleased to announce over $2,000 was made on the auction. Mark your calendars for December 5th, 2015 when the 'Elvis Experience' will return to the Anoka American Legion!

Sandy Phillips, Chairman

PLEASE NOTE
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EVERY WEDNESDAY - SAL DINNERS
5:30-7:00pm

March 2015

14 - LEGION BIRTHDAY DINNER
Anoka Post 102

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Club Open 12-10 *Bar Bingo 4:00pm 1	2	*Bar Bingo 6:30pm General Mem. Mtgs. Post 7:30pm Aux & SAL 7:00pm 3	'Special' Prime Rib *$11.50* 4	Every Tue., Thur. & Fri. Grill Open 5:00-8:30 pm - Menu Pg 2 EVERY Thursday "RON'S RIBS" 5	Meat Raffle 5:30pm *Bar Bingo 7:00pm 6	DEPT *Appreciation Rally* Royalton 7
Daylight Savings Time begins Club Open 12-10 *Bar Bingo 4:00pm 8	9	*Bar Bingo 6:30pm Newspaper Mtg. 7:00pm 10	Nursing Home BINGO - 2:15 pm 'Golden Living' 'Special' Country-Fried Steak *$9.00* 11	*Girl Scouts of USA founded 1912* 12	Meat Raffle 5:30pm *Bar Bingo 7:00pm 13	Post 102 *BIRTHDAY DINNER* Social 6 - Dinner 7 14
American Legion Birthday 1919 Club Open 12-10 *Bar Bingo 4:00pm 15	16	*St. Patrick's Day* 'Corn Beef & Cabbage' 4-7pm *Bar Bingo 6:30pm 17	'Special' Smoked Pork Chop *$9.50* Legion Riders Mtg. 7:00pm 18	*Iraq War Began 2003* 19	*Spring Equinox* Meat Raffle 5:30pm *Bar Bingo 7:00pm 20	SAL *Spring Conference* Anoka - CUSTOMER *Appreciation Day* DEPT *Commander's Testimonial* Walker 21
10th District St. Patrick Rally Pine City Club Open 12-10 *Bar Bingo 4:00pm 22	23	*Bar Bingo 6:30pm House & Ent. Mtg. 7:00pm 24	'Special' 1/2 Baked Chicken *$10.00* 25	*Wine Tasting Party* 6:30pm $10.00 Purchase Tickets at Bar or Pull-Tabs 26	VENDOR & CRAFT SHOW Meat Raffle 5:30pm *Bar Bingo 7:00pm 27	EVERY SAT SAL HOT '*Commercial*' $5.00 (See Below) 28
Palm Sunday Club Open 12-10 *Bar Bingo 4:00pm 29	30	*Bar Bingo 6:30pm Executive Board Mtg. 7:00pm 31				1st Friday each month Red Cross Bloodmobile at Post 7AM - 1PM

STEAK-$9.00|FISH/SHRIMP/CHICKEN-$9.00|STEAK+SHRIMP-$12.00|WALLEYE-$11.00

*BAR BINGO
Under 21
NOT allowed in Lounge
during Bingo

April 2015
18 10th District ALR Rally - Hopkins
25 DEPT Spring Roundup Rally - Duluth
26 10th District Exec Board - Princeton

COMING UP
SAL Sat HOT 'Commercial' 1-3:30pm - $5.00
Mar 7 - 'Hot Beef' or 'Meatloaf'
Mar 14 - 'Hot Turkey'
Mar 21 - 'Hot Beef' or 'Meatloaf'
Mar 28 - 'Hot Turkey'