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NEW YEAR'S DAY
FOR A FREE BRUNCH**

All paid
Post, Unit, Juniors, SAL members, and
a guest are invited.

If not yet paid - you may do so that day.

**Past Presidents Parley BAKE SALE
at New Years Day Brunch**

Annual New Years Day Brunch

Club Open 10:00 am to 5:00 pm • Brunch served 11:00 to 1:00 pm

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ADJUTANT'S NOTES

by Gary Munkholm

A hearty welcome to newest members of Anoka Post 102, James Murphy sponsored by Lynette Pavin, Leon MacKechnie sponsored by Denise Adler, and Tony Persons sponsored by Frank Menter. We hope to see you at future meetings and join us in fellowship during other times of the week. Anoka Post 102 still leads the 10th District in membership turn in. If you haven't renewed by now please send in your dues and a friendly reminder that you can also renew on line at the American Legion National web site.

Many thanks to all of the volunteers who helped at the School Patrol Party, Wild Game Dinner, and the Oratorical contest.

I hope to see many of you at the 10th District Mid-Winter Convention on Saturday, January 5th, held and sponsored at our clubhouse. If you can help out with the convention give Cliff Newman a call and let him know.

The Post would like all members to consider switching to paperless newsletters which will help us cut printing and postage costs. You can view or download our monthly newsletter by using our website www.anokalegion.org and see the newsletter in color under the link "News". Check out the site and you can also use the same site to get removed from the newsletter mailing list.

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

Donation to Veterans Wild Game Dinner	\$500
School Patrol Christmas Party	\$350
10th District Commander's Project	\$100
Department Commander's Project	\$100
Post for monthly utilities cost	\$1,900
U.S. Treasury (Tax and Wagering)	\$400
Assist needy Veterans or Family	\$1,500
Emergency money	\$500

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POST HOSPITAL EQUIPMENT

Call Frank Menter 763-421-7277 for an appointment to pick up any equipment:

Only members of our Post, Auxiliary and Sons of The American Legion and their respective families will be allowed use of our hospital equipment.

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

TUESDAYS

1/4 lb. Burger Basket – \$5.00

THURSDAYS

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

THURSDAYS DURING DINNER

Bottle Beer is \$2.50
5:00 – 8:30

FRIDAYS

4th Fish Fry \$9.00

11th Liver & Onions \$8.00

18th Meat Loaf \$8.00

with Mashed Potato, Gravy, Vegetable, Roll & Butter

25th BBQ Pork Sandwich \$7.00

with French Fries or Tots

Tax included on all the above.

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Commander's Column Gary Reimann

Happy New Year,

I would like to wish a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all 102 members, wives and guests.

111 children showed up for the School Patrol Party, thanks to Cliff Newman and company. I also would like to thank Dadi Awaijane and his wife Jocelyne for the job they did as Commander 2011-2012 and the support she gave him in his year as our leader.



When you are out and about "just ask" if they are a veteran, it doesn't hurt. I challenge everyone to talk and ask one person a week if they would like to join our Club.

Freedom is not Free – God Bless America

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EVERYONE PLEASE NOTE

The Edward B. Cutter Monthly Newspaper can be downloaded on line by going to our web site:

www.anokalegion.org

Viewing on-line rather than getting a printed copy will help us cut printing and postage costs.

The average cost per newspaper is 68¢

**TO BE REMOVED FROM THE NEWSLETTER MAILING LIST
GO TO www.anokalegion.org, click on "Current Newsletter" and follow directions. Have your Membership Card Handy, because your ID is required.**

**Try it once and see if this will work for you!
Only 34 members out of 1000 have responded.**

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



S.A.L. Commander Patrick Vevea

Holiday Greetings,

December was a very busy month for the Squad with the extra dinners, they turned out to be successful. We could have used more help, but we got by. Paid membership now stands at 95. I would like to welcome James Goodrich as a new member and Dana Johnson, he transferred from Savage.

Remember our motto "What Ever It Takes".

In God & Country, Cmdr. Chunk

Color Guard Invited to Local School



The Post 102 Color Guard was invited to Lincoln Elementary to participate in a Veterans Day Program honoring veterans on November 12, 2012. While there we (the Color Guard) noticed the school did not have a flag in their gym and we volunteered to donate a flag to them. We (Dan Soland, Jim Hays and Cliff Newman) presented the school with a flag on 11/26/12.

Post 102 Annual School Patrol Christmas Party December 8, 2012

111 school patrollers from 4 of the 6 schools in the Anoka area (Wilson, Ramsey, St. Stephens and Franklin) were treated with pop, popcorn, cookies, candy and lunch. They were entertained by Anoka Canine Police Dog Barret (3 year old Shepherd from Slovakia) and his partner - Officer George Walker. After the officer and Barret were done, the kids were entertained with Karaoke Provided by Sandy Arnold, they really had fun with that.

Thanks to the following Post volunteers for making this party successful: Joe Zimmerman, Darrel Redepenning, Sam Orr, Bill Engstrom, Al Springer, Fadi Awaijane, Ray Turnquist, Norm Thunnell, Jim Hays, Cmdr. Gary Reimann, Rick Oelschlager and Ron Berry.

Cliff Newman – Chairman

JAN'S JOTTINGS

by Jan Reiter

The regular meeting of Edward B. Cutter American Legion Auxiliary was held on Tuesday, December 6, 2012. The November 6, 2011 meeting minutes were approved with corrections. The regular Auxiliary meeting was opened by President Darlene Thell with a prayer, pledge, preamble and the song God Bless America. Treasure's Report by Jeanene Hays was read and placed on file for audit.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Americanism: Donna Redepening sent around the Americanism box for those that did not wear their Auxiliary pin. She mentioned that Department will be having an essay contest on "What Freedom do I enjoy the most". If you can't lower your flag to half staff, tie a black ribbon around it half way down.

Field Service: Bingo will be December 12 at 10:30 am, at Golden Living Care Center.

Home Service: You can help a veteran by doing work around their house or shoveling. Please help them and let us know the number of hours you did.

Junior Activities: Sue Nunnelee thanked the grand daughters of Cathy Newman for helping the Auxiliary at the Elvis Experience. They are a good representation of the juniors.

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

Public Relations: Darlene Thell reported she is sending in articles for the paper and that Department President wants any articles that are in the Union to be sent to her.

New Business: Mid Winter Conference will be at Anoka on January 5th. We are in need of help. A slip will be sent around at our January meeting. Our January meeting will not be January 1st it will be January 2nd instead.



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.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Mother | <input type="checkbox"/> Grandmother |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wife | <input type="checkbox"/> Great-Granddaughter |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sister | <input type="checkbox"/> Self |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Daughter | (step-relative also apply) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Granddaughter | |

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

Auxiliary Membership 67 senior members not yet renewed

The Unit needs ALL of our members to renew their membership to fully fund our programs for veterans and those serving now.

Please send your dues (\$25) to me **before January 4** or pay when you attend the New Years Day Brunch.

Anoka is again hosting the 10th District Mid-Winter Conference January 5, all members are welcome to attend and/or help with this event.

Betty Erickson – Chairman

Attention Post 102 American Legion Family:

Our auxiliary is undertaking a couple of projects this year and are looking for help from all of you.

The first project is Department President's Raleen Tolzmann's President Project and that is to collect items for a "Baby Bundle Basket" and a "Mother's Gift Bag". These items will be distributed to the women veterans at the Minneapolis VA Medical Center upon the birth of their newborn. Suggested items: baby blankets, baby lotions, baby clothing, baby bottles, etc. – let your imagination run wild! (The Dollar Stores have a great selection of baby items). Suggested items for the Mother's Gift Bag: Perfumes, lotions, jewelry, hats and gloves, chocolates, etc.

As in previous years we are collecting items for the VA shower – the hotel shampoos & lotions and other items that a hospitalized veteran can use. These items are distributed at the Minneapolis VA center.

Another project from the Department of Minnesota this year is to furnish household items to the homeless veterans that have now transition into their own living quarters. Items needed for this project: Any cleaning supplies, paper towels, laundry supplies, scrub brushes, waste baskets, etc. etc. Again the Dollar Stores have a great selection.

If you would like to help with any of these projects you may drop off your donations at the Post Club Rooms in the Auxiliary office or the Pull Tab Booth. Monetary donations are also accepted!

Items can also be brought on meeting nights in January and February, or bring to the New Year's Day Brunch.

Wow what a way to start out the New Year! Let's make this a wonderful Family Project in Post 102!

If you have any questions please feel free to call me at 763-757-2034.

Cathy Newman
Veteran's Affairs Chairman



President's Column

Darlene Thell

Greetings Members,

We've had another busy month. The November 18th Wayzata District Rally was well attended by our Post members. Thank you to all who attended. Shaaron Barnes and the Wayzata Post did a great job in hosting the Rally. Please turn in your membership as soon as possible. Thank You.

The Elvis Experience Dinner Show and Silent Auction were a success. Thank you to the SAL for preparing the wonderful meal, Sandy Phillips, Jan Reiter, Cathy, Brooke and Lea Newman, and to so many others who helped to make this event turn out so well.

Another thank you to Norah Wyman, our Children and Youth Chairperson for a job well done with the Anoka County Adopt-A-Family program. Norah put together a Christmas basket for an unemployed mother (only wanted cleaning supplies and socks) and her daughter, by looking for the best buys, using coupons etc. Thank you also to Lynette Pavin for knitting a scarf and hat set for the basket.

On December 5, Sandy Phillips, Cathy Newman, Jan Reiter and I went to Minneapolis VA Home and helped with their annual Gift Shop Program. Veterans were able to choose a gift for themselves and a family member. This program was started in 1932 by the MN American Legion Auxiliary and Minnesota was the first state in the country to do this wonderful program.

See you at the New Years Day Brunch and at our Mid-Winter Conference. Always remember to thank our veterans and our military, and keep them, our POW-MIA and those that gave their lives in your prayers.

Have a blessed Christmas Season and up-coming New Year!

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*Season's
Greetings
To All*

Annual Christmas Dinner



The Past Commanders and Past Presidents of Edward B. Cutter Post 102 met for their annual Christmas Dinner on December 10th in the Commander's Hall.

This is an annual event sponsored by the Auxiliary Past Presidents. Jan Reiter and Sandy Phillips, Past President's Parley Chairman and Co-chairman were in charge of this year's event.

All Past Post Commanders, SAL Commanders and Auxiliary Presidents are invited to attend along with their guests. There were 33 present for the dinner. The SAL prepared and served a delicious meal to all. Past President's brought in variety of Christmas goodies for dessert. Fresh green center pieces were made by Jan and Sandy and given out as door prizes.

Jan Reiter, PPP Chairman

Attention Past Presidents: Don't forget our annual bake sale on New Year's Day!

Hope to see you all then

ELVIS SHOW

On December 1st Elvis appeared at the Anoka American Legion. Steve and Tommy Marcio of the Elvis Experience entertained 170 fans with a variety of their gospel and Christmas songs. This was a dinner-show and fund raiser for the Auxiliary and Sons of the American Legion. Along with the entertainment the Auxiliary held a Silent Auction, which was a huge success.



I would like to thank everyone who made this fund raiser a success – all the workers as well as to all those that made donations to the Silent Auction. I especially want to thank the non-members who so graciously donated items to the Silent Auction – this includes individuals as well as many local businesses.

Everyone that attended enjoyed the show and wondered when we will do this again. Right now tentative plans are to have The Elvis Experience back next year about the same time.

Sandy Phillips, Chairman

JANUARY 2013



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
FLAG DISPLAY DAYS 	January 1st New Years Day January 21st Martin Luther King Day	Jan. 1st New Years Day Brunch Past Cmdr. serving 11:00 am – 1:00 pm Past Pres. Bake Sale during brunch Club Open 10 am - 5 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	SEE MENU ON PAGE 2 for THURSDAY & FRIDAY MENU Meat Raffle 5:30 pm Bar Bingo 7:00 pm		10th Dist. Mid-Winter Conference at Anoka Registration 7:30 am Session 9:00 am
Club Open 12-10 Bar Bingo 4:00 pm	<i>40 years ago,</i> <i>Jan. 1973:</i> <i>Annual Bingo Workers</i> <i>Party to be Sat., Jan 20</i> <i>at Greenhaven</i> <i>reports Chmn.</i> <i>Clarence "Whisky"</i> <i>Visneski. Thanks</i> <i>to the men who make</i> <i>this a success –</i> <i>this supports many</i> <i>worthwhile projects</i> <i>which might otherwise</i> <i>be cut or even</i> <i>abandoned.</i>	Bar Bingo Tuesdays 6:30 pm	SAL Dinners 5:30-7:00 Country Fried Steak \$8.00 Aux. Twin Rivers Bingo 2:15 pm	<i>90 years ago,</i> <i>Jan. 11, 1923:</i> <i>Henry J. Wuest VFW</i> <i>Post organized</i> <i>in Anoka.</i>	Meat Raffle 5:30 pm Bar Bingo 7:00 pm	<i>Itasca's Lantern Lit</i> <i>Snowshoe Race</i> <i>Park Rapids</i> <i>January 19</i>
Club Open 12-10 Bar Bingo 4:00 pm	<i>to the men who make</i> <i>this a success –</i> <i>this supports many</i> <i>worthwhile projects</i> <i>which might otherwise</i> <i>be cut or even</i> <i>abandoned.</i>	NEWSPAPER MEETING 7:00 pm Past Presidents Sewing Bee 1:00 pm Bar Bingo 6:30 pm	SAL Dinners 5:30-7:00 Prime Rib \$10.00 Anoka Legion Riders Meeting 7:00 PM	<i>60 years ago,</i> <i>Jan. 16, 1953</i> <i>Anoka Legion Post</i> <i>starts magazine</i> <i>subscription drive.</i>	Meat Raffle 5:30 pm Bar Bingo 7:00 pm	<i>Freeze Yer</i> <i>Gizzard Blizzard</i> <i>Run:</i> <i>International Falls,</i> <i>January 19.</i>
Club Open 12-10 Bar Bingo 4:00 pm Inauguration Day	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	Bar Bingo 6:30 pm House & Ent. Meeting 7:00 pm	SAL Dinners 5:30-7:00 Steak, Chicken, or Shrimp \$8.00 Steak & Shrimp Combo \$11.00	District Snowmobile Rally January 25/26	Meat Raffle 5:30 pm Bar Bingo 7:00 pm	<i>John Beargrease</i> <i>Sled Dog</i> <i>Marathon:</i> <i>Duluth,</i> <i>January 27</i>
Club Open 12-10 Bar Bingo 4:00 pm	<i>40 years ago</i> <i>Aux. Christmas Gift</i> <i>Shop at Anoka State</i> <i>Hosp. Mon., Dec. 4</i> <i>had 13 from Anoka,</i> <i>also Coon Rapids and</i> <i>Champlin members.</i>	Bar Bingo 6:30 pm Executive Board Meeting 7:00 pm	SAL Dinners 5:30-7:00 Steak, Chicken, or Shrimp \$8.00 Steak & Shrimp Combo \$11.00	<i>Post 102 By-Laws sent</i> <i>to Dept. – Committee</i> <i>was Warren Feist,</i> <i>Don Hostetler, Rod</i> <i>McArdle, Pete List,</i> <i>Cmdr. Bob Duclos.</i>	 1st Friday each month Red Cross Bloodmobile at Post 7 AM - 1 PM	<i>Am. Legion Post 475</i> <i>Ice Fishing Contest:</i> <i>Grand Rapids,</i> <i>February 2.</i>
January 1st New Years Day Brunch for all paid 2013 Legion, Auxiliary and SAL members – if not yet paid - you may do so that day.		Anoka Legion Riders Chapter 102 Meeting 7:00 PM Post Clubrooms 3rd Wednesday of every month.	Coming in February 3 Four Chaplains Sunday Natl. Cmdr's. MN Tour 9 Dept. Rally - Waite Park 13 Ash Wednesday 16 SAL Rally – Anoka		Renew your membership NOW Legion - \$35 Auxiliary Sr. - \$25 Aux. Jr. - \$5 SAL - \$20 Dual Legion/Sal - \$10	Whalen Candlelight Ski: Lansboro, February 2