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NEW YEAR'S DAY BRUNCH



Past Commanders Pictured L-R:

Standing – Jim Hays, Sam Orr, Jr. Past Rick, Jerry Abeln, Howie Zunker,
Dave Small and Cliff Newman

Seated – Gordy Berquist, Wayne Wallace, Dick Schanhaar and Bob Duclos

I hope you didn't miss this year New Year's Day Brunch. The past Commanders again this year had a joyous time putting together the brunch that many of you enjoyed. I had the pleasure of talking with many people who do not get the chance to come to the post as often as they would like. The food was delicious as always, and we think we had a little better crowd this year than last year. That could be because the weather was not too cold or wet this year. We prepared and served approximately 350 meals.

As junior past commander I would like this opportunity to "THANK" all those past commanders that helped to make the New Year's Day Brunch a big success. I also need to thank the Auxiliary Past Presidents for putting together their bake sale and assisting with everything they did to help make the day successful.

Junior Past Commander Rick Oelschlager

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Squadron 102 - Anoka, Minnesota

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP PARTY

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Food - Door Prizes - Fun

** Bring a Non-Perishable Food Item
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Valentine's Day Feb. 14th



ATTENTION: 2006 Unpaid Members

Your membership in Post & Unit
102 expired December 31, 2005.
As of January 1, 2006 you are
considered delinquent and
March 1, 2006 you will be
removed from the Post roster.

We need you to remain a
member of Post 102. Please
remit your dues for the year 2006
NOW!

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ADJUTANT'S NOTES

LARRY C. PHILLIPS

The Post General Membership meeting was held December 7, 2005. Minutes and reports from officers and chairmen were read. The following Lawful Purpose donations and expenses projected for the month of January 2006, were approved by the General Membership:

1. Monte Carlo St. Cloud VA (2 drivers) \$ 80.00
2. Boys State registration (4-boys) 1,100.00
3. Legionville registration 2, 000.00
4. Special Olympics 500.00
5. Membership recognition 700.00
6. Legion baseball (Gopher classic) 500.00
7. Legion baseball (Red Haddock) 375.00
8. Legion Baseball (Alex. Tourn.) 175.00
9. S.A. VanDyke (Legion baseball Ins.) 400.00
10. City of Anoka (water/light) 1,500.00
11. Centerpoint Energy (Gas costs) 1,300.00
12. U.S. Treasury (tax on wagering) 600.00
13. Assist needy Vet/family's 1,500.00
14. Emergency money 400.00

We had several legionaries visit our Anoka National Guard where by we gained 23 new members to our Post. I hope this is a start of something good for our Post and The American Legion.

www.anokalegion.org

Webmaster: Al Amundson

Though many of our members don't have a computer with Internet access; many do, or have access to one. While much of our website content is of direct interest to our local members; it is also directed to the community-at-large, as well as being available to veterans all over the world. As such, we believe it is important to provide new informational articles, pictures and other content on an ongoing basis. To this end, a new committee has been formed who will direct this effort and will meet following our Newspaper meeting.

One of our first projects is to compile some articles and pictures about the history of our Post, and we would welcome any old newspaper (or other) articles and/or photos you may have saved. We also intend to make available additional pictures of various events, as well as articles which may not fit within the limits of our Newspaper.

In case you didn't know, our Newspaper (including some previous issues) is available online, in full color. Starting this month, it will be available in 'Adobe Reader' [.PDF] format, so you can download it; and view/print it offline. If you no longer need a printed copy, please help us save, and inform your membership chairperson.

Also, your ideas and suggestions are always welcome, and we invite you to attend our meetings (or email: webmaster@anokalegion.org).



Post 102 extends sincere sympathy to the families of



L.W. "Mac" McLean

Mac was a 60 year member, Honored Life Member of Post 102 and a WWII and Korean War Veteran, U.S. Air Force

R.B. "Bert" Johnson

Bert was a 30 year member of Post 102 and a Korean War Veteran, U.S. Navy

L.W. "Mac" McLean

Mac McLean, a 60 year member and Honored Life Member of Edward B. Cutter Post 102 was born September 27, 1915 in Dayton, Minnesota. He celebrated his 90th birthday in his home with family and friends. Mac was preceded in death by wife Lu; infant daughter; brother Robert; sister Mary Ann Wyrenbeck. Mac passed away December 27, 2005.

Edward B. Cutter Post and Unit 102 extend their sympathy to children Ed (Pat), Bill (Vickie), Sue Brletich (Jerry) and Judy Larkin (Terry); grandchildren Kelly McLean (Nancy), Wendy McLean, Karen Tengwall (Ryan), Marty McLean, Sandy & Tami Brletich, Shawn Larkin (Jean), Shelley Mattison (Brent), Cynthia McLean; great-grandchildren Peyton, Benton and Ailie; sister Millie Ortiz (Bob); sister-in-law Mary McLean.

Following a Mass of Christian Burial at St. Stephens with the nine grandchildren as pallbearers, Mac was buried with Lu at Calvary Cemetery.

That's Our Mac...

It was a lucky time for Edward B. Cutter Post 102, that day in 1945 when Mac – freshly home from a wartime tour of duty with the U.S. Air Force – signed on as clubroom manager. With the exception of another four-year stint in the service from 1947 to 1951, it's been our good fortune to have him with us ever since.

....read the rest of "That's Our Mac..." tribute for his Retirement Party of September 17, 1977 at our web site: www.anokalegion.org

....also on the web: Profile: Mac...A Veterans Veteran by Al Smith published in the September 1977 issue of the Post Paper

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**Commander's
Column
Darrel Redepenning**

Howdy Legionnaires,

We've made it through another January! Not my favorite month of the year but staying busy with the Legion seems to help.

It was great to see so many of you at the New Year's Day Brunch. Our Past Commanders served well over 300 members and family and did a great job as usual. Thanks gentlemen for carrying on this annual membership perk. The Past Presidents also joined in with their New Years Bake Sale. Those ladies must be great cooks; by the time I went to buy something, they were sold out! Reminder to the Commander; If you snooze, you lose.

January 7th was Mid-Winter District Conference, hosted by the Hopkins Legion Post. Although attendance was a little low in general, Anoka Legion, Auxiliary and S. A. L. were very well represented. Updates were given on programs and committees but a lot of emphasis was put on lagging membership. Retention or simply getting members to renew is our number one problem at all levels. At Post 102, we are quite a bit behind what we were at this time last year. If you don't have a 2006 on your membership card, please, please renew now.

We are actively pursuing new members as well. On January 8th, Rick Oelschlager, Gary Munkholm, Tom Conneran and I dropped by the Anoka Armory at lunchtime. We didn't eat lunch with the Guardsmen (even though the food looked much better than any Army food I ever ate) but we did manage to sign up 23 new members to Post 102. So if you see some new faces around the club, please welcome them, they all just returned from Iraq in October.

January 8th was also Monte Carlo night at the St. Cloud Veterans Hospital, hosted by the Anoka Legion. A big thanks to Jerry Abeln for keeping this going every year. I was unable to attend but was informed that Jerry had three carloads of volunteers. Thanks to everyone that helped out, I hope to make it next year.

Until next time, thanks for all your support and I hope to see you at the post.

Commander Darrel Redepenning

31st Monte Carlo

The Annual Mone Carlo at the St. Cloud VA was Sunday, January 8, sponsored by Post 102.

Thanks to the following for giving up their Sunday evening to entertain their fellow veterans that are hospitalized: Charlie Davidson, Denny Ward, Dick Schanhaar, Gary Munkholm, Larry Kitt, Milford Banwart, Babe Wells, Rich Oelschlager, Cliff Newman and drivers Howie Zunker, Al Springer and myself.

Jerry Abeln



S.A.L. NEWS
by Commander Jin Batters

Greetings Legion Family,

It was a pleasure to see so many of you at the New Years Day Brunch. Good food as always from the Post Past Commanders.

Our Squadron "Meet The Membership Party" will be held on February 19th from noon to 5:00 pm in the Post Clubroom. Hope to see you there for the food, beverages, NASCAR race and who knows, you might even win a door prize.

We still have an assortment of hats, shirts and jackets for sale. If you are interested please see Charlie or Al.

We are so very, very close to reaching our All-Time-High for membership. If you haven't paid your 2006 dues, please do so now.

New members approved at our January meeting are: Jewel Eagle, Matthew Hubert, Joseph Julig, Jonathan Osbourne and Bruce Price.

Hope to see you at our next general membership meeting which is held on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm in the Commanders Hall.



**Old Plaques
and
Trophies**

Post 102 does a great job every year winning awards for a variety of activities. The recognition is fantastic but, as time passes by, plaques and trophies start to pile up. From time to time we need to clean house. Such is the case now.

At the February 7th General Membership meeting a table will be set up in the hall for anyone interested in taking one or several home. People have said that they would like a particular award if we ever got rid of them. So, Here's your chance! Everything on the table is up for grabs or if there's one you don't think should be there, let us know that too.

Commander Darrel



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President's Column

Donna Redepenning

In December there were some happy times with parties and get-togethers for the holidays. But right before Christmas on the 23rd of December the Auxiliary was honored to be asked to help with a funeral for a Marine, Kenneth Blake Pospisil. He was the first soldier from our area that died in Iraq. The Legion and Auxiliary teamed up and put on a funeral for about 120 people. The list is long of those that contributed food items: Legion Post 102 (Bob Bleeke, manager), Ron's Catering, Jan Reiter, Mary Sell, Jean and Dawn Johnson, Faye Johnson, Carol Hathaway, Joyce Ulmer, Liz Abeln, Brian from Greenhaven, Sandy Phillips, Betty Redepenning, Ginny Kloos, Joleen Connoy, Kathy Zwerdling, Myrna Njos and our janitor, Frank.

Those that worked and contributed food were: Betty Erickson, Dody Schanhaar, Cathy Newman, Judy Jensen, Donna Redepenning, Lynette Pavin, Pam Westlie, Joyce Smith, Lynn Zimmerman and Goldie Taber. Legion members that were there to help out and welcome the family and Marines were Commander Darrel, Rick Oelschlager, Gary Munkholm, Bud Redepenning and Larry Philips.

There was also another funeral on December 30th for Lee Lemke, a 33 year Auxiliary member. Our sympathy goes out to the family. The New Years Day Brunch was well attended. The Past Presidents Bake Sale sold out quickly, even before brunch was over.



The Mid-Winter Conference was in Hopkins. District President Sandy Phillips presided over the meeting. Auxiliary members attending were Jan Reiter, Sue Nunnelee, Betty Erickson, Cathy Newman, Lynette Pavin, Lenora Root, Kathy Zwerdling and myself. Reports were given by Jan, Sue, Kathy and me. There was also a poppy contest for a centerpiece and a Valentine card for a veteran or soldier. I was lucky to win first place for both!

Thanks to Lynette Pavin and Lenora Root for our January desserts. For the February 7th meeting it will be Jan Reiter, Mary Cameron and Norah Wyman.

In Memoriam

Laura F. "Lee" Lemke

Lee, a 33 year Auxiliary member, was born in New Brighton, Minnesota on September 29, 1924 to Floyd and Stella Scripture. Lee was preceded in death by husband Ray and grandson Ryan Lemke. Lee passed away December 28, 2005.

Lee grew up in Joliet, Illinois, met Ray at the local roller rink and when Ray was in the Navy aboard the Destroyer Anthony, Lee worked as a torpedo welder. They were married September 1946 in Charleston, SC; moved to south Minneapolis, back to Rockport IL in 1949 and finally to Anoka in 1952 when Ray purchased the Skelly station on Main & 3rd. Lee became a wonderful daycare provider (babysitter, back then), loved shopping, the family's CB radio – Lee was Dolphin, her Siamese cats, traveling to the Twins Spring Training Camp in Florida and was a great neighbor.

In 1977, Ray closed the station and he and Lee thought of moving to Florida, they didn't and stayed in Anoka (thank heavens!). Ray had begun working part time as bartender in 1974 and in April 1979 accepted the job as club manager. Lee also began helping Ray "by doing the lions share of the cleaning in and around the clubrooms. The Lemke's are not afraid of work and it shows already in the good appearance and management of the club". (From June 1977 Post Paper, Ray Lemke Profile by Al Smith)

Lee joined the Auxiliary August 19, 1973 and volunteered her time right away – going to the Mpls. VA Dances, Gift Shop, Salad Luncheons etc. She was Children & Youth Chairman (75-76), Aux. Bingo Team 3 Captain (75-76-77) and worked on Team 3 until the teams were discontinued in the mid 80's; she served on the funeral lunch committee (77-78 & 82-83) and donated food and help for several years. Lee was on the Junior Activities Committee (1976 thru 1981) with Millie Deschene as Chairman – daughter Sandy was Junior Unit President 1978-79. At one time, all nine of Lee's granddaughters were members of the Junior Anoka Unit. Angie, Cammie, Brooke and Stacy Lemke were all Junior Unit Presidents AND all were 10th District Junior Presidents! Also members were Casey, Melissa and Nettie Schutz, Nicki Lemke and Misty McMilleon. For 1981-82, Lee was elected to the Executive Committee.

Lee also joined the Drill Squad in 1973; she was a member of the 1975 American Legion National Champion Drill Team and one of six ladies in uniform who escorted then Department President (1975-76) Ella Dokken into her Fall Conference in Minneapolis. Lee marched in various community, District, Department and National parades and field competitions from late 1974 until after National in Hawaii, 1981.

Lee suffered a stroke in January 2000 but stayed at home where Ray took wonderful care of her. When Ray was unable to do that anymore, they both resided in Anoka Care Center (Maple Manor). Ray passed away in May of 2001.

Lee never stopped living her life; she knew exactly what was going on in her building – she was President of the Resident Council for 2 years, October 2003 to September 2005.

She always remembered the dates of birthdays (cards were always sent early), was an avid dice game and bingo player, caught the summer rays in the patio, made the Unit Early Bird Dinners and with the help of Angie, Rick or Dave made the fairly-often gatherings of the Drill Squad. Their last Christmas get-together on December 10 had Lee winning the first pot of the dice game – she loved it!

Edward B. Cutter Unit 102 extends its sympathy to Lee's family; children Rick, Karen Schutz (Neil), Dave (Marne), Sandy McMilleon (Shane); 9 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren; nieces and nephews. Lee is buried with Ray at Calvary Cemetery.

JAN'S JOTTINGS

by Jan Reiter, Unit 102 Secretary

The regular meeting of Edward B. Cutter American Legion Auxiliary was held on Tuesday, January 3, 2006 at 7:00 pm.

President Donna Redepenning called the meeting to order.

December minutes were approved; treasurers report was read and placed on file for audit.

Some of the committee reports given included the following:

Funeral: We don't have an official funeral committee but several Auxiliary members and Legionnaires helped out at two funerals. One lunch was for Lee Lemke, a 33 year member of the Auxiliary and the other funeral was for Kenneth Blake Pospisil, the soldier killed in Iraq. Families really appreciated all of their help.

Fund Raising: Casino Trip to Jackpot, overnigher is March 3-4.

Home Service: The auxiliary will be collecting commemorative, foreign and air mail stamps, picture postcards and S&H stamps.

Junior Activities: The 10th District Junior overnigher will be held at Anoka on February 3 & 4. Sue Nunnelee is in need of help for this. A motion was made to have the hat pin sales profit be put into the Auxiliary fund.

Legislation: The National membership has had 55,000 new members but we have to work harder to keep the old members. They gave four reasons to join the Legion: care of veterans, their children, unparalled Americanism programs and stand for a strong national defense.

The Legion wants to bring up the health care and flag amendments again.

Sunshine: Dody reported she sent a get well card to Lori Heslie and sympathy cards to Lee Lemke family and Mac McLean family. Thinking of you cards to Mary Cameron and Doris Nunnelee.

Donations:

Anoka County Campership for Handicapped Children	.....	\$500
Fisher House	.....	\$50
Legionville	.....	\$50
Childrens Miracle Network	.....	\$50
MN Home School	.....	\$50
Forgotten Children	.....	\$100
Anoka Cty. Historical Society	....	\$50
Calendar Club	.....	\$25
Meals on Wheels	.....	\$50
USO	.....	\$50
Fort Snelling Rifle Squad	.....	\$50
American Legion Hospital Assoc	....	\$50

New Business: A motion was made by Lenora Root to have our annual plant sale as a fund raiser. Seconded and carried.

The next Unit meeting is Tuesday, February 7, 2006 at 7:00 pm in the lower hall.

PAST PRESIDENTS

SEWING....

Members of the Past Presidents Parley and Unit members are invited to help sew and assemble lap robes and stuff "heart pillows" left from last year. We will also work on District President Sandy's project – Cool Scarves – for troops in Iraq.

**Monday – February 27 – 6:30 pm.
upper hall, Post clubrooms**

Bring your sewing machines, scissors, join us and have fun!

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BAKE SALE....

Our Bake Sale during the New Years Day Brunch went very well – everything was sold. Fourteen individual past presidents donated 52 bakery goodies; special thanks to Liz Abeln and Nancy Bever who each brought 11 items.

To date, \$230.50 was raised from items and donations for our projects and programs; if any past presidents have not yet done so, they may still donate to this project.

Thanks to all who helped with this fundraiser and to all our customers!

Betty Erickson & Joyce Smith
Co-chairmen

Unit 102 Auxiliary Fund Raiser
Casino Bus Trip to Jackpot Junction
Fun March 3rd & 4th 2006
Bus Leaves
Anoka Legion at 6:30 p.m. 3/3/06
Leaves Casino at 3:00 p.m 3/4/06

Cost
\$35.00 Double Occupancy
\$45.00 Single Occupancy
(Includes bus ride and 1 night lodging)
\$10.00 Cash Back
\$5.00 Food Coupon

Games
Bingo
Beverages & Snacks in bus

**Reservations with Fee must be made by February 24, 2006.
Call Carol Hathaway 427-0185 or leave at Post 102 Pull Tab Booth.**

MEMBERSHIP

GOAL ? Not yet...

Auxiliary Unit 102 needs 19 members to reach our GOAL of 364 for 2006!!

All unpaid members have been sent a reminder letter and will be called (where possible) during the month. Please make your \$20 dues payable to the American Legion Auxiliary and mail to me: Betty Erickson, 1826 Cressy Ave., Anoka, MN 55303. If there is a problem in paying – please call me at 763-421-4562.

Any member who has not paid her 2006 dues by January 31st is considered delinquent and loses her rights, privileges and benefits of membership including the travel accident insurance coverage.

Betty Erickson, Chairman

February 2006

Americanism Month

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Coming in March 1 Ash Wednesday 3 & 4 Aux: Jackpot Casino Overnite 11 Birthday Dinner 11 Rally - St. Louis Park at 2:00 pm 25 Dist. Junior Conference - Howard Lake		SAL Sponsored Dinner 5:30-7:00 Steak or Chicken \$6.50 Pork Chop \$7.50 Bingo 7 pm	Every Thursday: Ron's BBQ Ribs 5:00 - 8:00 pm Full Rack \$10.00 1/2 \$8.00 Ground Hog Day	10th Dist. Junior Sleep-in / Anoka Meat Raffle 5:00 pm Bar Bingo 6:30 pm Legion Grill 5:00 - 8:30 pm Music 8:30-12 A.C. Rockers	Karaoke
Four Chaplains Sunday Club Open 12-10 Bar Bingo 3:00 pm Bingo 7 pm		Post General Mem. 7:30 pm S.A.L. Meeting 7:00 pm Auxiliary Meeting 7:00 pm	SAL Sponsored Dinner 5:30-7:00 Steak or Chicken \$6.50 Pork Chop \$7.50 Aux. Twin Rivers Bingo 2:30 pm Bingo 7 pm	Feb. 3, 1939: Anoka Fire Dept. Fire & Drum Corp march in St. Paul's Ice Carnival parade	Meat Raffle 5:00 pm Bar Bingo 6:30 pm Legion Grill 5:00 - 8:30 pm Music 8:30-12 Brandy Creek	Jr. Auxiliary Meeting 12 Noon Karaoke
Club Open 12-10 Bar Bingo 3:00 pm Bingo 7 pm		NEWSPAPER MEETING 7:00 PM WEB 8:00 PM Valentine's Day	SAL Sponsored Dinner 5:30-7:00 Steak or Chicken \$6.50 Pork Chop \$7.50 Bingo 7 pm	Feb. 12, 1924: Roast beef sandwich, potatoes & coffee for 20¢ at Jackson Hotel.	Meat Raffle 5:00 pm Bar Bingo 6:30 pm Legion Grill 5:00 - 8:30 pm Music 8:30-12 Gold Rush	SAL Rally / Osseo Karaoke
SAL "Meet the Members" Party 12 Noon - 5 pm Club Open 12-10 Bar Bingo 3:00 pm Bingo 7 pm		Aux. Casino Bus Hinckley House & Ent. Meeting 7:00 pm	SAL Sponsored Dinner 5:30-7:00 Steak or Chicken \$6.50 Pork Chop \$7.50 Bingo 7 pm	Feb. 23, 1921: American Legion Auxiliary Unit 102 of Anoka is chartered.	Bar Bingo 6:30 pm Legion Grill 5:00 - 8:30 pm Music 8:30-12 Front Row Band	Karaoke
Club Open 12-10 Bar Bingo 3:00 pm Bingo 7 pm	Past Presidents Sewing 6:30 pm Upper Hall	Executive Board Meeting 7:00 pm		Home Hospital Equipment Scheduled Hours Mondays 10:00 am – Noon Thursdays 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm Saturdays Noon – 2:00 pm Donation Suggested (Garage - Anchor Lot)		
26	27	28	22	23	24	25