



a very, very merry, merry CHRISTMAS



Frank Cameron & Ray



Frank

WWII HONOR FLIGHT

On Saturday, October 6th at 6:15 a.m., the Honor Flight left MSP. Ralph Cameron, Dick Raatz and myself, were anticipating a fantastic day in our nation's capitol. We were not disappointed.

We arrived at Reagan airport at 9:30 a.m. to a rousing greeting. It was a beautiful fall day in Washington D.C. The 100 veterans and their companions boarded the buses and made their way to the first stop - the Iwo Jima Memorial. The next stop was the Air Force Memorial, which is one of the newer memorials. Then we headed to the Women's Memorial as we had 4 lady veterans who served in WWII.

Our next stop was what the vets were anticipating, the World War II Veteran's Memorial. It is a very inspiring site to witness. You could tell by the expressions on their faces how much this memorial meant to them. It is their own very special area and a beautiful place to reflect.

We next moved on to the Vietnam and Korean Memorials. Our last stop was the Lincoln Memorial. After a supper buffet, we boarded the plane and headed back to MSP.

It was a long day of sight seeing, but the best was yet to come. We arrive at the airport at 10:30 p.m. to an unbelievable reception. General Nash, the Patriot Guard and a soldier from every branch of the service were there to salute the vets as they got off the plane. 500 flag waving friends and family and a military band were also there to greet this extraordinary group of men and women. Not many dry eyes around. This was a day that I will never forget.

Ray Turnquist – 2nd Vice Commander

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ADJUTANT'S NOTES

by Gary Munkholm

A hearty welcome to newest members of Anoka Post 102 Ronald Marsolais and Elvin Gustafson as transfers from National and new member Lawrence Pavek Jr. sponsored by Wayne Wallace. We hope to see you at future meetings and join us in fellowship during other times of the week. With these new members the Post is at 616 members leaving us 15 members behind this time last year. Anoka Post 102 still leads the 10th District in membership turn in. If you haven't renewed by now please send in your dues and a reminder that you can also renew on line at the American Legion National web site.

At our last General Membership meeting Commander Reimann recognized Cliff Newman for being named SAL member of the year at Department Fall Conference.

During the annual Veteran's Day we were able to enjoy meals or store discounts provided to us by local and national businesses. Please take the time to thank them for recognizing us and providing a Veteran with a meal or services.

Ray Turnquist reported to the general membership highlights of the recent Honor Flight he took which included 100 Veterans and 66 Guardians. Many thanks to Ray for going through the specialized training to be a Guardian on these trips.

The general membership voted to offer a free 1 year membership to Edward B. Cutter Post 102 to the Hospitalized Veteran's attending the Wild Game Dinner. Many of these hospitalized Vets have never been offered the chance to join an American Legion Post or the VFW.

At the last general membership meeting the annual budget was approved as presented by Finance Officer Doug Hookom. Many thanks to the Budget Committee for their time in working out the next year's budget.

For the first time in many parade years Commander Reimann and Jim Hays were saluting officers on the judging stand for the annual Anoka Halloween Parade. They represented the Post and the City of Anoka honoring the U.S. Flags and marching band drum majors as they marched by.

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

Armed Forces Service Center at airport	\$100
Fort Snelling Rifle Squad	100
Minneapolis Veterans Hospital VAMC	100
St. Cloud Veterans Hospital VAMC	100
Minneapolis Veterans Home	100
Anoka County Bunker Hills tank restoration project	250
Post for monthly utilities cost	2,250
U.S. Treasury (Tax and Wagering)	400
Assist needy Veterans or Family	1,500
Emergency money	500




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**Post 102 extends sincere
sympathy to the family of**

DAVID G. LARKIN

David was a 10 year member of The American Legion
and a Vietnam War Veteran



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

TUESDAYS
1/4 lb. Burger Basket – \$5.00

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

THURSDAYS DURING DINNER
Bottle Beer is \$2.50
5:00 – 8:30

FRIDAYS
7th Fish Fry \$8.00
14th Liver & Onions \$8.00
21st Omletes & Cheezy Hashbrowns \$7.00
and Chri's Cinnamon Rolls
28th Broiled Shrimp \$12.00
with Potato, Vegetable, Roll & Butter
Tax included on all the above.

CATERING CENTRAL

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 Gary Reimann

Greetings,

Its been a busy month of November.

I want to thank the City of Anoka and the Halloween committee for the activities, night parade, kids parade, all school reunion, bond fire, firearms demonstration, and Grand Day parade, also thanks to Tom & Greg Sauter for the use of the truck and trailer for our Post 102 Float.

Our Color Guard did a fine job at Anoka High School, Ramsey, Lincoln, and St. Stephens Elementary Schools. Very nice program at each of the schools. I'm very proud of the programs because the schools and teachers are teaching children about our freedoms that the veterans have fought for.

Veterans dinner a huge success – great crowd. Thanks to guest speaker John Kriesel, what a testimonial! Also thanks to Ron and Chris for the great meal, service and dessert.

I hope to see more people attend the Monday Night Tacos sponsored by the SAL. Also, Wednesday night SAL dinners now that the weather has turned cooler, and hunting is over. I hear Gary R got a deer for the wild game dinner, ask him how he got it without firing a shot.

Freedom is not Free - Thank a Veteran for their service
God Bless America

EVERYONE PLEASE NOTE

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Only 28 members out of 1000 have responded.*

You will be surprised to see how much information there is on the web site and how nice it is to see colored photos.



Connor Riley, Troop 233 Eagle Scout was honored by Post 102 as Boy Scout of the year. Introduced by Paul Adler, with Cmdr. Gary, Connor told of his project – plaques at Elm Crest Park in Ramsey.



S.A.L. Commander Patrick Vevea

Happy Holidays

I was unable to attend Novembers meeting because I was deer hunting, I got one so I will be able to donate some to the veterans wild game dinner. I also received a whole deer donated by 3-1/2 Men Wild Game Processing. They also do awesome sausage, sticks, etc. So a big thank you to those guys. Al told me no new business happened at the meeting except for a review of this years budget that we will vote on at our December meeting.

Also a big thanks to Tony and Sandy and Dixie for the pontoon and decorating they did on the SAL float, it sure looked great.

In God and Country – Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Veterans Day Dinner

Another large dinner crowd this year heard Anoka County Veterans Service Director John Kriesel give a vivid account of his last day in action. He uses this to help veterans open up to their needs after service and what veteran services can do for them. John wasn't present for pictures as he and his two young sons had to leave early - they had been deer hunting (they got one)!



Pres. Darlene, Dist. Rider Director Matt Berens (Anoka), Dist. Pres. Shaaron Barnes (Wayzata), Dist. Cmdr. Bob Locker (Fridley), SAL Dist. Cmdr. Al Amundson (Anoka) and Cmdr. Gary.



50 Year Members
Emil Magnuson
& Larry Violet

JAN'S JOTTINGS

by Jan Reiter

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Americanism: Donna sent a flag and pamphlets to an Andover Girl Scout troop. Kathy Zwerdling took 26 flags to a Franklin School.

Fund Raising: Sandy Phillips reported the Elvis Experience tickets are all sold. She is need of a lot of help to get some Silent Auction items from businesses.

Girls State: Kathy reported the 3 Girls Staters were Ambassadors in the Halloween parade.

Junior Activities: Sue Nunnelee thanked everyone who worked and baked goodies for our bake sale at our annual Halloween fund raiser on October 27th. We made a profit of \$944.81.

Membership: Betty Erickson reported our goal is 354 and have 227 turned into Department. The next Rally is Sunday, November 18th at Wayzata.

Memorial: Department is requesting prayers or devotional items for a Prayer Book for our Department President. If anyone has any please leave those at the pull tab booth.

Public Relations: Darlene Thell received a certificate for the most students attending County Day. She also received an award in the Northwestern Division for her Public Relations

Donations: These are to come out of the Poppy Fund:

Minneapolis VA Medical Center	\$100
St. Cloud VA Medical Center	100
MN Vet Homes (Mpls & Hastings \$75 each)	150
Five Dollar Bill Shower	100
American Legion Fund for Hospitalized Vet	75
10th Dist Activity Fund	100
Veterans Job Training Program	100
Veterans Volunteer Transportation Program	200
Veterans Rest Camp	100
American Legion Auxiliary Hospital Program	75
National Creative Arts Festival	50
MN Stand Down	100
Ride to Recovery	100
Nat'l American Legion Child Welfare Fdt	50
Legacy Scholarship Program	50
Ft. Snelling Rifle Squad	50

These are to come out of the General Fund:

Anoka County Adopt a Family	150
American Education Week(apples)	175

A motion was made to pay these donations. Approved.

Unfinished Business: Donna Redepenning reported on Fall Conference: The Veterans for Veterans Foundation gave a \$10,000 check to the VA Gift Shop program. Al Zdon gave \$700 to the Girls State program from his book sale. Creative Arts could use extra money because it is only supported by the Legion and the Auxiliary; The 10th District came in 1st place in membership, they collected products for the MN Assistance Council for Veterans and the Silent auction netted \$4300.

Pancake Breakfast



Darlene Thell with Dan Gohmann, who belongs to an American Legion in Germany

Unit 102 Auxiliary members joined forces with Post 102 Legion Riders to hold a Pancake Breakfast on November 11th as a fund raiser. Both were satisfied with the outcome considering this was the first attempt at doing anything like this. Approximately 200 meals were served.

Being the breakfast was held on Veteran's Day all veterans who showed up in uniform would receive a free meal. Only one Veteran did this and insisted on paying for his meal. A Big Big Thank You to all the volunteers from the Riders and the Auxiliary that helped make this a successful fund raiser.

Along with the Breakfast the Auxiliary held a bake sale, which also was very successful. Special thanks to all the Auxiliary members who not only volunteered for the breakfast but also baked for the bake sale.

Oh yes, and Thank You to all who came to the breakfast and bought baked items. The funds received from this fundraiser will be put towards our many Veteran programs.

Sandy Phillips, Auxiliary Chairman
Teresa Bezenar, Riders Secretary



Legion Riders in the kitchen with Darlene Thell.



President's Column

Darlene Thell

Hello Auxiliary Members,



We've had a lot of fun and productive events going on: The Fall Conference at Pequot Lakes was well attended by our Unit. We came home with ideas that hopefully will work for us. Donna Redepenning took first place in the Poster Board Poppy contest entry. On the National level, as our Public Relations Chairperson, I won

the Public Relations Program Emphasis - Best 3 Media, from the Northwest Division award. It is a great honor to receive this award.

On Oct. 27 I had the honor to ride on the beautiful Anoka Legion float with the Commander Gary Reimann, Fadi Awajjane and 3rd Vice Doug Sturgill. For those who don't know, the float has 31 USA Flags...each representing the different flags as they changed over the years dating back to the 13 Colony flag.

A huge thank you to all the Auxiliary members and Legion Riders that were involved with the Pancake Breakfast and Bake Sale on November 11 and thanks you to every one who donated money to the wreaths across America project; nearly \$100 was donated.

Our Jean Johnson once again created a beautiful "Thank You Veteran" card, and I ran off 170 copies and delivered them to the area nursing homes and retirement centers. It wasn't very much, but the Veterans appreciated being thanked with a simple card, with its loving words and a Poppy.

Cathy Newman and I brought gifts to each Veteran at the Anoka Metro Regional Treatment Center for Veterans Day. Each Veteran truly appreciated a vase with a red rose and a card with a cash gift.

Past Commanders and Past Presidents Christmas Dinner

All Past Post, Auxiliary, Junior Auxiliary and Sons of the American Legion Commanders and Presidents, and your guest are invited to the annual Christmas Dinner at the Post Club Rooms on December 10th. Social Hour will be from 6:00 to 7:00, and dinner at 7:00. All reservations must be pre-paid and received by December 5th. Cookies and bars will be furnished by the Past Presidents.

When you make your reservations make sure you specify what meal you would like:

Prime Rib \$12.00 ~ Steak \$9.00 ~ Shrimp \$9.00
Steak & Shrimp \$12.00

Reservations with money should be sent to:
Jan Reiter, 6522 - 153rd Lane NW, Ramsey, MN 55303

Any questions call Jan at 427-3733 or Sandy at 754-3800.

Jan Reiter - Past President's Parley Chairman



In Memoriam KALLEE WARD

Kallee, a 10 year Auxiliary member, was born in October 1956 in Minneapolis and passed away November 6, 2012.

Edward B. Cutter Unit 102 extends its sympathy to mom Virginia Kloos, dad Tom Ward and five brothers and sisters. A memorial to the Auxiliary Girls State Program was sent by the Unit.

Apples Bagged & Delivered to Schools



Monday, November 12th, Legion, SAL and Auxiliary members bagged 800 apples to be distributed to 10 Anoka area schools. Each teacher and staff member receive a "Red Delicious" apple in their mail box. This was in conjunction with American Education Week. It is a small way for *The American Legion Family* to thank them for their dedicated work educating our youth.

Thank you to all 19 members who helped with this project. A special Thanks to Cliff for picking up the apples at County Market and Sandy for printing the cards.

Kathy Zwerdling
Education Chairman






We are sending again.

I am in need of names of service members overseas to send packages to them. If you have someone overseas and want the Auxiliary to get them a care package, let me know or let Carol know at the pull tab booth at the Legion. I need names and their addresses so we can do this.

Thank You!

Cathy Newman VA&R & National Security Chairman

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 Flag Display Days 7th - Pearl Harbor Day (half-staff until sunset) 25th - Christmas Day	SAL Deep Fried Tacos Dec. 3rd, 10th, 17th 4-7 pm \$2.50 ea - 3/\$5.00	Bar Bingo Tuesdays 6:30 pm	 1st Friday each month Red Cross Bloodmobile at Post 7 AM - 1 PM	SEE MENU ON PAGE 2 for THURSDAY & FRIDAY MENU		Pearl Harbor Rally Spicer Elvis Dinner & Show Silent Auction 1
Club Open 12-10 Bar Bingo 4:00 pm 2	<i>Wed., Oct 25, 1972:</i> 196 Early Birds feasted on spaghetti reported 1st Vice Myron Way. Thanks to Rod McArdle, PC Louie Erickson, PC Pete Lish, PC Bud Westlie, Jerry Abeln, Cdr. Bud and Mac. 3	Post General Mem. 7:30 pm S.A.L. Mtg. 7:00 pm Auxiliary Mtg. 7:00 pm Bar Bingo 6:30 pm 4	SAL Dinners 5:30-7:00 Prime Rib \$10.00 5	<i>Friday, Nov. 10, 1972:</i> Veterans Day Dinner Chmn. Bill Baillie a sold-out success; ham dinner prepared by wife Gert and served by Aux. ladies. Guests included 10th Dist. Cmdr. & Pres. Lyle & Ginny Pearson and Adj. Howard Cook & wife Carole. 6	Meat Raffle 5:30 pm Bar Bingo 7:00 pm Natl. Pearl Harbor Day Remembrance 7	School Patrol Christmas Party 10 am to 12 noon 8
Club Open 12-10 Bar Bingo 4:00 pm 9	Past. Pres. & Cmdrs. Holiday Dinner Aux./Post/SAL 6:30/7:00 10	Bar Bingo 6:30 pm NEWSPAPER MEETING 7:00 pm 11	SAL Dinners 5:30-7:00 Country Fried Steak \$8.00 Aux. Twin Rivers Bingo 2:15 pm 12	Mac McLean and Jerry Raney received Life Memberships - they joined 5 others: C. Merion Hicks, 13	Meat Raffle 5:30 pm Bar Bingo 7:00 pm 14	Veterans Wild Game Dinner 12:00 noon 10th District Oratorical Contest at Anoka 8:00 am 15
Christmas Rally Fridley 1:00 pm Club Open 12-10 Bar Bingo 4:00 pm 16	<i>Fall Conf. Dec. 8 & 9 - Wild Game still needed - Toy program has yielded 1/2 garage - full of toys - Kids Christmas Party Dec. 17 treats & Santa - New Years Eve 8pm to 1am, \$7 couple limited to 150, live music</i> 17	Bar Bingo 6:30 pm House & Ent. Meeting 7:00 pm 18	SAL Dinners 5:30-7:00 Prime Rib \$10.00 Anoka Legion Riders Chapter 102 Meeting 7:00 PM 19	C. Merion Hicks, 20 Warren Bowers, Art Caswell Jr., Warren Feist and Howard Menter. 27	Meat Raffle 5:30 pm Bar Bingo 7:00 pm 21	1972: Thanks from Cdr. Bud to WWI Barracks Cdr. Martin Iverson & Aux. Pres. Mrs. Iverson for a fine lunch and program. (Martin was the next Post 102 Life Member in 1974). Thanks to Doc Adams for inviting Cdr. Bud, Pres. Barb & PC Pete to the Veterans Home for the Pheasant Dinner and tour. 22
Club Open 12-10 Bar Bingo 4:00 pm 23	Christmas Eve Club Open 12 Noon to 5:00 pm 24	MERRY CHRISTMAS Club Closed 25	Executive Board Meeting 7:00 pm SAL Dinners 5:30-7:00 Steak, Chicken, or Shrimp \$8.00 Steak & Shrimp Combo \$11.00 26	Warren Bowers, Art Caswell Jr., Warren Feist and Howard Menter. 27	Meat Raffle 5:30 pm Bar Bingo 7:00 pm 28	Thanks to Doc Adams for inviting Cdr. Bud, Pres. Barb & PC Pete to the Veterans Home for the Pheasant Dinner and tour. 29
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