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Guest Speaker
Veterans Day Dinner

Colonel
David J. Elicerio
is the Dupety Commander, 34th Infantry Division, Minnesota Army Nation Guard, Rosemount, Minnesota.

Colonel Elicerio was born in St. Paul, Minnesota, on November 22, 1957. He received his commission in 1980 through the ROTC program at the University of Minnesota. He has served as the Chief of Joint Military Affairs at Eagle Base in Tuzla, Bosnia/Herzegovina for Stabilization Force 14. His most recent assignment was as the 1/34 Brigade Combat Team Commander where he commanded over 4000 soldiers conducting sixteen months of security operations throughout the Iraq theater of operations. Col. Elicerio took his position as Deputy Commander in September 2007.

Col. Elicerio was deployed to Bosnia from July 2003 through April 2004 as Chief of Joint Military Affairs, Eagle Base, Tuzla, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Stabilization Force 14, a brigade-sized element comprised of Soldiers from throughout the 34th Infantry Division, and other units in the Minnesota Army National Guard. Stabilization Force 14 conducted security, force protection, and anti-terrorism operations at U.S. installations throughout Bosnia and Herzegovina in support of Operation Joint Forge.

AMERICAN LEGION POST 102
400 West Main St., Anoka

VETERANS DAY

DINNER & PROGRAM

Saturday, November 10, 2007
Social Hour 6:00 - 7:00 pm Dinner 7:00 pm

Carved Ham & Turkey
with all the trimmings & dessert

DINNER - $10.00 PER PERSON
Limited to the first 200 people.
Tickets must be purchased before event.
No tickets will be sold on the day of the dinner.

NOTICE TO POST MEMBERS

If Post membership dues for 2008 were paid in September 2007, you have probably received another notice from National Headquarters informing your dues are due. It takes about 4-5 weeks for your dues to get into the computer at National Headquarters. If your dues are paid for 2008, disregard the notice. Any questions – call Wayne Wallace (763) 421-0883.

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ADJUTANT'S NOTES

by Wayne D. Wallace

The Post Executive Committee meeting held September 25, 2007 heard the minutes from the previous meeting and reports from finance, clubroom and gambling.

Post Commander Gary Munkholm displayed a colorful brochure announcing our Post facilities being available for wedding receptions, funeral receptions, anniversary and birthday parties or any other function involving a gathering of people. He mentioned he would take the brochures to the Anoka Chamber of Commerce and other businesses in Anoka hopefully enticing more rental activity for our Post. Munkholm requested authorization, from the Executive Committee, to have about 400 brochures produced. Approval was given by the committee.

The Post Executive Committee approved the recommendation of the House and Entertainment Committee to have the cigarette machine removed from our facilities.

The Executive Committee reviewed all requests for donations and those approved were recommended for approval to the Post General Membership.

The evening of October 2, 2007 began with a joint meeting of the Post, Auxiliary and Sons of The American Legion members assembled to recognize the Boy and Girl Staters who had their respective sessions this past summer. Commander Munkholm introduced 3 of the 5 Boy Staters present Tony Day, Joe Hollenberg and Nick Myslicki from Anoka Senior High School. They spoke of their experiences at Boys State. The other Boy Staters Justin Schug from Anoka High School and Derek Hursch from Andover High School were unable to be present. Commander Munkholm then introduced President Norah Wyman who introduced Kathy Zwerdling, Auxiliary Girls State Chairperson. Kathy mentioned the 3 Girl Staters Adia Zeman, Jessica Schulz and Samantha Nixt were unable to be present due to an event with the Anoka High School orchestra. Kathy spoke about the 3 Girl Staters and Girls State. Refreshments were served and the Post, Auxiliary and Sons of The American Legion reassembled in their respective meetings.

The Post General Membership meeting held October 2, 2007 heard the minutes from the previous meeting and reports from Post officers and committee chairmen.

Adjutant reported (633) members are signed up for 2008. We are currently (20) members ahead of one year ago.

The following Lawful Purpose donations/expenses projected for expenditure in October 2007 were approved by the Post General Membership:

1.	Anoka County (2nd half property taxes)	$ 14,961.43
2.	City of Anoka (Water/light costs)	2,550.00
3.	Centerpoint Energy (Gas costs)	200.00
4.	Lisa' Catering (Membership Recognition Dinner)	2,000.00
5.	Bell Center (Donaiton to Special Education Dept.)	250.00
6.	United States Treasury (Tax on wagering)	600.00
7.	Country Flags (Purchase 4'x6' American Flag)	35.00
8.	Assist needy veterans/families	1,500.00
9.	Emergency money	500.00

Total taxes paid on gambling proceeds for September 2007:
Minnesota Revenue: $2,903 U.S. Treasury: $367

New members accepted by the Post General Membership were: Kenneth B. Robinson, Hans J. Siebert, Stephen M. Hofius and Jeffrey Holmstrom. We welcome you gentlemen into Post 102 and hope to see and meet you at our monthly Post meeting held the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30 pm.

HOME MEDICAL EQUIPMENT
Sunday Noon – 2:00 pm
Tuesday Noon – 2:00 pm
Thursday 5:00 – 7:00 pm

NOTICE: POST MEMBERS

Have you activated your **"NO COST"** $1,000 Accidental Death Benefit with Legionnaire Insurance Trust?

Members who had not activated this **FREE** insurance policy should have been contacted in August 2007 asking if they would like to activate their policy at that time.

If you are uncertain, members can go online at: www.theLIT.com or call Legionnaire Insurance Trust at their toll free number 1-800-235-6943.

As a Legionnaire, you are entitled to this $1,000 Accidental Death Benefit as long as you remain a member of The American Legion until it expires on August 31, 2011.

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Commander's Column

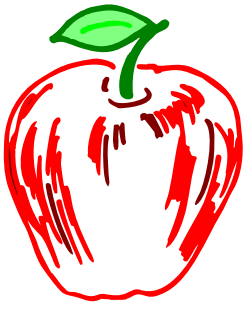
Gary Munkholm

Our next big Post event is the Veteran's Day dinner on November 10th. If you haven't purchased your tickets get down to the club and buy them at the pull tab booth. With the smoking ban in effect it has been good to see so many of you sticking with us and enjoying the camaraderie at the club. I see old and new faces and I am making every effort to meet all of you personally.

As we approach the Fall season I ask all of you to think about membership and who you could ask to become a member of our Post. It might be a neighbor, fellow worker, or family member that for some reason never got asked to join The American Legion. Take a few seconds of your time and ask someone if they are a Legion member and invite them to join our Post if they aren't.

Lastly, let me remind all of you that our club makes the majority of its income from the hall rentals. Our House and Entertainment Committee put out information cards in the community describing what our Legion Club has to offer for rent and if you want a copy we have some at the pull tab booth. Help spread the word and let people you come in contact with know that we have 2 halls and a meeting room available for rent. As a Legion member you can a good break on the price of hall rentals from our club manager Lannie.

American Education Week, Nov. 11th – 17th



We need volunteers to help ready the apples for delivery to the schools in our area. These apples are given to the teachers, cooks, and maintenance personnel who work for the health and knowledge of the children.

Come to the Commanders Hall at Post 102 at 7:00 o'clock, Monday, November 12th. On November 13th in the A.M., help is needed to deliver the apples to the schools.

Thanks and looking forward to seeing you.

Mary Cameron & Kathy Zwerdling
Co-Chairmen

S.A.L. NEWS

by Commander Lance Nelson

Greetings to All,

Our current membership now stands at 121 which is 68% of our goal. I would like to encourage all of you to help us reach 100% by the end of the year.

Our Post Veterans Day dinner is November 10th; any SAL member who plans on attending should contact me or another officer so we can complete a list of members attending.

In October we contributed $35 to the Pheasant Dinner fund.

Thank you to all who continue to support our Wednesday night dinners. There will be **NO** Wednesday night dinner on the day before Thanksgiving November 21st.

Until next month,
"What ever it takes"

From the Desk of

Lannie Vaughn

Club Manager:

It's SHOW TIME

On Saturday December 15th we will host Rox Tarrant - another comedian show in the Commanders Hall. The Wild Bill Bauer show that we hosted on October 5 was a grand success.

The Anoka police department conducted a tobacco compliance check and Denise Adler was the person in charge that night, she refused to sell to an underage buyer. Denise has received a $25 bonus for her good work – thank you.

Starting on the first Friday in November we will host a different band every Friday night from 9:00 pm to 1:00 am.

Thank You to the S.A.L. and Ladies Auxiliary for all the help and contributions for the funeral lunches.

JAN'S JOTTINGS

The regular meeting of Edward B. Cutter American Legion Auxiliary was held on Tuesday, October 4, 2007 at 7:00 pm. The Legion opened their meeting with a presentation about Veterans on the Lake Resort and then the Boys Staters told us about their week. Kathy Zwerdling reported the girls were not able to make it for their report because they are in band and choir and there was a concert this evening. They told her they enjoyed their time at Girls State and thanked the Unit for sending them. Then President Norah called our meeting to order.

Children and Youth: Remember to save box tops for education, Campbell soup labels and pop tabs for the C&Y program. If you do give them to a school, please record and give the total to Lenora Root for her report at the end of the year.

Field Service: Lynette Pavin reported bingo will be November 14, 2:30 pm at Twin River Care Center. Lynette is in need of help.

Fund Raising: Next Casino trip is to Mille Lacs on October 23. The hamburger fry has started and we made a total of $94 in September. We will be starting a new fundraiser of selling live wreaths with a yellow ribbon on them. This will go on into November.

Home Service: The auxiliary will be collecting commemorative, express mail, foreign and air mail stamps, picture postcards and S&H stamps. Trim stamps to 1/4 of an inch around the entire stamp and leave the stamps on the postcards. Postcards do not have to be stamped.

Junior Activities: They met on Sept. 15th at noon with election and installation of officers conducted by Norah, Auxiliary President. They prepared goodies for the Early Bird Dinner and will continue to finish them at their Oct. 13th meeting. October 6 in Delano was the Dist. Jr. Fun Day. The Juniors will be holding their annual Halloween fund raiser on October 27. Help is needed to make sandwiches, bars, cookies and to help that day at the Legion. The new Junior officers for the year are:

President – Sam Odegarrd
Vice President – Ashley Toikka
Secretary – Taylor Hagen
Sgt.-at-Arms – Kiana Coleman-Woods
Historian – Taylor Hagen
Chaplain – Maddie Hagen
Treasurer – Sami Hicks

Legislation: Mary reported the National Commander is trying to get the flag amendment through again. They are also worried about the Veterans Nursing homes.

Poppies: We received a check from TCF for $200 to help with the poppy fund.

VA&R: Cathy Newman noted that she has patterns from Department for things to be sewn, knit or crocheted for the veterans in a hospital, at home or in a nursing home. If anyone would like copies of these, please contact Cathy Newman. She said anyone can get a White House Birthday Greeting for someone over 80. Contact her for information. Donna Redepenning went to the day care social at the VA on Sept. 25th with Betty and Bud Redepenning and Pat Fulton. They handed out quarters, ice cream and cookies to the patients.

New Business: President Norah said that Sue Nunnelee, Sandy Phillips, Jan Reiter and herself packed 10 boxes for the soldiers over in Iraq but we are in need of names of soldiers we can send packages. If you have a name, please contact Norah. Fall Conference coming up on Oct. 25, 26 & 27th in St. Cloud.

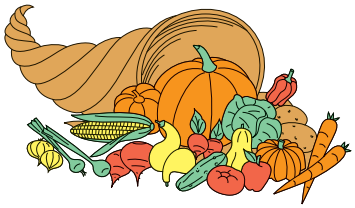
Auxiliary Casino Bus Trips

Tuesday, November 20th is the next trip to Hinckley. Cost is $20 per person – you get that back at the casino. Be at the Legion parking lot by 8:00 am, bus leaves shortly after that. You arrive back at the lot by 5:00 pm.

Everyone receives a box of juice and donut choice; bingo is played going up and coming back.

We need 40 people on the bus to earn funds for our Auxiliary programs; less than 40 people – we earn nothing.

Anyone interested in going on the bus, call Carol Hathaway at 427-0185 or Barb Fechner at 427-4346 one week prior to the 20th.



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AUXILIARY UNIT 102

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Membership Eligibility - Any Veteran who served at least one day of active duty during eligibility dates and your relationship to the Veteran is by one of the following, you are eligible to join the Auxiliary.

- ☐ Mother
- ☐ Wife
- ☐ Sister
- ☐ Daughter
- ☐ Granddaughter
- ☐ Great-Granddaughter
- ☐ Self

(step-relative also apply)

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

President's Column

Norah Wyman

By the time you receive and read this newsletter October will be over half past.

October is full of lots of activities both at Edward B. Cutter Post 102 and out and about in the District and Department level.

I hope lots of you paid your dues by 10-11-07 and were able to attend the Early Bird Dinner on 10-18-07.

We are looking forward to a successful Junior Fund Raiser on Saturday 10-27-07 at the Post during the Anoka Halloween Grand Day Parade. We can use help that day, call any officer and or chairperson on the list to see how you can help. I will share with those who attended the Early Bird Dinner where their help is needed and how their support is so important.

Keep this monthly newspaper close at hand to make it a source of information for all that goes on and who to call to get and stay involved. November is special for we host the Veteran's Day dinner and American Education Week.

Please remember to get out and vote on 11-06-07. Get involved and stay involved, because each and everyone of us together make the difference. Thanks.

HAVE A GREAT THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY

Auxiliary 2008 Membership

Can you believe it – National has finally sent their 1st dues notice for 2008 renewals – arriving October 2nd! For those members not yet paid, please send in your dues to me as soon as you can. . . $20/ Senior. . .$3.50/Junior. . .$3/Past Presidents.

Our membership is 259 and 70% of our GOAL of 370.

We are only 45 behind last year at this time because our members read the Post Paper and sent in their dues...THANK YOU EARLY BIRDS!

Betty Erickson
1826 Cressy Ave., Anoka, MN 55303
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If you received a dues notice and your dues are paid for 2008 – please disregard the notice.

In Memoriam

PATRICIA ANN SCHAFER "Patty"

Pat, a 29 year Auxiliary member was born in Clarington, Ohio on April 6, 1933 and passed away September 12, 2007.

She was a retired long-time employee of Anoka State Hospital and with Ken, her husband of 49 years, liked going on the Auxiliary bus trips to the casino and playing bingo at the Legion. They also both volunteered as bingo workers at Twin Rivers Nursing Home with Ken doing the calling. Pat always tried to do what she could for the Auxiliary. Pat and Ken resided at Lynwood Nursing Home in Fridley since 2004.

Edward B. Cutter Unit 102 extends it sympathy to Pat's family; husband Ken, daughters Mary Davis and Cheryl (Chuck) Christie, grandson James Christie, canine companions Rusty, Tyson, Sabrina and Sammy.

Funeral service was at the Church of St. William in Fridley with burial at Fort Snelling National Cemetary.

Past Presidents/Commanders Christmas Dinner

The 3rd annual Christmas get together for the Past Commanders and Past Presidents will be held during the month of December – date to be determined.

All Past Presidents (and this year something new) all Junior Past Presidents; all Past Post Commanders and Past Sons of the American Legion Commanders are invited to attend along with their special guest.

Watch for details in the December Post newspaper – menu, price and date will be published then.

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Credits: Anoka historical items from the Fred Moore Middle School Calendar Club

November 2007

11th - 17th
American Education Week

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Coming in December *1st School Patrol Christmas Party* *4th Auxiliary Casino Bus / Hinckley* *8th Veterans Wild Game Dinner 12:00 noon* *15th Rox Tarrant - another comedian show* *TBA Jr. Aux. Meeting / Christmas Party* *TBA Past Pres. & Cmdrs. Dinner*				**Kitchen Open** **5:00 – 8:00** **1**	**Bloodmobile** **7 am – 1 pm** **(1st Fri. each month)** **Kitchen Open** **5:00 – 8:00** Meat Raffle 5:00 pm Bar Bingo 6:30 pm **Live Music** **9 pm - 1 am** **2**	**Legion Family Day** **Gophers vs. Illinois** **7 pm** **3**
Club Open 12-10 **Bar Bingo 3:00 pm** Bingo 7 pm **Burgers/Fund Raiser** **1-6 pm** ***Daylight Savings Time Ends (fall back)*** **4**	*November 3, 1922: Halloween festivities celebrated - cancelled last Tuesday due to bad weather* **5**	**Post General Mem.** **7:30 pm** **S.A.L. Mtg.** **7:00 pm** **Auxiliary Mtg.** **7:00 pm** **Election Day** **6**	**SAL Sponsored** **Dinner 5:30-7:30** **Steak, Chicken,** **or Stuffed Shrimp $7.00** **Steak & Shrimp Combo** **$9.00** **7**	**Kitchen Open** **5:00 – 8:00** **8**	**Kitchen Open** **5:00 – 8:00** Meat Raffle 5:00 pm Bar Bingo 6:30 pm **Live Music 9 pm - 1 am** **9**	**Jr. Auxiliary** **Meeting** **12:00 noon** **Veterans Day** **Dinner** **Social 6:00 - 7:00 pm** **Dinner 7:00 pm** **10**
Club Open 12-10 **Bar Bingo 3:00 pm** Bingo 7 pm **Burgers/Fund Raiser** **1-6 pm** **Veterans Day** **11**	**Apple Bagging for** **Am. Ed. Week** **7:00 pm** **Commanders Hall** **12**	**Delivery of Apples** **to Anoka Schools** **NEWSPAPER** **MEETING** **7:00 pm** **13**	**SAL Sponsored** **Dinner 5:30-7:30** **Steak, Chicken,** **or Stuffed Shrimp $7.00** **Steak & Shrimp Combo** **$9.00** **Aux. Twin Rivers Bingo** **2:30 pm** **14**	**Kitchen Open** **5:00 – 8:00** **15**	**Kitchen Open** **5:00 – 8:00** Meat Raffle 5:00 pm Bar Bingo 6:30 pm **Live Music 9 pm - 1 am** **16**	**Dist. Rally** **Wayzata** **2:00 pm** **17**
Club Open 12-10 **Bar Bingo 3:00 pm** Bingo 7 pm **Burgers/Fund Raiser** **1-6 pm** **18**	*November 1920: First convention of the American Legion Auxiliary of Minnesota was held.* **19**	**Aux. Casino Bus** **Hinckley** **House & Ent.** Meeting 7:00 pm **20**	**NO SAL** **DINNER** **Meat Raffle** **? pm** **21**	**Happy Thanksgiving** **Club Closed** **22**	**Kitchen Open** **5:00 – 8:00** Meat Raffle 5:00 pm Bar Bingo 6:30 pm **Live Music 9 pm - 1 am** **23**	*November 11, 1921 Proclaimed Armistice Day Legal Holiday this year, school closed.* **24**
Club Open 12-10 **Bar Bingo 3:00 pm** Bingo 7 pm **Burgers/Fund Raiser** **1-6 pm** **25**	*1944: Colburn-Hilliard publishes "G.I. Bill of Rights".* **26**	**Executive Board** Meeting 7:00 pm **27**	**SAL Sponsored** **Dinner 5:30-7:30** **Steak, Chicken,** **or Stuffed Shrimp $7.00** **Steak & Shrimp Combo** **$9.00** **28**	**Kitchen Open** **5:00 – 8:00** **29**	**Kitchen Open** **5:00 – 8:00** Meat Raffle 5:00 pm Bar Bingo 6:30 pm **Live Music 9 pm - 1 am** **30**	**FLAG DISPLAY DAYS** **11th Veterans Day** **23rd Thanksgiving**

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