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National President Visits MN

Four Anoka Unit 102 members had dinner with our National President, Janet Jefford, who hails from Manchester, Connecticut. The dinner was held at Osseo/Maple Grove Post 172.

L>R: Betty Erickson, Donna Redepenning, National President; Janet Jefford, Department President; Chris Ronning, Cathy Newman, Sue Nunnelee, 10th District President; Robin Dorf.

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Adjutant's Notes

by Gary Munkholm

A hearty welcome to the newest members of Anoka Post 102: Jonathan Newcomb, sponsored by Dan Soland; Daniel Siegfried, sponsored by Jim Hays; and David Wenisch, sponsored by Wayne Wallace. We hope to see you at future meetings and join us in fellowship during other times of the week.

The General Membership voted to continue sponsoring our men's and women's softball teams. The team members have been very helpful with Post projects.

10th District Vice Commander, Ron Rollins, was a guest at our last General Meeting. His agenda for the visit included his running for a second term as District Vice Commander.

A reminder that you can pay your dues on line via the National Legion website or just drop them off with the bartender. As of this writing we only need less than 10 members to renew their dues for our Post to make our goal for the year.

Gambling manager Paul Adler presented the following list of donations for the last month, which were approved by the General Membership:

ACBC Donation for Food shelf	$4,000
Donation for support Veterans on the Lake resort	$250
Support National Guard Youth Camp	$300
Support for Andover Senior Party Grad's	$100
Support for 9th District American Legion Band	$100
Minnesota Military Museum	$250
Fishing opener for Veterans at Vet's Home	$250
Post Water & Light costs	$1,500
Center Point Energy for Post gas costs	$1,100
U.S. Treasury for tax on wagering	$350
Assist needy Veterans & Families	$1,500
Emergency Money	$500

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Helping Paws at April Joint Meeting

On April 7th, the Legion, Auxiliary and SAL will have a joint program at 7:15pm featuring a Helping Paws Ambassador for the PTSD program.

This year the 10th District has selected "Helping Paws PTSD Program" as their service project. Due to the needs of military veterans with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), "Helping Paws" initiated a pilot program to train assistance dogs to help veterans who are affected with PTSD.

Please plan on attending this amazing program prior to the general membership meetings and see what this project is doing to help the veterans.

Kathy Zwerdling

IN APRIL

Every Tuesday, Thursday & Friday
Grill Open 5:00 – 8:30 pm

TUESDAYS

1/4 lb. Burger Basket – $5.75

THURSDAYS

BBQ Ribs ~ Texas Toast ~ Cole Slaw ~ Potato
Full Rack $14.00 Half Rack $12.00

FRIDAYS

3rd - Fish Fry - $11.00
10th - Taco Salad - $8.00
17th - Roast Pork ~ Potato, Veg, Roll - $10.00
24th - Sloppy Joe ~ w/Fries or Tots - $7.00

Tax included on all the above.
CATERING CENTRAL

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.

PLEASE NOTE

The ONLINE edition may contain additional articles.

Commander Ray Turnquist

Hello spring!!

It has been a long winter and I'm glad spring is just around the corner. On Monday, March 2, the Club hosted Bingo at the Golden Living Nursing Home. If you have never done this, it is very satisfying, rewarding and they are so grateful. It is only 1 hour a month out of your life. Please consider giving this a try.

The Wednesday night SAL dinners have been way down the last several months. If we want them to continue, we must support them. Bring your spouse, friend or both, but PLEASE come. If we don't, they might go away.

We are getting close to our membership quota. Anoka is the largest Post in the 10th district so let's keep it that way. Ask any veteran if they belong to the American Legion. Tell them the advantages of being a member and about our club. The hospital equipment, SAL dinners, hall rental, activities and events including wild game feed, Legionville and Bingo are just a few.

I would like to welcome all new members to our Post. Please feel free to ask any member anything about the club. Let us know if you have any ideas or events that you would like to see or be involved in.

Have a great spring and thank a vet.

God Bless America - Commander Ray

County Day April 15th

April 15th, the Anoka American Legion and Auxiliary will be sponsoring "County Day" at the Anoka County Government Center. This event is in conjunction with Boys and Girls State. Boys and girls in their junior year in high school and that have applied for Boys and Girls State are invited to tour the Government Center. Schools throughout Anoka County are invited to attend. In the past, students from Anoka, Andover, Blaine, Coon Rapids, Fridley and Spring Lake Park have attended. The tour includes meeting the county commissioners, county attorney and county sheriff. Also they will be touring the 911 facility and the county jail.

If you are interested in helping with County Day, such as driving students from Anoka high school to the government center and going on the tour, please contact me at 763-427-8762.

Kathy Zwerdling - County Day Coordinator

S.A.L. Commander Tim Dahlheimer

Greetings from the SAL team!

Mark your calendars for the following upcoming events at Post 102:

- **A. Saturday, March 21st –** SAL Spring Conference – 8:30am-Afternoon
- **B. Saturday, March 21st –** Customer Appreciation Day - Noon-5:00pm
- **C. Thursday, March 26th –** Wine Tasting Event – 6:30-8:30pm
- **D. Friday, March 27 -** Craft and Vendor Show 4-9pm
- **E. Saturday, March 28 -** Craft and Vendor Show 9am-4pm
- **F. Saturday, April 11th –** SAL sponsored Comedy Show – Dinner: 7pm Show: 8pm

On **Saturday, April 11th**, the SAL will be sponsoring a comedy show here at the Club. We will be offering a dinner+show option as well as a show-only option. The dinner will be served at 7:00pm and the show begins at 8:00pm. Watch for the promotional flyer. Tickets will be available at the pull-tab booth. Don't miss this fun event! Along with our weekly Wednesday night steak fry, our Saturday roast beef "commercial" sandwiches continue to be a big hit! Now, each Saturday we offer hot turkey sandwiches as well as hot meatloaf or beef sandwiches on select dates. All are served with mashed potatoes and gravy. We serve from 1:00-3:30pm every Saturday. The cost is only $5.00. The menu schedule is listed in the calendar. Come on in and check us out!

As always, if you have a suggestion or idea that would help the SAL better serve the post, please share it with us. We are always searching for new opportunities.

Happy Easter!
Tim Dahlheimer, SAL Commander

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
Merchant Marines	December 7, 1941 to December 31, 1946

President's Column

Cathy Newman

Hello Ladies,
Well can we say spring is right around the corner? I swear I just did the March Newsletter, time is flying by for me anyway.

I attended the Sweetheart Rally in Delano, which was fun. We had a second Sewing Bee on Feb. 23rd at 6:30; not a bad turn out, we did get some neck pillows made for the VA. When I deliver these; it will be our second run, which is so great. Thank you all that donated to the Veterans Shower. I did get two (2) Veterans Names so 2 Care Boxes have been sent. Our annual auction after our April meeting went well and a lot of fun with the bidding. Thanks to all the Legionnaires that came. You guys are all a big help supporting us.

Our Craft and Vendor show is coming up next. If you get your newsletter before then, plan to attend. We have sold out all table places in the upper hall, as well as the lower hall. We will have 37 Tables for you to look over. Also the Unit will have their Bake Sale again. Ron will have his fish fry Friday night and the SAL will have their hot sandwiches on Saturday. So it is worth the time to come down.

That's about it for this time. Help a Veteran when ever you can.

God Bless and God Bless America
President Cathy Newman

Sewing Bee February 23rd

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Thanks For Helping Out!

The Veterans Shower went very well. Donations were wonderful. This time most of them will be going to the Minnesota Veterans Nursing Home. I asked you for large sizes, because the Veterans that live there are not just a short stay like the Hospital where they only need the small bottles of things. Besides your helping out the Veterans, you also help with our Annual Reports. It adds up a lot, so again Thanks.

Cathy Newman VA&R Chairman

White Elephant Auction

Success and thank you in the same sentence. A great time was had by all at the auction. The main reason was that the surprise packages were really worth the money. The auxiliary met its goal of raising enough funds to be able to send another young lady to Girls State. This special gift is well worth the effort and time for this young person. Again, a special thank you to all who participated.

Diane Wolford, 2nd Vice President

L>R: Diane Wolford & Auctioneer, Ron Wolford

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.

- ★ Mother
- ★ Wife
- ★ Sister
- ★ Daughter
- ★ Granddaughter
- ★ Grandmother
- ★ Great-Granddaughter
- ★ Self

(step-relative also apply)

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

Jan's Jottings

by Jan Reiter

The regular meeting of Edward B. Cutter American Legion Auxiliary was held on Tuesday, March 3, 2015, with President Cathy Newman opening with the prayer, pledge, and preamble. The February 3, 2015 meeting minutes were approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Americanism: Diane Wolford sent around the box for the $.50 if you didn't have your auxiliary pin on. A flag was folded and she told us the meaning behind all of the folds.

Community Service: Record all of your hours of community service in the community service book.

Education: There are some "Loaves for learning" labels on Country Hearth products to save for education.

Fund Raising: The Craft show on March 27 & 28 will have a bake sale. Jan Reiter, Karen Orr and Nancy Bever will be calling our members to help out with baking something for this sale.

Girls State: Kathy Zwerdling stated they had an assembly at the high school for the girls that would be interested in applying for this. She made a motion to pay the registration fees for our 3 girl staters. Seconded and carried.

Junior Activities: Department Junior Conference will be in Stewartville on April 11, 2015.

Leadership: Jan Reiter said she will have a leadership meeting on March 25th at 7pm to help out with reports that are to be filled out by April 15th.

Legislation: Barb Ridge stated that President Obama signed the Clay Hunt Suicide Prevention for American Veterans Act into law this month. The bill will help the VA recruit and retain psychiatrists. It will connect veterans with resources.

Membership: Betty Erickson said we have 299 members and in need of 32 seniors yet.

National Security: Cathy Newman said she made 2 boxes for the troops and sent them out.

Nominating: The nominating committee will be meeting and if anyone is interested in being an officer please let Lynette Pavin know.

Past Presidents: Jan Reiter thanked everyone that helped at a sewing bee on Feb 23. Lap blankets, neck pillows and laundry bags were made for the veterans.

Service for Veterans: Save your stamps and post cards for this program. Nursing Home bingo will be March 11th at the Golden Living Facility at 2:15.

Sunshine: Nancy Bever sent out sympathy cards to 3 families.

Donations:

Department President's Project	$100
Fisher House	$100
Legionville	$100
Forgotten Children	$100
Anoka County Campership	$150
ACBC	$100
Anoka County Historical Society	$ 50
Meals on Wheels	$100

Unfinished Business: Kathy Zwerdling checked into Helping Paws and they will be coming to the April meeting to do a demo for us.

RPP Rojo's Comedy Club RPP

COMEDY SHOW

featuring

Jon Stambaugh, Curt Fletcher & Roger Peterson

Saturday, April 11

Dinner 7:00pm - Show 8:00pm

ADVANCE TICKETS:

Dinner+Show $17 | Show-Only $10

AT THE DOOR:

Show-Only $12

PLEASE NOTE: This Show contains "Adult Content"

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w/ catered lunch

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EVERY WEDNESDAY - SAL DINNERS
5:30-7:00pm

April 2015

CHILDREN and YOUTH MONTH
15 - 'County Day' - Anoka

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1st Friday each month Red Cross Bloodmobile at Post 7AM - 1PM			*'Special'* **Prime Rib** ***$11.50*** **1**	**Every Tue., Thur. & Fri. Grill Open 5:00-8:30 pm - Menu Pg 2** **EVERY Thursday "RON'S RIBS"** **2**	**Meat Raffle 5:30pm** ***Bar Bingo 7:00pm** **3**	**EVERY SAT** **SAL** **HOT '*Commercial*' $5.00** **(See Below)** **4**
Easter Sunday **CLUB CLOSED** **5**	*1917 US enters WWI* **6**	***Bar Bingo 6:30pm** ***General Mem. Mtgs.*** **JOINT Mtg. w/ '*Helping Paws*' demo 7:15 pm** **7**	**Nursing Home BINGO - 2:15 pm** **'Golden Living'** ***'Special'*** **Country-Fried Steak** ***$9.00*** **8**	**9**	**Meat Raffle 5:30pm** ***Bar Bingo 7:00pm** **10**	**COMEDY SHOW** **Dinner 7pm** **Show 8 pm** ***Sponsored by* SAL** **[see Page 5]** **11**
1981 1st Space Shuttle launched Club Open 12-10 ***Bar Bingo 4:00pm** **12**	**Post History Mtg. 7:00pm** **13**	***Bar Bingo 6:30pm** **Newspaper Mtg. 7:00pm** **14**	***'Special'*** **Smoked Pork Chop** ***$9.50*** **ALR Mtg. - 7:00pm** **"County DAY"** ***'TAX DAY'*** **15**	**16**	**Meat Raffle 5:30pm** ***Bar Bingo 7:00pm** **17**	**10th District** ***ALR Rally*** **Hopkins** **18**
Club Open 12-10 ***Bar Bingo 4:00pm** **19**	**20**	***Bar Bingo 6:30pm** **House & Ent. Mtg. 7:00pm** **21**	***Earth Day*** **NO *'Special'*** **22**	**23**	***Arbor Day*** **Meat Raffle 5:30pm** ***Bar Bingo 7:00pm** **24**	**DEPT** ***Spring Roundup Rally*** **Duluth** **25**
Club Open 12-10 ***Bar Bingo 4:00pm** **26**	**27**	***Bar Bingo 6:30pm** **Executive Board Mtg. 7:00pm** **28**	**NO *'Special'*** **29**	*1975 Vietnam War ends* **30**		

STEAK-$9.00|FISH/SHRIMP/CHICKEN-$9.00|STEAK+SHRIMP-$12.00|WALLEYE-$11.50

BAR BINGO
Under 21
NOT allowed in Lounge
during Bingo

May 2015

2 10th District Presidents Testimonial - Monticello
3 10th District Commanders Testimonial - Anoka
25 Memorial Day Services - Anoka
30 10th District Convention - North Branch

COMING UP

SAL Sat HOT 'Commercial' 1-3:30pm - $5.00

Apr 4 - 'Hot Beef' or 'Meatloaf'
Apr 11 - 'Hot Turkey'
Apr 18 - 'Hot Beef' or 'Meatloaf'
Apr 25 - 'Hot Turkey'