Boys and Girls Staters

At the October joint meeting, we were fortunate to have 4 of the 10 boys staters and all 5 of the girls staters able to be with us. They were all very enthusiastic about telling of their week, and told of the great friendships they made and the knowledge they gained regarding our government process. A light lunch was served following the program.

Pictured with Chairman Cliff Newman and Commander Ron are: Michael Maleski - Anoka, Kyle Siebold and Zachary Gust - Andover, Matthew Clausen - Meadow Creek. Unable to attend: Jared Sargent and Connor McMahon - Anoka, Conrad Gudmonson, Marc Lorimer, Grant Lease and Phillip Johnson - Andover

Pictured with Chairman Kathy Zwerdling are (L-R): Megan Eide - Anoka, Elizabeth Blakemore, sponsored by Luverne Unit, Janine Schug, sponsored by Excelsior Unit, Amber Eisenbraun and Paula Eisenbraun. All girls attend Anoka High School

VETERANS DAY NOVEMBER 11
Veterans Day Dinner & Program November 13 - see ad on page 2

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ADJUTANT'S NOTES

by Gary Munkholm

Veteran's Dinner this year will be on November 13 and the event is chaired by Gary Reimann. The Wild Game dinner this year is on December 11 and contact Darrel Redepenning if you have any wild game donations.

The changes needed in our Constitution and By-Laws were approved by the General membership and copies will be available at the next general meeting.

The Anoka Halloween Committee announced that the Honored Community Partner Award for this year is your own Anoka American Legion Post. Commander Wolford will represent us at the Halloween House Decorating contest as one of the judges.

A reminder to get your dues in if you haven't already. National headquarters is mailing out reminders but you can save them some postage if you get them in now. Be sure to check with our manager Denise Adler for your Veteran's discount when comparing hall rental for a family get together or other events.

The National American Legion Convention is in Minneapolis next year and the Department committee is looking for volunteers to help with the event. Let our 10th District Commander Darrel Redepenning know if you are interested.

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

Member recognition dinner	$ 900
Anoka Halloween Committee	500
Assist needy Veterans or Family	1,500
Emergency money	500

Cell Phones!

If you don't know what to do with them – turn them into the Legion. There is a collection box at the pull tab booth. Phone and chargers will be sent and converted to calling cards for the troops. **Please bring the chargers with the phones.**

Cathy Newman
VA&R Chairperson

OFFICIAL NOTICE

Changes to the Edward B. Cutter Post 102 Constitution and By-Laws will be voted on by the general membership on Tuesday, November 5, 2010 and changes presented to the general membership on Tuesday, October 5, 2010. The major changes involve identifying the members of the House and Entertainment Committee, renaming the finance committee to the budget committee, the Chaplain and Sergeant at Arms to be added to the Executive Committee, and recognizing the Sons of the American Legion and the American Legion Riders as part of the Edward B. Cutter Post 102 Legion family.

Post 102 extends sincere sympathy to the families of

REUBEN KRAVIK
Reuben was a 45 year member of The American Legion and a World War II Veteran

GERALD PASTOORS
Gerald was a 24 year member of The American Legion and a Korean War Veteran

RICHARD HALE
Richard was a 3 year member of The American Legion and a Vietnam War Veteran

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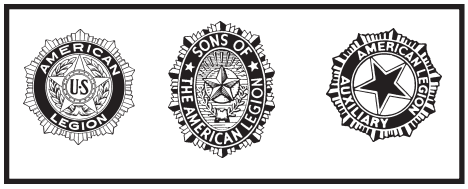

DINNER & PROGRAM

Saturday, November13, 2010
Social Hour 6:00 - 7:00 pm Dinner 7:00 pm

Carved Ham & Turkey
with all the trimmings & dessert

DINNER - $10.00 PER PERSON
Limited to the first 200 people.
Tickets must be purchased before event.
No tickets will be sold on the day of the dinner.

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Commander's Column
Ron Wolford

The fall colors are in full display with another beautiful season at hand. The deck has been completed and is open for everyone to enjoy. The weather has been wonderful and not a snow flake has been sighted in the area.

My 1st Vice Commander Fadi Awaijane has been doing a great job with membership. We are beating last years numbers and want to add even more members to our Post. I was asked who was responsible for membership and my response was that everyone was responsible. If you meet a new person, don't be afraid to ask if they are a member of a Post. After all, we are the greatest Post in the nation!

Last meeting was a joint gathering for the Legion, Auxiliary and Sons of the American Legion. At this meeting the Boys and Girls State members were introduced and each presented a small talk about their experiences. Every one of them expressed gratitude for being chosen to attend. What a great group of people to represent our Post.

Let me end this column with this quote: "Do not follow where the path may lead. Go instead where their is no path and leave a trail." *Ralph Waldo Emerson*

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.

Anyone else wanting to use the equipment will have to have a member of the Post 102 family serve as their sponsor.

ATTNTION ALL HUNTERS

It's that time of year again! Post 102's Annual Veterans Wild Game Dinner is scheduled for December 11th at Noon in the Commanders Hall. As usual we need your help!! All Post 102 Hunters generosity on Game donations will be very much appreciated. Donations can be dropped off at the Post but, we do have limited freezer space so, please consider calling ahead. Call Denise at 421-0883 or Darrel at 571-8623.

As usual, we also need help the day of the dinner with cooking, cleaning, serving and bingo. Come join-in for a great meal and a fun annual tradition. Our guests from the St. Cloud and Minneapolis V.a. Medical Centers tell us every year, that this is one of their favorite outings. Kick-start your Holiday spirit and join us on December 11. Hope to see you there!!!!

Darrel Redepenning

S.A.L. NEWS
Commander Allen Amundson

I hope everyone is enjoying this fantastic fall weather.

Charlie Heemer and I attended Lino Lakes S.A.L. General meeting on Monday, Oct 4. Many thanks to Lance Nelson and Jack Everett for their help on a recent birthday buffet.

Our Squadron has approved the following donations:

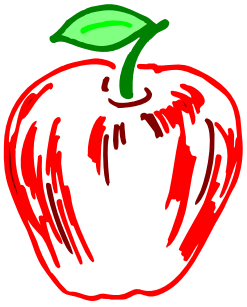
Anoka Champlin Fire Dept.	$50
10th District Cmdr. Project	$50
Vet Pheasant Dinner	$35
MN Family Hosp. Assoc.	$50

National S.A.L. is now sending out dues reminders 3 times a year. Since there is a time lag between when you pay your dues and National updates their records, if you receive a reminder and your dues are paid; please ignore it. If your dues are not paid, please drop them off at the Post or mail them to: Charlie Heemer, S.A.L. Membership Director, 400 W Main St., Anoka, MN 55303.

Don't forget the Veterans Day Dinner coming up on November 13.

Until next month... "Lets Make A Difference"

American Education Week-Nov. 15-19.



On Monday, November 15th we will be needing Legion, Auxiliary and SAL volunteers to help bag apples that will be delivered to the area schools in Anoka. These apples are given to teachers, cooks, and maintenance personnel. We will meet on the 15th at 7:00 p.m. to bag the apples and your help is needed.

Thanks and looking forward to seeing you.
Kathy Zwerdling
Education Chairman

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JAN'S JOTTINGS

by Jan Reiter

The regular meeting of Edward B. Cutter American Legion Auxiliary was held on Tuesday October 5, 2010. A joint Post and Auxiliary meeting was opened by Commander Ron for the purpose of introducing our Girls and Boys Staters.

Americanism: Deb Mayasich stated she took some 3 x 5 flags to the kindergarten class at St. Stephens. They each received one when they learned to say the Pledge of Allegiance. There were 27 students. The Auxiliary received a very nice home made Thank you card from them.

Children and Youth: Save labels for education for schools, pop tabs for McDonalds, Kemps milk tops and Campbell's soup labels. Donate them to a school. Keep track of how many you give to schools and let Norah Wyman know how many you have given so she can report this at the end of the year.

Junior Activities: Sue Nunnelee motioned to hold the Halloween fund raiser on October 30. Approved. She sent a sign up sheet for workers and for those who are going to make baked goods for Oct. 30th; helpers are needed Friday evening and all day Saturday and if you can help, show up at the Legion either day. Sue also noted that Anoka was asked to host the 10th District Junior Conference in March of 2011; Sue then moved to make that a motion, it was approved.

National Security: Cathy Newman reported that this year the unit will be sending items to the troops. She and Kathy Zwerdling made up 4 boxes of cards, pocket flags, socks, candy, etc. and sent to the 2 names we had. They are always looking for names of soldiers from Anoka to send boxes.

Other Reports: Sandy Phillips reported she attended an Oktoberfest at the Mpls. Veterans Home that served 90 veterans with root beer, apple strudel and music. Sandy also has fabric she received for anyone who would like to take some home and make some things for veterans, please call her at 754-3800.

45 Years
L-R: Virginia Kloos, Lisa (Hostetler) O'Donnell, Barb Ridge and Nancy Bever

Annual Aux. Early Bird Get Together

Numbers were a little down from last year with 83 seniors and 9 juniors attending on Thursday, October 7 but they made up for it by having a lot of fun and enjoying seeing old friends.

The 5 tables of items for the silent auction brought $501 - to be earmarked for Netha Feist Scholarship Fund $250) and the remainder ($251) to Legionville.

Thank you all!

INITIATION

The ceremony conducted by the Past Presidents Parley included Sue Nunnelee as initiation officer with Karen Orr, Barb Ridge, Kathy Zwerdling, Nancy Bever, Betty Redepenning and Lynette Pavin. A total of 23 Past Presidents attended the dinner.

Newly Initiated
L-R: Beth Clear, Jennifer Delgado and Lisa Jordan

25 Years
Front: Marjorie Strouse and Harriet Ridge
Back: Kelli (Bever) Toikka, Julie Bever and Vicki (Bever) Odegard

President's Column

Darlene Thell

Hello Auxiliary Members,

A lot of good things have been going on. I was there on Sept. 25th at the Richfield Post 435 for their **Veterans Fair** and Rally. There were a lot of booths providing information for our hero veterans. Our membership renewal count was not as high as our Auxiliary would like it to be, so I'm asking all members to please renew their membership very soon, it they haven't already done so. Thank you!

I joined Betty, Bud and Donna Redepenning on Sept. 28th at the **Adult Veteran Day Care** Center in Rchfield, with helping the veterans play bingo, and also serving ice cream and cookies later. We had about 20 veterans joining in plus 5 others watching. These guys are our heroes. A little bit of kindness, love and smiles to a long way. Another wonderful experience for us. We are a free and beautiful nation because of our veterans and military. Let's always remember and praise them.

Our October Unit meeting was a special one as it was a joint meeting with Boys and Girls Staters joining us, to tell us about their wonderful experience attending Boys/Girls State this past summer. Cliff Newman and Kathy Zwerdling are the chair persons in charge of Boys/Girls State and a big thank you goes out to them for all they for our youth.

Our **Early Bird Dinner** was a wonderful evening. I would especially like to thank Jan Reiter and Cathy Newman for planning, preparing and serving the very delicious dinner. Thank you! It takes a lot of people to make an event like this successful, so I want to thank all of you who helped out. Sandy Phillips chaired the silent auction - thank you Sandy.

I'll ride on the very overwhelming Anoka Post 102 float in the parade on Oct. 30th, with our Commander Ron Wolford. I did ride on that float with Past Commander Gregg Werbowski at last Halloween's parade and it was a huge honor for me. We miss Gregg and think of him every day; the same with his family.

God Bless The American Legion
Have a blessed and beautiful Fall!

50+ year members:
Front: Lorraine Hostetler (59), Joyce Smith (51), Doris Adkins (59) and Hazel Lindgren (53)
Back: Kathy Zwerdling (56), June Bendix (59) and Clarible Berghorst (59)

In Memoriam
GRACE (LLEWELLYN) WELLS

Grace, a 55 year Auxiliary member, and a past Unit Chaplain, was born August 23, 1919 in Des Moines, Iowa and passed away September 15, 2010 in Anoka.

Edward B. Cutter Unit 102 extends its sympathy to Graces' family. A memorial to Project New Hope was sent by the Unit.

Auxiliary Membership

The second 100 has come in – we now have 230 members - 200 seniors and 30 juniors. Welcome to new members Beth Clear and Jennifer Delgado and junior member Evelyn Yonke – all three signed up at Early Bird.

Can you help in getting our third 100 members **BEFORE...Veterans Day...Thanksgiving...Christmas...before your trip south...?**

Please drop off your dues at the pull-tab booth or mail to me:
Betty Erickson
1826 Cressy Ave., Anoka MN 55303
You **do not need** the notice to pay your dues ($20 senior - $3.50 junior - $3.00 Past Pres.)

Anoka Unit is #8 in Minnesota's top 25 largest Units (from 2010 membership figures).

Betty Erickson, Chairman

For Service Women

We would like to send boxes of personal items just for women: hair bands, clips, gel, shampoo, spray (no aerosol cans), nail polish, soap, bootie sox, crosswords, paperbacks, magazines, etc. etc

Bring items for our women in service to Unit meetings November 2 and December 7 or drop off at pull-tabs – boxes must be mailed by December 11 to be in time for Christmas.

Cathy N. & Kathy Z.

North Suburban
Concert Band

FALL CONCERT
Monday, November 1st – 7pm
Elk River High School
Joint Concert with the
Elk River High School Band

Credits: Anoka historical items from past years of the Fred Moore Middle School Calendar Club

NOVEMBER 2010

American Education Week
November 15-19

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Flag Display Days 11th Veterans Day 25th Thanksgiving	**Veterans Day Dinner Tickets $10 at Pull Tab Booth** 1	Post General Mem. 7:30 pm S.A.L. Mg. 7:00 pm Auxiliary Mtg. 7:00 pm ELECTION DAY "VOTE" 2	SAL Dinners 5:30-7:00 and Country Fried Steak $8.00 3	**Every Thursday & Friday Grill Open 5:00 – 8:30 pm** Bar Bingo 7:00 pm 4	Meat Raffle 5:30 pm Bar Bingo 7:00 pm 5	*50 years ago Nov. 25, 1960: Official Anoka population 10,562 - 1960 Census* 6
Club Open 12-10 Bar Bingo 4:00 pm Daylight Savings Ends (fall back) 7	8	*70 years ago Nov. 29, 1940: Coca-Cola Day at AHS, students received a bottle of Coca-Cola.* 9	SAL Dinners 5:30-7:00 Steak, Chicken, or Stuffed Shrimp $7.50 Steak & Shrimp Combo $10.00 Aux. Twin Rivers Bingo 2:15 pm 10	Bar Bingo 7:00 pm Nov. 11, 1919 1st Natl. Convention Minneapolis VETERANS DAY 11	Meat Raffle 5:30 pm Bar Bingo 7:00 pm 12	Veterans Day Dinner Social 6-7 PM Dinner 7:00 PM 13
Club Open 12-10 Bar Bingo 4:00 pm 14	Apple Bagging for Am. Ed. Week 7:00 pm Commanders Hall 15	Delivery of Apples to Anoka Schools NEWSPAPER MEETING 7:00 pm 16	SAL Dinners 5:30-7:00 and Prime Rib $9.50 Legion Riders 7 pm 17	Bar Bingo 7:00 pm 18	Meat Raffle 5:30 pm Bar Bingo 7:00 pm 19	HOLIDAY RALLY DELANO 20
Club Open 12-10 Bar Bingo 4:00 pm 21	*President John f. Kennedy Assassinated* 22	House & Ent. Meeting 7:00 pm 23	**NO SAL DINNER** 24	Happy Thanksgiving Club Closed 25	Meat Raffle 5:30 pm Bar Bingo 7:00 pm 26	*91 years ago Nov. 1919 During the 1st Natl. Convention in Mpls., the Legion authorized the formation of the "Womens Auxiliary of The American Legion". Previous to the 2nd Natl. Conv. in Cleveland 1920, 1342 Units had been chartered with 11,000 members. This permited the Natl. Cmdr. to call a Natl. Conv. of the "Womens Auxiliary". Held Oct 31-Nov. 2, 1921 in Kansas City, MO. the "American Legion Auxiliary" adopted their Constitution (modeled after the Legions) and Preamble.*
Club Open 12-10 Bar Bingo 4:00 pm 28	Renew Your Membership NOW! Dues: 29	Executive Board Meeting 7:00 pm 30	**Anoka Legion Riders Chapter 102 Meeting 7:00 PM Post Clubrooms 3rd Wednesday of every month.**		*130 years ago - 1880: Washington School built in 1880 for $8,500, a 4 room brick school house seated 48 pupils per room burned Nov. 26, 1884 at 10:20 am - all escaped without injury. Rebuilt in 1885, torn down in 1954, new school was dedicated 1955. In 2010 Washington now houses only 6th graders from the Anoka area.*	
MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL Come on in - see whats happening!	Legion - $35 Auxiliary $20 Sr. Aux. Jr. - $3.50 SAL - $20 Dual Legion/Sal - $10	**Coming in December** 4 School Patrol Christmas Party 6 AMRTC Gift Shop 11 Veterans Wild Game Dinner 12 Noon 14 Newspaper Meeting 7:00 pm 15 Past Pres. & Past Cmdrs. Holiday Dinner Aux.-Post - SAL				