American Legion Members at State Fair

The tradition of the Anoka American Legion Family, joining with other 10th District Legion members, volunteered to promote the American Legion programs and membership at the Minnesota State Fair. (Example: School Patrol Training, Oratorical, Boys and Girls State, Scholarships).

Sixteen District 10 American Legion, Auxiliary and Sons of the American Legion volunteered at the Department American Legion Veterans Booth at the Minnesota State Fair. Among those were: (pictured on the left) Cliff Newman, Past Anoka Post 102 Commander; Tim Dahlheimer, Current Squadron 102 Commander; Al Amundson, Current Squadron 102 Adjutant; Pat "Chunk" Vevea, Past Squadron 102 Commander; Cathy Newman, Current Anoka Post 102 Auxiliary President; also, (pictured on the right) Tom Sanders, Current District 10 Commander and Ray Turnquist, Current Post 102 Commander.

Cliff Newman

JOINT Membership Meeting October 7, 2014 at 7:00pm

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Adjutant's Notes

by Gary Munkholm

A hearty welcome to the newest member of Anoka Post 102, Paul Jensen. We hope to see you at future meetings and join us in fellowship during other times of the week.

Post member, Cliff Nutter, is scheduled to be on the October 11 Honor Flight. All members are welcome to greet him at the airport on his return after the flight.

Don't forget to pay your dues so you can make the early bird dinner this month. You can send your dues in, pay at the club with the bartender, or pay them through the American Legion website.

Bill Engstrom reminded everyone to be aware of getting fraud calls asking for money. Bill and Cliff Newman have both received fraud calls trying to get money from them and want everyone to be aware of phony calls.

Last month the General Membership voted to endorse Darrel Redepenning as a future Department Vice Commander.

Many thanks to the new co-editors of this newsletter for stepping up and taking over where Betty Erickson left off. Former editor Betty is a hard act to follow.

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

a. Donation to the Anoka County Cougars	$300
b. Donation to River Trail Learning Center Special Ed	$200
c. Donation to Anoka Middle School special Ed Dept	$200
d. Donation t o the Anoka Halloween committee	$500
e. Donation to Veterans pheasant dinner fund	$100
f. Tax preparation for 2013 to KBP & Company	$550
g. City of Anoka for Water & Light costs	$1,800
h. Center Point Energy for gas costs	$175
i. U.S. Treasury for tax on wagering	$400
j. Assist needy Veterans & Families	$1,500
k.Emergency Money	$500

Post 102 extends sincere sympathy to the families of

HARLAN J. FUCHS
Harlan was a 38 year member of The American Legion and a Korea War Veteran

RALPH P. TENDER
Ralph was a 13 year member of The American Legion and a World War II Veteran

BURTON R. KRAABEL
Burton was a 57 year member of The American Legion and a Korea War Veteran

IN OCTOBER

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 $13.00 Half Rack $11.00

FRIDAYS
3rd - Fish Fry - $10.00
10th - Beef Tips over Baked Potato, Veg, Roll - $9.00
17th - 1/4 Baked Chicken ~ Potato, Veg, Roll - $8.00
24th - Italian Sausage on Hoagie ~ w/Fries or Tots $8.00
31st - BBQ Pork ~ w/Fries or Tots $7.00

Tax included on all the above.
CATERING CENTRAL

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Commander Ray Turnquist

On Wednesday, August 20th, Gary Munkholm and myself were invited to attend a Fleet Week event at ATK/Federal Cartridge. Guest speakers were Commander David Duryea from the Navel Undersea Warfare Center and CDR Brian Tanaka, Commanding officer of the USS Minnesota SSN 783 submarine. Commander Tanaka is a home grown boy from Rochester. It was a great event and I was honored to represent the Anoka Post 102.

On Saturday, Sept. 6th, my wife and I made our first trip to Legionville. What a fantastic place-over 600 beautiful acres on North Long Lake. I can now understand why people love it up there. I attended the district rally and Anoka turned in 11 Legion members. Anoka was also awarded Mid- Winter Convention. Darrell Redepenning was nominated for Dept. 1st Vice. Good luck Darrell.

Legionville Camp-O-Ree & District Rally

F:L>R-Cathy Newman, Ray Turnquist, Bud Redepenning, Betty Redepenning, Sam Orr
B:L>R-Cliff Newman, Donna Redepenning, Darrell Redepenning, Liz Abeln, Sue Nunnelee, Carol Turnquist, Al Amundson, Sandy Phillips, Karen Orr

It feels like fall is just around the corner. Please support the club by attending the Wed. night steak fry. SAL puts on a great meal and they really appreciate all that attend.

God bless America,
Commander. Ray

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNERS

If your dining party will consist of 8 or more persons, PLEASE call ahead to make Reservations.
You may call the Club at: 763-421-0883.
You may also send a text to Al at: 612-867-5698
OR email to sal@anokalegion.org.

Please include your name, the number of persons and the date (WED).

S.A.L. Commander Tim Dahlheimer

Greetings!

With the Fall season arriving quickly, we are looking ahead to another big Anoka Halloween season full of fun and frolic! As you know, the Legion is "Ground Zero" for the Grand-Day Parade as well as many other community events throughout the week. This year the Halloween festivities come early, with the big Parade slated for Saturday, October 25th. I would like to remind all SAL members that you, and your families, are more than welcome to participate in the Parade and ride on our SAL float. It's a great way to represent our squadron and get a "birds-eye" view of all the action along the Parade route. Just let us know and we will accommodate you.

The Wednesday night steak fry continues to be our primary fundraiser for the SAL. Your support and attendance is very important to us. Please join us on Wednesday's from 5:30-7:00pm. Check the Legion calendar for our weekly specials.

Until then, have a safe and joyful Fall season!

Tim Dahlheimer
SAL Commander

Waterfowl for Warriors...2014

Waterfowl for Warriors is simple. It's a nice way to say thank you to our Nation's heroes by
providing them an opportunity to enjoy the outdoors.

WHERE: Anoka Nature Preserve- Along the beautiful Rum River NW of Bunker Lake Blvd & 7th Ave NW in Anoka.

WHEN: Sep 14 & 19 for early goose season and Oct 14 & 27 for regular season. Hunting is 1/2 hour before sunrise till noon.

WHO: Veterans will be the hunters.
Volunteers will provide everything needed to create memories of a quality hunt.

Volunteers are needed and welcome. To Register for a hunt or more information, please contact:
Scott Wahl at 763-300-5306 or swahl551@comcast.net .

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.

President's Column

Cathy Newman

Welcome back to all the Auxiliary members. We had our first meeting for this year. I will get back in the saddle. The first time there is a lot to remember. We did get two ladies to Chair the Past Presidents Committee. Sandy Phillips and Jan Reiter stepped up to do it again, Thanks Gals.

I did get the unit mailing packet for the unit officers way after the meeting. If you really want yours, I will have them in the Auxiliary Office with your name on them or at the next meeting. Not a lot going on yet.

The fun weekend for all that attended was at Legionville, Sept. 4th - 7th. Fall Colors everywhere, pretty, but did not want that yet! Again, not as many campers. Cliff, Al and I went up on Thursday morning. We helped out with the District 10 pork feed on Friday. Saturday we sat around fires with other campers and did a lot of talking. Anoka received the bid for holding Mid-Winter Conference, so we will need volunteers. The District Rally was Saturday afternoon, a real good turn out. I presented Donna Redepenning her Scrap Book, she said she would bring it to a meeting.

Look for the Early Bird article in this paper and read your calendar for things coming up and note it so you can attend. Come out, volunteer, support, have fun.

See you at the October meeting,
Cathy Newman

Auxiliary Membership

All members will receive their dues notice from National soon after September 15 - PLEASE do not put this notice away - PAY IT NOW!!! (If you have already paid your dues, disregard. Junior to Senior members are: Alyssa Englin, Madison Lass, Jaqueline Senger and Ashley Toikka. 2015 senior dues for these young ladies are paid by the Unit.

Contiguous members pins will be presented to the following 30 members at the Early Bird Dinner, October 13 (if unable to attend, the pins will be mailed): 20 yrs- Pam Knotz, Carol Neilsen (FL); 25 yrs- Jane Freeburg, Nancy Furch; 30 yrs- Marge Beckenbach, Cassie Fisher, Eva Hedstrom, Sandy Phillips, Kimberly Saloka; 35 yrs- Jennifer Smith-Otte; 40 yrs- Kathy Bedmar, Anna Gullick, Jeanene Hays, Linda Larkin, Lorynda Smith, Charlotte Soderquist, Missy West, Lynn Zimmerman; 45 yrs- Patsy Hall, Lynn Kruger, Cathy Vick, Pam Westlie, Lois Witte; 50 yrs- Gert Baillie, Barb Fechner; 55 yrs- Joyce Carmichael, LaVerne Grosslein, Phyllis Mathieu; 60 yrs- Mary Jo Deschene, Kathy Zwerdling.

Again, any member may donate to the Units Special Member Fund; any amount will help to pay the dues of $18 sent to MN and National, if we don't help our own, who will?

Betty Erickson, Chairman

Auxiliary Early Bird Dinner
Senior and Junior Members
Monday October 13, 2014

Silent Auction – Initiation Ceremony & Continuous Year Pins Presentation

Set-up time will be at 4:00 p.m.
(Anyone who can help with this is welcome).
Social time is at 6:00 p.m. and dinner at 6:30 p.m.

Silent Auction Items brought by members in past years have included: home canned pickles, jams and jellies; fresh home made cookies, bars and cakes; crafts, collectibles, books, puzzles,patriotic items, knick-knacks, seasonal -- Halloween, Christmas, Easter, etc. Great items have been donated for this yearly special event. Bidding starts at one dollar for all items, Please be generous; the money raised will be used for the Netha Feist Scholarship Fund ($250) with the remainder to the Unit Emergency Fund (for our members).Individuals with items to donate, please try to be there early, if at all possible, so your valuable item can be placed on the table and labeled. Initiation of new members and those who never had the opportunity to receive an Auxiliary pin will be given one at this ceremony. Please mention "initiation" when you check in. Junior members are invited to attend.

All members MUST have their 2015 dues paid and their reservations made by October 7. (If necessary, you may pay your dues at Early Bird dinner).

For reservations, call: Diane Wolford (763) 712-1287 or Jan Reiter (763) 427-3733 or sign up and pay your dues at the pull-tab booth at the post (763) 421-0883.

ELVIS EXPERIENCE

again coming to Post 102

December 13, 2014

Tickets go on sale Nov 1

(at Post 102 Pull-Tab Booth)

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, September 2, 2014. The June 3, 2014 meeting minutes were approved with corrections. The regular Auxiliary meeting was opened by President Cathy Newman with a prayer, pledge, preamble and song.

Cathy read her chairman list and a motion was made to approve her slate of chairmen. Seconded and carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Fund Raising: Sandy Phillips reported we will be having another Elvis Experience on December 13 with a Silent Auction and a dinner. A motion was made to have a Spring Craft/Bake Sale on March 27, 28. Seconded and carried. Plant sale will be tabled until February.

Girls State: Kathy reported next month will be a joint meeting with the Girls and Boy Staters reporting about their time at Girl and Boy Staters.

Home Service: The auxiliary collects commemorative, express mail, foreign and air mail stamps, picture postcards and S&H stamps. Remember to keep track of your hours of home service you do.

Membership: Betty Erickson stated we are starting a new year and our new goal is 379, 22 more than last year and that National raised everyone's goal,11%. Betty will be handing out continuous pins at the EBDinner.

Past Presidents: Past Presidents meeting will be September 30, 7:00 pm at the Post..

VA&R: Cathy Newman played 6-5-4 at the VA with 10 veterans this summer. A motion was made to give $50 to be used for bingo on Oct 15th, at the Adult Day Care Center. Seconded and carried

New Business: A motion was made to have the Early Bird Dinner on Oct 13, with cutoff Oct. 7, and to have initiation,presentation of pins and to have a silent auction, with the Auction money going toward the $250 Neitha Feist Scholarship and the remainder goes to the units Emergency Fund. Seconded and carried. Cathy reported we won 4 plagues and several certificates at Department Convention.

THE 2014 NATIONAL AMERICAN LEGION CONVENTION

This year the National Convention was held in Charlotte, North Carolina and Post 102 had 3 Delegates that attended (Darrel & Donna Redepenning and Rick Oelschlager). The National Convention is always a mixture of being hectic, inspirational and fun all at the same time. Since they are always scheduled for the end of August, no matter where it is, it's usually "HOT"! With going into the deep-south we were expecting the worst. But thanks to a hurricane changing directions in the Atlantic and pulling in cooler temps from the north, Charlotte was un-seasonally mild. Last year marching in the National Parade in Houston it was 102 degrees, this year it was 80, much better!

A few highlights of the Convention were Minnesota's Legion Riders raised over $87,000 for the Legacy Scholarship Foundation (TOPS IN THE NATION) and a visit from President Obama. The President had previously visited in 2011 when the Convention was here in Minneapolis. It was obvious that the last three years have been hard on the President. He was noticeably older looking and a lack of applause on key Veteran issues, certainly showed a dwindling of his popularity. But it's always exciting when the President comes to address the Convention. Even though security is tight and everyone has to go through metal detectors on entering the Convention Center, it's still very inspiring. Although the Legion and the Auxiliary meet in separate Halls, when the President comes we're all together and it's standing room only.

This year my Anoka Legion hat brought me some attention from individuals from three other states. One from Idaho who has a daughter living in Ramsey, one from Illinois who graduated from Anoka High School and one from California who asked me if Anoka was still a suburb of Coon Rapids. I am always amazed by the people you run into. One morning I was utilizing the Convention Center restroom urinal and standing at the stall next to me was the National Commander (a little awkward).

This was the seventh National Convention that Donna and I have attended, we're always excited to go and by the last day we're really ready to come home!

Darrell Redepenning

Starting October 4
EVERY SATURDAY
SAL
Hot Beef Sandwich
1:00-3:30pm

OCTOBER 2014

24-25 FALL CONFERENCE - MAHNOMEN

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1st Friday each month Red Cross Bloodmobile at Post 7 AM - 1 PM			EVERY WED SAL DINNERS 5:30-7:00 PM Prime Rib $11.50 1	EVERY THURSDAY & FRIDAY GRILL OPEN 5:00-8:30PM EVERY Thursday "RON'S RIBS" 2	Meat Raffle 5:30 pm Bar Bingo 7:00 pm 3	EVERY SAT "SAL" HOT BEEF Sandwich 1:00-3:30pm 4
Club Open 12-10 Bar Bingo 4:00 pm 5	6	Joint General Membership Mtg. Post, Aux, SAL,ALR 7:00pm Separate Mtgs follow Bar Bingo 6:30 pm 7	Country Fried Steak $8.50 8	9	Meat Raffle 5:30 pm Bar Bingo 7:00 pm 10	8th & 10th District Rally West Duluth 11
Anoka Halloween Medallion Hunts Club Open 12-10 Bar Bingo 4:00 pm 12	Auxiliary Early Bird Dinner & Silent Auction Year Pins-6:00pm 13	Newspaper Mtg. 7:00pm Bar Bingo 6:30 pm 14	Smoked Pork Chop $9.50 Family Movie Night 6:30pm Legion Riders Mtg 7:00pm 15	Post/SAL Early Bird Dinner 7:00pm 16	Meat Raffle 5:30 pm Bar Bingo 7:00 pm 17	Light UP the Night Parade 7:00pm 18
Club Open 12-10 Bar Bingo 4:00 pm 19	Anoka Halloween BINGO 6:30-9:30pm .25 / card 20	House & Ent. Mtg 7:00pm Bar Bingo 6:30 pm 21	1/2 Baked Chicken $10.00 22	23	FALL CONFERENCE Meat Raffle 5:30 pm Bar Bingo 7:00 pm 24	5k Run - 1 mile Walk Pre-Parade Reception Grand Day Parade 1:00pm 25
Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast 7:30am-12:30pm Club Open 12-10 Bar Bingo 4:00 pm 26	Anoka Halloween BINGO 6:30-9:30pm .25 / card 27	Executive Board Mtg 7:00pm Bar Bingo 6:30pm 28	Chef's Choice 29	30	HALLOWEEN Meat Raffle 5:30 pm Bar Bingo 7:00 pm 31	

EVERY WED STEAK $9.00 - FISH/SHRIMP/CHICKEN $8.50 - STEAK & SHRIMP $12.00 - WALLEYE $11.00

COMING IN NOVEMBER

2 - Daylight Savings ENDS
14 - Veterans Day Dinner
15 - 10th District Rally - Monticello
22 - DEPT President's Testimonial - Osseo
27 - Thanksgiving Day