

Mid-Winter Conference

Dept. Pres. Shaaron Barnes, Darlene Thell Unit Pres.
and Dist. Pres. Raleen Tolzmann



Department President Raleen Tolzmann will visit the Anoka Unit 102 meeting on Tuesday, February 5.

A member of Minnesota Lake Unit 287, 2nd District, Pres. Raleen's theme is "Working Together - Making A Difference"; her projects include the Womens Center at the Mpls. VA, Legionville and "Baby Bundle Baskets" for single mother veterans and "Cleaning Baskets" for all veterans on the move.

As President Raleen is unable to attend the March Birthday Dinner, members are urged to attend the February 5 meeting.

Come Celebrate
The 94th
Birthday
of The American Legion

March 16, 2013
Commander's Hall
Post 102
6:00 P.M Social
7:00 Dinner
Cost **\$11.00** Donation

Dinner open to all Legion, Auxiliary, Sons of the American Legion Members and Guests.

**Purchase Your Tickets at Post Club Room
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*Happy Valentine's
Day* ♥

ADJUTANT'S NOTES

by Gary Munkholm

A hearty welcome to newest members of Anoka Post 102 Jarrad Kuehne sponsored by Gary Reimann, Laura Bartley sponsored by Rick Oelschlager, Dan Eddy sponsored by Gary Reimann, Richard Brue sponsored by Gary Reimann, Joey Butler sponsored by Rick Oelschlager, Tom Sadquskig sponsored by Gary Reimann, Jonathan Kinnamore sponsored by Gary Reimann, Ian Sibley sponsored by Doug Hookom, Joe Aragon sponsored by Tony Arellano, David Lee sponsored by Ray Turnquist, Larry Williams sponsored by Gary Reimann, Anna Adler sponsored by Denise Adler, Steven Pen sponsored by Gary Reimann, and Neil Labrenz sponsored by Gary Reimann. We hope to see you at future meetings and join us in fellowship during other times of the week. Anoka Post 102 still leads the 10th District in membership turn in. If you haven't renewed by now please send in your dues and a friendly reminder that you can also renew on line at the American Legion National web site.

Many thanks to all of the volunteers who helped at the 10th District Mid-Winter Convention. I received many compliments on how well the convention went, so once again you all did an outstanding job.

Many thanks to Jeanene Hays for donating a framed picture of Castle Field to the Post. The picture was placed in the trophy case with future placement in the new Castle Field refreshment stand.

Post would like all members to consider switching to paperless newsletters which will help us cut printing and postage costs. You can view or download our monthly newsletter by using our website www.anokalegion.org and see the newsletter in color under the link "News". Check out the site and you can also use the same site to get removed from the newsletter mailing list.

The general membership voted to make any hospitalized veteran attending the wild game dinner a member of our Post if they so wished. As a result we made 10 Veterans members of our Post at our last meeting from the Wild Game Dinner. Many thanks to all of you who helped out at the Wild Game dinner, especially the cooks and chair Darrel Redepenning.

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

Donation to Special Olympics Minnesota	\$ 200
Food items for the Members Recognition Brunch	675
Donation to RISE, inc	250
Donation to ARC of the Greater Twin Cities	200
Donation to Veterans on the Lake	250
Post for monthly utilities cost	1,700
U.S. Treasury (Tax and Wagering)	400
Assist needy Veterans or Family	1,500
Emergency money	500

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VALENTINE SPECIAL THURSDAY 14th

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THURSDAYS

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

THURSDAYS DURING DINNER

Bottle Beer is \$2.50
5:00 – 8:30

FRIDAYS

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15th Fish Fry \$9.00

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**10th District
Mid-Winter Conference January 5, 2013**



Pictured: 10th Dist. Cmdr. Bob Locker and Anoka's Ron Wolford.

The conference was well attended even with the Flu going around, there were 166 registered. The Joint meetings were held in the lower hall till approximately 11:30 am with a break for lunch. The afternoon meetings were split between the upper and lower halls.

There were many interesting reports given in the afternoon sessions. Department Commander Don Pankake and Department Auxiliary President Raleen Tolzmann made appearances bringing greetings. There was a silent auction held during the day.

Many thanks to all the Post - Auxiliary - SAL members who helped make the conference a success.

Cliff Newman and Sandy Phillips
Chairmen



**AMERICAN LEGION
RIDERS**

Tony Bezenar

Anoka Legion Riders would like to thank Bruce Kittilstved of Coon Rapids Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram for their donation of \$500 to American Legion Riders Legacy Scholarship Fund.



Rick Oelschlager and Tony Bezenar presented a plaque on behalf of the National Legion Commander to Bruce at the dealership.

NEW YEARS DAY BRUNCH



Again the Past Commanders prepared and served a great New Year's Day Brunch. The food was delicious as always and the crowd was pleased. I believe we served less meals this year because of the cold weather. We served approximately 260 meals. As a Junior Past Commander I like to thank all the Past Commanders who showed up and helped. Thanks to the Auxiliary for putting together the bake sale, also I like to thank the Club Manager Denise Adler ordering the New Year's Brunch Supplies.

Jr. Past Commander Fadi

EVERYONE PLEASE NOTE

The Edward B. Cutter Monthly Newspaper can be downloaded on line by going to our web site:

www.anokalegion.org

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***Try it once and see if this will work for you!
Only 42 members out of 1022 have responded.***

You will be surprised to see how much information there is on the web site and how nice it is to see colored photos.

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.



Commander's Column Gary Reimann

I hope everyone enjoyed the Christmas season now that it's over.

Our Mid-Winter convention! Thanks to our chairmen Cliff Newman and Sandy Phillips, the Auxiliary and SAL helping in the kitchen and silent auction that I thought went very well. Thanks to all who helped make our Club shine!

We reached 100% + membership goal as of January 5. The members that haven't send in their dues for 2012-2013 would you please do so right now. We need all the members to join this great organization to make it the best it can be.

Post 102 and our Legion Riders received a plaque from the National Commander for his campaign for Legacy Scholarship fund at the convention "Some gave some and some gave all".

Good Bless America! Help a Veteran!

2012 Wild Game Dinner

On December 15th (27) members of our Anoka Legion Family gathered for our 45th annual Wild Game Dinner. Donations of wild game were abundant this year, as well as volunteers and Guests. 62 Special Guests from the Minneapolis and St. Cloud V.A. Medical Centers were scheduled to come as well as the District Commander and the Department Commander. Then for the second time in the past three years, we had weather concerns (or I should say weather forecast concerns). The forecast was for freezing drizzle and possibly 6 inches of snow, St. Cloud cancelled on Friday night but no word from Minneapolis. Minneapolis (being closer) waited to decide until Saturday morning. A good thing because it never really materialized! Minneapolis did show up with less than half the number originally planned on.

This was going to be a special year! Our donations were up, our volunteers were up, local and Legion dignitaries were up, the number of V.A Patients attending was up, the Ladies Auxiliary decided to provide desserts this year and the Post had decided to offer any non-Legion members from our Patient Guests a free year membership to The American Legion. Fortunately we were still able to do all we had planned just to a smaller extent. We gave eleven patients a free year of membership and they were thrilled. Along with another great meal prepared by our SAL Cooking Team and a little Bingo, it couldn't get much better!!

This is without a doubt my favorite Legion Event of the year. It always really kick-starts your Holiday Spirit! I want to thank all the members that took part this year and especially those that have made this one of their favorite events for many years also. You don't have a 45th of anything without commitment from all your volunteers. Watch for next years 46th annual event, we are currently looking at the 1st Saturday of December to try and avoid some of the weather concerns. Hope to see you there.

Thanks, Darrel Redepenning

SAL Cooking Team →



S.A.L. Commander Patrick Vevea

Shiver-Me-Timbers,

I guess I don't have to tell anyone It's gotten cold out. Last month myself, Al Amundson, Kevin Smith and Tim Dahlheimer attended the Mid-Winter conference. We heard two real good reports from Vice Commander area one Charly Foster and area four Vice Commander Brandon Rogat. Both did a real impressive job. We also discussed membership. The push is on, so lets get our 100%.

If you haven't been to a Wednesday night dinner lately, ask a friend and show up for some good food and a good time.

...and a party happened. SAL member Todd Walters decided to throw a party and watch the Vikings – Green Bay game Jan. 5 at the Post.

Phone calls, 4 days, word of mouth, Post supplied food for 30 – more needed, meat raffle, Jen cooked, stopped counting at 160+ customers - age range 27 to over 60, Miller Lite dist., etc.,

ask Todd.

"We can get the crowd back with a little cooperation from members and staff"...Todd

– Betty Erickson



Post 102 volunteers, some helping for many of the 45 years.





President's Column

Darlene Thell

Hello Members,

We have had wonderful events taking place at our Post recently and I feel honored to have been there. On Dec. 15th I attended the Dist. Oratorical Contest held at our Post. Privilege listening to the talented students speak. Cliff Newman did another great job in chairing this event.

Thank you to the Post for inviting our Auxiliary to the Annual Wild Game Dinner, also held on Dec. 15, for the Veterans from the Mpls. VA Medical Center. What a great honor it is to be around these heroes. Again the SAL did a fantastic job in cooking the game dinner, served by the Legionnaires. Our Auxiliary brought a holiday treat of cake and ice cream, and a Christmas card with candy inside for the veterans. Thank you to Donna Redepenning, Jeanene Hays, Cathy Newman and Diane Wolford for helping out with that.

The New Years Day Brunch was wonderful as always. Thank you to the Post for putting this on and also to all members who brought items for the bake sale. The proceeds from the bake sale go into the Past Presidents Fund, which helps members who live in nursing homes etc. and are not able to pay their renewal fee and to our nursing scholarship plus honoring our member Gold Star Mothers. (Mothers who have lost a child serving our country).

A huge thank you to our wonderful Legion family for working together and making the Mid-Winter Conference another successful event, and another thank you to Sandy Phillips and Cliff Newman for chairing it. Tantastic job... Special thanks to Jan Reiter, Cathy Newman and all the kitchen helpers.

Congratulations to Donna Redepenning for taking first place in the Poppy contest...a job well done.

Thank you to our VA&R Chairperson Cathy Newman for taking care of the baby bundle basket, household items basket and the VA shower items. Members, if you have not donated to this worthy project, you can still bring items to the Post or call a member to pick it up. A number of these baskets will be given to our Dept. Pres. Raleen Tolzmann at our February Unit meeting.

Lets never forget, and always keep our POW-MIA, Veterans, our service men and women and those that gave their lives to keep our country free, in our prayers.

Auxiliary Membership

44 seniors & 3 juniors not yet renewed

National Office sent 2nd dues notices out January 15th – please send your dues (\$25 sr. - \$5 jr.) to me as soon as you possibly can. If you are not sure if you paid 2013 dues - call me (763-421-4562).

From your dues, **YOU ARE FUNDING** 24 programs and activities for veterans and those serving now: VA Hospitals, Vets Homes and Camps, Stand Downs (homeless vets), Armed Forces Service Center (MSP airport - the only one of its kind in the US), Unit mailings to troops overseas, etc., etc.

Thank you to the 23 who responded since last month and thank you to you who will respond now!

Betty Erickson, Chairman
1826 Cressy Ave., Anoka MN 55303

JAN'S JOTTINGS

by Jan Reiter

The regular meeting of Edward B. Cutter American Legion Auxiliary was held on Tuesday, January 2, 2013. The December 6, 2012 meeting minutes were approved with corrections. The regular Auxiliary meeting was opened by President Darlene Thell with a prayer, pledge, preamble and the song.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Children and Youth: Norah Wyman reported that she gave a Mother, Daughter basket together for a family for Christmas.

Education: Scholarships from the Auxiliary are at the High School. If anyone is interested in these please contact Kathy Zwerdling.

Fund Raising: Sandy Phillips reported she is trying to get the Elvis Experience again but they are all filled up for December and November. Sandy moved to book the Elvis Experience for 2013. Approved.

Girls States: Kathy Zwerdling said that the cost for the Girl Staters has not gone up.

Parliamentarian: Sue Nunnelee gave us a little quiz on motions.

VA & R: Cathy Newman thanked everyone who brought items for the Department President's project of which is making "Baby Bundle Baskets" for veterans that are single mothers and the "cleaning baskets" they are doing for Veterans that move into new places to live. Examples of things to bring are diapers, powder, shampoo, blanket, clothes, etc. And for the cleaning basket, any cleaning supply, paper products, mops, brooms, etc. These donations will be going on during January and February. She also reported that she and Darlene gave the veterans at AMRTC, a rose, money and card and that she and 3 other Auxiliary ladies helped out at the Mpls. Veterans Nursing Home at the Christmas Gift Shop.

Unfinished Business : Donna Redepenning stated that had handed out 75 Christmas cards with sugar free candy in them to the Veterans at the Wild Game Feed. Kathy Zwerdling said the cost of doing apples for education week was \$410 and \$25 for printing and that this cost was divided between the Legion, SAL and the Auxiliary.





New Business: Dept. Pres. Raleen Tolzmann will be coming to our Feb. 5 meeting – we hope to have some bundles and baskets ready to give to her (see VA&R above for items). If anyone wants to donate, bring items to the club office or pulltab booth. Motion approved to give \$50 toward her project.

50 years ago – Feb. 23, 1963:

Anoka American Legion Reunion Dinner (now known as the Birthday Dinner) held at the KC Hall.

Cmdr. Dave McArdle, Pres. Lillian Erickson.

ED. NOTE – This was after being "on the hill" and before the present Post building was available.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>Renew your membership NOW Legion - \$35 Auxiliary Sr. - \$25 Aux. Jr. - \$5 SAL - \$20 Dual Legion/Sal - \$10</p>	<p>EVERY MONDAY SAL Deep Fried Tacos 4-7 pm \$2.50 ea 3/\$5.00</p>	<p>BAR BINGO EVERY TUESDAY 6:30 PM</p>	<p>Anoka Legion Riders Chapter 102 Meeting 7:00 PM Post Clubrooms 3rd Wednesday of every month.</p>	<p>SEE MENU ON PAGE 2 FOR TUES. THURS. & FRI. MENU</p> <p>Bar Bingo 7:00 pm</p>	<p>Meat Raffle 5:30 pm Bar Bingo 7:00 pm</p>	<p>70 years ago Feb. 2, 1943 Dogs wanted for U.S. Armed Forces.</p>
<p>Four Chaplains Sunday</p> <p>Club Open 12-10 Bar Bingo 4:00 pm</p>	<p>70 years ago Feb. 5, 1943: Government orders scrap drive for copper, brass and bronze.</p>	<p>Post General Mem. 7:30 pm S.A.L. Mtg. 7:00 pm Auxiliary Mtg. 7:00 pm DEPT. PRES. VISIT</p>	<p>SAL Dinners 5:30-7:00 Prime Rib \$11.50</p>	<p>70 years ago Feb. 8, 1943: Shoes with rubber rationed: 1 pair shoes per person for next 4 months.</p>	<p>Meat Raffle 5:30 pm Bar Bingo 7:00 pm</p>	<p>Dept. Rally Waite Park 2:00 pm</p>
<p>Club Open 12-10 Bar Bingo 4:00 pm</p>	<p>70 years ago Feb. 13, 1943: Green Theatre admission: 2 lbs. of scrap brass or copper per person.</p>	<p>Bar Bingo 6:30 pm</p> <p>NEWSPAPER Meeting 7:00 pm</p>	<p>SAL Dinners 5:30-7:00 Country Fried Steak \$8.50 Aux. Twin Rivers Bingo 2:15 pm Ash Wednesday</p>	<p>VALENTINE DAY DINNER SPECIAL See Page 2</p> 	<p>Meat Raffle 5:30 pm Bar Bingo 7:00 pm</p>	<p>SAL Rally Anoka 2:30 pm</p>
<p>Club Open 12-10 Bar Bingo 4:00 pm</p>	 <p>Presidents' Day</p>	<p>Bar Bingo 6:30 pm</p> <p>House & Ent. Meeting 7:00 pm</p>	<p>SAL Dinners 5:30-7:00 Prime Rib \$11.50</p> <p>Legion Riders Meeting 7:00 pm</p>	<p>70 years ago Feb 17, 1943: Post Office goes on 48 hours per week.</p>	<p>Meat Raffle 5:30 pm Bar Bingo 7:00 pm</p>	<p>92 years ago Feb. 23, 1921: Ladies organize and elect officers in Anoka for the American Legion Auxiliary.</p>
<p>Club Open 12-10 Bar Bingo 4:00 pm</p>	<p>50 years ago Feb. 1, 1963: The best building year in Anoka history was 1962.</p>	<p>Bar Bingo 6:30 pm</p> <p>Executive Board Meeting 7:00 pm</p>	<p>SAL Dinners 5:30-7:00 Steak, Chicken, or Shrimp \$8.50 Steak & Shrimp Combo \$12.00</p>	 <p>1st Friday each month Red Cross Bloodmobile at Post 7 AM - 1 PM</p>	<p>40 years ago Feb. 1973: In honor of Harry S. Truman and Lyndon B. Johnson, a 30-day mourning period declared. Flags at half staff until Feb. 21 at Sunset</p>	
<p>Coming in March</p> <p>All Fridays Fish Fry</p> <p>4-7 Natl. Pres. MN Tour</p> <p>5 Annual Aux. Auction - after Mtgs.</p> <p>9 SAL Detach. Spring Conf. - Morris</p> <p>10 Daylight Savings Begins</p>	<p>10 St. Patrick Rally - Champlin</p> <p>15-17 94th Anniversary of the Paris Caucus</p> <p>16 Birthday Dinner</p> <p>23 Dept. Rally - Anoka</p> <p>31 Easter</p>	<p>National Commanders MN Tour</p> <p>Feb. 4: Moorhead - Detroit Lakes - Bemidji</p> <p>Feb. 5: Walker - Grand Rapids - Duluth</p> <p>Feb. 6: Pine City - Fridley - Richfield</p> <p>Feb. 7: Apple Valley - Wilmar - Hutchinson</p>	<p>FLAG DISPLAY DAYS</p>  <p>Feb. 12th Lincoln's Birthday</p> <p>Feb. 18th Presidents Day</p>			