

ATTENTION POST 102 HUNTERS AND VOLUNTEERS

Our 46th annual Veterans Wild Game Dinner is scheduled for Saturday, December 7th at 12 noon in the Commanders Hall. As in past years we're looking for your help. If you're a successful hunter and would consider a donation of game to this event it would be greatly appreciated. Game can be dropped off at the Post anytime and we'll see to it that it's kept frozen till the event. Once again our special guests will be patients from the St. Cloud and Minneapolis V.A. Medical Centers. We've scheduled this a week earlier than past years to try and avoid weather problems that have kept some of our guests from attending the last few years.

As in past years we also need Volunteers to help make this happen. We need help cooking, serving, cleaning, playing bingo and (the best part) EATING. This is a fun event that always seems to kick-start your Holiday Spirit, the work is small and the smiles are big! Mark your calendars now and join us on Dec. 7th. Any questions or coordination of game drop-off, feel free to call me at 763-571-8623 or Club Manager Denise at 763-421-0883. Hope to see you there....

Thanks, Darrel Redepenning



Veterans Day Dinner, by Catering Central, tickets available now – see page 3

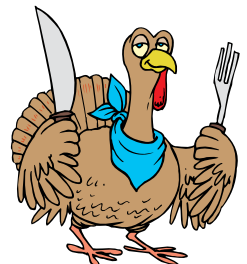
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ADJUTANT'S NOTES

by Gary Munkholm

The Executive Committee looks forward to seeing you at the Veteran's Day Dinner. Buy your tickets at the Pull Tab booth.

If you haven't paid your dues as of this newsletter please make an effort to send them in. You may also pay your dues by using the National American Legion website.

Once again many thanks to Cliff Newman and Kathy Zwerdling for all their efforts working with the Boys and Girls State program. It is always good to hear from the outstanding boys and girls at our joint meeting.

Darrel Redepenning is again chairing the December Veteran's Wild Game Dinner and wants everyone to start thinking about the bird and venison donations needed for the event.

If you haven't heard the city of Anoka has been proclaimed a "Beyond the Yellow Ribbon City" and look for a recognition ceremony and dinner in December.

Don't forget that you can view or download our monthly newsletter by using our website 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 to help save the Post mailing and printing costs.

I would like to see more members make use of the club facilities from renting the halls to attending the Wednesday night SAL dinners. Remind your friends, neighbors, and relatives about our halls to rent and bring someone to one of the Wednesday night SAL dinners. All money made at the club ends up going towards worthwhile causes.

Gambling manager Paul Adler presented the following list of donations for the last 2 months which were approved by the general membership:

Early Bird recognition dinner	\$1,000
ARCC Nursing Scholarship	\$500
St. Cloud VA Veterans Holiday fund	\$100
Minneapolis VA Veterans Holiday fund	\$100
Minneapolis Veterans Home Holiday fund	\$100
American flags for area schools	\$325
Boys State awards	\$70
2nd half property taxes for clubhouse	\$11,612
City of Anoka for Water & Light costs	\$2,600
Center Point Energy for gas costs	\$200
U.S. Treasury for tax on wagering	\$400
Assist needy Veterans & Families	\$1,500
Emergency Money	\$500

TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS 8-9 pm
Bar Pour & Domestic Bottle Beer is \$2.50

WEDNESDAYS 1-4 pm
Domestic Bottle Beer is \$2.50



**Post 102 extends
sincere sympathy
to the families of**



CHARLES F. KLEIN

Charles was a 43 year member of The American Legion and a Korea War Veteran

ROBERT W. FEIST

Robert was a 48 year member of The American Legion and a Vietnam War Veteran

IN NOVEMBER

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

MONDAYS - Starting November 4th
5:00 – 8:00 pm

Sloppy Joes with Kettle Chips – \$5.00

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

1st ~ Fish Fry-All you can eat 9.00

8th ~ Prime Rib – 11.00
with Baked Potato, Veg. & Roll

15th ~ Spaghetti – 8.00
with Italian Sausage, Veg. & Garlic Toast

22nd ~ Seafood Newburg – 10.00
over Puffed Pastry with Veg.

29th ~ BBQ Pork Sandwich – 7.00
with Fries or Tots

Tax included on all the above.

CATERING CENTRAL

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Commander Gary Reimann

There is a smell and color of Fall in the air.

The Elvis experience was very good. My hat is off to the Auxiliary and SAL for the fine job with this event. 150 tickets sold.

I will fill you in with the goose hunt for the disabled veterans in the city of Anoka next month.

The dinner and program for the National Auxiliary President was successful. Ron and his crew did a marvelous job and what a meal – “4 Stars”.

Five couples came to the Post on Saturday, September 21 and visited with Past Post Commander and Auxiliary President Don and Lil Erickson while they were in town.

That’s all for now and don’t forget

All Gave Some and Some Gave All
God Bless our Troops and Veterans

PS: Doug Hookom took Duke Grosslein out to Washington DC on the Freedom Flight. Doug said it was a long day starting at 3 am and going to 12:30 before they got back. Duke will fill us in at the Early Bird Dinner - a Big thanks to Doug for doing that for Duke and the Post.

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.



Legion Riders & Parades Daniel Soland

American Legion Rider Chapters are becoming more prominent throughout communities as many chapters are participating in community festival parade events to support efforts of the American Legion. Legion Riders play an important role in parade events as they often are able to connect with parade goers of all ages to show continued support of our past and current Military members.

The Anoka Post 102 Legion Riders participated in several community parades events with other local Legion Rider Chapters this year. The Anoka Post 102 Riders participated in the Fridley 49ers Day Festival Parade, Coon Rapids July 4th Celebration Parade, Hopkins Raspberry Festival Parade, Maple Plain Days Parade, Lino Lakes blue Heron Days Parade, Anoka Parade of Little People, Anoka Light Up the Night Parade and upcoming Anoka Halloween Grand Day Parade.

The Anoka Post 102 Legion Riders look forward to participating in next year’s local community parades events.



S.A.L. Commander Patrick Vevea

Hello Legion Family,

WOW! What a wonderful fundraiser for the Auxiliary and SAL Saturday, October 5th. The Elvis Experience was a huge success. Thanks to all of the Auxiliary members and SAL members who made this event happen.



The November General Membership Meeting will feature our annual budget proposal. We need a lot of input from the Squadron to make this possible.

I hope everyone enjoys the Halloween festivities this year because as we all know after Halloween the dreaded winter season begins.

Just a heads up: Our delicious Wednesday Night Dinners will not be served the night before Thanksgiving to let our very dedicated volunteers have a due vacation.

I hope to see you at our next meeting on the first Tuesday of November.

PS: We need wild game for the Veterans Dinner.

Till next time – Let’s keep it up!

AMERICAN LEGION POST 102

400 West Main St., Anoka



DINNER & PROGRAM

Saturday, November 9, 2013
Social Hour 6:00 - 7:00 pm Dinner 7:00 pm

Carved Ham & Turkey
with all the trimmings & dessert

DINNER - \$11.00 PER PERSON
Limited to the first 200 people.
Tickets must be purchased before event.
Tickets can be purchased at the Pull-Tab Booth.
No tickets will be sold on the day of the dinner.

JAN'S JOTTINGS

by Jan Reiter

The regular meeting of Edward B. Cutter American Legion Auxiliary was held on Tuesday, October 1, 2013. A joint Post and Auxiliary meeting was opened by Commander Gary Reimann for the purpose of introducing and hearing from our Girls and Boys Staters. One of the Boys Stater, Simion Toronto went on to become President of the National Boys Nation.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Americanism: Darlene Thell sent around the box for those that do not have their Auxiliary pin on. She talked about promoting Americanism in our school and to educate our youth about Americanism. Darlene motioned to have a basket at Veterans Day Dinner for "Wreaths to the Fallen". Seconded and carried.

Education: Kathy Zwerdling motioned to buy apples for Education week, November 18-22. Seconded and carried. The cost will be split with the SAL and the Legion. If you donate anything to schools like pencils, notebooks, box tops for education, milk tops, pop tabs, Campbells labels and Country and Village Hearth, UPC labels or any fund raisers for schools like Target (gives to schools if you buy there), anything that supports schools please keep records of this for our reports at the end of the year.

Field Service: Bingo will be October 9, 2:15 pm, at Golden Living Care Center. There will be a Military celebration on November 11 at Golden Living Care Center.

Girls State: Kathy Zwerdling thanked everyone for coming.

Home Service: The auxiliary collects commemorative, express mail, foreign and air mail stamps, picture postcards and S&H stamps. Trim stamps to _ of an inch around the entire stamp and leave the stamps on the postcards. Home Service counts if you do any thing at home or go see a veteran at home.

VA&R: The VA is in need of heart pillows, lap robes, twin bed size comforters, laundry bags and is also in need of pillow batting.

Unfinished Business: A motion was made by Betty Erickson to have the Halloween fund raiser on October 26. Seconded and carried. Sue Nunnelee is in need of desserts and helpers for that day.

Auxiliary Membership

Your 2014 dues notice should have arrived in your mailbox by Sept. 18 and 19; Evelyn Burley's dues arrived in my mailbox on the 19th!

Please, do not put your dues notice aside – this is your bill to the Auxiliary and Unit - pay it now! (Also - please look at your checkbook register to make sure you hadn't paid earlier.)

Your 2014 cards and eligible continuous year pins will be mailed to you after Early Bird.

Thank you all – we have 220 members paid - 62% (199 seniors, 21 juniors).

THE EXPO

We were there, but the great majority of members were not — This EXPO will be held again next year for 2015 membership; possibly with the Post SAL and Riders.

Betty Erickson – Chairman



In Memoriam

JOYCE (MESSAR) WESTLIE SMITH

Joyce, a 54 year Auxiliary member, was born July 21, 1933 in Foxhome, MN and passed away September 28, 2013 at home in Anoka.

Joyce served as Unit President 1965-66 with Commander Howard Menter; she also was a member of the 1975 American Legion National Champion Drill Team of Anoka Unit 102.

Edward B. Cutter Unit extends its sympathy to son Ty, grandsons Zack, Luke and Jake, great-grandson Jude and daughter Pam. A memorial to the Fort Snelling Rifle Squad was sent by the Unit.

National Auxiliary President Visit!



Edward B. Cutter Unit 102 had the great honor of hosting the American Legion Auxiliary National President Nancy Brown-Park's visit on September 30th. It was a dinner evening event and attended by many Dept. and Dist. past Presidents, including current District Pres. Donna Redepenning, and many Post and Unit members.

Nancy Brown-Park is from California and has been a member of the American Legion Auxiliary for 66 years. She personally handed out her Presidents pins to everyone attending the event. She visited the Mpls. VA Hospital and saw what is being done in the Brain Science and also the Spinal Cord program, plus visiting Veterans.

She spoke of her theme for the year "Pass it on", saying it is our turn to inspire the next generation of volunteers, by securing the future of the American Legion Auxiliary. By honoring our veterans and military through meaningful service the Auxiliary will grow to a million members by our 2019 Centennial year. "Who is going to serve today's veterans if we don't pass it on" said President Brown-Park.

– Darlene Thell



President's Column

Lynette Pavin

I announced at the meeting that the Unit would be hosting a sit down dinner for the National American Legion Auxiliary President Nancy Brown-Park the evening of September 30. What an honor to be asked. What an experience. Thank you Cathy and Cliff Newman and Jan Reiter for all your hard work in making it a success.



*Seated L-R: MN Dept. Pres. Shirley Frederick,
Natl. Pres. Nancy Brown-Park (CA)
Standing L-R: 10th Dist. Pres. Donna Redepenning (Anoka),
Past Natl. Pres. Kris Nelson (MN)*

On September 17, Americanism Chairman Darlene Thell, myself, Past Cmdr. and SAL member Cliff Newman and Legion Riders Director Dan Soland presented classroom flags to the staff and students of Wilson Elementary School. Small flags were also presented to the kindergarten classes for each student when they learned and could recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

On September 26 the Unit hosted an Expo. to show what the Auxiliary was all about. Chairmen profiled what their committees were about and how they contributed to the community and many veterans programs. Thank you Betty Erickson for organizing this event.

The October 1 meeting was a joint meeting with the Legionnaires and the SAL to hear about the experiences of the Girls and Boys Staters. These students are amazing. Makes me wish the present day Congress could go back to school and learn what government is all about.

Elvis was in the building October 5, I attended the program and really enjoyed it; the food was delicious – good job SAL. The silent auction was also a success, proceeds to support veterans programs.

Don't forget the fundraiser during the Halloween Parade.

Until next time, stay warm, stay dry and enjoy the FALL colors.

Boys & Girls Staters Speak

On October 1st, at the joint Legion and Auxiliary meeting, we had the privilege of hearing the Boys and Girls Staters speak. They were all very enthusiastic and happy to share of their week long experiences at Boys and Girls State. First, Aria Wallace and Maren Weaver spoke and told of all they learned and the friendships they made. A big high-light was spending a day at the Capital in St. Paul. Both girls attend Anoka High School.



Next, Spencer Clark and Simeon Toronto of Andover High School spoke of their experiences. Spencer was very impressed with the knowledge that he learned. Simeon was fortunate to be elected Governor of Minnesota Boys State and also President of Boys Nation, held in Washington D.C.






Also attending was the Dean of Boys State and a member of the Anoka Post, Dave Way and Mike Bredeck, the Director of Boys State.

Kathy Zwerdling, Girls State Chairman

**Past Commanders
Past Presidents
Annual Christmas Dinner
Wednesday, December 11**

NOVEMBER 2013

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
BAR SPECIALS during VIKINGS FOOTBALL GAMES	Renew your membership NOW Legion - \$35 Auxiliary Sr. - \$25 Aux. Jr. - \$5 SAL - \$20 Dual Legion/Sal - \$10	 Flag Display Days 11th Veterans Day 28th Thanksgiving	 1st Friday each month Red Cross Bloodmobile at Post 7 AM - 1 PM	SEE MENU ON PAGE 2 for THURSDAY & FRIDAY MENU		8th & 10th Rally Onamia 2:00 pm	
Club Open 12-10 Bar Bingo 4:00 pm Daylight Savings Ends (fall back)	<i>100 years ago Nov. 12, 1913: Anoka renames streets so houses can prepare for free mail delivery.</i>	Post General Mem. 7:30 pm S.A.L. Mtg. 7:00 pm Auxiliary Mtg. 7:00 pm ELECTION DAY "VOTE"	EVERY WED STEAK \$8.50 - FISH OR SHRIMP \$8.00 - STEAK & SHRIMP \$11.00	SAL Dinners 5:30-7:00 Prime Rib \$11.00	<i>30 years ago Junior Aux. news by Julie Gunderson We talked about designing squares of a quilt and more fundraisers.</i>	Meat Raffle 5:30 pm Bar Bingo 7:00 pm	Veterans Day Dinner Social 6-7 PM Dinner 7:00 PM
Club Open 12-10 Bar Bingo 4:00 pm American Legion Auxiliary Birthday 1920-2013	VETERANS DAY	NEWSPAPER MEETING 7:00 pm		SAL Dinners 5:30-7:00 Country Fried Steak \$8.50 Aux. Bingo 2:15 pm Golden Living	<i>Linda Visneski reported on the sleep-over at her cabin, Angie Clauer reported on the trip to the Monticello Lock-In, and</i>	Meat Raffle 5:30 pm Bar Bingo 7:00 pm	<i>30 years ago - PC Warren Feist, who has served on the board of trustees of the MN Am. Leg. and Aux. Heart Research Foundation since first appointed</i>
Club Open 12-10 Bar Bingo 4:00 pm Veterans Rally Fridley 2 pm	Apple Bagging for Am. Ed. Week 7:00 pm Commanders Hall	House & Ent. Meeting 7:00 pm		SAL Dinners 5:30-7 Smoked Pork Chop \$8.50 Legion Riders Mtg. 7:00 pm	<i>we made Halloween placemats for the VA. Thank you to Nancy Caza for installing me and Dawn Moos and my mom Daisy for coming.</i>	<i>50 years ago Pres. John F. Kennedy Assassinated Nov. 22, 1963</i> Meat Raffle 5:30 pm Bar Bingo 7:00 pm	<i>in the mid - 70's, was re-elected president in Sept. 1983. Since the late 70's, "our Post and Unit were among the very earliest in MN to make a generous contribution".</i>
Club Open 12-10 Bar Bingo 4:00 pm	<i>60 years ago November 27, 1953: Supreme Court upholds annexation of Federal Cartridge of Anoka.</i>	Executive Board Meeting 7:00 pm		NO S.A.L. DINNER	Happy Thanksgiving  Club Closed	Meat Raffle 5:30 pm Bar Bingo 7:00 pm	<i>30 years ago The Servicemens Center at Mpls/St. Paul Intl. Airport opened in Nov. 1970. In 1980 Cmdr. Gordy Berquist took part</i>
Coming in December 7 Pearl Harbor Rally - Osseo 7 Veterans Wild Game Dinner 11 Past Pres/Cmdr. Holiday Dinner 14 School Patrol Christmas Party 15 Dist. Christmas Rally - TBD 25 Christmas - Wed.	Coming in January 2014 1 New Years Day Brunch & Bake Sale (Wed.) 4 Mid-Winter Conference at Anoka (Sat.) 7 Post Gen. Mem. 7:30 pm - SAL 7:00 pm Aux. 7:00 pm			Veterans Day Dinner November 9th Social 6-7 pm Dinner 7 pm \$11.00 Tickets at Pull Tab Booth		<i>in the 10th Anniv. and in 1983 was asked to be Dist. 10 Chmn. The latest undertaking (at that time) was the installation of a womens bunkroom - Cost \$12,380.</i>	