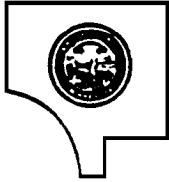




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400 West Main St., Anoka, MN 55303



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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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# ADJUTANT'S NOTES

by Gary Munkholm

A hearty welcome to the newest members of Anoka Post 102: John Carsten sponsored by Gary Reimann, Ron Berry sponsored by Gary Reimann, and Richard Hankins sponsored by Rick Oelschlager. We hope to see you at future meetings and join us in fellowship during other times of the week.

At our last General membership meeting County Veterans Service Officer Allison Lister gave us an update of the new Ramsey CBVAC and stressed that the wait time for appointments has increased considerably. She also indicated that it looks like Anoka County will be getting one more VSO shortly. Allison also stressed that everyone needs to get registered in the VA system and she invited everyone to visit the County Veterans Service Office.

The General membership voted to donate \$1,000 from the proceeds of the Mid-Winter Convention to the Legionville Building Fund.

The General membership approved to put \$1,500 each to sponsor the Men's and Woman's softball teams for uniforms and entry fees for the coming year.

Vice Commander Gary Reimann reported that we only need 27 members to meet our goal for the year. Don't forget that you can pay your dues on line and then you won't have to use a stamp to mail it in. Your voice with membership is important to our National leaders when it comes to making sure our fellow comrades are assisted to the fullest with Veteran's Benefits.

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

Sponsored 8 Elementary students to Legionville . . . . .	\$1,800
Donation to the Rise Disabilities program . . . . .	\$200
Donation to support the Veteran's Resort . . . . .	\$250
Donation to ARC Disabilities program . . . . .	\$200
Donation to support the VA for Vets Fishing Trip. . . . .	\$100
Post 102 for Utility expenses . . . . .	\$1,850
Tax on Wagering to the U.S. Treasury . . . . .	\$400
Assist needy Veterans or Family . . . . .	\$1,500
Emergency money . . . . .	\$500



Post 102 extends sincere sympathy to the family of



**STANLEY J. SPICER**

Stanley was a 2 year member of The American Legion and a Vietnam War Veteran

## IN MARCH

### TUESDAYS



March 6th & 20th

1/4 Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Veg/Roll  
\$7.00



March 13th & 27th

1/4 lb. Burger Basket – \$5.00

### THURSDAYS

BBQ Ribs ~ Texas Toast ~  
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Full Rack \$12.00 Half Rack \$10.00



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Every Friday  
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with Baked Potato, Veg & Roll

9th

Liver & Onions \$8.00

16th

Rueben Sandwich with Fries or Tots \$7.00

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## 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.



## Commander's Column

**Fadi A. Awaijane**

Greetings fellow Legionnaires,

As you all know spring and warm weather is around the corner and the snow birds down south will be coming home soon. Welcome back, I am looking forward to another winter like this winter we've had.

Our Anoka Post greeted the team from the 10th District Annual Snowmobile Rally January 28th. For many years the runs were done on snowmobiles, but the City ordinances made it harder to continue that tradition. The weekend Run concluded with a membership turn-in on Saturday afternoon at Hopkins Post #320.

It's my pleasure to welcome the new members to our Post, please help them feel welcome. Also, I would like to thank Anoka County Veteran Service Officer Allison Lister for coming to our membership meeting and talking to us about the new clinic in Ramsey and the changes that took place.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE!

### 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.

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.***

## BAR BINGO

## EVERY

## Sunday at 4:00 pm

## Tuesday at 6:30 pm

## Friday at 7:00 pm

## Fort Snelling National Cemetery

Burial at a National Cemetery requires a copy of your Honorable Discharge (DD-14). **Your survivors must know where that document is kept.** A copy can be retained by this office, or we can assist you in obtaining one.

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2100 - 3rd Avenue, Anoka, MN 55303-5290  
(763) 323-5290

Burial costs and other important information is available at the above office.

### National American Legion Commander Fang A. Wong stopped at Zimmerman Post 560 for lunch on February 9th on his tour of Minnesota.



L-R:

Cliff and Cathy Newman - Anoka  
National Commander Wong, Department Commander Krueger



American Legion Riders Post 102  
received Legacy Run Award from National.  
Pictured is Matt Berens with Cmdr. Awaijane

# 93rd Birthday Dinner – March 10th – Special Guests



**Douglas Wendlandt**  
**Department Vice Commander**  
**The American Legion**

Douglas Wendlandt, Red Wing, was elected Vice Commander at the annual convention held in Mahanomen in July 2011. He is a 37 year member and a Vietnam Vet.

Douglas was very active at the District level, serving as Membership Director, Vice Commander twice and as Third District Commander. On the state level, he served on the Children & Youth Committee.

He worked at 3M for 35 years and is not retired; he has helped with Memorial Days for Post 54.

**Gary Semmel**  
**Detachment Commander**  
**Sons of The American Legion**



Gary Semmel is the Squadron Leader of the Sons of the American Legion of Coon Rapids 334.. Gary has served the Squadron in the following offices: Commander, 1st Vice Commander, Adjutant, Finance Officer, and Chaplain. He is currently serving as Commander and Adjutant.

Gary has served the 10th District in the following offices: Commander, Finance Officer, and Chaplain.

Gary is currently Detachment Commander and member of the PUFL Committee and has previously served as Chaplain and Finance Officer.

On the National level, Gary has served a 3 year appointment on the Finance Commission and has graduated from the National Management Institute. He is currently serving on the Internal Affairs Commission.



**Linda Thompson**  
**Department President**  
**American Legion Auxiliary**

**Linda Thompson** is a 33 year member of the American Legion Auxiliary and a member of the Coon Rapids Unit #334. Her deceased husband was a Vietnam era Army veteran and her sons are Desert Storm veterans. She was active on the Unit and District levels. She was Tenth District President for the 1997-98 Auxiliary year. Linda served as the 1995 National Convention Public Relations Chairman. Linda has served several offices and chairmanships. Linda lives in Otsego and is retired. She has 3 sons, and 6 grandchildren. Her theme this year is "Veterans...The Wind Beneath Our Wings."

**Amelia Tesdahl**  
**Honorary President – Junior Auxiliary**

Amelia Tesdahl is our Department Junior Auxiliary President for the year 2011-2012. She is a nine year member of the St. Francis American Legion Auxiliary Juniors Unit 622. This year she is serving the Juniors as their Honorary Department Junior President under the theme "Juniors Sweetening the Lives of Our Veterans", and her project is the National Veterans Creative Arts Festival. Amelia is currently a sophomore at St. Francis High School .



**Come Celebrate  
93rd Birthday  
of**



**The American Legion  
March 10, 2012**

**Commander's Hall  
Post 102**

**Social Hour 6:00 p.m.**

**Dinner 7:00 p.m.**

**Cost \$11<sup>00</sup> Donation**



**Dinner open to all  
Legion, Auxiliary, Sons of the American Legion Members & Guests**

**Purchase your tickets at Post Club Room  
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All Reservations must be pre-paid!**

# JAN'S JOTTINGS

by Jan Reiter

The regular meeting of Edward B. Cutter American Legion Auxiliary was held on Tuesday, February 7, 2012. Meeting was opened by President Norah Wyman with a prayer, pledge, preamble and song. The January 3, 2012 minutes were approved. Treasurer's Report by Jeanene Hays was read and placed on file for audit.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**Field Service:** Bingo will be February 8, 2pm, at Twin Rivers Care Center.

**Finance:** Karen Orr motioned to pay these donations.  
Dept American Leg Auxiliary Fund – \$100  
Dept Auxiliary Emergency Fund – \$100.  
Approved.

**Fund Raising:** Carol Hathaway stated there will be a Turtle Lake Casino trip February 25th at 10 am. Cost is \$ 10.

**Home Service:** Lynette Pavin reminded everyone that they should save commemorative, express mail, foreign and air mail stamps, picture postcards and S&H stamps. Trim stamps to 1/4 of an inch around the entire stamp and leave the stamps on the postcard.

**Junior Activities:** Department Jr. Conference will be April 14th in Grand Rapids and the District Jr. Conference will be in Princeton on March 24, 2012.

**Leadership:** There will be a District Leadership class held on March 31, in Monticello. Everyone is welcome – this is a very rewarding class.

**Membership:** Betty Erickson reported that we have 345 members and we are at 94% to our goal. Betty talked about the National and Department dues are both increasing next year and how we will have to raise our dues. This got tabled and will be discussed and decided at our March meeting. If anyone wants to join in this discussion they can come to the March meeting.

**National Security:** Cathy Newman got another thank you card from a soldier that she sent a box to in Afghanistan.

**Past President's:** Barb Ridge reported that the Past President's bake sale made a profit of \$297.75. A sewing bee was held January 17th and 13 heart pillows, 17 totes, 10 laundry bags and 1 wheel chair bag were made.

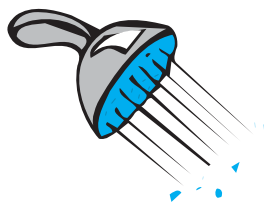
**VA & R:** Cathy Newman reported we will still have the VA shower next month.

**Unfinished Business:** Lynette Pavin stated the Birthday Dinner will be March 10th with a Chicken Kiev dinner at a cost of \$11 and will be cooked by the SAL.

**New Business:** A motion was to have the White Elephant auction at the March meeting and the profits from that will go to the Girls State registration and if any left that will go into the general fund. Approved.

A motion was made by Lynette Pavin to bring a non-perishable item or a donation of cash for the food shelf, at the March meeting. Approved.

Cliff Newman, chairman of the Mid-Winter Conference visited the meeting and told us the Legion would like the \$1000 profit from the Conference to be donated to Legionville for their new building. This was discussed and a motion was made to donate our portion (with the Post, SAL & Riders) to this project. Approved.



## VA SHOWER

Our annual Veterans Shower was at the February meeting - thanks to all who donated. Some members didn't get their donations turned in and asked if they could bring them in March; so please feel free to bring them March 6.

I did get some new ideas for items they are in need of: chapsticks, razors, small size deodorants; also magazines from the last 3 to 5 months. Any kind of magazine: sports, cooking, news, cars, movies, etc. for men and women.

Please keep in mind that our veterans at the hospitals are not just the older veterans but includes those younger troops coming back.

This is something we can all do to help our veterans out as an Auxiliary and Legion family. Thank you and God Bless.

Cathy Newman, VA & R Chairman

## Auxiliary Membership Only 19 Needed For Goal

Please check to make sure that you have paid your **2012 dues** and have your Aux. card. You do not need the dues notice.

Help us support our programs: for veterans, Girls State (the Annual Auction is to fund our 2nd Girls Stater), Legionville, 3 Anoka HS Scholarships, Anoka Co. Campership (handicapped children), Fisher House and others.

If there is a problem, please let me know; mail or drop off your dues (\$20) now before you forget – thank you.

Betty Erickson – 763-421-4562  
1826 Cressy Ave., Anoka MN 55303



## President's Column

Norah Wyman

Hello Gals!

Boy the months are flying by! Birthday Dinner is in March and hope to see lots of you there.

We have our regular March meeting before that and it is a joint gathering after the meetings and we have the WHITE ELEPHANT AUCTION...COME JOIN THE FUN...Thanks for all that you do and see you all soon.

### Past President's Parley News



Another successful sewing bee was held Tuesday, January 17th for the VA Facilities. It was a nice get together for seven Past Presidents.

With a lot of chatting mixed in, we ironed, cut, sewed, and corded material from patterns for 13 heart pillows, 17 tote bags, 10 laundry bags, and 1 wheel chair bag, and ended the afternoon with treats and coffee.

Again, I want to say "Thank You" to Karen Orr, Cathy Newman, Jan Reiter, Donna Redepening, Sandy Phillips and Lynette Pavin, for helping to get this project done.

Also, I want to say "Thank You" to three more people, for their generous donation to our Past President's Parley Fund. Two Past Presidents, Virginia Ridge and Doris Adkins, and a Past Commander Buster LaTuff.

Barb Ridge – Parley Co. Chair

## Auxiliary Raises Dues – Seniors & Juniors

**Unit 102 has no choice but to raise senior dues from \$20 to \$25 and junior dues from \$3.50 to \$5 for the 2013 membership year (Past Pres. dues will remain at \$3). Voting for this proposal by the membership will take place at the March 6 meeting.**

For the **2012** membership year: \$13.50 (of \$20) **senior** dues were paid – \$12 to National & Department, \$1.50 to District; the Unit received \$6.50. **Junior** dues \$3.50 (of \$3.50) paid to Natl. & Dept., \$1.50 to District (paid out of general fund); the Unit had a loss of \$1.50.

For the **2013** membership year: \$18.00 **senior** dues will be paid to Natl. & Dept., \$1.50 to District – total \$19.50; \$3.50 **junior** dues will be paid to Natl. & Dept., \$1.50 to Dist. – total \$5.00.

Our dues have not been raised since 2006 (7 years) when Sandy Phillips was 10th Dist. Pres. and members came through with GOAL and All Time High. I am sure our members will do the same for 2013; going back a few years:

- (78) 1979 - senior dues \$6, junior dues \$2, and past pres. \$1
- (81) 1982 - seniors increase to \$8
- (88) 1989 - seniors increase to \$10
- (93) 1994 - juniors increase to \$2.50 and past pres. increase to \$2
- (94) 1995 - seniors increase to \$15
- (97) 1998 - juniors increase to \$3.50 and past pres. increase to \$3
- (05) 2006 - seniors increase to \$20

For your acceptance of this raise and willingness to continue your membership and support this wonderful 91 year old, truly volunteer organization (chartered in Anoka on February 23, 1921) **thank you.**

Betty Erickson  
Membership Chairman



### 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"/> Wife                                | <input type="checkbox"/> Great-Granddaughter |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sister                              | <input type="checkbox"/> Self                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Daughter (step-relative also apply) |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Granddaughter                       |  |

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


# 42ND ANNUAL AUCTION

On Tuesday March 6 (following the meeting) is the Unit's annual auction.

Donated items should be wrapped. Be creative. Hand-made craft items do not need to be wrapped. Food items in Zip-lock or plastic wrap are okay.

All Unit, Post and SAL members are invited. Come have fun and bring the checkbook.

Donations raised go for the Units **2nd Girls Stater** (\$300) and the Unit general fund.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>SAL Detachment Spring Conference March 10 – Bagley</b>		<b>BAR BINGO EVERY TUESDAY 6:30 PM</b>	 1st Friday each month Red Cross Bloodmobile at Post 7 AM - 1 PM	<b>SEE MENU ON PAGE 2 FOR TUES. THURS. &amp; FRI. MENU</b>	Meat Raffle 5:30 pm Bar Bingo 7:00 pm	Dept. Family Rally Osseo 2 pm
Club Open 12-10 Bar Bingo 4:00 pm 4	<i>March 1972: Thank you to Post members - Cmdr. Pete Lish, 1st Vice Bud Redepenning, Mac McLean, Les Orr</i> 5	Post General Mem. 7:30 pm S.A.L. Mtg. 7:00 pm Auxiliary Mtg. 7:00 pm VA Shower & Annual Auction 6	SAL Dinners 5:30-7:00 Prime Rib \$10.00 7	<i>March 1972 continued: Looks Great – The Trophy Case &amp; Membership Board really adds class to the clubrooms, thanks to “Whisky” Visneski for a great job well done. All that work and Bingo chairman too! (from the Auxiliary) – Thanks very much to Clarence Visneski for his work on our new membership board, and to Pat Wallace for making all the name tapes. (These boards were back-to-back on an extended ledge - now gone - by the current sign-in book.)</i> 8	Meat Raffle 5:30 pm Bar Bingo 7:00 pm 9	<b>93rd Birthday Celebration Social 6-7 pm Dinner 7 pm</b> 10
Rally - Clearwater 2 pm Club Open 12-10 Bar Bingo 4:00 pm Daylight Savings Spring Ahead 11	<i>&amp; John Norgren at the Oratorical Contest, Sat., Feb 12; about 30 attended to hear the 4 contestants. Luncheon was prepared and served by Liz Abeln, Rose Ann Benyo, Mary Braucht, Phyllis Halvorson, Lorraine Hoffer, Dody Schanhaar, Peggy Violet, Lois Witte, Joyce Westlie and Pres. Betty Erickson</i> 12	<b>NEWSPAPER MEETING 7:00 pm</b> 13	SAL Dinners 5:30-7:00 Country Fried Steak \$8.00 Aux. Twin Rivers Bingo 2:15 pm 14	15	Meat Raffle 5:30 pm Bar Bingo 7:00 pm 16	MN Wild Legion Family Day  St. Patrick's Day 17
Club Open 12-10 Bar Bingo 4:00 pm 18	19	House & Ent. Meeting 7:00 pm  1st Day of Spring 20	SAL Dinners 5:30-7:00 Prime Rib \$10.00 21	22	Meat Raffle 5:30 pm Bar Bingo 7:00 pm 23	District Junior Conference Princeton  10th Dist. Cmdr. “Stumpy” Testimonial Osseo 24
Club Open 12-10 Bar Bingo 4:00 pm 25	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	29	Meat Raffle 5:30 pm Bar Bingo 7:00 pm 30	<i>April 1972: Cmdr. Pete Lish thanks the Aux. for picture and military career summary of Post 102 namesake Edward B. Cutter</i> 31
<b>93rd Anniversary Paris Caucus of The American Legion March 15-17, 1919</b>		<b>Coming in April</b> 8 Easter - Club Closed 13-14 Dept. Jr. Conference - Grand Rapids TBA Boys & Girls County Day 20-29 Poppy Card Days 28 Dept. ALR Rally - Wayzata 1:00 m		<i>March 1972 cont: March 4 Birthday Dinner guests are Dept. Cmdr. Glen Dornfeld &amp; Pres. Mary Lou Beckman. Social 6-7, Stuffed pork chop dinner (prepared by the Auxiliary) 7 PM – \$3.00 per person.  Dance 9 PM to 1:30 AM - Auxiliary Drawing 11 PM</i>		