INSTALLATION 2009 – 2010
June 25th Installation Ceremonies

Commander Gregg Werbowski

SAL Commander Charlie Heemer

Auxiliary President Darlene Thell

Past Department Commander Marland Ronning conducted the ceremony and installed Gregg Werbowski as Post Commandeer and Charlie Heemer as SAL Commander. Past 10th District President Sue Nunnelee installed Darlene Thell as President of Unit 102 with the Past Commanders and Past Presidents installing Post, Unit and SAL officers with Wayne Wallace as Sgt.-at-Arms.

Gifts were exchanged by the Auxiliary, speeches were given by the incoming President and Post and SAL Commanders.

Everyone enjoyed a tasty lunch and dessert prepared by Norah Wyman.

Congratulations to all.

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ADJUTANT'S NOTES

by Gary Munkholm

The General Membership approved 8 new applicants for membership to Post 102: George Bienfang, Wilbur Boettcher, Garfield Brown, Howard Jewell, William Knight, Harold Knudson, Thomas McCabe, and Patrick Walker. Welcome new members and we thank you for making our voice in the community and nation stronger.

Post Service Officer Frank Menter reported on the hospital equipment usage. Bob Peterson was reported as sick at the Anoka Care Center and Bob Kay is sick at home. A lift chair is a recent donation to the Hospital Equipment.

Anoka County Veterans Services Officer representative Paul Adler gave us a report from a previous meeting he attended on placement of the new VA Community Based Veterans Clinic. Efforts are being made to keep the new clinic in Anoka County. The General Membership voted to sign a resolution with Anoka County in recommending the new Community Based Outpatient Clinic be place in Ramsey at their Town Center.

The Executive Committee voted to pay $500 per diem to each delegate representing our Post at the National Convention held in Louisville, Kentucky this summer.

Ron Wolford, 1st Vice Commander, reported that as of this date we have 480 members signed up for next year. Everyone is reminded to get your dues in right away and not wait until the last minute to renew them.

Jerry Abeln reminded everyone of the upcoming Anoka American Legion Golf Tournament to be held September 12th at Greenhaven.

My thanks to Don Mentor for solving and repairing the bar's overhead electric light problem.

Matt Berens reported on his findings from 3 different companies for a new voice mail system for our club phones. The companies were Revera, DSX, and National Communications. After much discussion a motion was approved to purchase the DSX phone system which has since been installed.

The Executive Committee voted to place Bill Golden on the Executive Committee for the existing 2 year term which Gary Munkholm held before becoming Adjutant.

Betty Erickson gave the membership a history lesson on the start of the Anoka Legion Newspaper.

Rick Oelschlager gave a report from the Anoka Chapter of the Legion Riders in which they gave $500 to the Legion Riders Scholarship Program at the Department Convention from a recent fundraising event.

Cliff Newman gave us an update on the Department Convention and that the Post received 2nd place for the 2008-09 yearbook award.

Donations approved for the past 2 months were:

Anoka Sport Shack (baseball socks)	$ 57.00
Anoka-Champlin Fire Department	$ 200.00
American Legion Family Hospital Association	$ 200.00
Baseball caps	$ 320.00

The 2009 American Legion Junior Air Rifle National Champion – PRECISION

Emily Quiner – 2467.5/2509

Brooklyn Park, Minnesota
Minnesota Center Shots
Edward B. Cutter Post 102 (MN)

Emily Quiner set a new precision standing record of 788-54/800, breaking he previous record of 785 set by 2006 National Champion Thomas Santelli.

READ ABOUT
this latest important information....
"Sept. 30th cutoff day for old PUFL rates"
"Legion celebrates new GI Bill benefits"
in the August 2009 issue of
The Minnesota Legionnaire....

POST HOSPITAL EQUIPMENT

Effective Now
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.

Also call Frank if you know of anyone hospitalized so the word can get out.

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Commander's Column
Gregg Werbowski

Hello Everyone:
I am Gregg Werbowski – I grew up in the Crystal / New Hope area, graduated from Cooper High School in 1975. After high school I spent one year at the College of St. Thomas in St. Paul, one year at Southwest State University (Marshall, MN) and finished school back home at North Hennepin Community College where I received a two year degree (Associate of Arts - AA) in Business and Personnel Management.

I am eligible for membership in the American Legion and I also a dual member in the SAL through my father Joe - a World War II Veteran and the American Legion by my own encounters in the military. First in the US Army from 1981 to 1985; second, full time the Minnesota National Guard 1985 - 1986 and third, US Coast Guard 1986 - 1987.

After finishing my time in the military I was employed by the US Postal Service from which I have worked from 1987 to the present.

I want to thank all the members who had the confidence in me for this position and I'd like to do my best to uphold the integrity of this position. Thank you to all and hope to see you at the Post.

S.A.L. NEWS
Commander Charlie Heemer

My name is Charlie Heemer, your 2009-2010 SAL Commander. I was born in Newton, New Jersey; my Dad served in WWII and signed me up - I now have 55 years as an SAL member. I have served as Squadron Commander four terms and am a life member. Currently, I am membership chairman and 10th District Area 2 Vice Commander. I look forward to having an active and growing Squadron. Let's all work together to make this happen.

I would like to welcome the following new members; Joel Crow, Michael Dussl, Charles Hammer, Curt Hauser, Mark Johnson, Mike LeBlanc, Rob Redepenning, Jeff Rol and Eric Torkelson.

Don't forget, meetings are the 1st Tuesday of the month at 7 pm. I look forward to seeing you there. Also, 2010 dues are due now.

The 40th annual Camp-o-ree weekend at Legionville is September 10-13. If interested please contact me.

Whatever it Takes

Anoka American Legion
400 West Main St.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNERS
5:30 - 7:00

Steak - Chicken - Shrimp
Salisbury Steak - Stuffed Shrimp
Your Choice Only $ 7.50
Steak & Shrimp Only $ 10.00

3rd Wednesday of every Month
Prime Rib Only $ 8.50

(All Meals Include Potato, Roll & Salad)

Sponsored by
Sons of The American Legion Squadron 102

Anoka Legion #102 Grill
Serving 5:30 to 8:30 pm
Thursday and Friday

BURGERS

Cheeseburger	$6.00
Bacon Cheeseburger	$6.50
Mushroom & Swiss Burger	$6.50
California Burger	$6.50

SANDWICHES

BLT on Texas Toast	$6.50
French Dip	$7.00
Philly Cheese Steak	$7.50

WRAPS

Buffalo Chicken Wrap	$6.50
Chicken, Bacon & Ranch Wrap	$6.50
Chicken Strip Basket	$6.50

All of the above served with Fries or Tots
Add $1.25 for Onion Rings

Chicken Quesadilla	$7.00
Chicken Wings (12)	$7.00

BASKETS

Fries or Tots	$3.75
Onion Rings	$5.00

DINNER SPECIALS EVERY WEEK

President's Column

Darlene Thell

Dear Auxiliary Sisters,

This is my first time serving as our Units Auxiliary President. I will need help from my Auxiliary Sisters and am looking forward to working with you and having a good year.

I became a member of our Unit in 2005. I grew up on a farm near Albany, MN, and my husband Jerry grew up on a farm near St. Rosa, MN. Jerry served in the US Army from 1957-59 and was stationed in Alaska. I lost Jerry in 2003. We have five children...four daughters and one son. Our second oldest daughter has been our little Angel in Heaven since she was 5 days old.

I keep busy spending time with my family and also volunteering. I also belong to the Coon Rapids VFW Womens Auxiliary, the Anoka Kiwanis Club, the Anoka Philolectian Society, the International Bible Givers Organization and a ministry group at St. Stephens Catholic Church in Anoka, through which I do volunteer work at Mercy Hospital, the River Oaks Senior Apt. Center and Anoka's two nursing homes, and the church.

My eligibility in becoming an Auxiliary member is through one of my heroes, my youngest brother Matthew, who served two years in the US Army in Viet Nam.

The Anoka County Fair Flag Raising on July 21st went well. Donna Redepenning and I took part in the ceremony as well as Al Springer, Post member, who did the flag raising.

Auxiliary Sisters, thank you for the trust and confidence in me for the up-coming year. I will serve you proudly. Hope to see lots more members at our monthly metings held at 7 pm on the first Tuesday of the month.

Auxiliary Membership

WHEN ARE DUES DUE? "Every year about this time we are asked this question. Our membership year runs from one Department Convention (mid-July) to the next. Your 2010 dues are due and payable immediately following our 2009 Department Convention."....from The Auxiliary Bulletin...July 2009 issue...*The Minnesota Legionnaire*.

A rather early first rally for 2010 membership had Anoka Unit turning in 67 on July 25 at St. Francis Post; several Post, Unit & SAL members attended this annual pot luck rally.

NOTE: Monday, October 12 will be our free Early Bird Dinner – Silent Auction – Initiation – Continuous member pin presentations for paid senior and junior members. YOUR DUES & RESERVATIONS MUST BE IN BY OCTOBER 6.

Senior dues notices will be in your mail in August – mail your dues ($20 senior, $3.50 junior, $3 past pres. parley) or pay at the pull tab booth.

Betty Erickson, Chairman

In Memoriam
DELLA MAE (LAPHAM) McARDLE

Della, a 51 year Auxiliary members was born in Anoka September 17, 1926 and passed away July 7, 2009. Della was Unit President 1966-67 with Post Commandeer Charlie Sell.

In Memoriam
RAE E. GRIFFIN

Rae, who just joined Anoka Unit in 2009 was born June 6, 1934 passed away July 24, 2009. Rae was a Gold Star Mother who lost 2 sons, William and Michael McClaren, on the same date of September 22, 1973 in different locations during the Vietnam War era.

Edward B. Cutter Unit 102 extends is sympathy to the families of Della and Rae.

Department Unit 102 Awards

The 90th Convention held in Mahonomen July 16-18 had nine delegates attend the Auxiliary sessions. Department **Certificates of Merit** awarded to Anoka were: Children & Youth, Education, Senior History, Home Service, Memorial, Poppy, Public Relations and Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation.

Awards included: Starr Lauck Americanism Trophy, National Security Program Award with $25 (Norah Wyman Chairman), Junior Americanism Award and the Stickley Gifford Trophy for Junior History.

Also, the VA&R and Education reports were **sent on to National**. Congratulations to all our chairmen who worked so hard on these programs.

Lynette Pvin marched with me and the District Color Guard in the Parade. Newly-elected 2009-2010 Department officers are: President Marsha Bible, Waite Park; 1st Vice Pres. Darlene Wondra, Montgomery and 2nd Vice Pres. Linda Thompson, Coon Rapids.

Cathy Newman, Jr. Past President

1950 – 1959

Eligibility Dates
WWI: April 6, 1917 – Nov. 11, 1918
WWII: Dec. 7, 1941 – Dec. 31, 1946
Korean War: June 25, 1950 – Jan. 31, 1955

...The 1950's part two...

…1951…Mac McLean returned to Anoka after re-enlisting in the Air Force for three years. He was immediately contacted to manage the Post, now "on the hill", and still in bad shape financially. He loaned the Post $1000 to get it over the hump and got it back over four years.

…1951… Gerald Johnson elected Commander.

…1952…Bob Stewart elected Commander – Army Air Corps – (presented an Honored Life Member Nov., 10, 2007 at the Veterans Day Dinner).

…mid 1950's…Marv Gilbertson helped Walt Jacob reorganize Junior Legion Baseball after being abandoned for lack of money and interest.

…1953 and 1954…Jerry Raney elected Commander for 2 terms – Navy- (presented an Honored Life Member Nov. 10, 1972 at the Veterans Day Dinner).
During Commander Raney's years, he decided that the Anoka Commander should be dressed in a Commanders uniform when representing the Post at conventions and official functions. The Post picnic and reunion also began during his term.

…1955… Marv Gilbertson elected Commander – Army - Navy Reserve -(presented an Honored Life Member Nov. 12, 1994 at the Veterans Day Dinner.

…1956…Barney Bendix elected Commander – Air Force.

…1950 something…The Post purchased Enfield Rifles from the NRA for the Drill Squad, Color Guard and Burial Squad; this elite group participated in all the conventions, roundups and cemetery callings. One winter alone they provided a color guard and sometimes a firing squad at 19 military funerals. All expenses were bourn by them. Marv Gilbertson, one of the original members of the drill squad and color guard was also the commander and recalled that all came to do an excellent job and brought about togetherness in the Post. Their first parade was a 10th District Convention in Delano; they placed first in 1957 at Princeton 10th District. In addition to Marv, others who were in the squad included Kenny Berghorst, Don Erickson, Hy Kleinbaum and Bill Sorenson.

…1957…Ed Ward elected Commander – Army.

…1958 or 1959…Howard Menter started the Christmas toys for children at Cambridge State Hospital program; it continued for many years with the help of Jerry Raney and Bob Duclos.

…1958 …Don Erickson elected Commander – Army – (presented an Honored Life Member Nov. 9, 2002 at the Veterans Day Dinner). During Commander Erickson's years, the annual Childrens Christmas party was begun and the Anoka War Memorial was dedicated on Memorial Day 1959. The traditional Memorial Parade paused for the ceremony at Triangle Park (W. Main & Park St. – later moved to Veterans Memorial). The memorial selection of a 105mm howitzer was made to honor Anoka's National Guard unit (now the 47th Division Artillery, Hdqtrs. Battery) who had participated in three major conflicts. Donors are Post 102 and Henry J. Wuest Post 1043 VFW; members unloaded it from a freight train at the Anoka depot. Speaker was retired Army General Fritz Peterson (Charter Member & Commander of Post 102 1929-30); the first flag was raised by Cmdr. Don Erickson – it was presented to him by past VFW Cmdr. Fred Humphrey, who holds the silver star. The ceremony ended with a salute by the 12 man Legion firing squad and taps by the Post bugler.

…June 5, 1959…Don Erickson re-elected Commander. Also elected: Warren Feist, 1st vice cmdr., Dave McArdle, 2nd vice cmdr., Lewis Adkins, finance officer. Five executive officers: Dick Schanhaar, Dick Sorteberg, John Lynch, Curtis Titterud and Sonny Wells. Nominating committree was B. Bendix, D. Schanhaar, L. Adkins, R. Beckenbach and C. Merion Hicks. During the business session final plans for the coming convention were discussed.

…June 13 & 14, 1959…The 39th Tenth District Convention 1959 in Anoka had a parade of 50 marching units, color guards, bands and floats. Front page news with Cmdr. Erickson, Aux. Pres. Netha Feist and Convention Chmn. Jerry Raney.

…June 19, 1959…(Pease Porridge – Anoka Union)…A pat on the back to General Chairman Jerry Raney for his handling of the 10th District Legion Convention held here last weekend. Everything was under control and the planning tops. Jerry and his committee did an outstanding job and the parade was very good.

…June 19, 1959…(Pease Porridge – Anoka Union)…Baseball practice for the American Legion junior baseball team started this week and once again (that old-timer of 33) ex-Anoka and Hamline athlete, Willis Castle, will manage the team.
For several years the Anoka Legion juniors have been playing better than good baseball under Castle's leadership and we are glad to see he is taking over again this season.

…(Ed. Note…correct spelling part one – Korea…Willard Castle Memorial Field)

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SEPTEMBER 2009

40th Annual Legionville Camp-O-Ree
September 10 - 13
Long Lake, Brainerd

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Auxiliary Overnite Bus Trip **Jackpot Casino** **September 18-19** **Call Carol 427-0185 for info**		Post General Mem. 7:30 pm S.A.L. Mtg. 7:00 pm Auxiliary Mtg. 7:00 pm 1	SAL Sponsored Dinner 5:30-7:00 See Ad on Page 3 2	Every Thursday & Friday Grill Open 5:00 – 8:30 pm See Ad on page 3 3	Meat Raffle 5:00 pm Bar Bingo 6:30 pm 4	*Jan. 16, 1951: Anoka National Guardsmen inducted into Federal Service.* 5
Club Open 12-10 Bar Bingo 3:00 pm 6	**Labor Day** **Club Open** **11 am - 7 pm** 7	*Jan. 16, 1956: Warren Feist is the new Managing Editor of the Anoka Herald.* 8	SAL Sponsored Dinner 5:30-7:00 See Ad on Page 3 Aux. Twin Rivers Bingo 2:30 pm 9	*Jan. 22, 1951: Anoka National Guardsmen leave for Camp Rucker, Alabama.* 10	Meat Raffle 5:00 pm Bar Bingo 6:30 pm Patriot Day 11	Post Golf Tourney Greenhaven approx. 1:00 pm Shotgun Start 12
Club Open 12-10 Bar Bingo 3:00 pm **Grandparents Day** 13	*Jan. 16, 1953: Anoka Legion starts annual magazine subscription drive (for hospital equipment).* 14	NEWSPAPER MEETING 7:00 pm 15	SAL Sponsored Dinner 5:30-7:00 See Ad on Page 3 Aux. Casino Bus Turtle Lake 16	Citizenship Day (Constitution) 17	Meat Raffle 5:00 pm Bar Bingo 6:30 pm POW/MIA Recognition Day 18	Jr. Aux. Meeting 12:00 Noon *Nov. 5, 1956: American Legion & VFW hold Blood Drive.* 19
Club Open 12-10 Bar Bingo 3:00 pm 20	*Feb. 7, 1953: Legion prsents 3 professional wrestling bouts at high school.* 21	House & Ent. Meeting 7:00 pm 22	SAL Sponsored Dinner 5:30-7:00 See Ad on Page 3 23	*Jan. 14, 1953: Money is donated by Eastmans for (another) Rum River foot bridge.* 24	Meat Raffle 5:00 pm Bar Bingo 6:30 pm 25	*July 16, 1956: Anoka accepts new City Hall.* 26
Club Open 12-10 Bar Bingo 3:00 pm **Gold Star Mothers Day** 27	*Dec. 17, 1953: Cornerstone is laid for the new Anoka High School (now Fred Moore).* 28	Executive Board Meeting 7:00 pm 29	SAL Sponsored Dinner 5:30-7:00 See Ad on Page 3 30	1st Friday each month - Red Cross Bloodmobile at Post 7 am - 1 pm FLAG DISPLAY DAYS Sept. 7 - Labor Day Sept. 11 - Patriot Day - half staff until noon Sept. 17 - Citizenship Day Sept. 19 - POW/MIA Recognition Day		

Coming in October

6	Joint Meeting w/Boys & Girls Staters
	Gen. Membership, SAL & Auxiliary meetings to follow
	Auxiliary Early Bird Dinner Cut-Off
12	Aux. Early Bird Dinner 6:00 pm
	Silent Auction - Initiation - Year Pins
14	Pumpkin Bowl 7:00 pm
22 - 24	Dept. Fall Conference - Pequot Lakes
24	Light Up The Night Parade 7:00 pm
27	Anoka Halloween Bingo 6:30-9:30
30	Halloween Kids Parade 1:15 pm
31	Halloween 5K Run 12:50 pm
31	Grande Day Parade 1:00 pm
	Junior Aux. Fund Raiser upper hall
Nov. 1	50th Annual Kiwanis Pancake Breadfast 7:30 am - 12:30 pm
TBA	Post Early Bird Dinner
TBA	Past Pres. Parley meeting