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Annual New Years Day Brunch

Club Open 10:00 am to 5:00 pm
Brunch Served 11:00 am to 1:00 pm

JOIN US NEW YEAR'S DAY FOR A FREE BRUNCH

All Paid
Post, Unit, Juniors, SAL members and a guest are invited.
If not yet paid - you may do so that day.

Past Presidents Parley BAKE SALE

Club Open to the Public at 1:00 pm

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Adjutant's Notes

by Gary Munkholm

A hearty welcome to the newest members of Anoka Post 102: Daniel Schei, Persian Gulf, sponsored by Doug Hookom; Robert William, Vietnam Veteran, sponsored by Wayne Wallace; Lori J. Allert, Persian Gulf, sponsored by Doug Hookom; and Leslie D. Hamilton, Vietnam Veteran, sponsored by Doug Hookom. We hope to see you at future meetings and join us in fellowship during other times of the week.

Due to National, State, and District raising their dues; the General Membership voted to raise our Post dues to $40 starting January 16, 2016. Save $5 and get your dues paid by January 16. A reminder that you can pay your dues online via the National Legion website, mail them in, or just drop them off with the bartender. As a Veteran your membership in the American Legion is very important to us and our National Commander when he addresses Congress or the White House to help solve Veteran problems. Always look at your membership with the American Legion as another way of showing our leaders that we care about how Veterans are being taken care of.

A reminder that we start General Membership meetings at 7 pm.

Don't forget to help out if you can for the upcoming 10th District Midwinter Convention held at our Post on January 16. Let Commander Turnquist or Cliff Newman know if you can help.

The General Membership voted to publish the Post Newsletter in the future every other month with current items always on the website monthly. Printing and mailing the Post newsletter is expensive and this will help save the Post some money.

The ATM machine in the clubhouse finally broke and had to be replaced at a cost of $2225.
The General Membership voted to spend $1084 for sump pump repair.

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

a. Reimbursement for Wild Game Dinner expenses	$650
b. Reimbursement for School Patrol Party	$400
c. US Treasury for Tax Wagering	$300
d. Anoka County Historical Society	$250
e. Minnesota Revenue Tax on Gambling	$2,500
f. City of Anoka for Water and light Costs	$1,500
g. Center Point Energy for Gas casts	$700
h. Assist needy Veterans & Families	$1,500
Emergency Money	$500

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Post 102 extends sincere sympathy to the families of

ALFRED D. SCOTT
Alfred was a 29 year member of The American Legion and a Korean War Veteran

JAMES G. SWENSON
James was a 28 year member of The American Legion and a World War II Veteran

Correction from last month - sorry for the error.
LORENZO A. ARSENAL JR.
Lorenzo was a 40 year member of The American Legion and a Korean War Veteran

RON'S GRILL

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

TUESDAYS

Sloppy Joe w/Fries or Tots - $7.00

THURSDAYS

BBQ Ribs ~ Texas Toast ~ Cole Slaw ~ Potato
Full Rack $15.00 Half Rack $13.00

FRIDAYS

JANUARY 2016

8th - Fish Fry - $11.00

15th - Lasagna
~ Veg, Garlic Toast - $10.00

22nd - Swedish Meatballs
~ Mashed Potatos, Veg, Roll - $10.00

29th - Chicken Melt
~ Potato, Veg, Roll - $10.00

FEBRUARY 2016

5th - Fish Fry - $11.00

12th, 19th, 26th
~ Ron's Choice ~

Tax included on all the above.
CATERING CENTRAL

PLEASE NOTE

The ONLINE edition may contain additional articles.

Commander Ray Turnquist

Saturday, December 5th was a busy day at the club. The school patrol party was held in the morning. 60-70 kids were entertained with the Anoka Police K-9 demonstration and karaoke; and were served hot dogs, chips and candy. Thank you Fadi Awaijane and everyone that helped to make this an annual success.

Saturday night was Elvis night at the club along with the silent auction. The Auxiliary put on a great evening. Thank you for your hard work.

Saturday, December 12th is our annual wild game feed. I know the Veterans enjoy coming to this every year. If you have not helped on this event, it is a great way to spend a Saturday by serving the Veterans.

If you haven't been to Steve's Viking party there is still time. Please support the club by attending, and the food is fantastic.

Don't forget the New Years Day brunch and bake sale. The club opens at 10am.

January 16th is the 10th District Mid-Winter conference which is going to be held in Anoka. We will need help setting up Friday night and working the conference on Saturday.

I would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas, and may all good things come your way in the New Year.

God Bless America, Commander Ray

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Director

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Suite 216
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anokacounty.us/veterans

CLUB SPECIALS

'Happy Hour' TICKETS

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday

DAILY SPECIAL - AFTER 5:00 PM

Pounder Beer

S.A.L. Commander Tim Dahlheimer

Happy New Year!

As we enter into 2016, the SAL team would like to wish our entire Legion family a healthy and prosperous New Year!

As you know, on **Saturday, January 16th**, our Post is hosting the 10th District Mid-Winter Conference. This is a "big" event and we need SAL help in many areas to make it a success. We need help on Friday night with set-up, Saturday morning's registration table, and clean up. Let us know if you can help.

The SAL team continues to serve hot Meatloaf and Turkey sandwiches, complete with mashed potatos and gravy, on Saturday afternoons from 1:00-3:30pm. The cost is only $6.00 and we have been receiving "rave" reviews. Stop in on Saturday and enjoy this great meal. You won't be disappointed.

Another NEW menu item that we have introduced and our now serving on Wednesday nights as well as Saturday afternoons, is our Walleye Nuggets. A nice portion of deep-fried walleye is served for only $6.00. They are quickly becoming very popular at the bar as an appetizer. We hope you will check them out!

Upcoming events include:

Saturday, January 16th – 10th District Mid-Winter Conference @ Anoka
Saturday, January 30th – 10th District Snowmobile Rally @ Hopkins
Sunday, February 14th – 10th District Sweetheart Rally @ TBD
Saturday, February 27th – 8th & 10th District Rally @ Anoka

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.

Until next time, lets be thankful for all we have!

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,

From now on the newsletter will look and read a little different. We will be doing the newsletter bi-monthly. So with that said; please bear with me, if I forgot something I'm sorry.

Our Sewing Bee had nine busy ladies working on pillows for our Veterans, which I delivered on November 24 to the Mpls. VA Hospital, 38 neck pillows and 28 heart pillows. As you can see by the picture, it was a lot to get credit for. Thanks to the ladies that helped. We will be having one on Jan 19th and Feb 23rd. Please come.

Our Annual Fundraiser on Dec. 5th, was The Elvis Experience Dinner and Show! What a great night; good turn out, good music and good food. Thanks to the SAL crew for all your work for the night. The silent auction was great and made money for our Veterans. Thanks to all that gave donations and to the ladies that set up and worked it.

Coming in January will be our Post New Years Day Brunch & Bake Sale. The Bake Sale is put on by our Past Presidents. The funds from it will go towards our Scholarships, so come and buy some good treats and help us out too. January 16th, we will host the Tenth District Mid-Winter Conference. Everyone is welcome to attend. Will check in with you in February.

As time moves on, I wish you a Blessed Christmas and a New Year full of wonderment, with Love and Goodwill. See you all next year!!

Cathy Newman, Unit 102 President

In Memoriam

Andrea M. (Bourgeois) Hennen

Andrea was born September 2, 1970 in Anoka, MN and passed away November 12, 2015. Andrea had been a Junior member in years past, serving as Anoka Unit Jr. President and 10th District Jr. President.

Edward B. Cutter Unit 102 extends its sympathy to Andrea's family, parents Mike and Jean Bourgeois and friends.

Auxiliary Unit 102 Fundraiser

Vendor, Craft & Bake Sale

March 18th & 19th

Friday - 4:00 to 8:00 PM
Saturday - 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Tables $20.00

Contact: Cathy Newman
763-757-2034

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SEWING BEE

TUE - December 19 & January 23
1:00 PM

Jan's Jottings

by Jan Reiter

The regular meeting of Edward B. Cutter American Legion Auxiliary was held on Tuesday, December 1, 2015 with a new member, Betty Mika, joining us.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Education: Kathy Zwerdling said they bagged 800 apples on November 16th and delivered them to nine schools the next day.
Membership: Betty Erickson stated we have a total of 211 members sent to Dept. We are in need of 70 or so more seniors and all the Juniors are almost all paid.
Newspaper: The Post Newspaper will be mailed every other month to save postage.
Past Presidents: November 17th, we had a sewing bee with 9 ladies helping make neck and heart pillows and December 16th will be our annual Christmas party. New Year's Day will be our annual bake sale.
Poppy: The Unit is in need of a poppy chairman or several chairmen to share the job.
Veteran for Service: Remember to keep track of your hours of home service you do. Bingo will be December 9th at 2:15 pm, at Golden Living Care Center.
VA&R: Veteran's Day cards, $5 and a flower were handed to the veterans at AMRTC by Cathy Newman on Veteran's Day. She took 38 neck pillow, 28 heart pillows, 4 lap robes, 3 pair of slippers, for a value of $1844.59, to the VA Hospital. The VA hospital will not be taking home made slippers any more.
Unfinished Business: Mid-Winter Conference will be January 16th at the Anoka Legion. Everyone is welcome to come and learn all about the Legion and Auxiliary.

NEW YEAR's EVE
December 31, 2015

Magic & Ventriloquist / Comedy SHOW

Dinner 6:30 pm
(2 Meat Buffet)
Show 8:00-10:00 pm

For more Information, contact Miranda @ 612-590-3666

ANOKA LEGION
welcomes
"Service Dogs"

The American Legion Family Thanks Educators

Over 800 apples were delivered to 9 Anoka schools by the Anoka American Legion, Auxiliary and Sons of the American Legion. The apples were given in conjunction with American Education Week and as a token of appreciation for the dedicated work educating children. The "Apple Program" started in the 1950's in Anoka and has continued to this day. A BIG Thank You to all that helped pick up, bag and deliver the apples.

Kathy Zwerdling, Unit 102 Education Chairman

Kathy Zwerdling, Auxiliary Education Chairman and Jennifer Lawrence, School Social Worker at Wilson Elementary, receiving her apple.

Apple Bagging Volunteers

POST HOSPITAL EQUIPMENT
Call Frank Menter 763-237-4375 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.

It Just Keeps Getting BETTER AND BETTER

The 48th annual Veterans Wild Game Dinner was once again a big success! Blessed with mild weather, ALL of our invited guests were able to make it to our annual event. They all expressed their appreciation in being invited and encouraged us to continue this great event.

As I've said many times; this is my favorite event of the year and it's obvious that many of you share the same sentiment. Because, this year even the number of volunteers were up. But we needed everyones help and the whole Legion Family was there to participate.

This is one event that just keeps getting better and better. Many thanks to the SAL and the WILD Cooking Team (complete with Past SAL Commander- Chef Terry Johnson), to the Auxiliary (for ice cream, cards and stocking caps), to all the Legionnaires (for help with serving, bingo and cleaning up) and of course all of our game donators! I hope you will all return next year for the 49th annual Veterans Wild Game Dinner.

Thanks a lot, Darrel Redepenning

Wild Game Dinner Legion Volunteers

Wild Game Dinner Cooking Team

Veterans at Wild Game Dinner

Wild Game Dinner Auxiliary Helpers

NEWSPAPER CHANGES

For a long time now we have struggled with the growing cost of producing/mailing our newspaper with the ever declining numbers of our membership. We've tried to encourage our members to voluntarily remove their names from the mailing list and view our paper on-line @ anokalegion.org (more pictures, in color). This could be virtually cost free but, the response has been very small and we still have a large mailing list. Other alternatives have been to charge a subscription fee to cover postage or even discontinue our paper completely (which no-one wants to happen).

So as an alternative, we are going to try producing our paper every other month, starting with this January issue. It will be a little more challenging for those who write articles. Plus, we're aware of the importance of the calendars, so we'll do two months at a time. The savings however is substantial,

Past Presidents Parley Hosts Holiday Dinner

The Past Presidents Parley coordinated the annual Holiday Dinner for Past Post Commanders, Past Presidents, Past SAL Commanders and Past American Legion Rider Directors. It was held on December 16, 2015 at the Anoka Legion with a social hour at 6:00 pm and dinner served by the SAL at 7:00 pm.

Past Commander, Gary Munkholm, provided entertainment for all with wonderful music on his clarinet.

There were a total of 34 Past Commander's, Presidents, SAL Commanders and ALR Directors that attended this festive night. Door Prizes were handed out along with great food and desserts.

Jan Reiter, Parley Chairman

10th DISTRICT
Mid-Winter Conference

January 16, 2016
9:00 AM
(Lower Hall)

Anoka 102 Members
Please Register
[Info & Registration Form
@ www.anokalegion.org]

(NO FEES)

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.

School Patrol Party

2015 School Patrol Christmas Party

Saturday December 5th from 10am – 12 noon, there were 13 volunteers from Anoka Legion Post 102 hosting the Annual School Patrol Christmas Party. There were 61 students from Wilson, Ramsey and St. Stephen Elementary Schools.

Officer George Walker and his K-9 Partner Barret were invited to entertain the students. The Students were then entertained with karaoke provided by Sandy Arnolds.

I would like to thank the following Legion Members for all their help, which was greatly appreciated. Aaron Bahe, Commander Ray Turnquist, Sam Orr, Dan Soland, Gary Reimann, Norman Thunnell, Cliff Newman, Joe Zimmerman, Bill Davidson and Club Manager Denise Adler.

Fadi Awaijane, Chairman

Come Celebrate the 97th Birthday of The American Legion

Saturday, March 12, 2016
Commander's Hall Post 102
6:00 PM Social - 7:00 PM Dinner
Cost $12.00 Donation

Brooklyn Park Vets Center
GOLF for VETS

For Information
Call 763-503-2220

Edward B. Cutter Post 102 Event Calendar

2016

WEEKLY RECURRING EVENTS

SUN 4:00 pm Bar Bingo | Club Open Noon-10 pm
TUE 5:00-8:30 pm Grill Open | 6:30 pm Bar Bingo
WED 5:30-7:00 pm- SAL Dinner /
1st WED of Month = Prime Rib Special
THU 5:00-8:30 pm Ron's Ribs / Grill Open
FRI 5:00-8:30 pm- Grill Open
6:00 pm- Meat Raffle | 7:00 pm- Bar Bingo
SAT 1:00-3:30 pm [NOT on JAN 2 & 16]
SAL 'Commercials'/'Walleye Nuggets'

MONTHLY RECURRING EVENTS

JANUARY

4 MON 7:00 pm Legion Bingo @ Golden Living
5 TUE 7:00 pm General Membership Mtgs
11 MON 7:00 pm Post History Mtg
13 WED 2:00 pm Auxiliary Bingo @ Golden Living
19 TUE 7:00 pm House & Entertainment Mtg
26 TUE 7:00 pm Exec Board Mtg

FEBRUARY

1 MON 7:00 pm Legion Bingo @ Golden Living
2 TUE 7:00 pm General Membership Mtgs
8 MON 7:00 pm Post History Mtg
9 TUE 7:00 pm Post Newsletter Mtg
10 WED 2:00 pm Auxiliary Bingo @ Golden Living
16 TUE 7:00 pm House & Entertainment Mtg
23 TUE 7:00 pm Exec Board Mtg

OTHER EVENTS

1 FRI New Years Day Brunch & Bake Sale – Anoka
16 SAT 9:00 am – Anoka
10th District Mid-Winter Conference
19 TUE 1:00 pm – Unit 102 Sewing Bee
29 FRI 10th District Snowmobile Rally (See Schedule)
30 SAT 6:00 pm – Hopkins (4:15 pm @ Anoka)
10th District Snowmobile Rally
6 SAT 1:00 pm DEPT Sweetheart Rally - Legionville
14 SUN 11:00 AM – St. Francis
10th District SAL Sweetheart Rally
23 TUE 1:00 pm – Unit 102 Sewing Bee
27 SAT 2:00 pm – Anoka
8th & 10th District Rally

COMING IN MARCH

5 SAT 3:00 pm – Legionville
DEPT Appreciation Rally
12 SAT 6:00 pm Social / 7:00 pm Dinner – Anoka
The American Legion 97th Birthday Dinner
18 FRI Auxiliary Craft Show & Bake Sale – Anoka
19 SAT Auxiliary Craft Show & Bake Sale – Anoka
19 SAT 2:00 pm – Delano
10th District St. Patricks Day Rally

THIS DAY IN HISTORY - Holidays

1 Jan **New Years Day**
17 Jan *1991 – Gulf War Begins*
18 Jan **Martin Luther King Day**
27 Jan *1973 – Signing of Vietnam Peace Accord*
30 Jan *1968 – Tet Offensive launched*
31 Jan *1990 – Panama Campaign ended*

2 Feb **Ground Hog Day**
7 Feb *1943 – Four Chaplains Sunday*
8 Feb *1910 – Boy Scouts Founded*
10 Feb **Ash Wednesday**
12 Feb **Lincoln's Birthday**
14 Feb **Valentines Day**
15 Feb **Presidents Day**
22 Feb **Washington's Birthday**

Flag Flying Days =

45th ANNUAL TENTH DISTRICT SNOWMOBILE RALLY
JANUARY 29-30, 2016
RALLY TURN IN SATURDAY JANUARY 30
6:00 PM -Hopkins Post #320

Team Brrrrrrrrr Cold
Legion - Denny Sculthorp (612) 270-0369
Auxiliary - Shirley Fraze
S.A.L. -
AL Riders- Ron Rollins (651)775-6985

Saturday, January 30

City	*Arrival*	*Notes*
Sandstone &	8:00 a.m.	meet at Sprouts on Fifth for Breakfast
Askov		
Willow River	10:00 a.m.	meet at Corral Bar
Denham & Bruno		meet at Willow River
Pine City	11:45 a.m.	
Rush City		meet at Pine City
North Branch	1:30 p.m.	
Taylors Falls		meet at North Branch
Stacy, Harris		meet at North Branch
Lindstrom		meet at North Branch
Chisago City		meet at North Branch
Lino Lakes	3:00 p.m.	
Anoka	4:15 p.m.	
Hopkins	6:00 p.m.	Turn in

Team Frosty Cold
Legion- Larry Woods (786) 786-8810
Auxiliary - Patti Coleman (763) 354-8644
S.A.L. - Steve Sullivan (952) 237-8592
AL Riders- Diane Sullivan (952) 237-8597

Friday, January 29

City	*Arrival*	*Notes*
St. Michael	5:00 p.m.	
Monticello	6:30 p.m.	
Clearwater	8:00 p.m.	45 Year Celebration!

Saturday, January 30

City	*Arrival*	*Notes*
Howard Lake	12:00 Noon	
Waverly		meet at Howard Lake
Cokato		meet at Howard Lake
Maple Lake	1:30 p.m.	
Buffalo	3:00 p.m.	
Hamel		Meet at Buffalo
Hopkins	6:00 p.m.	Turn in

This is an AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY Event

Everyone is invited to join any team along the way!

The 10th District welcomes all members & guests to the Membership turn in at Hopkins Post #320

Please drive SAFE, SOBER & ARRIVE ON TIME

Team Shivery Cold
Legion - Brad Pfeifer (612) 232-4277
Auxiliary - Jessie Pfeifer (612) 991-2449
S.A.L. - Brandon Rogat
AL Riders- Cheryl Pfeifer (612) 245-8236

Saturday, January 30

City	*Arrival*	*Notes*
Fridley	9:00 a.m.	Breakfast
Tri-City		Meet at Fridley
Robbinsdale	10:30 a.m.	
Brooklyn Center	12:00 noon	
Coon Rapids	1:30 p.m.	
Champlin		Meet at Osseo
Dayton-Rogers		Meet at Osseo
Osseo	3:00 p.m.	
Hopkins	6:00 p.m.	Turn in

Team Ice Cold
Legion - Jerry Whitcomb (763) 389-1911
Auxiliary - Janell Whitcomb (763) 389-1911
S.A.L. - Charlie Foster (763) 389-1911
AL Riders- Shaaron Barnes

Saturday, January 30

City	*Arrival*	*Notes*
Princeton		meet at Milaca
Milaca	10:00 a.m.	
Onamia		meet at Milaca
Ogilvie	11:45 a.m.	
Mora		meet at Ogilvie
Cambridge	2:00 p.m.	
St. Francis	3:30 p.m.	
Ham Lake		meet at St. Francis
Hopkins	6:00 p.m.	Turn in

Team Freezing Cold
Legion- Bill Stein (952) 212-7789
Auxiliary - Judy Stein (952) 955-2135
S.A.L. - Al Amundson
AL Riders- Matt Berens (952) 300-1158

Friday, January 29

City	*Arrival*	*Notes*
Golden Valley	5:30 p.m.	
St. Louis Park	7:00 p.m.	

Saturday, January 30

City	*Arrival*	*Notes*
Wayzata	10:00 a.m.	Breakfast
Maple Plain		meet at Wayzata
Delano	12:00 Noon	
Mound	2:00 p.m.	
St. Boni		meet at Mound
Excelsior	3:30 p.m.	
Bloomington		meet at Hopkins
Edina		meet at Hopkins
Hopkins	5:00 p.m.	Turn in