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BIRTHDAY DINNER

Saturday March 11 brought another American Legion Birthday Dinner to the Post. For some of you that missed the event you missed a good dinner with stuffed pork chops, green beans, red potatoes, salad, and rolls. And of course Birthday cake. The Unit 102 Auxiliary plans this dinner, and they did the work to making it all happen. Thank You for being part of Post 102 and every thing you do to help make this Post what it is.

Commander Darrel Redepenning and President Dawn McCrady presided over the event, and introduced the main speakers. 10th District President Beverly Otterness and Department Commander John Cox gave interesting talks. John was kidding Harvey (alias Wayne Wallace) about the times they had serving together in the Guard.

Pictured were all the Past Commanders and Past Presidents that joined the Birthday party to help celebrate the 88th Birthday of The American Legion. It just happens to be the 88th Birthday of Edward B. Cutter Post 102. The Post and The American Legion were both founded the same year. Even though the Post was given its charter in August of that year we celebrate it together.

The Ladies Drill Squad was kind enough to give the Post a Birthday card with a check inside. The ladies work hard to raise money for the projects they do for/with the American Legion. The Sons of The American Legion also handed Commander Darrel a check. The checks were earmarked for new tables for the hall. Some of the tables we are using now are getting tired and are ready to retire. Gee that sounds like a good idea, I wonder if I can get them to donate to my retirement? Probably not! The Ladies Auxiliary also gave Commander Darrel a card with a promise to plant flowers this spring with the help of the Juniors.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who had a hand in making this American Legion Birthday a success.

THANK YOU ALL!
Junior Past Commander Rick Oelschlager

Dept. Cmdr. John Cox, Cmdr. Darrel Redepenning, Pres. Dawn McCrady, SAL Squadron Vice Cmdr. Lance Nelson and 10th Dist. Pres. Bev Otterness

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Poppy Card Days begin April 20th

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ADJUTANT'S NOTES

by Wayne D. Wallace

The Post Executive Committee meeting held February 27, 2007 heard the minutes from the previous meeting and reports from finance, clubroom and gambling.

Our Post sponsored Boy Scout Troop 631 has terminated it's charter due to the lack of boys interested in scouting. However, Boy Scout Troop 233 sponsored by Zion Lutheran Church in Anoka has been having problems with meeting space and an agreement was reached with members of this Post and Troop 233 whereby Troop 233 can use our Post facilities for their meetings and functions.

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 March 6, 2007 heard the minutes from the previous meeting and reports from Post officers and committee chairmen.

Adjutant reported Post member Elmer Redman had passed away since the last meeting.

First Vice Commander Gary Munkholm reported (826) members have signed up for 2007. There are still about (33) Post members, with a significant number of continuous membership years who have not yet renewed their membership for 2007. For whatever reason, we don't quite know but we are hoping they will consider renewing their dues.

The following Lawful Purpose donations/expenses projected for March 2007 were approved by the Post General Membership:

1.	ACBC Foodshelf	$3,000
2.	Legionville (Donation)	500
3.	City of Anoka (Water/light costs)	2,100
4.	Centerpoint Energy (Gas costs)	3,500
5.	American Legion Family Hospital Association	500
6.	St. Cloud VAMC (Wheelchair tables)	250
7.	Anoka Senior Party Assoc. (Safe evening for graduating Sr.'s)	500
8.	United States Treasury (Tax on wagering)	600
9.	Dept. of MN - Legion (Baseball kit for Legion Baseball Team)	100
10.	Boy Scout Troop 233 (Assist troop with expenses)	115
11.	Country Flags (Purchase POW/MIA Flags)	80
12.	American Legion Emblem Sales (Baseball insignias)	66
13.	Assist needy veterans/families	1,500
14.	Emergency money	500

Total taxes paid on gambling proceeds for February 2007:
Minnesota Revenue: $9,759 U.S. Treasury: $388

Next Post General Membership meeting is April 3, 2007. If possible we would encourage more members to attend these short informative meetings. The meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30 pm.

Post 102 extends sincere sympathy to the family of

ELMER L. REDMEN

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

Jackpot

We want to thank everyone who joined us on the overnite bus trip to Jackpot Casino on the 2nd and 3rd of March.

Thank you for supporting this Auxiliary fundraiser used for veterans, children & youth, community, etc. programs. A special thank you to those who donated prizes for the bingo on board and those who helped load and unload the bus.

The next overnite to Jackpot will be in October – watch your Post Paper (and the website) for details.

Carol & Sandy – Co-Chairmen

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Commander's Column

Darrel Redepenning

Howdy Legionnaires,

It's springtime, Happy Easter! This winter wasn't as bad as some but, the change in weather is always uplifting. Welcome home snowbirds!

March 10th was our annual American Legion Birthday Dinner sponsored by our ladies Auxiliary. After a great dinner by Catering Central we moved on to our program and recognized all past commanders, past presidents and 50 year members present from Post 102. Our special guest speakers for the evening were Department Commander John Cox and 10th District President Bev Otterness. The evening included birthday cake served by the Jr. Auxiliary, Happy Birthday sung by Jean Johnson and several birthday presents. Without a doubt it felt like a birthday party! On behalf of all Post 102 Legionnaires I would like to thank the ladies Auxiliary, the Jr.'s, the S.A.L. and the ladies drill squad for the birthday presents. A great time was had by all.

Aside from nicer weather, April also ushers in testimonial dinners for District and Department leaders, followed by District conventions. Looks like Legion life will get a little busy!

That's all for now, thanks for all your support and I hope to see yo at the Post.

S.A.L. NEWS

by

Commander Al Amundson

Greetings to All,

Many thanks to all who turned out to help make our Annual "Meet the Members" event a success. We had over 80 members and guests attending. Your contributions helped us raise $280 for the Food Shelf (along with many pounds of actual food). Thanks to Jim Batters and the kitchen crew we had plenty of good food, with some left over. A thank you is in order to Marianne and Lynette for helping us at the sign-in table and with tickets. A word of appreciation to our Membership Director, Charlie Heemer, for all of his hard work. A special thank you to Dennis Blue from the Coon Rapids Post who again helped us by officiating as emcee. In addition to Post Officers, some of which are dual members and helped us out, we were fortunate to have several S.A.L. and Legion officers from both our District and the State in attendance. A word of appreciation and thanks to all of you.

I would like to say Congratualations to The American Legion on your 88th Anniversary. We had nine S.A.L. members at our Post Birthday Dinner on March 10. Although, I was unable to attend, I would like to thank our Vice Commander, Lance Nelson, for filling in. Many of you may not be aware that this year is also the 75th Anniversary of the Sons of The American Legion.

I would like to mention that we have quite a few S.A.L. Squadron 102 shirts available, both t-shirt and golf. With spring just around the corner, any S.A.L. members interested in purchasing one, please contact one of our officers.

Our next General Membership meeting is Tuesday, April 3, at 7:00 p.m. Please plan on attending.

Until next month... "Whatever it takes"

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TRIVIA

1. Who was the original author?
2. What was the author's profession?
3. When and where was it first used?
4. What year was it officially approved?

INTERESTING PLEDGE INFORMATION

"One Nation indivisible" referred to the outcome of the Civil War.

The Pledge was originally said with the hand resting first outward from the chest and then extending from the body. After Hitler rose to power in Europe, some Americans thought this arm/hand position too closely resembled the salute by the Nazi military. So that practice was changed by Congress in 1942 to the right hand placed flat over the heart.

The song "Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag", composed by Irving Caesar, was sun for the first time on the floor of the House of Representatives on Flag Day, June 14, 1955 by the official Air Force choral group, the "Singing Sergeants".

PLEDGE TRIVIA ANSWERS

1. Francis Bellamy (although James Upham has also been credited the authorship). The Pledge was published anonymously and was not copyrighted.
2. Bellamy was ordained at the Baptist Church in Little Falls, New York in 1879.
3. The Pledge was first used at the dedication of the World's Fair Grounds in Chicago in 1892.
4. The Pledge was officially designated by Public Law 287, 79th Congress and approve in 1945.

Birthday Dinner Pictures

Past Commanders (front to back & left to right)
Dick Schanhaar, Gordy Berquist, Donald Hostetler,
Dept. Cmdr. John Cox, Rick Oelschlager, Wayne Wallace,
Bob Duclos, Larry Phillips, Darrel Redepenning,
Cliff Newman and Jim Hays

Past Presidents (front to back & left to right)
Mary Cameron, Dody Schanhaar, Doris Adkins,
Lorraine Hostetler, Lynette Pavin, Sue Nunnelee, Lenora Root,
Barb Fechner, Sandy Phillips, Kathy Zwerdling,
Pres. Dawn McCarty, Donna Redepenning, Cathy Newman,
Nancy Bever and Dist. Pres. Bev Otterness

Presidents: Jr. Unit - Taylor Hagen,
Jr. 10th Dist. - Meaghan Hunt
Dept. - Bev Otterness
Unit - Dawn McCrady

Plant Sale 2007

Our Plant Sale will start on April 3rd and as in the past, our Auxiliary members are selling coupons for Hanging Flower Baskets. These flowers are grown from start to finish in Green Valley Greenhouse in Ramsey. They produce high quality plants with bright and vibrant colors.

The profits from these sales will go toward our many Veterans programs. So take a moment and buy a plant from us and enjoy the rest of the summer.

Lenora Root, Chairman

Anoka Auxiliary Unit 102
Spring-Mothers Day
Plant Sale

Price $16.50

Buy Plant Tickets
April 3rd – May 15th 2007
at Anoka Legion Pull Tab Booth
or from a Auxiliary Member

Make checks payable to
Anoka Unit 102

Impatients ~ Ivy Geraniums
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Swedish Ivy
Many more selections available

Plant Pick-Up Times
April 21st – June 9th 2007
at Green Valley Greenhouse
Ramsey, MN

Proceeds help support our
Veterans and Community Programs

Sewing Bee

Members of the Past Presidents Parley and Unit got together February 21 at the Post and made 20 heart pillows and 7 monitor holders for patients at the Minneapolis VA Medical Center. Also made were one dozen "cool scarves" to be sent to the troops.

Attending were Doris Nunnelee, Jeanene Hays and Jewel Hastings with parley members Donna Redepenning, Sue Nunnelee, Jan Reiter, Cathy Newman, Sandy Phillips, Kathy Zwerdling, Betty Erickson and Karen Orr.

Sandy Phillips & Cathy Newman
Co-chairmen

President's Column

Dawn McCrady

Hello Everyone!

Spring is definitely on it's way. Winter can seem so long sometimes. I believe the snow birds are on their way back if not back already. Welcome back to Minnesota snow birds. I hope you had a nice winter.

The birthday dinner seemed to go very well. It was nice to see you all there. I hope you all enjoyed the dinner and the messages from our guests.

Commander Darrel commented on us being a country at war right now and how the war is becoming very unpopular and how we need to continue to show our support of our troops. I agree with him. We do need to continue to do what we can to make sure our troops know of our support. As an organization I think we have done well so far. No veteran should ever feel the lack of support that the Vietnam veterans felt. Thank you for doing what you all can to insure that today's troops don't have to experience that.

After our March meeting SAL Vice Commander Lance approached me. The SAL has given us a donation to send a third girl to girls state. Thank you so much SAL. Your support and the donation is greatly appreciated.

We also had our White Elephant auction after the meeting. This is always a good time and always seems to bring out a lot of laughs. There is often a few bidding wars as well which seems to add to the fun. This fund raiser did well, we received about $300. During our meeting it was discussed and decided that the proceeds of this auction would be divided. Half of the proceeds going to the Department Commanders project which is Legionville and half going to the Serviceman's Center. We made the donation to Legionville. At the Birthday dinner we presented Department Commander John with a card informing him of our donation.

The April meeting will be April 3. I will not be present. First vice president Nora Wyman will be taking charge of it that night. I will be home caring for our newest member. Who at the time I am writing this has not yet arrived but could arrive any day.

I hope you all have a great April. I will see you in May.

Your President,
Dawn McCrady

Auction Animals

President Dawn with rabbits, bears and a lamb successfully bid on and gotten by Grandpa-to-be Leon for the newest-to-be Junior Auxiliary member of Unit 102

JAN'S JOTTINGS

The regular meeting of Unit 102 was held on March 6, 2007 with 17 members present, with President Dawn McCrady presiding. She tells us not to count on her next month, however! Something about bringing a new Junior Auxiliary member into the world! Will keep you posted next month!

Juniors:
Chairman Sue Nunnelee reported that the Juniors met February 17th and made entries for the District and Department Junior Conferences. The District Junior Conference will be at Fridley on March 31st.

Finance:
The Finance Committee met in March to review the budget now that we have had some successful fund raisers. Some of the donations left out of the budget at the beginning of the year were revisited and approved.

Leadership:
Packets were distributed to those present and March 27th Chairman Jan will meet with everyone at the Legion to do work on our annual reports.

Poppy:
Chairman Dody Schanhaar reported that Poppy Card Days starts April 21st and Poppy Day will be May 21st. Lots of help will be needed to distribute Poppy Cards and Poppies. Consider donating an hour or two to help out. Consider donating an hour or two to help out **(call Dody 421-3966 if you can help with Poppy cards on Wed. nights or going to the business places or distributing poppies on Poppy Day)**.

Fund Raisers:
The last Hamburger Sunday was the largest ever! It was voted on and passed to bring bars and sell them for $.50 each. This was a huge success last time. The Auxiliary does this as a fund raiser the 1st Sunday of the month.

The casino overnight bus trip to Jackpot Junction on March 2nd and 3rd was a success. We will again be selling plants from Green Valley Greenhouse in April and May. The next day trip to the Hinckley Casino will be on March 20th.

Lunch was served by Sandy Phillips, Dody Schanhaar and Mary Cameron.

The annual White Elephant Auction followed the Unit Meeting.

Sandy Phillips – Acting Secretary

Credits: Anoka historical items from the Fred Moore Middle School Calendar Club

April 2007

April is Children & Youth Month

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Club Open 12-10 **Bar Bingo 3:00 pm** Bingo 7 pm **Burgers/Fund Raiser** **2-6 pm Auxiliary** **1**	**Teen Town Hall** *Opening on Saturday night April 7, 1945 in the 2nd floor auditorium of City Hall, Teen Town Hall finally became (after a years' planning) a place for teenagers in Anoka.* *Donated by the city commission but community organizations that helped to make it a reality included the Jr. Chamber of Commerce, Community Playshop, High School PTA, Philolections, Kiwanis and American Legion Post 102.* *(City Hall and the Anoka Fire Station – 1 building - was located on Main Street between 2nd & 3rd Avenues where the Durkins parting lot is now.)* **2**	**Post General Mem.** 7:30 pm **S.A.L.** Mtg. 7:00 pm **Auxiliary** Mtg. 7:00 pm Reports Due **3**	**SAL Sponsored** **Dinner 5:30-7:00** **Steak, Chicken, Pork Chop or Shrimp $6.50** **Steak & Shrimp Combo $9.00** **Karaoke** **8-11 pm** **4**	**Every Thursday:** **Ron's BBQ Ribs** **5:00 - 8:00 pm** **Full Rack $11.00** **1/2 Rack $9.00** **5**	Meat Raffle 5:00 pm Bar Bingo 6:30 pm Legion Grill 5:00 - 8:30 pm **Music 8:30-12:30** **Mirror Image** **Good Friday** **6**	**Music** **8:30-12:30** **Mirror Image** **7**
EASTER **Club Closed** **8**		**NEWSPAPER MEETING 7:00 PM** **WEB 8:00 PM** **10**	**SAL Sponsored** **Dinner 5:30-7:00** **Steak, Chicken, Pork Chop or Shrimp $6.50** **Steak & Shrimp Combo $9.00** **Karaoke 8-11 pm** **Aux. Twin Rivers Bingo 2:30 pm** **11**	*April 12, 1943:* *War Bond Drive Starts* **12**	Meat Raffle 5:00 pm Bar Bingo 6:30 pm Legion Grill 5:00 - 8:30 pm **Music 8:30-12:30** **Fire and Spice** **13**	**Jr. Aux. Dept. Conf.** **Nicollet - 3rd District** **Music** **8:30-12:30** **Fire and Spice** **14**
Club Open 12-10 **Bar Bingo 3:00 pm** Bingo 7 pm **Burgers/Fund Raiser** **1-6 pm SAL** **15**		**Aux. Casino Bus** **Hinckley** **House & Ent.** Meeting 7:00 pm **17**	**SAL Sponsored** **Dinner 5:30-7:00** **Steak, Chicken, Pork Chop or Shrimp $6.50** **Steak & Shrimp Combo $9.00** **Karaoke** **8-11 pm** **18**	**19**	**Poppy Card Days begin April 20th** Meat Raffle 5:00 pm Bar Bingo 6:30 pm Legion Grill 5:00 - 8:30 pm **20**	**Dist. Cmdr.** **Allen Karie** **Testimonial** **Maple Lake** **21**
Club Open 12-10 **Bar Bingo 3:00 pm** Bingo 7 pm **Burgers/Fund Raiser** **1-6 pm Color Guard** **22**		**Executive Board** Meeting 7:00 pm **24**	**SAL Sponsored** **Dinner 5:30-7:00** **Steak, Chicken, Pork Chop or Shrimp $6.50** **Steak & Shrimp Combo $9.00** **Karaoke** **8-11 pm** **25**	**County Day** **8:30 am** **Anoka Co.** **Govt. Center** **Lunch / Post 102** **26**	Meat Raffle 5:00 pm Bar Bingo 6:30 pm Legion Grill 5:00 - 8:30 pm **Music 8:30-12:30** **Front Row** **27**	**Dist. SAL Cmdr.** **Wayne Maltingley** **Testimonial - Osseo** **Music** **8:30-12:30** **Front Row** **28**
Club Open 12-10 **Bar Bingo 3:00 pm** Bingo 7 pm **Burgers/Fund Raiser** **2-6 pm Auxiliary** **29**	**30**	**COMING IN MAY** **1st** Jr./Sr. Pot Luck Supper **4th** Dept. Cmdr. Testimonial / Stillwater **12th** Dept. Pres. Testimonial / Pequot Lakes **13th** Mothers Day **18th** Poppy Day **19-20** Dist. Convention / Clearwater **28th** Memorial Day Service / Veterans Memorial			**Poppy Card Days begin April 20: Poppy cards will be available at the pull-tab booth in the Post Clubooms; members and patrons will be able to donate and sign a card - cards will be displayed in the club. Anoka businesses will also be contacted.** **All Poppy donations are given to veterans and their families - all money is used from the Poppy Fund.**	

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