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DISTRICT CONVENTION

The 85th annual District Convention was hosted by Clearwater Post 323 May 20th, 21st & 22nd. This was the first time that the Clearwater Post hosted a District Convention and they did an outstanding job. The courtesies offered and the co-operation from the members and school staff made it a most successful and enjoyable convention. Congratulations Clearwater Legion Family for a job well done.

The Convention kicked off with a Prime Rib Banquet on Friday evening, with about 100 Legion, Auxiliary and Sons of the American Legion members in attendance.

The business meetings were held Saturday and Sunday at the Clearwater Elementary School. Presiding over the meetings was 10th District Commander Jerry Thompson, 10th District Auxiliary President Judy Stein, and Sons of the American Legion Commander David (Chico) Jenkins.

Saturday started out with heavy rain but did stop in time for the parade, which was held in the late afternoon. Post 102 Color Guard and Women's Drill Team marched in the parade. The only thing missing was high school bands because they don't start marching in parades until after school is out.

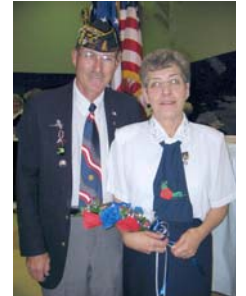
Post 102 Legion members in attendance were Commander Rich Oelschlager, Bud Redepenning, Darrel Redepenning, Cliff Newman, Larry Phillips, Jim Hayes and Leon Johnson.

Auxiliary Unit 102 members in attendance were President Lynette Pavin, Sue Nunnelee, Cathy Newman, Kathy Zwerdling, Jean Johnson, Dawn Johnson, Donna Redepenning, Betty Redepenning, Betty Erickson and Sandy Phillips.

Sons of the American Legion Squadron members attending were Allen Amundson and Charlie Heemer.

John Nixon of Clearwater Post 323 was elected as 10th District Commander for 2005-2006; Wayne Mattingly, Osseo Squadron 172 was elected as 10th District Sons of the American Legion Commander, and I was elected as 10th District Auxiliary President. A joint Installation was held on Sunday May 22nd, with Department Commander Marland Ronning, his wife Chris, and Dennis Blue presiding. It is a day I will never forget! I was so proud to take the oath of District President as

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4th of July

BBQ

"Membership Recognition"
4:00 – 7:00 PM

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ADJUTANT'S NOTES

WAYNE D. WALLACE

The Post Executive Committee meeting held May 31, 2005 heard the minutes from the previous meeting and reports from finance, clubroom and gambling.

Mr. Larry Sawyer, coach of the Post sponsored Junior Shooting Team, was present at the Executive Committee meeting seeking funds to assist the team in attending the National Junior Shooting Championship in Kentucky the first part of July 2005.

Post Commander Rick Oelschlager mentioned a new Post Adjutant must be appointed by the Executive Committee to replace resigning Post Adjutant Wayne Wallace. It was motioned and seconded that Larry Phillips be appointed permanent Post Adjutant effective July 1, 2005. Motion passed.

The Executive Committee reviewed all requests for donations and those approved were recommended for approval to the Post General Membership.

The Post General Membership meeting held June 7, 2005 heard the minutes from the previous meeting and reports from Post officers and committee chairmen.

Adjutant reported Post member William Lambert had passed away since the last meeting.

Darrel Redepenning reported Post 102 reached GOAL in membership on May 17, 2005 with (909) members signed up for 2005. We currently have (911) members.

Commander Oelschlager called on Nominating Committee Chairman Cliff Newman for the announcement of nominees for Post officer positions for the Legion year 2005-2006. As each nominee was announced, Commander Oelschlager asked for any nominations from the floor. Post officers and committee members elected were:

Post Commander	Darrel Redepenning
1st Vice Commander	Matt Berens
2nd Vice Commander	Gary Munkholm
3rd Vice Commander	Patrick Cosgrove
Finance Officer	Richard Oelschlager
Post Chaplain	Sam Orr
Sgt.-at-Arms	William Golden
Executive Committee (2-year term)	Cliff Newman
	Open
Housing Corporation (2-year term)	Loren Lovejoy
	Joe Zimmerman

The following Lawful Purpose donations/expenses projected for May 2005 were approved by the Post General Membership.

1. City of Anoka (4th of July celebration) \$ 500
2. National Fire Safety Council (Fire safety coloring books) 200

3. Anoka High School Scholarship Recipients 7,000
4. USA Shooting (Jr Shooting Team to Nationals) 500
5. City of Anoka (Water/light costs) 1,400
6. Centerpoint Energy (Gas cost) 500
7. United States Treasury (Tax on wagering) 600
8. United States Treasury (Tax stamp) 50
9. Assist needy veterans/families 1,500
10. Emergency Money 500

Total taxes paid on gambling proceeds for May 2005:
 MN Revenue.....\$ 13,244 Federal IRS.....\$ 544


The Post General Membership meetings have been well attended the past several months but it would be great if we could fill the meeting room with more members. The meetings are informative with members getting first hand information as to the happenings within the Post. Meetings normally last about one hour and a light luncheon is served following the meeting. The next meeting is July 5, 2005 at 7:30 pm. Hope to see you there.

This is my last article as Post Adjutant for Post 102. I have served Anoka Post 102 for (37) years as Post Adjutant and assisted (29) Post Commanders. My resignation as Post Adjutant is effective with the end of my term June 30, 2005 and I leave with mixed emotions.

I have seen this Post enlarge considerably in membership and the expansion of the Post facilities. Anoka Post 102 is highly regarded in the Department of Minnesota having received it's share of awards at conventions for the support of the many American Legion programs over the years.

It has been a pleasure to serve Anoka Post 102 as Post Adjutant and I will continue to assist the Post in maintaining the reputation it has established as one of the outstanding American Legion Posts in the State of Minnesota.


I extend best wishes to the newly elected and appointed Post officers of Post 102 and know you will carry on the tradition of this Post. I ask the members to continue their support of the Post officers and Post 102 as you have in the past.



Post 102 extends sincere sympathy to the family of


WILLIAM T. LAMBERT

William was a 17 year member of Post 102 and a World War II Veteran



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S.A.L. NEWS
Allen Amundson
Adjutant, Squadron 102

**Commander's
Column**
Richard Oelschlager

Greetings Legionnaires,

This is my last column. It doesn't seem possible that two years have passed this quickly. The Post has had a lot of changes over the last two years. I can only hope that most of you have enjoyed me being commander as much as I have enjoyed being your commander. I have learned many things about the American Legion as well as my self over the last two years. The thing I will miss the most is my parking space, maybe I can get the board to give a reserved parking spot to the junior past commander.

I would like to thank "all" those that have made my two years as commander as enjoyable as they could have been. There are too many people to name, and I know I would forget someone, so all I can say is "THANK YOU" to everyone who made my job as easy as it was.

I have taken a position with the 10th District. I will be Vice Commander for Anoka/Chisago sub district as well as Finance Officer here at the post. I wish you all well and hope to see at the post soon.

Have fun and enjoy life! It's too short not to.

Inadvertantly omitted from the list of scholarships in the June issue was:

*The American Legion Warren C. Feist Memorial
Scholarship Recipient – Kristin Lokken*

Elections were held at our June 7 meeting, and our officers for the 2005-2006 year are:

Commander Jim Batters
Vice-Commander Allen Amundson
Finance Officer Cliff Newman
The remaining offices will be filled by appointment.

Larry Phillips, Charlie Heemer and Allen Amundson attended the 10th District Convention at Clearwater as Squadron 102 delegates. The following members of Squadron 102 are 10th District officers for the 2005-2006 year:

Charlie Heemer Vice-Commander Area 2
Larry Phillips Membership Director
Allen Amundson Chaplain


We also received a Citation of Achievement for membership for 2004-2005 from the 10th District.

Attendance at our Wednesday Night Dinners has been very good, but we can always make it better; so continue to mention it to anyone you know. If you would like to help out, new volunteers are always welcome.

Don't forget the S.A.L. Detachment Convention at Legionville Camp on June 24-26. If you need directions or information, please contact Charlie Heemer or Allen Amundson,

Since the next issue of our Newspaper will be in September; I would like to thank everyone for your help and support during my time as Adjutant, and wish you all a great Summer!

EVERY WEDNESDAY
SAL Sponsored Dinner 5:30-7:00
Steak or Chicken \$6.50
Pork Chop \$7.50



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4:00 – 7:00 PM
2 Burgers ~ 2 Brats or
Combination of
Chips ~ Potato Salad ~ Beans

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MEMORIAL DAY 2005

Commander Rick Oelschlager opened the program with approximately 400-500 people attending the ceremony on Monday morning May 30. Father David Blume of St. Stephens Catholic Church, Mayor Bjorn Skogquist, Post & SAL Color Guard, National Guard Firing Squad, North Suburban Concert Band and Post Adjutant Wayne Wallace (also serving as Sgt-at-Arms) took part in the service.

The Gettysburg Address was recited by Jordan Armbrust, *In Flanders Field* by Cameron Halstead and for the first time at this service – the *Answer to In Flanders Field* recited by Bailee Kelly; all 5th graders from Lincoln School. (This “answer”, found by Charlie Sell working with the Anoka County Historical Society, was written November 9, 1918 by Moina Michael who also originated the veterans poppy.)

Special recognition was given to the members present of Battery E 151st Field Artillery, MN Army National Guard who returned home in March 2005 after 15 months of deployment in Iraq. All in attendance stood and applauded; Major Mark Roder was introduced and gave brief remarks.

Guest speaker Brigadier General Jon Trost began his career enlisting as an infantryman in 1970 to currently being the Asst. Adjutant General – Army, MN National Guard. He also recently retired after 32 years as a teacher at Coon Rapids High School.

Our Military, recited by Wayne Wallace (and printed on page 5) was first recited last year by Sgt-at-Arms Curt Vevea. Curt, after 15-18 years (his guess) of participating in this service, wrote in an article that this was his last duty for the Memorial Day program; Curt passed away July 19, 2004.

Laying of the memorial wreaths: Commander Rick & President Lynette, Gold Star Mother Ruth LeNoue in memory of son Bruce who was awarded the Silver Star and two Purple Hearts. **Gold Star Parents Bob & Nancy Dehn** in memory of son Art who was awarded the Bronze Star and Purple Heart. Post member **Don Paquette** (US Marine Corps, South Pacific, Bronze Star and Purple Heart) honored WWII veterans. Post member **Jerry Abeln** (US Army, Korea, Purple Heart) and granddaughter **10th District Junior President Heather Smith** honored Korean War veterans. **Major Mark Roder** Anoka National Guard Battery E, 151st Field Artillery honored veterans serving in Afghanistan and Iraq. Major Roder served in Iraq Dec. 2003-March 2005.

Others included: **Jeanette Magnuson**, WWI; **Dennis Berg**, Vietnam; **Staff Sergeant Gary Rakow**, Grenada, Lebanon, Panama, Persian Gulf; **Charlie Heemer**, SAL; **Kendra Smith**, Junior Auxiliary; **Sheila Dehn**, VFW; Fireman **Jon Holmes** and Police Captain **Phil Johanson**; **Boy Scouts**; **Girl Scouts**; other veterans and Ladies Drill Squad members.

Participants in this Memorial Day Service and all those who attended were thanked for coming and invited to greet the troops from Battery E and to enjoy coffee, pop and cookies at the refreshment table. Some of those attending then stopped at the Post clubrooms for a light lunch.



District Convention continued from front page

I represented Anoka Unit 102 being the fourth Auxiliary member from our Unit to hold this prestigious office. It was wonderful to have many of the Anoka Legion family present for the Installation. Also a special touch, that was very meaningful to me, was to have Unit member Jean Johnson and my husband Larry sing “Let There be Peace on Earth”. Others installed as 10th District officers from our Anoka 102 Legion family were Rich Oelschlager, Vice Commander, Anoka –Chisago County, and Cliff Newman, Sgt. At Arms for the Legion; Sue Nunnelee, Auxiliary Secretary and Cathy Newman, Auxiliary Sgt. At Arms; and for the Sons of the American Legion was Charlie Heemer as Vice Commander, Allen Amundson as Chaplain and Larry Phillips as Membership chairman. Heather Smith of our unit was installed earlier as the 10th District Junior President. The Anoka Legion Family will shine in the 10th District this year!

The Clearwater Legion family hosted a reception to honor Commander John, Commander Wayne and myself following the Installation of Officers. Another job well done. Tom and Bev Allen of the Clearwater Post sent a rose bush home with all that were in attendance. This was a beautiful beginning for my year because my theme is “Blossom for our Veterans” as they are the flowers in the American Legion Family Garden.

Sandy Phillips – 10th District President Elect

OUR MILITARY



The average age of the military man is 19 years. He is a short haired, tight-muscled kid who, under normal circumstances, is considered by society as half man, half boy. Not yet dry behind the ears, not old enough to buy a beer, but old enough to die for his country. He never really cared much for work and he would

rather wax his own car than wash his father's; but he has never collected unemployment either.

He has trouble spelling, thus letter writing is a pain for him, but he can field strip a rifle in 30 seconds and reassemble it in less time in the dark. He can recite to you the nomenclature of a machine gun or grenade launcher and use either one effectively if he must. He digs foxholes and latrines and can apply first aid like a professional. He can march until he is told to stop or stop until he is told to march. He has learned to use his hands like weapons and weapons like they were his hands. He can save your life or take it, because that is his job. He will often do twice the work of a civilian, draw half the pay and still find ironic humor in it all. He has seen more suffering and death than he should have in his short lifetime.

He has stood atop mountains of dead bodies, and helped to create them. He has wept in public and in private, for friends who have fallen in combat and is unashamed. He feels every note of the National Anthem vibrate through his body while at rigid attention, while tempering the burning desire to "square-away" those around him who haven't bothered to stand, remove their hat, or even stop talking. In an odd twist, day in and day out, far from home, he defends the right to be disrespectful.

Just as did his Father, Grandfather, and Great-grandfather, he is paying the price of our freedom. Beardless or not, he is not a boy. He is the American Fighting Man who has kept this country free for over 200 years.

He has asked nothing in return, except our friendship and understand. Remember him, always, for he has earned our respect and admiration with his blood.

And now we even have women over there in danger, doing their part in this tradition of going to War when our nation calls us to do so. A short lull, a little shade, and a picture of loved ones in their helmets.

This is a Prayer for our military . . .
*"Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands.
Protect them as they protect us.*

Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need.

Amen"



Happy Birthday U.S.A.

July 4th is your special day.

**I watch the fireworks light up the sky.
I go to the park to play.**

**I stand by the curb to watch
the great parade go by.**

**I see soldiers carry flags;
I feel a sense of pride.**

**As I sing our National anthem,
a tear drops from my eye.**

**To give me all my freedoms,
I think of those who died!**

**To often, I take freedom for granted.
With our leaders, I find wrongs.**

**I must not forget all the Americans
who made this country strong.**

**So as I celebrate our birthday with
my friends and family,
may God Bless America!
I'm grateful that I'm free!**

*Written by: Jean Johnson
Auxiliary Member*

Memorial Day 2005

To those of you who missed the ceremony this year, I can only say that you missed a beauty. First of all the Lord gave us a beautiful day to enjoy. The North Suburban Band did a fine job again. Commander Rick did a great job conducting the program, the speakers were interesting, and the three young people who covered Flanders Field were enjoyed. The return and presence of our Guard Unit made the ceremony extra special, especially since they all returned safely.

Wayne Wallace, I know that you put in many hours to make every Memorial Day a success. I have been to eighteen of these ceremonies and this was the best! You did a fine job filling in for our dear friend, Curt (Curt, we really miss you). Wayne, I want to personally thank you for keeping Memorial Day Programs alive at Post 102, and I hope that our Post never drops this fine event!

Bob Bleeke

County Veterans Advisory Board

Business conducted during the Anoka County Veterans Service Organization Advisory Board meeting May 16, 2005 included the election (for 2005) of Chair Gene Rafferty, Fridley Legion Post 303 and Vice-Chair Al Springer, Anoka Legion Post 102.

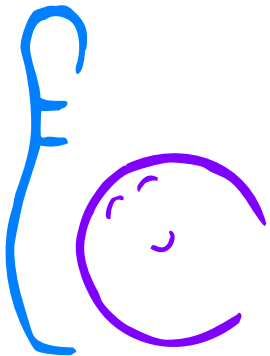
Post 102 will host the flag raising for the opening of the Anoka County Fair at 12 noon on Tuesday, July 26.

The Veterans Service Office report by Duane Krueger and Phil O'Donnell included the possibility of adding a second assistant because of the unprecedented increase of office business. Duane and Phil conduct seminars with local funeral homes, service organizations, senior caregiver support groups, churches, and the Lino Lakes MN Correctional Facility.

Duane will attend a June informational fair at the Anoka Armory informing National Guard and family members of their benefits. Phil attended the April Spring Conference for MN VSO's which included a presentation by the Polytrauma Center at Mpls. VAMC stressing the unique needs of returning injured Iraqi War veterans.

The Living History Project, recording of veterans stories and veterans interested in small-business start-up information was also part of the conference.

To read more about it – see the article in the June 2005 Minnesota Legionnaire, CVO's "backbone of veterans service".



Bowling Results

The 2005 American Legion State Bowling Tournament in Brainerd had 265 teams entered (full report and names in June issue, Minnesota Legionnaire).

The following placed from Anoka Post 102:

Team:	40th place – team #6
	54th place – team #1
	60th tie - team #8
Doubles:	9 placed
Singles:	19 placed
All Events:	5 placed

In the Super Singles, Howie Zunker (with his aches, pains & bandages) placed 5th!

The 2006 Tournament will be in Bloomington at Southtown Lanes.

Needed Items Sent To Iraq

I would like to thank everybody who donated snacks, games, blankets, batteries and seeds for planting to my cousin SFC Timothy Meyer, US Army, Prophet Platoon and his twelve men over in Iraq. I received an overwhelming outpouring of great items. I cannot express myself enough to say how thankful I am to be able to send these wonderful things on behalf of American Legion and Auxiliary members from Anoka Post and Unit 102.

Half of the items were sent in mid March and I just sent the other half the end of May. My cousin Tim is back in Iraq after a hospital stay (he was very sick) and he does know the second package is coming; he will let me know as soon as they get it.

Again I thank you very much, it really means a lot to these wonderful guys to receive these kinds of items.

Sue Amundson – Unit Member

ANOKA LEGION GOLF TOURNAMENT

Greenhaven Golf Course Saturday, Sept. 10, 2005



Contact:

Jerry Abeln
763-421-9652

Larry Kitt
763-535-4302

Can You Help?

A vintage WWII winter wool overcoat, Army brown in color, was brought to Post 102 within the past year.

This coat has staff sergeant stripes, a 2 inch round tri color patch in blue, gold and red. It also has inside the collar – the following: J5124 and V7982.

This coat, with other items, was given to the Anoka County Historical Society and they would like to know any background information available.

If you or someone you know brought this coat to the Post, please contact the Historical Society at 763-421-0600.



President's Column

Lynette Pavin

This is my last column as your Unit President. I would like to thank all of my officers and committee chairmen for doing such a good job this year.

Congratulations to President-elect Donna and her officers. I know you will support her as much as you did me.

Congratulations to Sandy Phillips, our new 10th District Auxiliary President. She was installed at the district convention in Clearwater. Other Unit 102 members installed were: Sue Nunnelee as District Secretary and Cathy Newman as District Sergeant-at-Arms. Congratulations are also given to those from the Legion and SAL who were also elected to District Offices and installed. Many members from our Unit attended the joint installation to see those from our Post, Unit, and Squadron installed.

The convention was held May 21 and 22 in Clearwater. Fourteen Unit members attended as delegates, alternates, or guests.

Unit 102 received 4 awards. The Hurley Award for Community Service; the Mary Ann Walker Award for Junior Activities; the Deschene Award for Junior Activities and the Vicky Zable Public Relations Award for Public Relations.

Poppy contest winners were Donna Redepenning - 1st Place for centerpieces; 1st Place for wreaths. Cathy Newman - 2 place for centerpieces.

Have a safe summer and remember that our programs do not stop during the summer just because we do not have meetings in July and August. Please continue volunteering and keeping a record of your hours so that the Unit can receive credit.

SUNDAY BRUNCH

During July and August, the Sunday Brunch at the Post will not be held (June also was cancelled).

Held on the second Sunday of the month, whether the Brunch returns in September and continues during the year depends very much on the support of Post, Unit and SAL members.

Have you partaken of this delicious brunch lately?

Working on 2006 Membership

The call went out to surprise Sandy Phillips with as many renewal memberships as possible (in little more than 2 weeks time) and present them to her at her installation as Tenth District President at the Clearwater Convention.

So beginning with four members at the May 3 Unit meeting paying their dues (Marlene Palm, Kathy Zwerdling, Karen Orr and Karen Sue Orr), a total of 128 paid members was gathered by May 20 and presented the following Sunday to Sandy – she was very pleasantly surprised!

Thank you to all those 97 seniors (which included 32 of 35 past presidents) and 30 junior members who responded so willingly. Our Unit goal for this year is to reach our District GOAL before Early Bird Dinner in October – that's only (approximately) 232 more to go!!

2006 Senior Dues Notices from National Office
will be coming to your mailbox in late July

Junior member notices will be sent from me that same time

Dues are:

Seniors/\$20 Juniors/\$3.50 Past Pres.Parley/\$3

Betty Erickson, Chairman

Past Presidents/Gold Star Mothers Lunch

On June 4th, 17 Past Presidents, 2 Gold Star Mothers and 1 Fifty year member enjoyed lunch at Tanners. Gold Star Mothers Ruth LeNoue and Nancy Dehn were in attendance. They were each presented with an Auxiliary pin that had a gold star in the center. They were each very appreciative of the lunch and pin.

Several Door Prizes were given out and a lot of good visiting went on. Despite the rain, it was an enjoyable afternoon.

Congratulations to next years Parley Co-chairman, Betty Erickson and Joyce Smith.



Kathy Zwerdling and Barb Fechner
Past Pres. Parley Co-Chairmen

SANDY'S SCRIBBLES

by Sandy Phillips, Secretary

The last meeting of the Auxiliary year was held on June 6th with President Lynette Pavin presiding. Our meeting was opened with a special song written by unit member Jean Johnson, entitled "I wave my Flag with Pride", and was sung to the tune of the "Battle Hymn of the Republic" by the unit members. This was enjoyed by all present.

Education chairman Mary Cameron reported that she presented scholarships at the Anoka Senior High Scholarship night. Mary made a motion to increase our scholarships next year by \$50. Motion carried. If budget allows we will give out two \$450 Scholarships next year.

Girls State Chairman Kathy Zwerdling made a motion to approve \$35.00 spending money for each girl attending Girls State. Motion carried. Kathy read a thank you from last year's girls state attendee Melissa Croteau (see page 9).

Sue Nunnelee, 10th District Girls State Chairman reported that the Ice Breaker held at our post on May 15th was a success and thanked everyone for their help.

Junior Activities chairman Sue Nunnelee reported that the Juniors helped distribute Poppies on Poppy Day. Newly elected 10th District President Heather Smith laid a wreath with her grandfather Jerry Abeln honoring the Korean War veterans and Kendra Smith laid a wreath on behalf of the Junior Auxiliary at the Post Memorial Service.

VA&R chairmen Cathy Newman reported that she and Co-chairman Kathy Westlund hosted Bingo on May 16th at AMRTC. They will be going to the Minneapolis VA on June 8th to play 6-5-4.

Poppy chairman Dody Schanhaar reported on a most successful Poppy Day. See her article elsewhere in this paper.

The Unit approved the purchase of a new unit banner as the one we have was in desperate need of replacement.

Delegates for Department Convention to be held in Moorhead July 21st, 22nd and 23rd were elected. They are: Sandy Phillips, Donna Redepenning, Cathy Newman and Betty Redepenning. Alternates selected were: Jan Reiter, Mary Cameron, Sue Nunnelee, and Kathy Zwerdling.

President Lynette's dinner will be held June 27th at Billys. If you wish to attend please call Lynette at 421-1840 or me at 754-3800.

This is my last article as your Unit Secretary. I wish much success to our newly elected officers and hope to see many of you at our first meeting in September. I wish to thank all Unit 102 members for their support as I take on the challenge of being 10th District President. Hopefully I won't miss too many meetings because of my District obligations.

Final 2005 Auxiliary Report Total Senior & Junior Membership – 368

Edward B. Cutter Unit 102 reached **Goal +1 of 360 on January 8** at Mid-Winter in Princeton, **All Time High of 367 on February 25**, then 368 on March 31, 2005.

Thanks to all of the 301 seniors and 43 juniors who **renewed** their membership and to the **new** members; juniors Chelsea Bednar (Mom Kathy Bednar) and Lauren Rice (Grandma Della McArdle) and the following 20 seniors:

Sue Amundson	Glenda Laswell
Holly Bauman	Mary Mowery
Andrea Carver	Misty O'Connor
Darlene Croteau	Karen Sue Orr (rein)
Jiliane Hartfiel	Barbara Rogne
Tammy Hesli	Beth Schleper
Sally Higley	Linda Schultz
Beckie Hildebrand	Darlene Thell
Rhonda Johnson	Char Thompson
Judy Kirchner (rein)	Sigrid Timmer

Transferring into Unit 102 were Kathy Bednar (from Tri-City Unit 513) and Marjorie Davidson (from Aviation Unit 511); both ladies will be counted as Unit 102 members for 2006 as both had already paid their 2005 dues.

Congratulations to the two juniors (with their ALA member relative) who graduated into senior membership (age 18):

Cassie Fisher (Mom Candy Fisher)
Bridgette Wagner (Step Mom Barb Wagner)

From December 2003 to this date, Unit 102 has lost the following members:

Marjorie Tix – December 21, 2003 – 41 year member
Pat Wallace – July 14, 2004 – 34 year member
(Past President 1974-75 Jerry Abeln, Commander)
Betty Batters – February 15, 2005 – 31 year member

Thanks to all who paid their 2005 dues early; to the Past Presidents, Unit members and pull-tab ladies who reminded everyone and collected dues; to all who gathered new members especially Pres. Lynette and Marianne Voit who will receive a star membership pin (and me). Special thanks to Treasurer Jeanene, President Lynette (membership board) and Secretary Sandy (great thank-you letter).

Betty Erickson, Chairman

Annual NALPA Contest

The Edward B. Cutter Post 102 newspaper has again entered the National American Legion Press Association's "Best Papers Contest" with these three issues: July/August 2004, November 2004 and December 2004. Entries will be judged by graduate students at the University of Minnesota School of Journalism and Mass Communication.

Awards will be presented during the National Convention in Honolulu, Hawaii on August 22 at the annual NALPA banquet. Al Zdon, editor of the Minnesota Legionnaire, has served as NALPA President for 2004-2005.

Poppy Day

The Unit thanks the public for their generous response. All funds from poppies are used only for Veterans and their families under the Veterans Affairs & Rehab and Children & Youth programs.

Poppy Card Days were held beginning April 4 and we thank the following businesses who contributed to the program:

Local Oil	Goulds Jewelry
E.J. Automotive	Sparky's Cafe
Grosslein Beverage	Looking Good Hair Salon
AFC Technologies	Slims Motor Clinic
Cottons Automotive	Amish Corner
Lehmans	Cowboy Mels
Tonis Flowers	Dr. Keller D.D.S.
Wells Fargo Bank	Thurston-Lindberg Funeral Home
Gearhart Funeral Home	Optical Studios
Larry Grahams Auto Repair	J&J Auto

Your support is greatly appreciated!

We were lucky to have a rain-free day on May 20th, Poppy Day. It was a real team effort of Auxiliary, Juniors, Legion and SAL members to make it a successful day. This year Poppy cards and Poppies brought in \$2,372.85.

In addition to the 15 Auxiliary members plus the pull-tab ladies and bartenders, others who helped were:

Legion Members:

Jerry Abeln, Dick Schanhaar, Larry Phillips, Joyce Bombarger and Commander Rick Oelschlager.

SAL Member - Charlie Heemer

Juniors:

Heather and Kendra Smith, Sammi Hicks, Ashley Toikka and Samantha Odegard.

I want to thank those who signed a Poppy Card with a donation at the Post clubrooms. It really shows we care about supporting our Veterans programs.

Thanks again,
Dody Schanhaar - Chairman

Thank you letters received:

Dear American Legion Auxiliary Members,

First and foremost, this letter is to thank you for sending me to the **2004** session of **Girls State**. But before I do so, I am pleased to inform you that I received the American Legion Memorial Scholarship last month. I will be using the money to pursue my education at St. Cloud State University and obtain a degree in Broadcast journalism.

Not only was Girls State a privilege, but an honor to attend. I thoroughly enjoyed my stay and will not forget my encounters anytime soon. I appreciate your sponsorship and support, without you, I would've never had this wonderful experience. During the week of Girls State, I learned so many new things while having fun and making memories for which I am truly grateful. I wish every high school girl could have an opportunity such as this. Your contribution made my week a success and I am so fortunate to have worked with you. I appreciate being chosen to represent Anoka at last years Girl State and I wish the new girls selected the best of luck. I cannot thank you enough.

Sincerely,
Melissa Croteau, 2004 Girls State

American Legion Post 102,

I received the **American Legion Scholarship** Award last spring (at Anoka High's scholarship night) and I am writing to let you know what I have done since then! I am a freshman at New York University in New York City, and I have declared a major in Philosophy. Thanks you so much for the scholarship last year – it has helped me have an amazing college experience!

Sincerely,
Lindsay A. Erickson

Thank you very much for the wonderful **scholarship!** It will really help me in paying for college.

Thank you,
Jill Hart

Thank you so much for the **\$1,000 scholarship**. It was definitely an honor to be recognized by my school for my accomplishments. Your generous gift will be used towards my education next year. I will be attending Concordia College in Moorhead where I hope to study physical therapy or broadcast journalism. Thanks again for your generosity!

Sincerely,
Alison DeGuise

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 102,

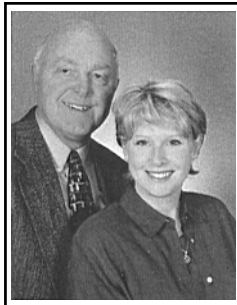
Thank you so much for choosing me to receive your **scholarship**. I really appreciate it and it will help pay for my classes in the fall. Thanks Again.

Sincerely,
Nicole Nagle

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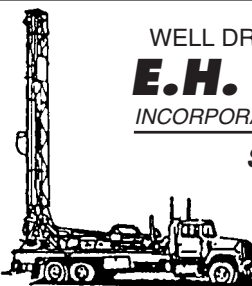
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Concerts in the Park George Green Bandshell 7:00 pm	July 21/22/23 Department Convention - Moorhead July 26th - 31st Anoka County Fair July 26th the Anoka Post 102 is hosting the Flag Raising at the Fair Grounds			Every Thursday: Ron's BBQ Ribs 5:00 - 8:00 pm Full Rack \$10.00 1/2 \$8.00	Meat Raffle 5:00 pm Bar Bingo 6:30 pm Legion Grill 5:00 - 8:30 pm Canada Day	Riverfest/Craft Fair 9:00 am - 5:00 pm Tour the Tour Ghosts of Anoka
Club Open 12-10 Bar Bingo 3:00 pm Bingo 7 pm Fireworks 10:00 pm Anoka Ice Arena 3	Club Open Annual Mayors Ice Cream Social George Green Park 12:00 - 4:00 pm	Post General Mem. 7:30 pm S.A.L. Meeting 7:00 pm No Auxiliary Meeting in July	SAL Sponsored Dinner 5:30-7:00 Steak or Chicken \$6.50 Pork Chop \$7.50 Bingo 7 pm	July 3, 1930: Cleo McLean Peterson (Mrs. Fritz) opened a circulating library book store at 1923 2nd Ave. S. (Unit 102 President 3 terms / 1924-26 and 1929-30)	Meat Raffle 5:00 pm Bar Bingo 6:30 pm Legion Grill 5 - 8:30 pm	
Club Open 12-10 Bar Bingo 3:00 pm Bingo 7 pm Sound of Simon 2nd Anoka Heritage Home & Garden Tour 10	Boy Scout Troop 631 Meeting 7 pm	NO NEWSPAPER MEETING THIS MONTH	Aux. Twin Rivers Bingo 2:15 pm SAL Sponsored Dinner 5:30-7:00 Steak or Chicken \$6.50 Pork Chop \$7.50 Bingo 7 pm	Week of July 16, 1969: Rick Sorenson Park dedicated (on Park Street)	Meat Raffle 5:00 pm Bar Bingo 6:30 pm Legion Grill 5:00 - 8:30 pm	
Club Open 12-10 Bar Bingo 3:00 pm Bingo 7 pm Legion Family Day/Twins Monarch 5:30 & 8:30 pm 17	Boy Scout Troop 631 Meeting 7 pm	House & Ent. Meeting 7:00 pm Aux. Casino Bus	SAL Sponsored Dinner 5:30-7:00 Steak or Chicken \$6.50 Pork Chop \$7.50 Bingo 7 pm	July 23, 1913: An electric clock was installed in front of State Bank (now Main Floral).	Meat Raffle 5:00 pm Bar Bingo 6:30 pm Legion Grill 5:00 - 8:30 pm	
Club Open 12-10 Bar Bingo 3:00 pm Bingo 7 pm Blue Drifters 24	Boy Scout Troop 631 Meeting 7 pm	Fair Flag raising 12:00 Noon Executive Board Meeting 7:00 pm	SAL Sponsored Dinner 5:30-7:00 Steak or Chicken \$6.50 Pork Chop \$7.50 Bingo 7 pm Armistice Day (flag at half staff) 27	July 29, 1924: Anoka High School has at last been paid in full (now Sandburg)		
Club Open 12-10 Bar Bingo 3:00 pm Bingo 7 pm Claire Von DeCrommert & Brian Glapa 31						

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<p>Concerts in the Park George Green Bandshell 7:00 pm</p>		<p>Post General Mem. 7:30 pm S.A.L. Meeting 7:00 pm No Auxillary Meeting In August 22nd Annual National Night Out</p>	<p>SAL Sponsored Dinner 5:30-7:00 Steak or Chicken \$6.50 Pork Chop \$7.50 Bingo 7 pm</p>	<p>Every Thursday: Ron's BBQ Ribs 5:00 - 8:00 pm Full Rack \$10.00 1/2 \$8.00</p>	<p>Meat Raffle 5:00 pm Bar Bingo 6:30 pm Legion Grill 5:00 - 8:30 pm</p>	<p>District Membership Rally & Pot Luck Pine City 12:00 Noon</p>
<p>Club Open 12-10 Bar Bingo 3:00 pm Bingo 7 pm</p>	<p>Boy Scout Troop 631 Meeting 7 pm</p>	<p>NEWSPAPER MEETING 7:00 pm Aug. 9, 1944: Rick Sorenson Day</p>	<p>SAL Sponsored Dinner 5:30-7:00 Steak or Chicken \$6.50 Pork Chop \$7.50 Bingo 7 pm Aux. Twin Rivers Bingo 2:15 pm</p>	<p>Aug. 1, 1942: new \$200,000 Main St. Bridge (Rum River) dedicated (used 26,000 sacks of cement)</p>	<p>Meat Raffle 5:00 pm Bar Bingo 6:30 pm Legion Grill 5 - 8:30 pm</p>	
<p>Club Open 12-10 Bar Bingo 3:00 pm Bingo 7 pm</p>	<p>Boy Scout Troop 631 Meeting 7 pm</p>	<p>House & Ent. Meeting 7:00 pm</p>	<p>SAL Sponsored Dinner 5:30-7:00 Steak or Chicken \$6.50 Pork Chop \$7.50 Bingo 7 pm</p>	<p>Aug. 17, 1926: School Board votes to start a high school band.</p>	<p>Meat Raffle 5:00 pm Bar Bingo 6:30 pm Legion Grill 5:00 - 8:30 pm</p>	
<p>Club Open 12-10 Bar Bingo 3:00 pm Bingo 7 pm</p>	<p>Boy Scout Troop 631 Meeting 7 pm</p>	<p>Executive Board Meeting 7:00 pm</p>	<p>SAL Sponsored Dinner 5:30-7:00 Steak or Chicken \$6.50 Pork Chop \$7.50 Bingo 7 pm</p>	<p>1956: Anoka Sportsman Conservation Club Carp-Catching Contest brings in 1,230 pounds.</p>	<p>Meat Raffle 5:00 pm Bar Bingo 6:30 pm Legion Grill 5:00 - 8:30 pm</p>	
<p><i>Coming In September</i></p>						
				<p>2-4 Legionville 5 Labor Day 6 Next Aux. Meeting 7:00 pm 10 Post Golf Tournament</p>	<p>11 Patriot Day 17 Next Junior Aux. Meeting 12 Noon TBA Past Presidents meeting</p>	