

# EDWARD B. CUTTER POST 102

Installation 2013 – 2014 June 20th Ceremonies



Past District Commander Darrel Redepenning conducted the ceremonies and installed **Pat Vevea** as S.A.L. Commander and **Dan Soland** as Legion Rider Director. Past Department Commander Bud Redepenning installed **Gary Reimann** as Post Commander. Lenora Root installed **Lynette Pavin** as Unit President.

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 Darlene Thell, Sandy Phillips, Cathy Newman and Jan Reiter. Photo by Sandy.

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# ADJUTANT'S NOTES

by Gary Munkholm

A hearty welcome to the newest members of Anoka Post 102 Gary Grinde, Leland Stull sponsored by Doug Hookom, Adam Bebeau sponsored by Wayne Wallace, Mark Kvamme sponsored by Gary Munkholm, transfer Alan Newman sponsored by Cliff Newman, Teresa Kenmir, US Navy, sponsored by Dixie Taylor, and Ricky McGuire, US Army, sponsored by Frank Menter. We hope to see you at future meetings and join us in fellowship during other times of the week.

Commander Reimann presented the membership with Department Awards received at the Department Convention. The Post received the Levi Hall School Patrol Trophy, Lloyd Grossnickle Memorial Trophy for sponsoring a Junior Shooting Team, and Community Service Award certificate. Commander Reimann also presented Frank Menter with the National Citation for Meritorious Service certificate which was announced at the Department Convention.

Doug Hookom reported to the membership on the upcoming Honor Flights involving Post members Duke Grosslein and Ken Berghorst.

**Simeon Toronto thanked everyone at our last general meeting for sponsoring him to Boys State and Boys Nation and gave us an update on his experience with both. He was elected as Minnesota Governor at Boys State and President at Boys Nation. According to Wayne Wallace he is only the 2nd Boys Nation member to be elected President from Minnesota.**

Commander Reimann presented the membership with a yellow 100% membership ribbon from the Department Commander for making goal this past year.

Vice Commander Doug Sturgill gave the membership a report on the Post Color Guard participating in the Castle Field ribbon cutting ceremony on July 3 and at the July 4th flag raising at the Anoka County Courthouse.

Don't forget that you can view or download our monthly newsletter by using our website 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 to help save the Post mailing and printing costs.

Gambling manager Paul Adler presented the following list of donations for the last 2 months which were approved by the general membership:

Donation to Honor Flight for Veterans	\$500
Donation to support the North Suburban Concert Band	\$500
Donation to Anoka County Veterans Service Officer	\$300
Anoka High School Scholarships	\$5,500
MN National Guard Youth/Teen Camp	\$300
City of Anoka for Water & Light costs	\$2,575
Center Point Energy for gas costs	\$500
U.S. Treasury for tax on wagering	\$800
Assist needy Veterans & Families	\$1,500
Emergency Money	\$500



Post 102 extends sincere sympathy to the families of



## FLOYD R. BOESER

Floyd was a 40 year member of The American Legion and a World War II Veteran

## HAROLD E. KNUDSON

Harold was a 5 year member of The American Legion and a World War II Veteran

## EARL W. MICHAEL

Floyd was a 12 year member of The American Legion and a Vietnam War Veteran

## HERBERT W. BRETH

Herbert was a 27 year member of The American Legion and a Korean War Veteran

## JAMES M. COLLINS

James was a 25 year member of The American Legion and a Korean War Veteran

## GORDON O. GOEBEL

Gordon was a 22 year member of The American Legion and a Vietnam War Veteran

## Dept. Convention - Mahnomen



L-R: Doug Sturgill, Roland Herrmann, Milt Webster, Ray Turnquist, Gary Reimann, Gary Munkholm, Rick Oelschlager and Cliff Newman. Not pictured Bud & Darrel Redepenning.

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## **Commander Gary Reimann**

Born in Minneapolis in 1942. Raised in Columbia Heights with 3 brothers, dad and mom. Graduated from Columbia Heights High School. Enlisted the Marine Corps 1960. Three years active - three years reserves. Went to Dundwoody for Auto Electrician. Married my

wife Beverly in November 1964 - we had 4 boys. I worked as a forklift mechanic for 8 years then went into business for myself. Still working part time. I enjoy family, fishing, traveling and volunteering. Thanks for all the prayers and support this last year.

### **Things I did last month.**

Convention in Mahanomen - 3 days meetings and a parade. Very well planned. County Fair flag raising - nice ceremony, Anoka American Legion, Coon Rapids VFW, Spring Lake Park VFW - our people made me proud to be Commander of Post 102.

We sponsored Simean Toronto to Boys State where he was elected Governor and went on to Washington DC to be elected President. He came to our regular monthly meeting in August and thanked us for the support we gave him. He asked if he could stay for the rest of the meeting, what a treat to have a young man take interest in our meeting and stay for brunch afterward. Congratulations from Post 102.

Don't forget the 44th Camp-O-Ree September 5th – 8th, Brainerd - North Long Lake.

God Bless our men and women in uniform. Pray for them.



## **S.A.L. Commander Patrick Vevea**

Hello Legion Family,

I hope your summer has been as great as our weather has so far this August! Not much to report on but that will change as soon as summer ends. Wednesday Night Dinners are still going smoothly. Big thank you goes out to the core workers. You know who you are, everyone that attends knows who they are.

Till next month - Keep It Up!



## **Legion Riders Director Daniel Soland**

Served 4 years in the Marine Corps as a jet engine mechanic from August 1964 to August 1968. At present I am 3rd Vice Commander in the Legion, a member of the Legion Color Guard, a member of the SAL and Director of the Legion Riders.

**American Legion Riders Chapters** are well known for their charitable work, which has raised hundreds of

thousands of dollars for local children's hospitals, schools, veteran's homes, and scholarships.

August was a busy month for the MN American Legion Riders. We participated in fundraising rides, parades and the MN Legacy Run.

The MN Legacy Run is a six day event over two weekends. Riders traveled throughout Minnesota, stopping at American Legion Posts collecting funds for the American Legion Legacy Scholarship. This scholarship is the main fundraising effort for the Legion Riders.

The scholarship was created as a result of the war on terror leaving many children of our military in single-parent households. The funds we raise ensure that higher education for these children can be a reality.

As of August 11, 2013, the final day of the 2013 Legacy Run, \$6,872 of the \$50,000 goal was collected from MN for the Scholarship Fund. Post 102 Gambling also donated \$500. Approximately \$48,000 was turned in at the National Convention in 2012.

If you would like to donate, please contact Dan Soland.

### **Have You Read**

#### **The Minnesota Legionnaire, August 2013 issue - page 4 . . . Editorial: The Golden Rule**

An American Legion Post is a service organization – and continue to read

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## An Auxiliary EXPO

All Unit 102 members (paid and not yet paid) and interested non-member guests are invited and welcome to the EXPO to see **just how much our Unit is actually doing for veterans and those now serving overseas.**

Auxiliary programs with displays will include: veteran services, MN STANDDOWN, sewing for VA Hospitals, comfort boxes mailed to current servicemen and women abroad. Flags for schools, Brownie and Girl Scout Troops; scholarships, holiday baskets, Teen Homeless Shelter in Anoka, Junior Auxiliary, Girls State and County, and many more.

Members are encouraged to pay their 2014 dues at the EXPO (as in past years this happened at the Post Family Picnics and way past years at Millie Deschene's Memership Teas). You will receive your new card and be able to sign up for the Early Bird Dinner.

Members already paid (147 of you) are asked to also attend to get your new card and sign up for the dinner. (I want to save postage and not have to mail cards if members are able to attend - and you may pick up your neighbors card).

Everyone joined the American Legion Auxiliary for their own reasons and we all did so because of a veteran; SO why not reacquaint yourself with those programs at the EXPO and how you can help.

See old friends, meet new ones and see you there - **Thursday, September 26, 6:30 pm upper hall.**

Betty Erickson - Membership Chairman

**NOTE:** Come for dinner before the EXPO on Thursday - in addition to BBQ Ribs - the full menu is available!

### EVERYONE PLEASE NOTE

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

**[www.anokalegion.org](http://www.anokalegion.org)**

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

**TO BE REMOVED FROM THE NEWSLETTER MAILING LIST GO TO [www.anokalegion.org](http://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 68 members out of 1022 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.***

### 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

#### FRIDAYS

**6th ~ Fish Fry-All you can eat 9.00**

**13th ~ French Dip Sandwich 8.00**

**20th ~ Italian Meatball Sandwich 8.00**

**27th ~ Taco Salad 7.00**

*Tax included on all the above.*

CATERING CENTRAL

### Post 102 Member Receives Presidential Award

Anoka American Legion Post 102 member Leland P. Smith received the President's Volunteer Service Award for his 20 years of volunteer service as a member of the Board of Directors and Archivist for the Minnesota Military Museum located at Camp Riply, Little Falls, Minnesota.

The award certificate was signed by President Barack Obama and reads, "Presented by the Corporation for National and Community Service to Leland Smith in recognition and appreciation of your commitment to strengthening our Nation and for making a difference through volunteer service".

Leland Smith is a Korean War Veteran with 20 years membership in The American Legion and resides in Blaine, Minnesota.

Post 102 extends congratulations to Leland Smith on his well deserved award.

Wayne Wallace



## President's Column

**Lynette Pavin**

Greetings from the Unit President.

I'm Lynette Pavin and this is my third time as your President. Most of you are used to seeing me at the Post working Bar Bingo

on Tuesday, Friday and Sunday or on Wednesday nights during the SAL Steak Dinner as a volunteer.

During the summer I attended the flag raisings on July 4 at the Anoka County Government Center and on July 23 at the Anoka County Fair opening. On July 28 I also attended the 10th District Rally and Pot Luck at St. Francis to start off the 2013-14 year.

Please feel free to call me if anybody has any questions or ideas that they want to share. Remember, I represent ALL members and I hope that those of you who have not attended a Unit meeting will do so. Come and see what the Auxiliary is all about and the changes that have been made in some of the programs. You may call me at home, the number is 763-421-1840. There is an answering machine. Leave a message and I will return your call.

Remember to Support Our Troops and thank your veterans for all they have done.

## Elvis Experience

Elvis is returning to the Anoka American Legion on October 5th for a dinner and show for the cost of \$25.00 per person. Get your tickets now as they are selling fast! This is a fund raiser for the Auxiliary and Sons of the American Legion. This year we are doing preferred seating for \$30 a ticket.



Along with the dinner and show there will be a Silent Auction. Lots of help is needed to make this a successful silent auction. How can you help? Donations – Donations! You can help by donating new or nearly new items, gift cards, gift baskets, etc. Perhaps a couple of members can join efforts and put together a nice gift basket. Nice homemade craft items, baked or canned goods and quilts can be also welcomed. I'm also looking for help to solicit donations from area businesses. This proved to be quite successful last year so am looking for more help to cover more businesses. If you patronize a certain business ask them for a donation! Please and Thank You! This is our biggest fund raiser so need lots of support from our members.

If you have any questions or are willing to help please call me at 763-754-3800.

Sandy Phillips, Chairman

## FLAG RAISINGS Anoka County Veterans Council



The host Post for the July 4 ceremonies was Anoka Legion Post 102. Coffee and donuts were available before the program started at 7 am. Guest speaker was Anoka County Commissioner Scott Schulte. Attending from Post 102 and Unit were Color Guard members Cliff Newman, Dan Soland, Jim Hays and Doug Sturgill. Other Post members attending were Fadi Awaijane and Gary Munkholm. Participating from the Unit was Lynette Pavin, also attending were Cathy Newman and Jeanene Hays.

The host Post for the July 23 ceremonies at the opening of the County fair was Kraus-Hartig VFW Post 6587. Guest speaker was Anoka County Attorney Tony Palumbo. Erv Lewandowski recited the Pledge of Allegiance with Jr. Unit 102 member Brook Newman doing the singing. Flag carriers were Lynette Pavin, Cathy Newman and Lea Newman (Junior Colors). Other Unit members attending were Donna and Betty Redepenning, Sandy Phillips, Jeanene Hays and Jennifer Gates. The Post 102 Color Guard members Cliff Newman, Dan Soland and Jim Hays participated along with Cmdr. Gary Reimann and Bud Redepenning.

**National Auxiliary President  
will visit Anoka Post 102  
(for dinner)  
on her Minnesota tour  
Monday, September 30, 2013**



**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         |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Daughter      | (step-relative also apply)                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Granddaughter |  |

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

# 2013 Scholarship Recipients



American Legion School Award  
Devin Blanchard

American Legion School Award  
Alysa Cross



American Legion  
Clarence A. Visneski  
Memorial Scholarship  
Somers Sicard



American Legion Theresa Erickson  
Memorial Nursing Scholarship  
Nicole Wahl



American Legion  
Clarence A. Visneski  
Memorial Scholarship  
Jennifer Koskey



Am. Legion Warren C. Feist  
Memorial Scholarship  
Gabriella Sanchez



Am. Legion Gerald F. Raney  
Memorial Scholarship  
Everistis Alaka



American Legion  
Marvin L. Gilbertson  
Memorial Scholarship  
Nathan Lucast



American Legion  
Myron A. Way  
Memorial Scholarship  
Kassie Green



American Legion  
C. Merion Hicks  
Memorial Scholarship  
Elizabeth Ubl

## 2013 Auxiliary Scholarship Recipients



American Legion Auxiliary  
Netha B. Feist Scholarship  
Emma Ramaley



American Legion Auxiliary  
Scholarship  
(2 year College)  
Paige Johnson



American Legion Auxiliary  
Scholarship  
(4 year College)  
Isabella Dotzler

## 2013 Department Convention

The Convention was held at the Shooting Star Casino in Mahanomen. Unit 102 had 5 delegates attend; Cathy Newman (served as the 10th district page and color bearer), Sue Nunnelee, Liz Abeln, Betty and Donna Redepenning. Committee meetings were attended by Sue Nunnelee; Girls State, Cathy Newman; VA&R, and Donna Redepenning; Children & Youth.

Certificates of Merit were received for; Americanism, Community Service, Education, Senior History, National Security, Past Presidents Parley, Poppy, Public Relations, Field Service & Home Service. Plaque awards were won by; Cathy Newman; Binger plaque for VA&R, Donna Redepenning; Americanism Patriot Award, Darlene Thell; Public Relations-Unit & Post Bulletin & the Ruth Hutton award, and Sue Nunnelee; Junior Americanism. Kathy Zwerdling's report on the Education Scholarship Program is being forwarded to National.

The new Department President is Shirley Frederick from Hackensack Unit 202, District 6. The Dept. 1st Vice President is Chris Ronning from Osseo Unit 172, District 10, and Dept. 2nd Vice President is Sandra Frederickson from Glenville Unit 264, District 1. Lori Skallrud from Madison Unit 158 was elected as the NW Division National Vice President. Donna Redepenning was installed as the 10th District President.



### 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



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October there will be a  
Veterans goose hunt  
on the city of Anoka's  
property near the new

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### POST HOSPITAL EQUIPMENT

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Legion and their respective families will be allowed use of our  
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**WEDNESDAYS During Dinner**  
**Bottle Beer is \$2.50 5:00 - 8:30**

### Anoka County Residents

You can be a volunteer (men and women)  
for the Selective Service Local Board.

If interested, contact Paul Adler.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Club Open 12-10 Bar Bingo 4:00 pm 1	<b>Labor Day Club Open 12 noon - 5 pm</b> 2	Post General Mem. 7:30 pm S.A.L. Mtg. 7:00 pm Auxiliary Mtg. 7:00 pm Bar Bingo 6:30 pm 3	<b>EVERY WED STEAK \$8.50 - FISH OR SHRIMP \$11.00</b> SAL Dinners 5:30-7:00 Prime Rib \$11.00 4	Every Thursday & Friday Grill Open 5:00 – 8:30 pm Menu Page ? 5	Meat Raffle 5:30 pm Bar Bingo 7:00 pm 6	<b>Legionville Rally</b> 7
Club Open 12-10 Bar Bingo 4:00 pm 8	<i>Post 1973-74 Cdr - Myron Way 1st - Jerry Abeln 2nd - Don Fiebiger 3rd - Howard Zunker Adj - Wayne Wallace Fin - Pete Lish Chp - Bud Westlie Sgt - Mike Benyo ExB - C.A. Visneski ExB - Al Smith Svc O - Gib Holmbo Hist. - Bill Howard</i> 9	<b>NEWSPAPER MEETING 7:00 pm Bar Bingo 6:30 pm</b> 10	SAL Dinners 5:30-7:00 Country Fried Steak \$8.50 Aux. Twin Rivers Bingo 2:15 pm Patriot Day 11	<i>Junior Aux. 1973 -74 Pres. - Joan Abeln 1st - Lisa Hostetler Sec. - Julie Abeln Treas. - Lisa Zunker Chp. - Patty Klebba</i> 12	Meat Raffle 5:30 pm Bar Bingo 7:00 pm 13	<i>Unit 1973-74 Pres. - Liz Abeln 1st - Pat Wallace 2nd - Sue Fiebiger</i> 14
Club Open 12-10 Bar Bingo 4:00 pm 15	<i>Chp - Bud Westlie Sgt - Mike Benyo ExB - C.A. Visneski ExB - Al Smith Svc O - Gib Holmbo Hist. - Bill Howard</i> 16	Bar Bingo 6:30 pm House & Ent. Meeting 7:00 pm Past Pres. Mtg. 7 pm 17	SAL Dinners 5:30-7 Smoked Pork Chop \$8.50 Legion Riders Mtg. 7:00 pm 18	<i>Sgts. - Cathy Erickson and Lynn Hoffer Advisors: Millie Deschene Joyce Westlie Jeanie Wallace</i> 19	Meat Raffle 5:30 pm Bar Bingo 7:00 pm <b>POW/MIA Recognition Day</b> 20	<i>Treas. - Lois Witte Sgt. - Doris Way Ex.B - Lois Holmbo Ex.B - Polly Landowski Ex.B - Barb Fechner</i> 21
Club Open 12-10 Bar Bingo 4:00 pm <b>Grandparents Day Autumn Begins</b> 22	<i>C&amp;Y - Bob Duclos Boys S - Cdr. Way Orat - Don Melrose Memb - Jerry Abeln Bingo - C.A. Visneski Toy C - Jerry Raney</i> 23	Bar Bingo 6:30 pm Executive Board Meeting 7:00 pm 24	SAL Dinners 5:30-7 <b>Walleye Dinner \$10.50</b> 25	<b>Aux. Unit EXPO 6:30 pm Upper Hall</b> 26	Meat Raffle 5:30 pm Bar Bingo 7:00 pm 27	<i>Sec. - Betty Erickson Chp. - Liann Morton Hist. - Alice Lee</i> 28
Club Open 12-10 Bar Bingo 4:00 pm <b>Gold Star Mothers Day</b> 29	<i>Jr. Leg. BB Coaches: Dick Johnson Carl Leadens Managers: Bob Barkuloo Ralph Batters</i> 30	<i>Newsletter - Mike Benyo PR - Tim Kneefe Pic - Joe Perrin Softball - Al Smith Football - Don Fiebiger Bowling - Mike Benyo</i>		<i>Bldg. / Plng. / H&amp;E - Bud Redepenning H&amp;E Comm. Arvid Gutzwiller, Doc Adams Don Hostetler, Charlie Davidson &amp; Don Kassen</i>		<i>Post dues \$8/quota 530. Pres. Liz, B. Staters at Sept. 4 mtg. Cdr Myron &amp; G. Stater at Aux. Sept. 5.</i>
	<b>FLAG DISPLAY DAYS</b> Sept. 2 - Labor Day Sept. 11 - Patriot Day - half staff until noon Sept. 20 - POW/MIA Recognition Day	<b>Coming in October</b> 1 Joint Meeting w/Boys & Girls Staters 7 pm 7 Gen. Membership, SAL & Aux. mtgs to follow 14 Aux. Early Bird Dinner Cut-off 17 Aux. Early Bird Dinner & Silent Auction 19 Post Early Bird Dinner Light Up The Night Parade		25 Kids Parade 1:15 pm 17-19 Fall Conference – Marshall 26 Grande Day Parade 1:00 pm TBA Pumpkin Bowl TBA Veterans Goose Hunt / Anoka	 <b>1st Friday each month Red Cross Bloodmobile at Post 7 AM - 1 PM</b>	