MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE

Veterans Memorial Forest Hills Cemetery
Anoka, Minnesota

Monday, May 26, 2014
10:00 A.M.

Last Monday in May
We pause to remember those who died
With so much courage,
So much pride.
They'll never come back,
But memories endure
To remind us of freedom: fragile, pure.
We're worthy of their sacrifice
If we pause each day
Not just the last Monday in May

Information Needed To Recognize Veterans Grave Sites

If you have knowledge of a veteran with interment in any of these three cemeteries: **Calvary Cemetery** on Highway 10; **Forest Hills Cemetery** adjacent to John Ward Park and **Oakwood Cemetery** west of Main Motors dealership, we need your help.

At Forest Hills and Oakwood Cemeteries, inspect the burial plot for a "war veteran" flag holder. If there is a flag holder and it's in good shape and emplaced properly by the headstone, no action is required. For Calvary Cemetery, a caretaker handles the flag holders so he would have to be made aware or have knowledge of the flag holders.

If you do not find a flag holder at the site, please contact Wayne Wallace at the Anoka American Legion Post (763-421-0883) for information for procurring and emplacing the flag holder. This must be done as soon as possible to ensure the veteran's burial plat is decorated with placement of an American flag for Memorial Day.

Your help is needed since we have no knowledge where the veteran's plot is located so it is very important you contact us.

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400 West Main St.
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With Honor & Gratitude
We Remember

Adjutant's Notes

by Gary Munkholm

1. A hearty welcome to the newest members of Anoka Post 102; Jared A. Sturgill, US Navy, sponsored by Doug Sturgill, John M. Huberty, US Navy, sponsored by Dale Voltin. We hope to see you at future meetings and join us in fellowship during other times of the week.
2. If you haven't paid your dues as of this newsletter please make an effort to send them in. We are very close to making goal and need all of the help we can get. You may also pay your dues by using the National American Legion website.
3. Ray Turnquist is working on a car show event at the Post this summer.
4. Turnout for the SAL Wednesday night dinners is not going well and if you wish to see it continue we ask you to invite friends and neighbors to the Wednesday night dinners.
5. Darrel Redepenning gave the membership an update on the progress of the newly formed Scholarship Fund committee.
6. Gambling manager Paul Adler presented the following list of donations for the last month which were approved by the general membership:

a. Anoka County Historical Society	$500
b. American Legion Hospital Association	$200
c. Andover HS Senior all night Party	$150
d. St. Cloud VA Veterans Fishing Trip	$100
a. City of Anoka for Water & Light costs	$1,200
b. Center Point Energy for gas costs	$1,200
c. U.S. Treasury for tax on wagering	$400
d. Assist needy Veterans & Families	$1,500
e. Emergency Money	$500

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.

St. Paul Saints vs.
Anoka Bucs/Metro-Minny All Stars

Saturday, May 10, 2014
Castle Field - 4001 - 7th Ave, Anoka
Exhibition Game

This is a fundraising event supporting Phase II construction of the concessions and restroom areas at Castle Field. The event promises to be a fun-filled day for the whole family with many activities, concessions, raffles, prizes, and much more.

Tickets Available Now
General Admission: $7 in advance, $10 at the gate.
Pre-order at www.ci.anoka.mn.us
Call 763-576-2980, or stop in at Anoka Public Services Dept.

Post 102 extends sincere sympathy to the families of

LEONARD N. DEHN
Leonard was a 61 year member of The American Legion and a World War II Veteran

JAMES E. GONYEA
James was a 30 year member of The American Legion and a World War II Veteran

PAUL REIFENBERGER
Paul was a 38 year member of The American Legion and a Korean War Veteran

IN MAY

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

TUESDAYS
1/4 lb. Burger Basket – $5.50

THURSDAYS
BBQ Ribs ~ Texas Toast ~ Cole Slaw ~ Potato
Full Rack $12.00 Half Rack $10.00

FRIDAYS
2nd - Fish Fry - $10.00
9th - Taco Salad - $8.00
16th - BBQ Pork Sandwich - $8.00
23rd - Shepard's Pie - $9.00
30th - Lasagna - $9.00

Tax included on all the above.
CATERING CENTRAL

Mother's Day Brunch
May 11th - 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Carved Roast Beef, Boneless Chicken Breast, Roast Pork Loin, Potatoes, Vegetables, Salads, Desserts, Coffee included

$20.00 - Adults • $18.00 - 55 & over
$10.00 - 11 & under • Free - 3 & under

Call for reservations: 612-978-5295

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Commander
Gary Reimann

What nice weather, I hope everybody is enjoying it. May is a time to honor the men and women that served our Country and gave their lives to uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States. Let us all give thanks to the veterans.

I would like to take time to let veterans know that we care about them and we are here to help in more ways than just words.

If you know anyone that is still in the military or just got out, there are people that can help them get back into civilian life; to get an education, job or help with the family. They just need to ask or somebody has to help them ask for help.

Available is:

Anoka Cty Veterans Service Office.....763-323-5290
763-323-5282
Veterans Crisis Line 1-800-273-8255
veteranscrisisline.net
Mpls. VA Hosp. Clinic 612-725-7676
Federal VA (U.S. Fed. Bldg).....1-800-827-1000
Claims Division..... 612-970-5662
(U.S. Fed. Bldg. Ft. Snelling)
Veterans Service Bldg. (St. Paul) 651-296-2562
651-291-1757
Veterans Resource Center.....651-644-4022
Anoka Co. Veterans Council.....612-709-0588
Anoka Am. Legion Post 102.....763-421-0883
Anoka Post Hospital Equipment.....763-421-7277

Veterans are adapting, improvising and overcoming - just like they did in the service. So if you know anyone that is in now or just getting out, lets help them get adjusted.

God Bless this Great Country of ours!

S.A.L. Commander
Patrick Vevea

Greetings Legion Family,

Our heartfelt thoughts, prayers and sympathy go out to the family of a longtime member and longer time friend, Jon Hartfiel. He will truly be missed.

WE NEED PARTICIPATION!!
At our last general membership meeting, we couldn't even get a quorum of six members. So what does that mean? It means that our Squadron cannot conduct business such as voting on new members, club functions, and even monetary donations to the community. Squadron general membership meetings are held at 7:00pm on the 1st Tuesday of every month in the downstairs Auxiliary hall. These meetings usually last less than one hour.

Now on a positive note, at our May meeting we will be taking nominations for officers for the coming 2014-15 year. This is a terrific opportunity to get involved with a great organization.

In closing, I hope everyone has a spectacular Mother's Day and a fortunate Fishing Opener.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH- "Always remember to fall asleep with a dream and wake up with a purpose."

Until next time, let's Keep it Up!

Birthday Dinner

L-R: SAL Det. Cmdr. John A., Post Rider Dir Dan S., Pres. Lynette P., SAL Post Cmdr. Chunk V., Dept. Cmdr. Mike A., Dept. Pres. Shirley F., Dept. Jr. Pres. Kaitlin F., and Post Cmdr. Gary R.

Post 50 year+ members Gordy Raihle, Ken Berghorst, Wayne Wallace, Bud Redepenning and Cliff Nutter joined Past Cmdrs, Al S., Fadi A., Darrel R., Gary R., Sam O., Jim H., Cliff N and Gary M..

Jan's Jottings

by Jan Reiter

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Education : We will giving out 2 -$500 and 1-$750 scholarship to 3 students at the Scholarship night at Anoka High School on May 7th.

Fund Raising: Carol Hathaway motioned to have a Casino trip to Hole in the wall. Approved. No date yet. Darlene Thell will be selling flower cards for $25, to be used at Green Valley from April 2- May 23rd.

Girl's State: Kathy Zwerdling interviewed 11 girls that applied for Girl's State. On April 27th, Anoka will be hosting an Ice Breaker for Girl's State. Anoka County Day will be April 24th at the Court House.

Leadership: Jan Reiter thanked everyone for getting their reports in on time.

Membership: We have 334 paid membership, this is 23 from our goal.

Memorial: Chaplain, Jean Parvey is making a Prayer Book for President Lynette and is asking for prayers.

Past Presidents: Sue Nunnelee moved that a donation of $100, be made to the Past President Parley Health Care Scholarship fund from the Past Presidents Parley Fund. Approved. The Gold Star, 50 year members dinner will be May 17th and next month, she will let us know where.

Parliamentarian: Sue Nunnelee stated that next, 2014-2015 year, the Field Service and Home Service committees will become one committee under the name of Service to our Veterans committee. She also stated some of the amendments that will come up at the Department Convention.

Poppy: Poppy Card Days begin April 17, Poppy Day is May 16-17. Sandy Phillips motioned to have $200 to go to Beyond the Yellow Ribbon in Anoka, $200 to the Armed Forces Service Center, $200 to the Eagle Nest, and $200 to MACV, out of the Poppy fund. Approved.
She will be getting poppy letters ready on April 17th at 1pm at the Legion. She is in need of help with this and also with selling Poppy Cards at the club starting on April 17th. If you can do this please call her.

VA&R: Cathy Newman stated that they are looking for new volunteer representatives to the Veterans Nursing Home and Veterans Hospital. Cathy thanked everyone who brought items (551) for the VA shower. She also took items over to Hope 4 Youth and they in turn made 67 comfort bags for the Veterans at the hospitals.

New Business: The Nominating committee reported the following:

President: Cathy Newman
1st Vice President: Open
2nd Vice President: Diane Wolford
Treasurer: Jeanene Hays
Sgt of Arms: Carol Hathaway
Executive Committee: Norah Wyman
Karen Orr

Lynette stated next month will be a Pot Luck at 6:30 and that the County Day Girls will be here.

Birthday Dinner

The American Legion 95th Birthday Dinner was held on March 15th. We had 87 people attend. Our guest speakers were Department Commander Mike Ash, SAL Detachment Commander John Affolter, Department Auxiliary President Shirley Frederick, Honorary Department Jr. President Kaitlin Fernlund. They were seated at the head table along with our Post, SAL, Riders and Auxiliary officers.

Honored Life Members and 50 Year members were recognized from the Post and the Auxiliary. Presentations were made. The dinner was prepared by Post 102 SAL. The meal was a different touch, something we haven't had in a long time "Meat Loaf". Great Job Al and staff. Birthday Cake was served to all by Auxiliary members. The table centerpieces were all poppy contest winners from the Conventions we have attended, this shows one way our Poppies are used.

I want to tell everyone THANKS that stayed around to pick up and take things down, was very much appreciated by the dinner committee, it made it all go fast when we all work together and get it done. Everyone can still enjoy the night.

Cathy Newman
Dinner Chairman

Dept. Pres. Shirley F., Dist Pres. Donna R. and Unit Pres. Lynette P. joined Unit Past Pres. Jan R., Darlene T., Betty E., Barb R., Karen O., Cathy N., Doris A., Claribel B., Lenora and Betty R. (also past - Donna and Lynette).

Unit 50 year + members L-R: June Bendix, Doris Adkins, Claribel Berghorst and Virginia Dahlheimer.

President's Column

Lynette Pavin

Spring is in the air. The Birthday Dinner was again a success. Thank you to everyone who worked so hard to make it so.

Poppy Cards will soon be available; make a donation and sign a card. They will be displayed in the lounge area. Don't forget that Poppy Days are May 16 & 17, if you are interested in volunteering to help, contact Sandy Phillips.

Donna Redepenning Testimonial Dinner

Sunday, May 4 - Anoka Legion
Social - 4:30 p.m. Dinner - 5:30 p.m.

Spaghetti, meatballs & sausage, salad, garlic toast, dessert
$12.00 per person

If you receive this paper before April 27, send check payable to Anoka Unit 102 to:
Jan Reiter
6522 153rd Lane, NW
Anoka, MN 55303

(Questions - or if you receive this paper after April 27 - call Jan: 763-427-3733)

Girl's State May Pot Luck Dinner

Come join us on **May 6th at 6:30 p.m.** for our annual May Pot Luck dinner before our Auxiliary meeting. All Jr. and Sr. Auxiliary members are encouraged to attend. Bring a dish to pass and enjoy great fellowshp and great food. Our Girls State candidates will be introduced following the dinner, hope to see all of you at the dinner.

Kathy Zwerdling, Girls State Chair

In Memoriam

FAYE (LINNELL) JOHNSON

Faye, a 27 year Auxiliary member, was born December 16, 1938 in Duluth, MN and passed away March 11, 2014 in Anoka.

Edward B. Cutter Unit 102 extens its sympathy to Faye's family and many friends; a memorial in her name was sent to the Fort Snelling National Cemetary Rifle Squad.

VA Shower Thank You

The VA Shower Items for the Veterans have been delivered. To everyone that gave donations I say "Thanks". You ladies did a super job this year. From the small bottles to things you went out and bought, we had a lot!

The Mpls and St. Cloud VA Hospitals are very appreciative of all you do for them. They always send the Auxiliary a thank you card and let us know how much credit we get and we get a lot. This year the soaps were given to the Fisher House for families that stay there.

I can take the small shampoo, conditioners, lotions any time, just leave them at the Post and I will pick them up.

Remember helping Veterans makes you feel good!

Cathy Newman, VA&R Chairman

Still Missing...

... 20 Auxiliary members with a total of 248 years of continuous membership AND BY THOSE DUES, continuous dollar support and volunteer support to veterans.

We need ALL OF YOU to renew your membership and keep our Unit 102 able to continue to help all veterans. IF WE DON'T DO IT - WHO WILL?

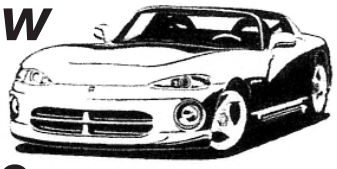
Renewal slip not needed, check ($25) payable to Unit 102 - mail to me: Any problems - call me: 763-421-4562

Betty Erickson, 1826 Cressy Ave., Anoka MN 55303

COMING TO POST 102

Collector Car & Motorcycle Show

Wednesdays 4 PM to 8 PM



June 4 — July 2 — August 6

Memorial Day

MAY 2014

Poppy Month

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
FLAG DISPLAY DAYS May 11 - Mothers Day May 17 - Armed Forces Day May 26 - Memorial Day (half staff until noon)		**Auxiliary Spring/Mothers Day Plant Sale** $25.00 purchase plant gift cards NOW thru May 4th No time limit to use cards Green Valley Greenhouse - Ramsey		SEE MENU ON PAGE 2 for TUESDAY, THURSDAY & FRIDAY MENU 1	Meat Raffle 5:30 pm Bar Bingo 7:00 pm 2	Red Cross Bloodmobile at Post 7 AM - 1 PM 3
Club Open 12-10 Bar Bingo 4:00 pm 4	5	Post General Mem. *Post Everlasting* 7:30 pm S.A.L. Mtg. 7:00 pm Auxiliary Jr/Sr Pot Luck w/Girls County-State 6:30 pm Meeting/Election Following 6	AWARDS NIGHT ANOKA HS SAL Dinners 5:30-7:30 Prime Rib $10.00 7	8	Meat Raffle 5:30 pm Bar Bingo 7:00 pm 9	Dept. Cmdr. Testimonial/Roseville Castle Field Game See page 2 10
Brunch *10am - 2 pm* *Mothers Day* Club Open 12-10 Bar Bingo 4:00 pm 11	12	Bar Bingo 6:30 pm NEWSPAPER MEETING 7:00 pm 13	Aux. Twin Rivers Bingo 2:15 pm SAL Dinners 5:30-7:30 Country Fried Steak $8.00 14	15	***POPPY DAYS*** Meat Raffle 5:30 pm Bar Bingo 7:00 pm 16	Past Pres. Gold Star Mothers 50 yr members Lunch Armed Forces Day 17
Club Open 12-10 Bar Bingo 4:00 pm 18	Victoria Day (Canada) 19	Bar Bingo 6:30 pm House & Ent. Meeting 7:00 pm 20	SAL Dinners 5:30-7:30 Smoked Pork Chop $8.00 Legion Riders Mtg. 7:00 pm 21	22	Meat Raffle 5:30 pm Bar Bingo 7:00 pm Veterans Flags Placement Local Cemetaries 5:00 pm 23	Morningside Memorial Gardens 10:00 am Bunker Hills Park Memorial Service 5:00 pm 24
Club Open 12-10 Bar Bingo 4:00 pm 25	Memorial Day Service 10:00 am Veterans Memorial Forest Hills Cemetary Anoka Club Open 11 am - 7 pm 26	Bar Bingo 6:30 pm Executive Board Meeting 7:00 pm 27	SAL Dinners 5:30-7:30 Walleye Dinner $10.50 28	29	Meat Raffle 5:30 pm Bar Bingo 7:00 pm 30	Dept. Pres. Testimonial/Walker 31

EVERY WED STEAK $8.50 - FISH OR SHRIMP $8.00 - STEAK & SHRIMP $11.00

COMING IN JUNE

3 - Elections/Post & SAL meetings
3 - Election Dept. delegates/Aux. meetings
4 - Collector Car/Motorcycle Show
11 - Twin Rivers Aux. Bingo 2:15/Jrs. wanted
15 - Fathers Day
15-20 - Boys State / Marshall
15-20 - Girls State / St. Thomas
21-22 - 10th Dist. Convention / Hopkins
28 - SAL Detachment Convention/Legionville
TBA - Pres. Lynette's Dinner
TBA - Post/Unit/SAL/Riders Installation

Memorial Day Service 10:00 am - Veterans Memorial, Forest Hills Cemetary, Anoka
The program includes patriotic music by the North Suburban Concert Band, recitations by local 5th graders, guest speaker and placing of memorial wreaths.
Posting of Colors by The American Legion and National Guard, Firing Squad, Taps.
Free coffee, pop and cookies for those who attend the program.
Post, Auxiliary, SAL members and those who took part in the service are invited to the Post Clubrooms for a light lunch. MAY 26