

INSTALLATION 2011-2012

June 16th Ceremonies



L-R: Bill G., Norah, Fadi and Bill K.

Past District Commander (2010-11) Darrel Redepenning conducted the installation ceremonies for FADI AWAIJANE as Post 102 Commander; BILL KNIGHT as SAL Commander and BILL GRANTZ as Legion Rider Director. Past 10th District President (2008-09) Sue Nunnelee installed NORAH WYMAN as Unit President for a second term (2007-08).

Past Anoka Commanders and Presidents installed the new Post, Unit and SAL officers with Bill Golden as Sgt.-at-Arms. Following the ceremony, everyone enjoyed the lunch prepared by Cathy Newman.

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ADJUTANT'S NOTES

by Gary Munkholm

A hearty welcome to newest members of Anoka Post 102 James Blaska, William Attridge, Terrance Augustson, Wayne Steinke, Richard Bergling, Shawn Whitney, Max Evertz and Dennis Kantor. We hope to see you at future meetings and join us in fellowship during other times of the week.

Paul Adler announced at our last meeting that the EMT unit we sponsored took 1st place in a recent competition and our juniors shooting team took 3rd place at the Nationals.

The second round of reminders has been sent out for paying your dues. Don't forget that you can pay your dues on line and then you won't have to use a stamp to mail it in.

The National American Legion Convention will be held in Minneapolis August 26 to Sept 1, 2011. If you are interested in walking in the parade on August 28th we need more volunteers so leave your name and phone number with the Commander if interested. Our goal for the National Parade is to have the largest group of Legion members on the street from our own state of Minnesota.

The general membership voted to spend \$315 each for our men's and women's softball teams to cover fall registration in fall softball leagues.

Post Service Officer Frank Menter was awarded an Eagle statue for being the Department's Volunteer of the year. The award was accepted by Commander Awaijane at last month's Department Convention in Mahnomon and presented to Frank at our last general membership meeting.

Post 102 Legion Riders Director Bill Grantz along with Tony and Trixie Bezenar presented an American Legion Riders flag, stand, and flagpole with eagle on the top to the Legion Post at the last general membership meeting.

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

Legion Baseball Team New Ulm tournament and lodging	... \$1,000
Youth emergency medical training opportunity 250
North Suburban Concert Band donation 500
Assist needy Veterans or Family 1,500
Emergency money 500

The club is looking for volunteers to help cut and trim our Club Property. If interested in helping please contact

**Frank Menter
763-421-7277**



Post 102 extends sincere sympathy to the families of



HENRY C. JOHNSON

Henry was a 63 year member of The American Legion and a World War II Veteran

DONALD J. HAUB

Donald was a 52 year member of The American Legion and a Korean War Veteran

DENNIS A. HALVORSON

Dennis was a 30 year member of The American Legion and a World War II Veteran

RICHARD E. KIECKER

Richard was a 24 year member of The American Legion and a Vietnam War Veteran

ROGER W. WAKEFIELD

Roger was a 23 year member of The American Legion and a Vietnam War Veteran

QUINLEY T. FREE

Quinley was a 22 year member of The American Legion and a World War II Veteran

DEAN A. POLYMEROS

Dean was a 18 year member of The American Legion and a Vietnam War Veteran



The 105

The four young men who scraped, brushed, cleaned and painted the 105 Howitzer at the Veterans Memorial at Ward Park are pictured above (not in order) – Peter Day, Jake Oliverson, Thomas Ranaley and Nick Ward. See the full article in the July/August 2011 issue.

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Commander's Column

Fadi A. Awaijane



Greetings fellow Legionnaires,

First, I would like to thank the membership of Post 102 in putting trust in me to be Commander for the year of 2011 – 2012. I am looking forward to working with each and every one of you to keep this Post a successful one.

As the New Year begins and the old comes to an end, I would like to thank Ron Wolford and his officer's for a job well done.

Department Convention was held in Mahanomen, Minnesota July 14 thru the 16th, thanks to all the members who attended. Post 102 received the following awards.

- Lindell Community Service Bell
- School Patrol Trophy
- Joseph Finley Trophy
- Hanson Education Trophy

Also Frank Menter received the Volunteer of the year Award from Operation Post Home. Congratulations Frank!

Our Post and Ladies Auxiliary took part in the Annual Flag Raising Ceremony at the Anoka County Fair July 26th.

Please remember to keep our veterans, service members and their families in your thoughts and prayers every day, so that our deployed soldiers may return home safely. Again, thank you for your support, I hope to see you at the next general membership meeting the 1st Tuesday of the month at 7:30 pm.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE!!!

My name is Fadi Awaijane, my nationality is Lebanese; I became a U.S. citizen in 1983 while I was attending the University of Minnesota ROTC program. Here is a little bit of my background, I immigrated to the US from Lebanon at the age of 12; during the Lebanese civil war in 1976; my family settled in Minnesota.

I went to Southwest High School in Minneapolis and the University of Minnesota.

At the age of seventeen I joined the National Guard, I am eligible for the Legion through my service in the Army during the Lebanon Granada era. I was also past president for the Anoka Lions.

My wife Jocelyne and I have been married for 24 years and we have one daughter, her name is Nawal. She is 21 years old, and she is a Pharmacy Technician. Nawal also volunteers for the American Red Cross as an EMT.

Commander Fadi A. Awaijane



S.A.L. NEWS Commander Bill Knight

My name is William (Bill) Knight and I have been elected as your new Commander for the year 2011-2012. Some of you know me as the Bingo caller. I am a Duel member of Post 102 for the past 3 years. I am a veteran of Grenada, Desert Storm. I am a member of the American Legion post 102 color guard. I also own a Remodeling Business in Coon Rapids MN. I am a father of 4 children (Christopher (25) currently serving in Kuwait, Sarah (17), Sophia (18mos.) and our newest member to our family, Ashlynn (3wks.). I have been a police officer in the city of St. Paul for over 13 years, retired in 1996. Most of my family are Veterans. I am looking forward to serving as your commander for this year. I have many ideas that I would like to share with all of the members that I think will benefit the S.A.L .

The only thing is to hear my ideas or any of your fellow members ideas you will have to show up to a meeting or two. I will say this if you are serious about being a member of the S.A.L. it takes more than just paying your dues, it takes participating in some of the meetings, dinners, special events, and such to see where your dues are being put to use. I am looking forward to meeting all of you some time during the year. Ideas, comments, or complaints fall on deaf ears if they are not said at the meetings.

I will always have an open ear to listen to anyone's ideas, complaints, or comments. Nothing will be over looked, tossed aside while I am your commander.

I would like to give special thanks to Charlie, Al, and Roland for attending the District 10 Rally at the Coon Rapids Legion on August 7th, 2011. There was a lot of food; I wasn't able to stay for the whole rally due to a family emergency. Don't forget about Camp-o-Ree at Legionville coming this month. The Wednesday night dinners are a success however they won't stay this way unless Lance, Al, Greg, Lynette get some help in the Kitchen. So if you could please take some time and stop in and see what is happening in the kitchen on Wednesday nights and you might just want to put on an apron and help out.

September is going to be an eventful month. We will be having a Legion Family Cookout for any and all members of the American Legion Post 102 (Riders, S.A.L., Auxiliary, and Legion Members). More Information will be posted at the Legion and on the web site.

Thank you all for your future support as your commander.

POST 102 FAMILY COOK-OUT
Saturday, September 17
Noon – 4:00 pm
Post Clubrooms

Stop in, enjoy, eat, visit with your fellow members – Legion, Auxiliary, SAL, Riders. Show your current card and if you haven't yet paid for 2012, you can get it done that day.

2011 Scholarship Recipients



American Legion School Award
Brittany Fedje



American Legion School Award
Connor McMahon



American Legion
Clarence A. Visneski
Memorial Scholarships
Ashley Brastad & Megan Eide



American Legion Theresa Erickson
Memorial Nursing Scholarship
Courtney Schiedecker



American Legion
Marvin L. Gilbertson
Memorial Scholarship
Brenna Morgan



Am. Legion Gerald F. Raney
Memorial Scholarship
Nancy Olanda



American Legion
Myron A. Way
Memorial Scholarship
Spencer Specht



American Legion
C. Merion Hicks
Memorial Scholarship
Brian Wolf



Am. Legion Warren C. Feist
Memorial Scholarship
Jessie Wardarski

Minnesota Centershots

The MN Centershots Precision Junior Rifle Team competed in the National 3-Position Air Rifle Junior Olympics June 26th to July 2nd in Camp Perry, Ohio. This event, by invitation only through a state qualifying match, was conducted by the Civilian Marksmanship Program and USA Shooting – the National governing body for Olympic style shooting in the United States.

The four-person team of Patrick Sunderman, Scott Chester, Allie Taschuk and Luke Taschuk each surpassed their individual best record and fired a team score of 2327 out of a possible 2400 – temporarily in 1st place. Competition over, they brought back to MN a team Bronze Medal; placing 3rd with 4644 (5 points from 2nd and 6 points from 1st).

They also set a new club record and a new National record for clubs affiliated with The American Legion.

Minnesota Centershots is a private, non-profit club supported primarily by the Anoka American Legion Post 102 and members parents. They extend their gratitude to Post 102 for allowing them to use the Post home every Thursday night to practice.



**The Post Golf Tournament
at Greenhaven in September
is NOT planned!**

**Check at Club for dates and
time
on overnight trip to
JACKPOT**

***Congratulations to Eden Prairie
American Legion Baseball
World Series –***

NATIONAL CHAMPIONS

2011 Minnesota State Convention

Department of Minnesota Mahnomen, Minnesota.



Left to Right: Cliff Newman, Rick Oelschlager, Fadi Awaijane, Gary Munkholm, Darrel Redepenning & Ron Wolford,

I started out going through the program to write this article. I was going to go through the program page by page until I noticed that they could not spell Minnesota. Their spelling for the state was IMinnestoa. I don't want to bore you to death by going into that much detail. First it took about four hours to get to this community located in the northwest corner of our state.

Individual committee groups met in Mahnomen High School classrooms. Convention sessions were held in the High School gym. All delegates attended all of the sessions and their individual committee groups. As this was my last official duty as our commander, I was so proud of our post. Darrel Redepenning, the Trophies and Awards Chairman, passed out awards that the lion share went to Anoka Post 102. The post will be receiving plaques for these awards. Want to know what they were for, see you at the next general post meeting. Frank Menter also received a beautiful ceramic eagle for his work at our post. This fairly well covers the awards that were received by our post.

Let me say that Anoka Post 102 was represented with honor by our delegates. I truly enjoyed this state convention. Let me end this by asking if you know where Wolford, Minnesota is located. We could not come home without visiting this community.

Ron Wolford

2011 Department Convention

The convention was held at Shooting Star Casino in Mahnomen Minnesota. We had 4 delegates attend, Betty Redepenning, Cathy Newman, Ann Larson and myself (Donna Redepenning), and one guest, new member Jocelyn Awaijane. There were approximately 300 Auxiliary members in attendance from the state.

At the Department meeting there were a few guest speakers, Robert Derdant, of the White Earth Nation, NW Division National Vice Pres. Lynne Wild from Nebraska, National Vice Pres. Kris Nelson of Baxter, MN, the Mayor of Mahnomen, Martin Warnsholz and Larry Shellito Minnesota Dept. of Veterans Affairs. Interesting quote from Mr. Shellito, he said to the government "if you are not going to take care of our veterans, then stop making them".

We were awarded certificates of merit for: Senior History; Karen Orr, Memorial; Joyce Jelle, National Security; Cathy Newman, Poppy; Sandy Phillips and Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation; Cathy Newman. Education citation; Kathy Zwerdling, Public Relations; Chairman Darlene Thell. Plaque awards received: Junior Activities, Americanism and Community Service; Sue Nunnelee. The other 4 plaques were for Cathy Newman's work: 2 for National Security and 2 for VA&R (one is a special Presidents eagle "Visions and Voices for our Veterans" award). Great job ladies!!!

There was an election for 2nd Vice Pres. Shirley Frederick of Hackensack won. Installation was held and Linda Thompson of Coon Rapids is our new Dept. President. Her project is to buy a 6 passenger golf cart to transport veterans at the St. Cloud VA, additional money will be used to buy two large screen TV's and two blue ray DVD players. There was a parade and the 10th District Auxiliary handed out small toys and candy and the kids loved it. The 10th American Legion Auxiliary, Legion and SAL won 3rd place, with the money won going to the Veterans of the 10th, for their programs.

Donna Redepenning

Operation Military Pride

This year we are still sending packages to our troops that have been deployed overseas. I would like very much to do this as a Unit effort at our Early Bird Dinner. The list of items is very long, so if you wish, you can call me for more things they need. Here are some things I chose for you to donate.

Food Items:

Slim Jims
Powdered Gatorade
Tea Bags
Bubble Gum

Practical:

Baby Wipes
Foot Powder
Deodorant
Eye Drops
Chapstick
Dental Floss
Liquid Hand Sanitizer

Just for Fun:

Stress Balls
Puzzles
Yo Yo s
Squirt Guns
Small Flash Lights
Bandannas
Contact Lens Cleaner

Feminine Hygiene:

Panty Liners
Hair Bands
Nail Polish
Q-tips & Hair Gel

You may donate money and I will shop for you at the Dollar Store. Please bring your items to the Early Bird Dinner. Lets work together for our Troops that are working to keep us safe.

Thank You.

Cathy Newman – National Security Chairman – 763-757-2034

Anoka American Legion Auxiliary Unit 102 &
Sons of the American Legion Squadron 102



Proudly Present



THE ELVIS EXPERIENCE

October 1st, 2011



Anoka American Legion
400 West Main
Anoka, MN 55303

Tickets \$25

Dinner 5:30-6:30PM

Showtime 7-9PM

Buffet Dinner

Silent Auction

**Tickets Go On Sale August 1, 2011
At the Post Pulltab Booth**

Elvis is coming to the Anoka American Legion on October 1, 2011! The American Legion Auxiliary and Sons of the American Legion have booked the Elvis Experience to perform for a dinner and show as a fund raiser. The Elvis Experience is a family operation with Steve Marcio performing as an older Elvis and his son Tommy as a younger Elvis. They are both super entertainers! Tickets for show and dinner will be \$25.00 per person and will go on sale August 1st. Space is limited to first 150 prepaid tickets.

Along with the dinner and show the auxiliary will be holding a silent auction. Donations are needed for the auction. Space will be limited for the auction so requesting only new items, gift baskets, gift certificates, baked goods, canned goods, unique craft items, etc. If you have a donation please contact me.

Also if you have questions on the dinner and show feel free to contact me.

Sandy Phillips, Chairman
763-754-3800

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.

Auxiliary Membership

"From Members For Members"

The Unit approved (June 7, 2011) that a special membership fund be established for those members needing help in paying all or part of their senior or junior dues for 2012. In recent years, members have lost jobs, lost their house, faced emergency medical bills and other unexpected events. Yet, they still – for their own special reasons – want to be American Legion Auxiliary members.

Our Unit needs to keep them as members if we don't help our own – who will!?!

You can help by sending (any amount you wish) along with your 2012 dues (on one check - payable to Anoka Unit 102 or American Legion Auxiliary). I have already received donations to this special member fund – thank you.

If you have already sent in your dues and want to help, you could see me at any Auxiliary meeting, leave it at pulltabs, bring it to Early Bird or mail to me. Please give this a thought – thank you all.

2012 Dues

Dues notices from National should have been delivered to you by the time you read this...be an Early Bird – mail your dues to me as soon as you possibly can. Anoka turned in 60 (43 seniors & 17 juniors) at the first Rally August 7 in Coon Rapids.

2011 Dues

You can still send in your 2011 dues and keep your continuous years – but time is running out!

Auxiliary Dues: \$20 senior, \$3.50 junior, \$3 past pres. parley.
Betty Erickson - 763-421-4562
1826 Cressy Ave., Anoka, MN 55303

NOTE: Monday, October 17 at 6:00 pm will be our free Early Bird Dinner for paid senior and junior members. Also, the Silent Auction – Initiation – Continuous Members pin presentations. **Your Dues and Reservations MUST Be In By October 4!**

**The first Past Presidents Parley get-together
is a planning meeting
for the coming 2011-12 year
on Monday, September 12 at 7:00 pm –
Post Clubrooms.**

Chairmen are Barb Ridge and Darlene Thell.



President's Column

Norah Wyman



Greetings all you lovely Auxiliary members:

Here we go again! I won't say here I go again because this organization is not about one elected auxiliary member making things happen. I am looking forward to this year and doing lots of good things with all of you.

I would have never made things happen in 2008-2009 without all the strong members backing me all the way.

We have an important job in supporting our troops and their families during these times.

My Mom use to always say, "Patience is a virtue!" so please be patient with me and I will work hard to be a good President 2011-2012.

I am eligible through my Father and 3 brothers and I am the daughter of Katie Clark who was a Cook in the US Army. There is a long list of relatives on both my parents side of my family who served and because of all of them and many many more veterans I feel it a privilege to be a member of this great organization "The AMERICAN LEGION". Their commitment to serve and protect is what makes me a better person. I am just short of being a 40 year member and am proud of it!

I am a phone call (763-670-1548) away and or an email (norah_j@msn.com). I need everyone of you to contribute time, effort and monies towards our programs and fundraiser projects. We need replies to our requests for help and donations throughout this year so read this newspaper carefully please. We together will get all the things done we set out to do!

I hope you all had a great summer and See you at the September meeting on 09-06-11.....Thanks

President Elect Norah Jane Clark Wyman

Auxiliary Funeral Lunch

Once again our Unit is in the process of arranging a funeral lunch committee. There are usually only 1-3 funerals a year. We are hoping to get the involvement of our members to help with these luncheons. At the Early Bird Dinner there will be a sign up sheet. If you are willing to: Work at Luncheon, Prepare hot dishes, salads or desserts or Be on a call committee for food.

If you will not be attending the Early Bird Dinner and you would be willing to help please call Jan Reiter at 763-427-3733.



In Memoriam

SUSAN KAREN (BROWN) KORBY

Susan, a 20 year Auxiliary member, was born June 11, 1947 in Minneapolis and passed away July 19, 2011.

Edward B. Cutter Unit 102 extends its sympathy to Susan's family and many friends; a memorial in her name to Project New Hope was sent by the Unit.

THANK YOU to all those members who attended my Presidents Dinner on June 15 – and for the great gifts; special thanks to the SAL for the delicious meal.

Jr. Past Darlene Thell

Auxiliary Scholarships Awarded





L-R: Sonya Smith, Rebecca Stearns & Lorene Torres

May 11th the Auxiliary awarded 3 scholarships to 3 Anoka High School seniors at the high school Scholarship Night. Sonya Smith received the 4 year College Scholarship of \$500. She will be attending college in South Dakota and studying Physical Therapy. Lorene Torres received the 2 year College Scholarship of \$500. She will be attending Anoka Ramsey to start her Dentistry career. Rebecca Stearns received the Netha B. Feist Scholarship of \$750. She plans to attend University of Minnesota Morris to pursue her teaching degree. All 3 girls were very appreciative of the scholarships.

A special "Thank You" to all Auxiliary members that help support our scholarships with the fundraisers we sponsor. We will be holding our annual "Silent Auction" at the Early Bird Dinner and the money raised will be used to help fund the Auxiliary Scholarships.

Kathy Zwerdling
Education Chrm.

SEPTEMBER 2011

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1st Friday each month - Red Cross Bloodmobile at Post 7 am - 1 pm	 MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL SPECIALS Come in and check it out!		FLAG DISPLAY DAYS Sept. 5 - Labor Day Sept. 11 - Patriot Day - half staff until noon Sept. 16 - POW/MIA Recognition Day	Every Thursday & Friday Grill Open 5:00 – 8:30 pm		<i>60 years ago Sept. 1, 1951: Dr. J. Abeler opens offices in the Baehr Building.</i>
Club Open 12-10 Bar Bingo 4:00 pm	Labor Day Club Open 12:30 pm - 7 pm	Post General Mem. 7:30 pm S.A.L. Mtg. 7:00 pm Auxiliary Mtg. 7:00 pm	SAL Dinners 5:30-7:00 Prime Rib \$10.00	Bar Bingo 7:00 pm	Meat Raffle 5:30 pm Bar Bingo 7:00 pm	Legionville Rally
Club Open 12-10 Bar Bingo 4:00 pm Patriot Day	Past Presidents Parley Meeting 7:00 pm Commanders Hall	NEWSPAPER MEETING 7:00 pm	SAL Dinners 5:30-7:00 Country Fried Steak \$8.00 Aux. Twin Rivers Bingo 2:15 pm	Bar Bingo 7:00 pm	Meat Raffle 5:30 pm Bar Bingo 7:00 pm POW/MIA Recognition Day	Post 102 Family Cook-Out Noon – 4:00 pm Legion - Aux. - SAL Riders Post Clubrooms
Club Open 12-10 Bar Bingo 4:00 pm U.S. Air Force Est. 1947	<i>70 years ago Sept. 13, 1941: National Retriever field trials held at Armstrongs.</i>	House & Ent. Meeting 7:00 pm	SAL Dinners 5:30-7:00 Prime Rib \$10.00 Legion Riders Meeting 7 pm	Bar Bingo 7:00 pm	Meat Raffle 5:30 pm Bar Bingo 7:00 pm	Anoka Fall Recycling Drop-off Day 8 am - Noon 501 Pierce St.
Club Open 12-10 Bar Bingo 4:00 pm Gold Star Mothers Day	<i>70 years ago Sept. 17, 1941: Flag raising initiated at Goodrich Field.</i>	Executive Board Meeting 7:00 pm	SAL Dinners 5:30-7:00 Steak, Chicken, or Shrimp \$8.00 Steak & Shrimp Combo \$11.00 Gold Star Mother Day	Bar Bingo 7:00 pm	Meat Raffle 5:30 pm Bar Bingo 7:00 pm	<i>70 years ago Sept. 1941: Intramural Basketball inaugurated at Anoka High School</i>

Coming in October

1	The ELVIS Experience	17	Aux. Early Bird Dinner - Silent Auction, Initiation, Year Pins	28	Halloween Kids Parade 1:15 pm
4	Joint Meeting w/Boys & Girls Staters	19	Pumpkin Bowl	29	Halloween 5K Run 12:50 pm
	Gen. Membership, SAL & Auxiliary meetings to follow	22	Light Up The Night Parade	29	Grande Day Parade 1:00 pm
	Auxiliary Early Bird Dinner Cut-Off		After Parade Bonfire		Junior Aux. Fund Raiser upper hall
13	Post Early Bird Dinner	25	Anoka Halloween Bingo at Post 102	30	Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast at Post 102
		27-29	Fall Conference - Mankato	TBA	Ghosts of Anoka Walkng Tours