

EDWARD B. CUTTER POST 102

Installation 2012 – 2013 June 21st Ceremonies



Past 10th District Commander (2010-11) Darrel Redepenning conducted the installation ceremonies for **Gary Reimann** as Post Commander, **Pat Vevea** as SAL Commander and **Bill Faddler** as Legion Rider Director. Past 10th District President (2008-09) Sue Nunnelee installed **Darlene Thell** as Unit President for a third term (2009-10 and 2010-11).

Past Anoka Commanders and Presidents installed the new Post, Unit and SAL officers with Cliff Newman as Sgt.-at-Arms. Following the ceremony, everyone enjoyed the lunch prepared and served by Sandy Phillips, Pres. Darlene, Cathy Newman and Jan Reiter. Picture by Sandy Phillips.

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ADJUTANT'S NOTES

by Gary Munkholm

A hearty welcome to the newest members of Anoka Post 102 Thomas O'Connell Jr sponsored by Paul Adler, Rita Williams sponsored by Paul Adler, Gary Freiling sponsored by Wayne Wallace, Wayne Buchholz, and Michael Wahl. We hope to see you at future meetings and join us in fellowship during other times of the week.

Congratulations to the men's softball team we sponsor as they earned a place in the National play offs during this coming Labor Day weekend. We wish them well during the playoffs.

Congratulations also go out to our Anoka Legion Riders Chapter as they help raise over \$35,000 recently during the 3rd annual Minnesota Legion Riders Legacy Run. Money raised during the Legacy Run provides scholarship money for higher education degrees to the children of Veterans killed while serving in our military. Representing our Post during the run were Bill Faddler, Rick Oelschlager, Gary Munkholm, and Matt Berens.

Vice Commander Ray Turnquist announced at the last general membership meeting that the American Flag was retired at the old Castle Field after the last American Legion game was played in July and the flag will be raised before the 1st game is played at the new Castle Field when it opens next summer at Anoka High School.

If you haven't heard Past Post Commander and Past 10th District Commander Darrel Redepenny was named as this year's Department Membership Chairman. Post 102 wishes him nothing but the best in his latest appointment with the Minnesota American Legion leadership.

The general membership agreed at the last meeting to again host the Mighty 10th District Mid Winter Convention this winter.

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

Donation to the North Suburban Concert Band	\$500
St. Cloud VA Veterans Deer Hunt	\$200
Minnesota Legion Riders Legacy Scholarship fund	\$250
Post 102 for Utility expenses	\$2,475
Tax on Wagering to the U.S. Treasury	\$400
Assist needy Veterans or Family	\$1,500
Emergency money	\$500

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Post 102 extends sincere sympathy to the families of



PATRICK T. FERGUSON

Patrick was a 41 year member of The American Legion and a World War II Veteran

ROD W. MCARDLE

Rod was a 51 year member of The American Legion and a Korean War Veteran

WILLIAM G. RIDGE

William was a 66 year member of The American Legion and a World War II Veteran

IN SEPTEMBER

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

7th Fish Fry \$8.00

14th Liver & Onions \$8.00

21st Hot Beef Sandwich \$9.00
with Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Veg & Roll

28th Stuffed Chicken Breast \$9.00
with Sage dressing, Rice pilaf, Veg & Roll

Tax included on all the above.



Commander's Column

Gary Reimann

Greetings,

The 94th Department Convention at Redwood Falls (Jackpot) held in July was attended by the members pictured. Post 102 received the following awards:

- Frank J. Ring Boy Scout Trophy
- Joseph W. Finley Trophy
- Levi Hall School Patrol Trophy
- Hanson Education Trophy



Thanks for the Post officers time and energy –
Thanks for all the support for Club 102

I was born in Minneapolis on February 27, 1942 and lived in Columbia Heights for 18 years; enlisted in the Marines in July 1960 to 1963. Following service, I attended Dunwoody Institute from 1963 –1965 as an auto electrician. Beverly and I were married in 1964, we have four sons, all members of the SAL.

I was Mayor of Ramsey and a councilmember from 1974-1986; a Ramsey Lion for over 20 years and have lived in Ramsey for 45 years. I am also involved (34 years) in St. Pats Catholic Church. I am self-employed, Reimann Inc. – fork lift repair – for 40 years.



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S.A.L. NEWS Commander Patrick Vevea

Hello, my name is Patrick Vevea aka 'Chunk'. I was asked to join the SAL by Jim Batters. I have been a member for 19 years. Sometimes a participating member, sometimes not. But, I've always had my heart in it for America and local Charities. My hope for the Squadron is not to necessarily grow in numbers, but grow in member participation. There are a lot of good members, we just need to convince them they are.

Our Squadron Officers are:

- Commander: Pat 'Chunk' Vevea;
- Vice-Commander: Kevin Smith;
- Adjutant: Jim Batters;
- Finance Officer: Cliff Newman;
- Membership Director: Charlie Heemer;
- Chaplain: Roland Herrmann;
- Sgt-at-Arms: Kevin Smith.
- Jr. Past Commander: Bill Knight
- Legion Adviser: Cliff Newman.

Thanks for letting me be a part of all that is good with the Anoka Post 102.

In God and Country, Commander 'Chunk'.

POST HOSPITAL EQUIPMENT

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

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2012 Auxiliary Scholarship Recipients



American Legion Auxiliary
Netha B. Feist Scholarship
Molly Evavold



American Legion Auxiliary
Scholarship
(2 year College)
Nora Wehrle-harlan



American Legion Auxiliary
Scholarship
(4 year College)
Tayler Bengtson

Auxiliary Membership

Anoka Unit members, your **2013** dues notices from National (Indianapolis) may be in your mailbox sometime during the month of September – much later than last year; also, as of Aug. 14, I have **just received** the packet from Department office (St. Paul). Both organizations **are very late!!**

However, you may send your dues to me without that notice – and please remember – 2013 **senior** dues are **\$25**, **junior** dues are **\$5** and **past presidents** still **\$3**. You may also pay dues at the pull tab booth.

Betty Erickson 763-421-4562

1826 Cressy Ave., Anoka MN 55303

NOTE: Monday, October 8 at 6:00 pm will be our free Early Bird Dinner for paid senior and junior members. Also, the Silent Auction – Initiation – Continuous Member pin presentations. **Your Dues and Reservations MUST Be In By October 4** (Joint Meeting).

2012 Scholarship Recipients



American Legion School Award
Molly Evavold



American Legion School Award
Benjamin Sjodin



American Legion
Clarence A. Visneski
Memorial Scholarship
Spencer Kubat



American Legion Theresa Erickson
Memorial Nursing Scholarship
Melanie Streich



American Legion
Clarence A. Visneski
Memorial Scholarship
Cody Miranowski



Am. Legion Gerald F. Raney
Memorial Scholarship
Andrew Park



American Legion
Marvin L. Gilbertson
Memorial Scholarship
Cassandra Mark



American Legion
Myron A. Way
Memorial Scholarship
Amy Niedenfuer



American Legion
C. Merion Hicks
Memorial Scholarship
Miranda Longberg



Am. Legion Warren C. Feist
Memorial Scholarship
Gianna Schiller



President's Column

Darlene Thell

I would like to thank you for putting your trust in me once again, to be your President for the 2012-2013 year. I'm looking forward to working with you, and the Post, to have another successful year. As our new year is beginning, I want to thank Norah Wyman, her officers and chair-people for a job well done. Thank you also to all of my officers and chair-people that have agreed to represent our Unit.

The annual flag raising ceremony at the Anoka County fairgrounds takes place on July 24th. It is always a special honor to take part in the ceremony, and thank you to the members of our Post and Auxiliary that were there to represent our Post 102.

Our 10th District held its first membership rally on August 5th. It was hosted and held at the St. Francis American Legion. St. Francis did a great job in hosting it. Thank you to all Post and Auxiliary members who took time to be there – although we had no membership to turn in that day.

Please continue to give our Unit your support by coming to our monthly meetings or by helping out in other ways.

Lets remember to thank our military and veterans and to always keep them and those who gave their lives to keep our world free, in our prayers every day.

God Bless America

Stand Down

Cathy Newman and myself volunteered at the annual Stand Down held at the Boy Scout Base Camp at Ft. Snelling on August 1st. This is the 3rd year that we have volunteered. Usually we help with the serving of a meal. This year we helped get corn ready for the huge grill and serving of the evening meal. For each meal there is a catering service or Veteran's group that furnishes the meal for all the veterans and volunteers.

Stand Downs are one part of the Department of Veterans Affairs' efforts to provide services to homeless veterans. Stand Downs are typically one to three day events providing services to homeless Veterans such as food, shelter, clothing, health screenings, VA and Social Security benefits counseling, and referrals to a variety of other necessary services, such as housing, employment and substance abuse treatment. Stand Downs are collaborative events, coordinated between local VAs, other government agencies, and community agencies who serve the homeless. This one is under the supervision of MACV (Minnesota Assistance Council for Veterans).

The first Stand Down was organized in 1988 by a group of Vietnam Veterans in San Diego. Since then, Stand Downs have been used as an effective tool in reaching out to homeless Veterans, reaching more than 200,000 Veterans and their family members between 1994-2000.

The idea is to bring many services to one location and make them more accessible to ALL veterans who otherwise may not seek out services or take advantage of benefits due to them. The Minnesota Stand Downs are held at Bemidji, Grand Rapids, International Falls, Rochester, Duluth and Mankato beside the biggest one in the Twin Cities.

This has been a truly rewarding volunteer position for the past 3 years in spite of it usually being one of the hottest days of the summer!

Sandy Phillips

Department Convention

The 94th Minnesota State Department Convention of the American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary was held at Redwood Falls, Minnesota at the Jackpot Junction Casino on July 19, 20, and 21, 2012.

Delegates attending from the Auxiliary were: Ann Larson, Cathy Newman, Donna Redepenning, Betty Redepenning, and Sandy Phillips. This convention is held for the purpose of electing new officers for the upcoming year and to recognize units for their work with the Auxiliary Programs. Our unit can be very proud of their work this year as they received several awards and citations. They were: National Security Support our Troops award, Cathy Newman, Chairman, Veteran's Affairs – Binger trophy for best all around VA & R Report, Cathy Newman, Chairman, President's Wing award for Past President's Parley, Barb Ridge, Chairman. Forwarded to National for competition was the National Security report and the unit Public Relations Report, Darlene Thell, Chairman. Certificates of merit were received for Children and Youth, Memorial, Poppy, Field Service and Home Service. And a certificate of appreciation was received for History, Karen Orr, Chairman. Donna Redepenning won 1st Place in the poppy center piece contest as well as the People's Choice Contest. Congratulations to all our winners for the great jobs they did on their programs this year.

Cathy Newman was a color bearer for the convention and Sandy Phillips was the convention time keeper.





The music extravaganza was brought back this year after several years. It was done on Thursday evening as part of the National President's reception. Sandy Phillips took part in the 10th District Skit.

We were honored to have our National President Kris Nelson, who is from Brainerd with us the entire convention.

The parade did take place in Redwood Falls in spite of the hot weather. Each year they get a little bit shorter and no longer have the high school bands marching.

Raleen Tolzmann from the 2nd District was installed as the new Department President for 2012-2013.

SEPTEMBER 2012

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 <p>1st Friday each month Red Cross Bloodmobile at Post 7 AM - 1 PM</p>	 <p>MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL SPECIALS Come in and check it out!</p>		<p>FLAG DISPLAY DAYS Sept. 3 - Labor Day Sept. 11 - Patriot Day - half staff until noon Sept. 21 - POW/MIA Recognition Day</p>	<p>Every Thursday & Friday Grill Open 5:00 – 8:30 pm</p> <p>Menu Page 2</p>	<p>Meat Raffle 5:30 pm Bar Bingo 7:00 pm</p>	<p>50 years ago Sept. 1962: TCF (Theater Bldg.) has 1st anniversary in Anoka</p>
<p>Club Open 12-10 Bar Bingo 4:00 pm</p>	<p>Labor Day Club Open 12:30 pm - 7 pm</p>	<p>Post General Mem. 7:30 pm S.A.L. Mtg. 7:00 pm Auxiliary Mtg. 7:00 pm Bar Bingo 6:30 pm</p>	<p>SAL Dinners 5:30-7:00 and Prime Rib \$11.00</p>	<p>2013 Dues Legion \$35.00 SAL \$20.00 Dual \$10.00 Riders \$15.00</p>	<p>Meat Raffle 5:30 pm Bar Bingo 7:00 pm</p>	<p>Legionville Rally</p>
<p>Club Open 12-10 Bar Bingo 4:00 pm</p>	<p>Edward B. Cutter American Legion Post 102 Denise Adler - Manager 763-421-0883</p>	<p>NEWSPAPER MEETING 7:00 pm Bar Bingo 6:30 pm Patriot Day</p>	<p>SAL Dinners 5:30-7:00 and Country Fried Steak \$8.00 Aux. Twin Rivers Bingo 2:15 pm</p>	<p>90 years ago Sept. 1922: School closed so kids can attend the Anoka Street Fair on Main St. from Bridge Sq. to City Hall (then mid block 3rd & 4th Aves.) Food vendors, games, farm displays, shooting galleries, a high diving act and tents with movies and side shows.</p>	<p>Meat Raffle 5:30 pm Bar Bingo 7:00 pm</p>	<p>70 years ago Sept. 1942: Spanish will replace German in the foreign language dept. at AHS</p>
<p>Club Open 12-10 Bar Bingo 4:00 pm</p> <p>POW/MIA Recognition Day</p>	<p>Citizenship Day</p>	<p>Bar Bingo 6:30 pm House & Ent. Meeting 7:00 pm</p>	<p>SAL Dinners 5:30-7:00 Prime Rib \$11.00 Legion Riders Meeting 7 pm</p>	<p>Meat Raffle 5:30 pm Bar Bingo 7:00 pm</p> <p>POW/MIA Recognition Day</p>	<p>70 years ago Sept. 20, 1942: Pres. FDR came past Anoka after visiting the Twin City Ordinance Plant.</p>	
<p>Club Open 12-10 Bar Bingo 4:00 pm</p>	<p>2013 Dues Auxiliary \$25.00 Jr. Auxiliary \$5.00 Past Presidents \$3.00</p>	<p>Bar Bingo 6:30 pm Executive Board Meeting 7:00 pm Past Pres. Mtg. 7 pm</p>	<p>SAL Dinners 5:30-7:00 Steak, Chicken, or Shrimp \$8.00 Steak & Shrimp Combo \$11.00</p>	<p>Meat Raffle 5:30 pm Bar Bingo 7:00 pm</p>	<p>Anoka Fall Recycling Drop-off Day 8 am - Noon 501 Pierce St.</p>	
<p>Club Open 12-10 Bar Bingo 4:00 pm</p> <p>Gold Star Mothers Day</p>	<p>Coming in October</p> <p>2 Joint Meeting w/Boys & Girls Staters 7 pm Gen. Membership, SAL & Aux. mtgs to follow Aux. Early Bird Dinner Cut-Off 8 Aux. Early Bird Dinner – Silent Auction 17 Pumpkin Bowl</p>				<p>20 Light Up The Night Parade 25-27 Fall Conference – Pequot Lakes 26 Kids Parade 1:15 pm 27 Grande Day Parade 1:00 pm TBA Post Early Bird Dinner</p>	 <p>70 years ago Sept. 1942: Commissioner Kline resigns due to entering U.S. Army</p>