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## Annual Post 102

***Past Commanders, Presidents & Directors Holiday Banquet***

## Wednesday, December 16, 2015

**MENU**

**Steak, Fish, Shrimp,**
**Walleye, Steak+Shrimp,**
**Smoked Pork Chop**
**~ Baked Potato ~**
**~ Salad, Roll, Butter ~**

**Upper Hall**
**Social 6:00 pm - Dinner 7:00 pm**
**Call Jan Reiter w/Menu Item & Qty**
**763-427-3733**
**(she has prices)**
**BEFORE Dec 12**
**Please pay ahead of time-**
**Send check to:**
**Jan Reiter**
**6522 153rd Ln NW**
**Ramsey, MN 55303**

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# Adjutant's Notes

*by Gary Munkholm*

A reminder that we start General Membership meetings at 7 pm.

It was good to have Anoka County Service Officer, Tim Nelson, speak to the general membership at the last meeting. If any of you have questions, don't hesitate to visit him at the Anoka County Government Center.

Due to National Headquarters raising their dues, the General Membership voted to raise our Post dues to $40 starting January 16, 2016. Save $5 and get your dues paid by January 16. A reminder that you can pay your dues online via the National Legion website, mail them in, or just drop them off with the bartender.

Many thanks to Darrel Redepenning for once again chairing the annual Wild Game Dinner. Thanks also go to Don Menter for working on getting our outside lights on a reliable timer. Don't forget to thank club manager, Denise, and her staff for getting us through another Anoka Halloween Parade. Always a busy 2 weeks of the year. And finally, thanks go to Post member Bob Fossom for blowing out our sprinkler system last month.

Don't forget to help out, if you can, for the upcoming 10th District Midwinter Convention held at our Post on January 16. Let Commander Turnquist or Cliff Newman know if you can help.

Gambling manager Paul Adler presented the following list of donations for the last month which were approved by the General Membership:

| | |
|---|---|
| Christmas Committee | $300 |
| Boy Scout of the Year Award | $100 |
| Armed Forces Service Center | $100 |
| Fort Snelling Memorial Rifle Squad | $100 |
| Water and Light costs | $2,500 |
| Natural gas costs | $160 |
| U.S. Treasury for tax on wagering | $300 |
| Assist needy Veterans & Families | $1,500 |
| Emergency Money | $500 |


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

**LORENZO A. ARSENAL JR.**
Thomas was a 40 year member of The American Legion and a Korean War Veteran

**HENRY J. KLOOS**
Henry was a 26 year member of The American Legion and a World War II Veteran

## IN DECEMBER

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

**TUESDAYS**

**1/4 lb. Burger Basket – $6.00**

**THURSDAYS**

**BBQ Ribs ~ Texas Toast ~ Cole Slaw ~ Potato**
**Full Rack $15.00 Half Rack $13.00**

**FRIDAYS**

**4th - Fish Fry**
**~ Potato, Veg, Roll, Butter - $11.00**

**11th - BBQ Pork Sandwich**
**~ w/Fries, Tots or Coleslaw - $8.50**

**18th - Liver & Onions w/Bacon**
**OR Sheppard Pie**
**~ Potato, Veg, Roll, Butter- $10.00**

**25th - *CLOSED***

**Tax included on all the above.**
**CATERING CENTRAL**

## POST HOSPITAL EQUIPMENT

**Call Frank Menter 763-237-4375 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.

## *PLEASE NOTE*

***The ONLINE edition may contain additional articles.***

## *Commander Ray Turnquist*

The Halloween parade was dampened by an early rain that stopped at parade time. The club had a very busy day and we needed that. I want to thank everyone that helped to make it a success.

The Veteran's Day dinner was November 7th. Our guest speaker was Colonel Angela Steward-Randle of the Minnesota Army National Guard. Colonel Steward-Randle spoke about the history of women in the service and their long journey to the present. The Post honored our newest 50 year members- William Hoogestraat, Jerry Beckman and Jim Hufford. Congratulations and thank you. The Post also honored Alec Belknap as the Boy Scout of the year. Congratulations, Alec. Also honored was Paul Adler for orchestrating Post projects the last 2 years. Thanks to you Paul for your hard work.

I would like to send a shout out to Steve Johnson for his "Viking Sunday" food buffet. He works hard to put on a great meal. If you haven't been there, please try to attend. It is a fun way to cheer on the Vikes. It is every Sunday when the Viking game starts at 12 noon. Thanks, Steve.

Don't forget these upcoming events: the school patrol party on Dec 5th, the 10th District Rally in Osseo on Dec 12th, the wild game dinner on Dec 12th and our New Years Day Brunch.

Enjoy a very Merry Christmas and have a Happy New Year!!

God bless America, Commander Ray

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## Veteran's Day Dinner

*L>R: District Commander, Bill Johnson; District SAL Commander, Larry Daml; Commander, Ray Turnquist; Guest Speaker, Colonel Angela Steward-Randle; President, Cathy Newman; District President, Dawne Juhl & District ALR Director, Steve Sullivan*

## *S.A.L. Commander Tim Dahlheimer*

Happy Holidays!

As we enter into the busy Holiday season, the SAL team is busy behind-the-scenes preparing for a number of upcoming special events that we are sponsoring, co-sponsoring, or helping with our support. They include:

Saturday, Dec. 5th – Elvis Dinner Show. Co-sponsored by the Auxiliary and SAL. Dinner at 5:30pm. Show at 7:00pm.
Saturday, Dec. 13th – 48th annual Wild Game Feed for our disabled Veterans. Meal beginning at Noon.
Wednesday, Dec. 16th – Past Commanders/Presidents/Directors Holiday Dinner.

The SAL team continues to serve hot meatloaf and turkey sandwiches, complete with mashed potatos and gravy, on Saturday afternoons from 1:00-3:30pm. The cost is only $6.00 and we have been receiving "rave" reviews. Stop in on Saturday and enjoy this great meal. You won't be disappointed.

Another NEW menu item that we have introduced and are now serving on Wednesday nights as well as Saturday afternoons, is our Walleye Nuggets. A nice portion of deep-fried walleye is served for only $6.00. They are quickly becoming very popular at the bar as appetizer. We hope you will check them out!

With Thanksgiving upon us, I feel the need to express a sincere thank you to our "active" SAL team who so graciously donate their time, energy, and talent EVERY week to make our Wednesday steak fry possible. Special thanks to: Al, Cliff, Cathy, Chunk, Dan, Kevin, Greg, Todd, Roland, Carol, Laura, Gary and Lynette for your continued service. It is much appreciated.

Please Note: SAL will NOT be serving Dinner on Thanksgiving Eve, Wednesday, November 25; however, a dinner WILL be served that night. There will also NOT be a WED SAL Dinner
on December 23 and December 30.

Until next time, enjoy the Holiday season!
Tim Dahlheimer, SAL Commander

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Department Vice-Commander, Darrel Redepenning (right), presenting Post Commander, Ray Turnquist (left), with some Department membership pins, in recognition of the Anoka Post leading the District in membership and exceeding National Goals.

## *President's Column*

### *Cathy Newman*

Hello Ladies,

This seems really funny that this column will have three months of things to report to you. October was our Big Halloween Parade/Fund Raiser for the Auxiliary. It was a very busy day; because it was cool outside, so many people came in to warm up and get food. The parade seemed much bigger also; riding on the Post Float, it just looked like a lot more people. What a fun time! Next was in November, with our Veterans Day Dinner; our numbers were down some, but then it's deer hunting. The guest speaker was a woman Colonel in the Army National Guard. She was fantastic!! and spoke on the history of women in the military. Very interesting.

Congratulations to our Post 50 year members. Thanks to the elementary kids for giving the Post pictures, posters and letters to decorate our hall honoring our Veterans. It put a lot of color in the room. Hope you remember a Veteran somehow on Veterans Day.

December is our other fund raiser with the Elvis Experience on Dec. 5th., tickets are going fast. Only general seating and show-only tickets are still available. It's a great night of entertainment. On the 16th of December is our Past Commanders and Past Presidents Annual Holiday Banquet. Look for an ad in the Newsletter and call Jan Reiter for your menu choices. Hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving with your loved ones. Christmas is right around the corner!!

God Bless all our Troops & Veterans

Cathy Newman, President Unit 102

## Halloween Parade

*Additional Photos on Page 6*

## MEMBERSHIP ELIGIBILITY DATES into THE AMERICAN LEGION

| | |
|---|---|
| Persian Gulf War | August 2, 1990 to date of cessation |
| Panama | December 20, 1989 to January 31, 1990 |
| Grenada/Lebanon | August 24, 1982 to July 31, 1984 |
| Vietnam War | February 28, 1961 to May 7, 1975 |
| Korean War | June 25, 1950 to January 31, 1955 |
| World War II | December 7, 1941 to December 31, 1946 |
| World War I | April 6, 1917 to November 11, 1918 |
| Merchant Marines | December 7, 1941 to December 31, 1946 |

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## AUXILIARY UNIT 102

**Edward B. Cutter Post 102, Anoka, MN 55303**

You are eligible to join the Auxiliary if your veteran relative is a current member of The American Legion; or if deceased, had served during the eligibility dates of one of eight war eras.

- ★ Mother
- ★ Wife
- ★ Sister
- ★ Daughter
- ★ Granddaughter
- ★ Grandmother
- ★ Great-Granddaughter
- ★ Self

(step-relative also apply)

*Ask any Auxiliary Member. They will be happy to sign you up.*

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# Jan's Jottings

*by Jan Reiter*

The regular meeting of Edward B. Cutter American Legion Auxiliary was held on Tuesday, November 3, 2015.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Americanism:** Jan Reiter reported a flag from the Auxiliary was given to a Girl Scout troop for use at the Elk River Day Camp next summer.

**Finance:** Karen Orr stated the following donations to be made/approved:

| | |
|---|---|
| Minneapolis VA Medical Center | $100 |
| St. Cloud Medical Center | $100 |
| MN Vet Home (Mpls & Hasting) | $200 |
| Five Dollar Bill Shower | $100 |
| American Legion Fund for Hosp Vet | $100 |
| 10th Dist Activity Fund (Mpls & St. Cloud) | $100 |
| Veterans Job Training Program | $200 |
| Veterans Volunteer Transportation Program | $300 |
| Veterans Rest Camp at Forest Lake and Ely | $150 |
| Mpls VA Hosp Act | $ 30 |
| Amer. Legion Aux Hosp Program | $100 |
| Nat'l Creative Arts Festival | $350 |
| MN Stand Down MVAC | $300 |
| Rode to recovery | $100 |
| Nat'l Amer. Leg. Child Welfare Foundation | $100 |
| Legacy Scholarship Program | $300 |
| Ft. Snelling Rifle Squad | $100 |
| Anoka County Adopt a Family | $200 |
| Dept Scholarship Fund | $100 |
| District Pres Gift | $ 25 |

**Fund Raising:** It was discussed and approved to have an Elvis Experience on Dec. 3, 2016, with a dinner but no silent auction.

**Poppy:** We are in need of a poppy chairman or several chairmen to share the job.

**ANOKA LEGION**
**welcomes**
**"Service Dogs"**

**ELVIS EXPERIENCE**
**December 5**
**Tickets are still available, but going Fast!**
**Call the Club at 421-0883 or stop by the Pull-Tab Booth for availability.**
**VIP & RESERVED ARE SOLD OUT!!**

## 2015 Boy Scout of the Year

Alec Belknap of Boy Scout troupe 233, Anoka, was named Boy Scout of the Year by Anoka Post 102 at the Veterans Day program held Saturday, November 7, 2015. Paul Adler and Post Commander, Ray Turnquist, presented Alec with the annual Award Certificate and Medal of Merit.

Alec is a senior at Anoka High School, member of the National Honor Society and member of the two-time State soccer championship. Additionally, Alec is a letter winner in academics, soccer and strength training. He plans on attending North Dakota University next year, majoring in aerospace engineering.

Paul Adler, Boy Scout Liaison

**NEW YEAR's EVE**
**December 31, 2015**

**Magic & Ventriloquist / Comedy SHOW**

**Dinner 6:30 pm**
**( 2 Meat Buffet )**
**Show 8:00-10:00 pm**

**For more Information, contact Miranda @ 612-590-3660**

**2015 DUES**

**ALL MEMBERS**
**Legion - Auxiliary - SAL**

**If you have NOT yet paid your 2015-16 dues - you will lose your consecutive years, if Not Paid by December 31, 2015**
**10?/25?/35? - You WILL lose them**

**PAY NOW**
**Legion-$35 / Aux-$25 / SAL-$20**

## 2015 Halloween Parade

Saturday, October 31, 2015, started out rather cool, windy and raining; and it didn't change a lot throughout the day, with the exception the rain stopped by Parade start time. That was certainly welcome! Riding on the SAL float, however, showed a truly massive turnout this year; one of the largest I have observed. It was a long parade though and, unfortunately, by the end a lot of parade watchers had retreated from the streets.

Following are some of the pictures taken, which I have been able to collect. I hope you enjoy. Al Amundson, editor

**Post 102 Color Guard**

**Post 102 Float**

**Legion Riders**

**Past Post 102 Commanders**

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## 2015 Halloween parade- (continued)

**Various subjects**

ANOKA AMERICAN LEGION - 400 West Main St., Anoka, Minnesota

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNERS**

**5:30 – 7:00**

Sponsored by Sons of The American Legion Squadron 102

| | |
|---|---|
| STEAK | $ 10.00 |
| CHICKEN BREAST | $ 9.00 |
| FISH | $ 9.00 |
| FISH & SHRIMP | $ 9.00 |
| SHRIMP | $ 9.00 |
| WALLEYE | $ 12.00 |
| STEAK & SHRIMP | $ 13.00 |

ALL MEALS INCLUDE

Potato, Roll & Salad

[ To-Go ORDERS, ADD 25¢ ]

**MONTHLY SPECIAL**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1st WED | Prime Rib | $13.00* |

* Depends on 'Market Price'

**If your dining party will consist of 8 or more persons, PLEASE call ahead to make Reservations. You may call the Club at: 763-421-0083. You may also send a *text* to Al at: 612-867-5698 OR *email* to sal@anokalegion.org . Please include your name, the number of persons and the date (WED).**

## Veterans Day Dinner

*L>R: President Cathy, Commander Ray, Guest Speaker, Colonel Angela Steward-Randle & Doug Hookom*

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EVERY WEDNESDAY - SAL DINNERS
5:30-7:00pm

# December 2015

Past Cmdr/Pres/Dir Dinner - Anoka Post 102
December 16

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| *FLAG DAYS*<br>07 - [HS]<br>25 - [FS] | | *Bar Bingo 6:30pm<br>General Membership Meetings<br>Post, Aux, SAL<br>7:00pm<br>1 | *SAL Wed Dinner*<br>5:30-7pm<br>*'Prime Rib'*<br>$13.00<br>2 | Every Tue., Thur. & Fri.<br>Grill Open 5:00-8:30 pm - Menu Pg 2<br>EVERY Thursday<br>"RON'S RIBS"<br>3 | Meat Raffle 5:30pm<br>*Bar Bingo 7:00pm<br>4 | School Patrol Party<br>DEPT Rally<br>Faribault<br>5 |
| Club Open 12-10<br>*Bar Bingo 4:00pm<br>6 | *Pearl Harbor Day*<br>Legion Bingo<br>'Golden Living'<br>7:00 pm<br>7 | *US declares War on Japan - 1941*<br>*Bar Bingo 6:30pm<br>Newspaper Mtg.<br>7:00pm<br>8 | Twin Rivers<br>BINGO - 2:15 pm<br>'Golden Living'<br>*SAL Wed Dinner*<br>5:30-7pm<br>9 | *1898*<br>*Treaty of Paris Signed*<br>10 | Meat Raffle 5:30pm<br>*Bar Bingo 7:00pm<br>11 | Wild Game Feed<br>10th District Rally<br>Osseo<br>12 |
| *Saddam Hussein Captured - 2003*<br>Club Open 12-10<br>*Bar Bingo 4:00pm<br>13 | Post History Mtg.<br>7:00pm<br>14 | *Bill of Rights Day*<br>*Bar Bingo 6:30pm<br>15 | Past Cmdr/Pres Dinner<br>*SAL Wed Dinner*<br>5:30-7pm<br>ALR Mtg. - 7 pm<br>16 | 17 | Meat Raffle 5:30pm<br>*Bar Bingo 7:00pm<br>18 | *Every Saturday*<br>SAL *'HOT COMMERCIALS'*<br>1-3:30pm - $6.00<br>Meatloaf or Turkey<br>19 |
| Club Open 12-10<br>*Bar Bingo 4:00pm<br>20 | 21 | *1st Day of Winter*<br>*Bar Bingo 6:30pm<br>House & Ent.<br>Mtg. 7:00pm<br>22 | NO<br>*SAL Wed Dinner*<br>23 | *Christmas Eve*<br>CLUB<br>CLOSES 7 PM<br>24 | *Christmas Day*<br>CLUB<br>CLOSED<br>25 | NO<br>*SAL 'HOT COMMERCIALS'*<br>26 |
| Club Open 12-10<br>*Bar Bingo 4:00pm<br>27 | 28 | *Bar Bingo 6:30pm<br>Executive Board<br>Mtg. 7:00pm<br>29 | NO<br>*SAL Wed Dinner*<br>30 | *New Years Eve*<br>*Comedy Show*<br>Dinner 6:30pm<br>Show 8:00pm<br>31 | | <br>1st Friday each month Red Cross Bloodmobile at Post 7AM - 1PM |

STEAK - $10|CHICKEN/FISH/SHRIMP- $9|STEAK+SHRIMP - $13|WALLEYE - $12

**COMING IN JANUARY**

01 New Years Day Brunch & Bake Sale - Anoka
CLUB OPEN @ 10:00 AM
Past Commanders serving @ 11:00 AM

16 10th District Mid-Winter Conference - Anoka

29-30 10th District Snowmobile Rally - TBD

EVERY SATURDAY
SAL *'HOT COMMERCIALS'* 1-3:30pm - $6.00
'Meatloaf' or 'Turkey' || "Walleye Nuggets"