Honolulu, Territory of Hawaii, U.S.A.
Sunday, December 7, 1941

From the Japanese task force of 33 ships some 200 miles north of Oahu, the first of two waves of 360 aircraft were deployed – their target: Hickam, Wheeler and Bellows Fields; Schofield Barracks; the Naval Air Station on Ford Island; all airstrips on the island and Battleship Row in Pearl Harbor (where a total of 96 ships were in that almost 6000 - acre harbor).

The surprise attack began at 6:00 am Hawaii time; within a few hours Japanese bombers struck at American bases on Guam, Midway and Wake Islands - also Manila and Singapore. By 9:45 am the last Japanese aircraft had left Oahu; of those 96 ships, 18 were sunk or heavily damaged.

The **Arizona** - a total loss, going down with more than 1,100 men trapped in her hull. The Arizona Memorial was dedicated on Memorial Day, 1962. Under Navy jurisdiction until October 10, 1980, the USS Arizona Memorial proper and new visitor center is now part of the National Park system. (All those who served on the Arizona during the Pearl Harbor attack were and are entitled to be buried at the Memorial; their ashes carried below to join those still entombed.)

The **Oklahoma** - a total loss, sinking with more than 400 men entombed. The **Nevada** - refloated, employed throughout the war. The **California** - sank at her berth, raised and repaired, back in action. The **Maryland** - repaired, back in action. The **Tennessee** - repaired, back in action. The **West Virginia** - went down at her moorings, raised and repaired, back in action. The **Pennsylvania** - repaired, back in action. The **Utah** - a total loss, remains where she sank.

The Navy had 92 aircraft destroyed, 31 damaged; the Army Air Corps lost 96 planes, 128 damaged.

The Navy lost 2,008 men killed, 710 wounded; the Army 218 killed, 364 wounded; the Marines 109 killed, 69 wounded; 68 civilians were killed, 35 wounded. Total casualties for the day were 2,403 dead, 1,178 wounded.

When this article was printed for the December 1991 Post Paper, Edward B. Cutter Post 102 had 330 WWII Veteran Members.

Betty Erickson

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NW Metro VA Clinic Dedication Ramsey

On November 11, 2011 at 1:00 p.m., there was an open-house of the new facility. This clinic is the state of the art and it really takes your breath away. At the dedication, the guests (about 1,000) were welcomed by Steve Kleinglass the Director of Minneapolis VA Health Care System.

There were seven guest speakers to address the audience of mostly veterans and their families. The developer James Deal was honored for completing the facility before the one year deadline, under budget, and meeting all specifications. Rachel Horn read a letter from U.S. Rep. Michele Bachmann. U.S. Senator Al Franken commented about the new building and people involved. U.S. Senator Amy Klobuchar read a song about a veteran that brought a lot of tears to those present.

After the closing, we all rushed outdoors to see the flyover of T-6 Thunder, North American Flight Team. Want more information call the Minneapolis VA Health Care at 612-467-1100.

Past Commander – Ron Wolford

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FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER SPECIALS
Starting December 2nd

Dec. 2 ~ Liver & Onions with Bacon $7.00
Mashed Potatoes with Gravy, Vegetable and Roll

Dec. 9 ~ BBQ Chicken Breast $8.00
Rice Pilaf, Vegetable and Roll

December 16 ~ Roast Pork with Sage Dressing $8.00
Gravy, Vegetable and Roll

Dec. 23 ~ Cheesy Bread with Italian Sauce $5.00

Dec. 30 ~ Chili Dog with French Fries $6.00

Tax included on all the above.

Post 102 extends sincere sympathy to the families of

TED JESINOSKI
Ted was a 22 year member of The American Legion and a World War II Veteran.

ENOCK OLSEN
Enock was a 2 year member of The American Legion and a World War II Veteran

GLENN BARROTT
Glenn was a 43 year member of The American Legion and a World War II Veteran

7th Annual Past Commander & Past President Holiday Dinner

All Past Commanders, Unit Presidents,
Past SAL Commanders
and Past Junior Presidents of Post 102 invited
to attend along with spouse or special guest.

Date: Wednesday - December 14, 2011
Where: Post 102 - Commanders Hall
Time: Social 6:00-7:00 p.m. - Dinner 7:00 p.m.
Catered by: Sons of the American Legion

Food Choices: Country Fried Steak $8.00
Shrimp.....$8.00
Sirloin Steak.....$8.00
Shrimp & Steak.....$11.00

Choices with: Salad, Baked Potato & Roll, Coffee,
Dessert by the Past Presidents.
Deadline - Tuesday December 6th!
Make check payable to SAL and mail to Darlene Thell, 17020 Crocus St. NW, Andover, MN 55304
or Bring to Pull Tab Booth at Legion or give to Darlene at December Unit Meeting.
Note: Please include with your reservation choice of meal/meals

Questions contact Darlene at: 753-3064

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Commander's Column

Fadi A. Awaijane

Greetings fellow Legionnaires,

Winter is getting closer and most of you snowbirds have left. Enjoy your winter, I Know We will! October was a very busy Month, Early Bird Dinner was on October 13th special thanks to the Auxiliary, SAL and the Legion members who helped and special thanks to 1st Vice Commander Gary Reimann for putting it together. "Light up the Night" was on October 22nd the Post Color Guard led the Parade thanks to Cliff, Gina, Jill, Karen and myself.

I participated in the Halloween Kids Parade on October 28th and the Grande Day Parade on the 29th. What a beautiful day, we had great weather, a huge crowd and it was a day that I will never forget. A lot of people held signs that said **"Thank you Veterans"** it made me feel very proud to be a Veteran.

Veteran's Day Dinner was on November 12th, we had a full house. I'd like to thank all of you who attended. We all had a good time enjoying the good dinner and an excellent program, thanks to all who helped.

November 11th Veterans Day the color guard Cliff Newman, Fadi Awaijane and Jim Hays were invited to Anoka High School to place a wreath for the memory of those who have sacrificed in military service. Also the Color Guard raised the flag at Ramsey Elementary.

October 25th the Anoka Lions Club which I belong to presented us with a Helen Keller Sight Award; thanks to Anoka Lions Club President Ron Nordine and to all the Anoka Lions. Also I'd like to thank PDG Lion Bill Dubats for coming to our General meeting and talking about the Helen Keller Sight Award.

District Governor Dave Schroeder and Anoka Lions President Ron Nordine presented Anoka Legion with the Helen Keller Sight Award.

In closing I'd like to wish you and your family a very happy holiday and a happy new year. Be Safe.

S.A.L. NEWS

Commander Bill Knight

First I would like to wish you all a Happy Holiday!

Mid winter conference is coming up January 7th 2012. It would be nice to see more of you at the conference which will be held at Anoka Post.

The Budget meeting was held in October and was read at the November Meeting.

Squadron 102 will be donating to the following charities this year:

Toys for Joy	Girls and Boys Staters
Child Welfare Foundation	Legionville
Cty. Vets Program	Fire Safety
ACBC Food Shelf	Meals on Wheels
Youth First	And a few other programs.

Reminder!
If you haven't paid your dues for 2012 you will need to get them in now.

We are still looking for volunteers for the Wednesday night dinners, so if you can spare some free time to come out and help it would be greatly appreciated.

The membership/Daytona 500 Party is just around the corner, FEB 26TH 2012.

I would like to thank those who attended the Veterans Dinner this year, Charlie Heemer, Al Amundsen, Roland, Greg and Kevin.

December 10th - Vets Wild Game Dinner, looking for volunteers for clean up and serving.

December 18th - Christmas Rally, held at the Fridley Legion.

December 19th - Christmas party at the St. Cloud VA.

CORRECTION

2010 – 2011 Post Officers list
American Legion National Central Region Vice Cmdr....
Milton Heifner – Iowa
(Region includes IL - IN - IA - MI - MN - MO - OH & WI)

Pictures Wanted of Post 102 Members who are on active duty and currently deployed overseas.

We would like to have a 5x7 picture of you to place on the wall coming into the Post. We as a Post are proud of our heroes. Pictures may be given to the pull-tab booth, Paul Adler or Ron Wolford. All we need is your picture with name included on back of picture.

Ron Wolford – Past Commander

Veterans Day Dinner

Speaking before one of the largest dinner crowds in recent years, LTC Barbara O'Reilly (ret.) gave one of the most interesting and inspiring talks in recent years. She also was probably the first female veteran to headline this dinner; her thoughtful speech was very much appreciated by all attending.

Ross Paulson, Troop 3362 Eagle Scout and Order of the Arrow Inductee was honored by Post 102 as Boy Scout of the Year. Introduced by Paul Adler, Ross spoke of his Eagle project – picnic tables for Cross of Hope Lutheran Church in Ramsey. Ross is now attending the UW-Madison.

Tenth District Commander Bill Stump – St. Louis Park, President Laura Blue – Coon Rapids and S.A.L. Commander Charlie Heemer – Anoka brought greetings.

60 Year members:
Dick Raatz and Bill Ward

Paul Adler, (Eagle Scout) Ross Paulson and Cmdr. Fadi

50 year members:
Art Goebel, Charlie Davidson, LeRoy Budde and Tom Pavelich

Dist. Pres. Laura Blue, Dist. Cmdr. Bill Stump, Cmdr. Fadi and Pres. Norah

LTC Barb O'Reilly Ret. with 10th Dist. Cmdr. Bill Stump and Cmdr. Fadi

President's Column

Norah Wyman

Hello Auxiliary members,

Early Bird dinner was a pleasure and it is always so good to see so many of us gather! We are a team and I am so glad to be part of this grand organization.

VETERANS....
The dinner this past Saturday was so wonderful. I have to say I was caught off guard to have some closing comments but I did so speaking from the heart. Our guest speaker was a hard act to follow. So many families are affected was her message and it is so true.

We have to do our best to reach out to the families our current service men and women leave back here in the States. Veterans of the past wars and those currently serving need us to keep them and their families in our thoughts and prayers.

Hope you all have/had a Happy Thanksgiving and hope to see you at our December 6th meeting!

Troop Donations

I want to thank everyone that brought a donation to the Auxiliary Early Bird Dinner. It was a wonderful collection of items that troops have asked for, as seen in the picture. Also not shown, Christmas cards signed by members at the last meeting and cards signed by two writing classes at schools.

I have mailed off 7 boxes to our troops this time thanks to you.

Our community has also helped out on this project: K-Mart, 3 Targets, 2 CVS stores and Cub since we started this. So if you go into those stores say "Thanks for helping".

We are still taking names of men and women over seas, so if you have a family member over there get the **name and address to the Legion pull-tab booth or e-mail it to me at cancnewman@q.com**.

Thank you so much for your support for our service members overseas. They need to know we thank them for keeping us all safe and free because of what they are doing.

God Bless them all. Thanks for your support!

Cathy Newman - VA&R and National Security Chairman

Apples Delivered to Schools

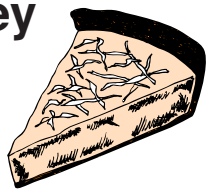
Thank you so much to all that helped bag and deliver apples for American Education Week. 908 apples were delivered to 11 schools and were then distributed to the teachers, staff, cooks and custodians. It is a small token of appreciation given to our educators from The American Legion Family.

A special thank you to Cliff Newman for picking up the 908 apples from County Market. Also, thanks to Tim Kelsey, Rick Oelschlager, Jan Reiter, Kathy Zwerdling and Sandy Phillips for delivering the apples to the schools. Also helping bag apples was the 10th District Commander, 10th District President and her secretary. Thanks Stumpy, Laura and Lorinda for joining us.

Kathy Zwerdling
Education Chrm.

Past Presidents Parley

BAKE SALE



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Auxiliary Early Bird

Festivities were held October 17, the potato-bar meal was attended by 78 seniors and 5 juniors; Past Presidents held initiation for 6 members and 15 continuous member pins were presented with certificates to the 50 and 60 year members (all pictured with Pres. Norah).

The Silent Auction netted $472 with $250 to the Netha Feist Scholarship Fund, the remaining $222 to the Department Auxiliary Emergency Fund.

We missed those 14 members who were unable to attend; their pins were mailed to them (still need 4 members to renew before their pin is mailed).

Betty Erickson
Membership Chrm.

60 Years L-R: Claribel Berghorst, June Bendix and Doris Adkins

50 Years - Virginia Dahlheimer

45 Years L-R: Joni Abeln Braun, Julie Abeln Smith, Liz Abeln and Betty Erickson

L-R: Connie Engstrom (30) Candy Fisher (35) Jolene Connoy and Pres. Norah (40)

25 Years L-R: Marlene Palm, Adeline Watson and Carol Hathaway

Newly Initiated L-R: Carolyn Worley, Mary Ann Ruud, Jean Parvey, Pres. Norah, Joceylne Awaijane, Barb Gefre and Liz Miskavige

JAN'S JOTTINGS

by Jan Reiter

The regular meeting of Edward B. Cutter American Legion Auxiliary was held on Tuesday, November 1, 2011.

Americanism: Deb Mayasich delivered flags to the kindergarten class at St. Stephens School.

Children and Youth: Norah Wyman said she was asked if we wanted to sponsor a family for the Anoka County. A motion was made to sponsor a family for Christmas. Approved.

Fund Raising: Thank you Sue and to those that brought goodies for our annual Halloween fund raiser. Sue thanked everyone who helped Friday evening and Saturday. Sandy asked for approval to have another Elvis Experience, a Christmas show in December of 2012,. Motion to have another Elvis Experience on December 1, 2012. Approved.

Funeral Lunches: Jan Reiter reported that a committee has been formed to provide for Auxiliary members (includes past presidents and juniors) and past Legion and S.A.L. Commanders – all current members of Post & Unit 102. Cathy Newman (757-2034) is the contact with Manager Denise when a lunch is needed. There will be 3 separate teams of Auxiliary members to rotate the funerals – if you can help, call Jan at 427-3733.

Poppy: Contest at Dept. Fall Conference: Anoka 1st Places: Poppy Basket – Cathy Newman, Poppy Picture Frame and Peoples Choice – Donna Redepenning. Chairman Sandy Phillips asked members to save Pringles containers and ice cream pails for Poppy Day in May.

VA&R: Cathy Newman reported that the VA is in need of heart pillows. She has directions to make these, if anyone would like to make them at home. We will be working on these at the sewing bee on January 17th, 2012.

New Business: Fall Conference was Oct 27-29 in Mankato. Donna R. and Sandy P. reported that not only the troops need help but so do their families; also the Armed Forces Center (Mpls. Intnl. Airport) is in need of funds. The Jr. Aux. Dept. Pres. will now be called "Honorary" and her project will coincide with the Dept. Pres. & Cmdr. project. Sandy presented to (Unit Chmn.) Jan R. a Best Unit Leadership Chairman Award – Northwestern Division. (The Nov. donations made will be printed in the Jan. 2012 issue).

In Memoriam

ELSIE VIOLA (BERG) SINN

Elsie, a 41 year Auxiliary member, was born October 25, 1915 in Canton, Ohio and passed away December 17, 2010 in Pelican Rapids, Minnesota at the age of 95 years.

Edward B. Cutter Unit 102 extends its sympathy to son Ron, wife Dianne, 2 grandsons, 5 great-grandchildren and 2 sisters; also step-children. A memorial to the Auxiliarys Girls State Program was sent by the Unit.

Auxiliary Membership

If you are one of the 69 members who set aside, meant to mail, lost or just forgot about **your dues notice** – you don't need it!

Thank you and don't forget the free New Years Day Brunch and Past Presidents Bake Sale – for all paid members (you may also pay that day) and you may bring a guest.

Betty Erickson
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EVERYONE PLEASE NOTE

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

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

Let us know and we will remove your name from the mailing list for the newspaper.

Try it once and see if this will work for you!

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

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

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Flag Display Days 7th - Pearl Harbor Day (half-staff until sunset) 25th - Christmas Day	**RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP NOW! Legion, Aux. Aux. Jr., SAL Dual**	**December 2-4 Customer Appreciation Weekend Downtown Anoka** **December 3** **Bonfires, hayrides, music, Santa arrives 5:15 pm** **Tree Lighting 6:00 pm** **Anoka City Hall**		**SEE MENU ON PAGE 2 for THRUSDAY & FRIDAY MENU** **Bar Bingo 7:00 pm** 1	**Meat Raffle 5:30 pm Bar Bingo 7:00 pm** 2	**School Patrol Christmas Party 10 am to 12 noon** **Dept. Pearl Harbor Rally 3 pm - No. St. Paul** 3
Club Open 12-10 **Bar Bingo 4:00 pm** 4	***90 years ago Dec. 1921: Anoka's first community Christmas Tree.*** 5	**Post General Mem. 7:30 pm S.A.L. Mtg. 7:00 pm Auxiliary Mtg. 7:00 pm** 6	**SAL Dinners 5:30-7:00 Prime Rib $10.00** **Natl. Pearl Harbor Day Remembrance** 7	**Bar Bingo 7:00 pm** 8	**Meat Raffle 5:30 pm Bar Bingo 7:00 pm** 9	**Veterans Wild Game Dinner 12:00 noon** 10
Club Open 12-10 **Bar Bingo 4:00 pm** 11	***70 years ago Dec. 1941: 24 hour guard maintained at Power & Pump Station in Anoka.*** 12	**NEWSPAPER MEETING 7:00 pm** 13	**SAL Dinners 5:30-7:00 Country Fried Steak $8.00** **Aux. Twin Rivers Bingo 2:15 pm** **Past. Pres. & Cmdrs. Holiday Dinner Aux./Post/SAL 6:30/7:00** 14	**Bar Bingo 7:00 pm** 15	**Meat Raffle 5:30 pm Bar Bingo 7:00 pm** 16	**10th District Oratorical Contest at Anoka 8:00 am** 17
Christmas Rally Fridley 1:00 pm Club Open 12-10 **Bar Bingo 4:00 pm** 18	***80 years ago Dec. 15, 1931: Senior class rings from Jostens $6.75 per ring.*** 19	**House & Ent.** Meeting 7:00 pm 20	**SAL Dinners 5:30-7:00 Prime Rib $10.00** 21	**Bar Bingo 7:00 pm** **Winter Begins** 22	**Meat Raffle 5:30 pm Bar Bingo 7:00 pm** 23	***Christmas Eve Club Open 12 Noon to 5:00 pm*** 24
MERRY CHRISTMAS **Club Closed** 25	***60 years ago Dec. 28, 1951: Bill's Roller Rink opens.*** 26	**Executive Board** Meeting 7:00 pm 27	**SAL Dinners 5:30-7:00 Steak, Chicken, or Shrimp $8.00 Steak & Shrimp Combo $11.00** 28	**Bar Bingo 7:00 pm** 29	**Meat Raffle 5:30 pm Bar Bingo 7:00 pm** 30	31

COMING IN JANUARY 2012

1 New Years Day Brunch ~ Club Open 10:00 am – 7:00 pm
Past Commanders serving 11:00 am – 1:00 pm
Past Presidents Bake Sale during brunch
3 Membership Meetings
7 10 Dist. Mid-Winter Conference at Anoka
17 Past Presidents Sewing Bee 1:00 pm

Anoka Legion Riders Chapter 102 Meeting 7:00 PM Post Clubrooms 3rd Wednesday of every month.

1st Friday each month Red Cross Bloodmobile at Post 7 AM - 1 PM

January 1st New Years Day Brunch for all paid 2012 Legion, Auxiliary and SAL members – if not yet paid - you may do so that day.