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Memorial Day Observance

Monday, May 29, 2017 - 10:00 AM

Veterans Memorial
Forest Hills Cemetery

4th ANNUAL
Collector Car & Bike Show

JUNE 7
JULY 12
AUGUST 2
SEPTEMBER 6

4 - 8 PM

Anoka American Legion, 400 W Main St., Anoka, MN

POPPY DAYS

Friday-Saturday May 19-20, 2017

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Adjutant's Notes

by Gary Munkholm

A hearty welcome to the newest member of Anoka Post 102, James Dallum, US Air Force, sponsored by Dan Soland. We hope to see you at future meetings and join us in fellowship during other times of the week.

It was good to see many of you at the American Legion Birthday dinner, and hope you support it next year as well. It is always nice to have the Department Commander and Officers at our events.

The Post welcomes new Gambling Manager Rick Oelschlager. He is replacing retiring Gambling Manager, Paul Adler, who has served the Post in an outstanding manner; always keeping our Gambling operation in the State's highest rankings. Many thanks Paul, for a job well done.

Our May General Membership meeting will involve performing our Post Everlasting Ceremony. This is the time when we honor all of the Post's deceased comrades over the past year.

If you need a ride to general membership meetings for any reason, give Chaplain Jim Urban a call, and he will try to arrange a ride for you.

The General Membership approved sponsoring a Woman' s Softball team for up to $2,000.

Club Manager, Denise Adler, announced that she is pursuing having credit cards accepted at the bar for drinks.

Don't forget to bring friends and neighbors to our annual Memorial Day Observance. Guest speaker is an Anoka High School graduate and a Major in the National Guard.

A reminder that you can pay your dues online via the National Legion website, mail them in, or just drop them off with one of the bartenders.

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.

Gambling manager, Paul Adler, presented the following list of donations during the last 2 months which were approved by the General Membership:

ACBC Food Shelf donation	$4,000
Muskies Inc. for Veterans fishing opener	$250
Anoka HS Girls softball team	$200
Red Bull historic military vehicle association	$200
Franklin Elementary School PTA	$100
Minnesota Hospitalized Veterans	$200
Support the Andover HS Trap/Skeet team	$250
Support the National Guard Youth Camp	$300
Gambling manager bond	$100
Support the Military Family Foundation	$250
Allied Charities membership renewal	$275
Replace or repair Post Bingo Console machine	$800
Water & Light costs	$1,675
Center Point Energy for gas costs	$1,100
U.S. Treasury for tax on wagering	$600
Minnesota tax on gambling	$5,472
Assist needy Veterans & Families	$1,500

Post 102 extends sincere sympathy to the families of

RICHARD E. RAATZ
Richard was a 72 year member of The American Legion and a World War II Veteran

WILLIAM H. HOOGESTRAAT
William was a 52 year member of The American Legion and a Korean Wat Veteran

WILLIAM A. GOLDEN
William was a 35 year member of The American Legion and a Vietnam War Veteran

JIM F. RIECKEN
Jim was a 33 year member of The American Legion and a Vietnam War Veteran

RICHARD A. ELIASON
Richard was a 31 year member of The American Legion and a Vietnam War Veteran

IN NEED OF A RIDE?

Any member needing a ride to a Legion function or meeting, call:

Daryl Fields.....763-350-0429
Jim Urban.....763-300-0359
Ray Turnquist..763-350-1133
Gary Reimann..612-860-2533
Doug Hookom..763-227-8177

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The ONLINE edition may contain additional articles.

Commander
Ron Wolford

Is spring really here? Eighties one day with snow the next; I know, this is Minnesota.

I have been a member for over twenty years at our Post and have met quite a number of great people. One of them was Bill Golden. He was a past Commander, and quite a person. I will miss hearing him say "You old Rascal" at the post. The good Lord gives us a small amount of time to walk with His people. Bud Redepenning asked if I knew the parable about the fishes and loaves. I told him that I did, and he informed me that the huge crowd did not run out of food at Bill's Memorial luncheon, and that my wife and I should get something to eat. This Post is truly blessed.

We will be losing the assistance of two great people at our post. Both Wayne Wallace and Paul Adler will be giving up their duties at the post. I first met Wayne over twenty years ago when I asked for a flag for the charter school, where I was principal. To make a long story short, we not only got a flag but also a pole and installation of everything. Wayne was also a fountain of information and help. Paul has done an excellent job as gambling manager. Never did we have to be concerned about the operation of any of the gambling which takes place at the Post. Gentlemen, thank you does not seem enough for all of your help and work.

Thank you to all the men and women who make this Post so great. The work of the Auxiliary, SAL, ALR, and all the paid staff at the Post, go way beyond what is expected.

As my time as your Commander draws to a close for the third time, I have had the privilege of working with my wife as President of the Auxiliary at the Post for this year. All I can say is that she did an awesome job.

All I am trying to say is, if you want to make some great friendships, the American Legion Post 102 is a great place to start. When I left the Army, the last thing I wanted was to be involved with anything that had anything to do with the military. Vietnam left a very bitter taste in my mouth. I hope you don't wait as long as I did to get involved with your organization. We could really use your help in keeping this Post going, to continue the work of being of service to veterans, spouses, and the community.

Commander, Ron Wolford

S.A.L. Commander
Tim Dahlheimer

Greetings from the SAL team!

As I finish my 3rd term as your SAL Commander, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the entire Legion family for the continued support you have given both myself and our Squadron over these past few years. Our dedicated slate of officers, and "actively involved" SAL members, volunteer countless hours of their time and energy for the betterment of our Post. A heartfelt thank you to all these special people. It has truly been an honor to serve.

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

1. **Monday, May 29th** – Memorial Day Service
2. **Wednesday, June 7th -** Car Show at the legion 4-7pm

Sunday food service- The SAL team is now serving food from 2-5pm every Sunday. Our Sunday afternoon menu consists of: Walleye nuggets, Chicken wings, Waffle fries, Sidewinder (fries), Mozzarella sticks, Onion rings, and Chicken or Fish sandwiches. Our goal is to capture the Sunday Bingo crowd as well as our regular guests. Our prices are very reasonable and the food is Great. Stop in and check it out!

Our Wednesday night Dinners offer our regular Menu items, including: Steak, Chicken Filets, Shrimp, Steak & Shrimp, Walleye Fingers, and Fish. We have a Prime Rib 'Special' the First Wednesday of the month, as well as other 'Specials' from time to time. We serve from 5:30-7:00pm. Stop in and enjoy a good meal and fellowship. All birthdays are announced and celebrated with "DaChunk" leading our in-house choir! Don't miss the fun!

Our 'Fund-Raising' activities have allowed us to sponsor 2 for Boys State and 2 for Girls State this year. We also "Doubled" our 'Culinary' scholarship to $1,000 for this year. Thank you to all who have helped make this possible!

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.

Tim Dahlheimer, SAL Commander

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.

Chaplain's Corner

Jim Urban

When I was young my mom and dad had all these rules. Couldn't stay out to late, no drinking or smoking, help around the house. Either be in sports, or spend more time studying. And if I started sports, I would finish them. I didn't understand how all these rules would help, but my mom said they were for my own good.

Going into the service, the DI told us to police his lawn around the billets. Well, there was not a single blade of grass around. Or when we had guard duty near where the drill instructors stayed. We had no guns or anything, all we could do is say "halt" and tell them, if asked, the chain of command. I couldn't understand some of these rules either. I'm older now and understand what all these rules were for! To help me grow and keep me safe.

Our Heavenly Father has these rules also. Not to burden us with more rules, but help us to have a good and fruitful life. Just like our parents, and even drill instructors, know that some things are not beneficial for us. Trust in the Lord for He knows what we need!

God Bless, Jim

-CHICKEN RIDE-

Anoka ALR Chapter 102
Saturday, May 6
Kickstands UP @11:00 AM

Open to The Public — **Come one, Come All**

Return at 3:00 PM
Chicken Dinner at 4:00 PM

Rider=$20 | Passenger=$10 | Non-Rider=$13

All Proceeds go to the Legion Legacy Run for Children of Fallen Soldiers Scholarship Fund

Tickets available at Anoka Pull-Tabs or Bar

Thank You, Past Commanders!

Thank You to all the Past Commanders who helped with Bill Golden's luncheon on Sat. April 8th. The family was very appreciative. A really great turn out in Bill's memory. Thanks to those that are not Past Commanders for their help.

Celebration of the American Legion's 98th Birthday

March 11th, the Anoka Auxiliary hosted the annual Legion Birthday dinner at the Post. Special guests included all the Department of Minnesota Legion, Auxiliary, SAL and Riders organization leaders. Also recognized were Past Commanders, Presidents, and Directors of the Anoka Legion family attending the dinner, as well as Life and 50+ year members. Thank you to all who participated in making this a special event.

Sue Nunnelee, Unit 102 1st Vice President
Additional Birthday Dinner pictures in Online edition

L>R: Dept. Honorary Jr President, Kianna Coleman-Wood; Dept. President, Carol Kottom; Dept. Commander, Denise Milton; Dept. SAL Commander, Gene Olswold; Dept. ALR Director, Chuck Stone

Past Unit 102 Presidents

Past Post 102 Commanders & 50 year Members

President's Column

Diane Wolford

Greetings Auxiliary Sisters,

I hope everyone is enjoying the Spring and had a Happy Easter.

At our Birthday Dinner, we were honored with the presence of distinguished guests: Department Commander, Denise Milton; Department President, Carol Kottom; Detachment SAL Commander, Gene Olswold; Department ALR Director, Chuck Stone; and Department Honorary Junior President, Kianna Coleman-Woods.

Dinner Chairman, Sue Nunnelee, and the Executive Committee worked hard to make the dinner a success. The copy of the program, which was placed on every placemat at each table, was produced and printed by Al Amundson.

Those of you who didn't attend, missed an enjoyable, fun and entertaining evening.

The White Elephant auction was a great success. Enough money was raised to send a second girl to Girls State. Aaron Bahe did an awesome job as auctioneer, and was assisted by Lynette Pavin.

The Craft Show, Bake Sale and Chili Cook-off went really well, even though it was a beautiful weekend, weather-wise, with people wanting to do outdoor activities.

Our next meeting will be May 2 at 6:30 pm. We'll be having our annual Jr/Sr Auxiliary potluck dinner. Plan to attend, and enjoy some delicious hot dishes, salads and desserts.

I want to remind everyone that the majority decided to have the Past Commander and Past Presidents dinner in the summer this year, instead of December. We need to be thinking about this, and come up with a date, hopefully at the next meeting.

Poppy Days are May 19 and 20. We need volunteers to sign up for a couple hours of their time, at various locations.

A shout-out to Steve, Asha and staff for all the work and effort to make St. Patrick's Day a really fun time. All the decorations were put up "before hours" and taken down "after hours". Steve made delicious 'grasshoppers', scooping ice cream for 85 drinks.

Hope to see many of you at the next meeting.

God bless America and our Troops, Diane Wolford, President

Correction - In Memoriam

March-April, 2017 issue | page 5: "LaVerne Grosslein... sympathy to her family, especially to husband Duke", (should have included) ', a 64 year Legion member'...

RON'S GRILL

by Catering Central, Inc.

Every Tuesday, Thursday & Friday
Grill Open 5:00 – 8:30 pm
[Regular Grill Menu Available]

TUESDAYS

Chef's Choice

THURSDAYS

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

FRIDAYS

MAY 2017

5th - Taco Salad - $9.00

12th - Liver & Onions
~ Mashed Potatoes, +[2] - $10.00

19th - BBQ Pork, +[1] - $9.00

26th - Spaghetti w/Italian Sausage
~ Veg, Garlic Toast - $9.00

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2nd - Fish Sandwich, +[2] - $10.00

9th - Reuben Sandwich, +[2] - $10.00

16th - French Dip, +[2] - $10.00

23rd - Tuna Melt
~ Fries or Tots - $10.00

30th - BBQ Bacon Burger
~ Fries or Tots - $9.00

[1] *Coleslaw, Fries or Tots*
[2] *Veg, Roll, Butter*

Tax included on all the above.

Jan's Jottings

by Jan Reiter

The regular meetings of Edward B. Cutter American Legion Auxiliary were held on Tuesday, March 7, and April 04, 2017.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Community Service: Ashley Swanson sent around the community book and reminded everyone that April is Volunteer month and the theme is to Celebrate Service.

Education: Scholarship applications have been handed out at Anoka High School. Scholarship night will be May 10th at the High School. Sue Nunnelee stated that the Campbell's soup label for education will end at the end of 2017.

Fund Raisers: Cathy Newman stated the Craft show made a profit and Nancy Bever reported the bake sale also made a profit. Cathy thanked everyone who helped make this a success. Survey's were handed out and she gave us the results. Cathy took 40 neck pillows to the VA and has 31 more ready to go from the last sewing bee.

Girl State: The Anoka SAL has donated $700 to the Girls State program and this enables us to send 4 girls from the Anoka Unit. County Day is April 24th and Kathy Zwerdling is in need of some drivers to help her out.

National Security: Jean Parvey stated that the Armed Forces Center thanked us for our supplies but are also in need of funding. They would like us to send letters of cheer, or thinking of you cards, to the veterans. She stated there are 82,000 Veterans still missing from the wars. Jean Parvey said she will ask the people who run the Anoka Heart Safe Program if they would come either Sept 11 or Sept 18, for our Unit to watch and learn

Nominating Committee: Cathy Newman presented the following for election in May.

President: Sue Nunnelee
Treasurer: Jeanene Hays:
1st. Vice President Lynette Pavin
2nd Vide President: Sandy Arellano
Executive Board: Jean Parvey, Ashley Swanson
Sgt at Arms: Cathy Newman

Past Presidents: Eight attended the sewing bee, February 28 and made 31 neck pillows.
They will have a luncheon with the Gold Star Mothers in May.

Poppy: Sue Nunnelee said that May 19-20 are poppy days. We can start selling Large Poppy cards April 21. Jan Reiter will be doing poppy letters on April 18th at 1pm at the Legion.

Service for Veterans: Bingo at Golden Living Center in Anoka is on May 10 and June 14, at 2:15pm. Please save commemorative stamps for the Auxiliary. Lynette reported that the Quilts of Valor gave out 151,073 quilts to the Veterans that have been touched by war. They are usually patriotic quilts given in a nice case. They are stitched with love, prayers and healing thoughts.

VA&R: Cathy Newman thanked everyone who brought items for the VA shower, and read a thank you card from the VA.

Unfinished Business: Sue Nunnelee stated we sold 53 tickets for the Birthday Dinner in March. We had the entire Department American Legion Family represented.

In May, we will meet at 6:30pm with a pot luck dinner and our County Day speakers.

Craft Show & Bake Sale

In case you didn't get to our Craft Show & Bake Sale, it was on March 31 & April 1. We had 28 tables of Vendors. We did pretty good, and hope we can get enough to fill both halls next year. The Bake Sale was a big success! A big variety of baked items. I want to give a real big Thank You to all the Ladies that stepped up to donate all the goodies for the sale. I hope we will vote to do this project again next year. Sorry, no pictures were taken.

Craft Show Chairman, Cathy Newman

Auxiliary Potluck Dinner

At 6:30 pm, May 2, 2017, before our Auxiliary meeting, will be our annual Potluck dinner. All Junior and Senior members are invited to attend. Bring a dish to pass, and enjoy great food and fellowship. Our Girls State candidates will be introduced following the dinner. Hope to see all of you there.

Kathy Zwerdling, Girls State Chairman

-SAVE THE DATE-

Wednesday, May 17
11:30 AM

PAST PRESIDENTS' **50 YEAR+ MEMBERS**

Billy's "Jury Room"

All Past Presidents and Unit members with 50+ years Auxiliary membership are invited to attend this annual luncheon with our Gold Star Mothers as our guests.

You may order from the Menu
If able to attend, PLEASE call Betty (421-4562)
Cathy W. (421-5933) or Kathy Z. (427-8762)
OR Sign-Up at the May 2nd Unit meeting.

Memorial Day Services Speaker

MAJ Shannon D. Gregory

MAJ Shannon Gregory is a1992 graduate of Anoka Senior High enlisted in the United States Marines in July 1992, in the infantry. He attended the School of Infantry and deployed in support of: Operation UPHOLD DEMOCRACY in Cap Haitian, Haiti, Monrovia, Liberia during Operation ASSURED RESPONSE and the American Embassy, Bangui, Central African Republic during Operation QUICK RESPONSE.

In 1998 MAJ Gregory joined the Minnesota Army National Guard and was appointed as a warrant officer in July of 2000 and earned his aviator wings on 13 July 2001 in the UH-60 Black Hawk.

In 2006 MAJ Gregory served with the National Guard Recruiting and Retention Command. He quickly distinguished himself as a top recruiter and was recognized by the National Guard Bureau as FY2008 mission maker and nominated for national officer recruiter of the year.

MAJ Gregory commanded a Blackhawk flight company during OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM- Kuwait, Alpha Company was tasked with USARCENT senior leader movement.

MAJ Gregory attended the Blackhawk instructor pilot course in 2013 and serves as the Supervisory Instructor Pilot, Operations Officer at the Army Aviation Support Facility in Saint Paul, MN. He also served as the State Safety Officer in the JFHQ for Minnesota National Guard Saint Paul, MN. Currently MAJ Gregory is the Company Commander for C Company 2-211 in Saint Cloud, MN.

I'll wear a poppy on my lapel, For Love of country, for freedom so dear,
Perhaps I should wear two; When called, they answered and fought.
One honors the living, So you wear a poppy,
The other the dead, I'll wear my two,
That's the best that I can do. For the blessings their blood has brought.

Poppy Days are fast approaching. They are special days when we can show our support for the sacrifices that our Veterans made for the freedoms we enjoy every day.

I am looking for support once again from our American Legion family. Please watch your mail for your poppy letter, in which we will be seeking monetary donations to the Poppy Program and asking for volunteers to help distribute poppies. This year the Poppy Days are Friday, May 19th and Saturday, May 20th, which is also Armed Forces Day. It would be great to make the American Legion Family visible with poppies on those days.

If there are any business owners among our Legion Family who would be willing to display a Poppy Poster and/or a Poppy donation can at your business, please contact me and I, or another Auxiliary member, would be glad to deliver them to your business. Also, remember your donations are tax deductible. If you are employed somewhere that can display a donation can, please contact me.

Poppy cards are also available at our Post Club rooms during the months of April and May if you wish to donate in that manner.

All funds collected for the Poppy Program are used to benefit our Veterans, active Military and their families. With the help of the Anoka Legion Family members, I am looking forward to another successful Poppy Program this year.

Feel free to call me with any questions and or ideas on how to make this a great year. Thank You in advance for your support!

Sue Nunnelee, Unit Poppy Co-Chairman
10312 109th Av N, Champlin, MN 55316 | 763-370-8524

98th Birthday Dinner

Head Table

Guest Speaker, Department Commander, Denise Milton

POW/MIA Table

Guest Speaker, Department President, Carol Kottom

Guest Speaker, Detachment SAL Commander, Gene Olswold

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98th Birthday Dinner - continued

Guest Speaker, Department ALR Director, Chuck Stone

Guest Speaker, Department Honorary Jr President, Kiana Coleman-Woods

L>R: Department Commander, Denise Milton; Post Commander, Ron Wolford; Unit President, Diane Wolford; Department President, Carol Kottom

Post Commander, Ron Wolford

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Edward B. Cutter Post 102 Event Calendar

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WEEKLY RECURRING EVENTS

SUN 4:00 pm **Bar Bingo | Club Open Noon-10 pm
SUN 2:00-5:00 pm SAL Grill Open
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
5:30 pm- Meat Raffle | 7:00 pm- **Bar Bingo

!! UNDER 21 NOT ALLOWED IN LOUNGE DURING **BAR BINGO !!

MONTHLY RECURRING EVENTS

MAY

1 MON 7:00 pm Legion Bingo @ Golden Living
2 TUE 7:00 pm General Membership Mtgs (Auction)
10 WED 2:15 pm Auxiliary Bingo @ Golden Living
13 MON 7:00 pm Post 102 Centennial Mtg
17 WED 7:00 pm Chapter 102 ALR Mtg
23 TUE 7:00 pm House & Entertainment Mtg
30 TUE 7:00 pm Exec Board Mtg

JUNE

5 MON 7:00 pm Legion Bingo @ Golden Living
6 TUE 7:00 pm General Membership Mtgs
13 TUE 7:00 pm Post Newsletter Mtg
14 WED 2:15 pm Auxiliary Bingo @ Golden Living
20 TUE 7:00 pm House & Entertainment Mtg
21 WED 7:00 pm Chapter 102 ALR Mtg
27 TUE 7:00 pm Exec Board Mtg

OTHER EVENTS

6 SAT ALR 'Chicken Ride' - Anoka
19 FRI Poppy Days – Anoka
20 SAT Poppy Days – Anoka
29 MON Memorial Day Services – Anoka – 10 AM

3 SAT 10th District Convention 9 am – Osseo
7 WED (4th Annual) - 1ST Car Show | 4-8 pm – Anoka
16 THU Post 102 Officer Installation

COMING IN JULY

12 WED (4th Annual) - 2ND Car Show | 4-8 pm – Anoka

THIS DAY IN HISTORY - Holidays

4 May National Day of Prayer
8 May VE Day – 1945
12 May Military Spouses Day
14 May Mothers' Day
15 May Peace Officer's Memorial Day*
20 May Armed Forces Day
22 May National Maritime Day
29 May Memorial Day*

4 Jun Pentecost
6 Jun D-Day – 1944
14 Jun Flag Day
19 Jun Fathers' Day
20 Jun American Eagle Day
21 Jun Summer Solstice

Flag Flying Days - * denotes half staff