# Craft & Vendor Show and Bake Sale

**April 11 & 12:**
**Friday - 4:00 - 8:00 pm**
**Saturday - 9:00 am - 4:00 pm**

**Cost of Table - $20.00 each**
**Reserve your table by April 4**

*Electricity provided*
*Legion Grill open on Friday*
*Concessions on Saturday*

**Anoka American Legion**
**400 West Main St.**

Contact: Cathy Newman 763-757-2034
Anoka Post 763-421-0883

**Team #5 of Post #102 of the American Legion is Celebrating the 10th Year Anniversary of their win of the America Legion State Bowling Tournament of 2004 at Brooklyn Park!**

**The Celebration will be at Post 102 on Saturday, April 19, 2014 from 1 - 4 pm.**

*All members (and family) of teams that have played in a State Bowling Tournament in the past are invited to join us int he celebration.*

**Beer will be provided until the barrel runs dry.**

*Team members: Dale Voltin (Captain), Bryant Beehler, Jim Plowman, Jerry Skordahl, Mike Haines*

*Any questions contact Dale Voltin at 612-718-6565*

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# Adjutant's Notes

*by Gary Munkholm*

March 2014

1. A hearty welcome to the newest members of Anoka Post 102, Jim Peterson, US Army, Lebanon, Granada sponsored by Ron Berry; Ryan Vanderlaan, US Navy, Persian Gulf sponsored by Jim Hays. 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. The General Membership voted at the last meeting to keep our dues at $35 for the coming year.
4. The club voted to continue our sponsorship of our Men's and Woman's softball teams for the coming year.
5. A Scholarship Committee was formed at the last meeting consisting of Post members Darrel Redepenning, Doug Hookom, Ray Turnquist and Rick Oelschlager.
6. Gambling manager Paul Adler presented the following list of donations for the last month which were approved by the general membership:

| | |
|---|---|
| a. Donation to the ACBC Food shelf | $4,000 |
| b. Donation to the Minnesota Military Museum | $250 |
| c. Donation to the 9th District American Legion Band | $100 |
| d. Donation to Gold Star Family Weekend | $100 |
| e. Donation to the National Guard Youth Camp | $300 |
| f. Donation to Muskie's, Inc. | $250 |
| a. City of Anoka for Water & Light costs | $1,200 |
| b. Center Point Energy for gas costs | $1300 |
| c. U.S. Treasury for tax on wagering | $400 |
| d. Assist needy Veterans & Families | $1,500 |
| e. Emergency Money | $500 |

## MEMBERSHIP ELIGIBILITY DATES into THE AMERICAN LEGION

| | |
|---|---|
| Persian Gulf War | August 2, 1990 to date of cessation |
| Panama | December 20, 1989 to January 31, 1990 |
| Grenada/Lebanon | August 24, 1982 to July 31, 1984 |
| Vietnam War | February 28, 1961 to May 7, 1975 |
| Korean War | June 25, 1950 to January 31, 1955 |
| World War II | December 7, 1941 to December 31, 1946 |
| World War I | April 6, 1917 to November 11, 1918 |
| Merchant Marines | December 7, 1941 to December 31, 1946 |

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

**CARL G. HICKMAN**

CARL was a 25 year member of The American Legion and a World War II Veteran

## IN APRIL

**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**
**4th, 11th & 18th - Fish Fry $10.00**
**All You Can Eat**
**and Chef's Specials**
**25th - Turkey Commercial $9.00**

*Tax included on all the above.*
CATERING CENTRAL

## Castle Field

**Exhibition Game - Saturday, May 10**
**Gates open @ Noon - 1st pitch @ 3pm**
**Raffle • Prizes • Silent Auction**
**Concessions • Kid's Activities**

Saints ST. PAUL **VS.** Bucs ANOKA

**Tickets Available Now!!**
**General admission - $7.00 in advance**
**$10 at the gate**
**www.ci.anoka.mn.us**


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## Commander
## Gary Reimann

Finally warm weather, I can't believe one week ago I didn't want to go outside and do some things - and this week I have the garage door open and am working in 50 degrees+!

We need to "just ask" and recruit some new members and expecially present members (around 70) that haven't sent in their 2014 dues yet. We need 46 more as of our last meeting to make our GOAL.

**This is the largest veterans organization in the world and it works for us veterans, so lets help ourselves make it better for ALL veterans.**

With the weather turning warm, let's try to support our Post and the SAL dinners on Wednesday evenings. They do such a great job preparing and serving the meals - take the wife or friend out to dinner on Wednesday evenings!

## S.A.L. Commander
## Patrick Vevea

***Greetings Legion Family:***

At our March general membership meeting we approved 3 new members. I would like to welcome Michael Sandwick, John C. Johnson Jr, and Lance A. Groettum to the squadron and hope to see you at the next meeting, **Tuesday, April 1st at 7:00 pm**. As of now, our membership is at 106. If you haven't renewed your dues, please do so as soon as possible! We are well below our goal for this year.

I am pleased to announce that we will be sponsoring a Boy & Girl Stater again this year.

We are still in need of workers for our Wednesday night dinners. All you have to do is show up sometime between 5:00 & 5:30 and someone will put you to work.

(Quote for this month)
***Life doesn't have to be perfect to be wonderful!***
Until next month let's keep it up!

# The Auction

Thank you all very much for the great many donations; the first time in all these years we had 3 tables of items which included homemade pies, cookies, pickles etc., handmade afghan and the surprise packages.

The auctioneer again was Post 1st Vice, Ray Turnquist, Americanism Chairman, Darlene Thell assisted, as did President Lynette. We also had guests: "our" 10th District President Donna, Laura Blue and Joyce Semmel from Coon Rapids.

Our thanks to ALL who brought so many nice items and to the good bidding crowd of Unit, Post & SAL members who made this auction such a fun annual event!

Total funds raised were over $400, to be used for our 2nd Girls Stater and other veterans programs.

# Jan's Jottings

*by Jan Reiter*

The regular meeting of Edward B. Cutter American Legion Auxiliary was held on Tuesday, March 4, 2014. The February 4, 2013 meeting minutes were approved.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Americanism:** Darlene Thell sent around the box for those that did not wear their Auxiliary pin. She reminded us that whenever we see our soldiers out in public, we need to thank them for their service,.

**Finance:** Donations approved:

| | |
|---|---|
| Department President's Project | $25 |
| Anoka Cty Historical Soc | $50 |
| Anoka County Campership | $150 |
| Fisher House | $100 |
| Legionville | $100 |
| ACBC | $100 |
| Forgotten children | $100 |
| Meals on Wheels | $100 |
| Dept Jr. Pres Project | $ 25 |

**Fund Raising:** Cathy Newman stated she handed out invitations for the Craft sale at the Blaine Craft show and a couple of tables got filled already. Tables or space are $20. Jan Reiter will be doing a concession stand and a bake sale also. Seconded and carried. Darlene Thell talked to Green Valley Greenhouse about selling flowers again. A motion was made to get 100 gift cards. Approved.

**Girl's State:** Kathy Zwerdling motioned to send in the reservations for the 3 girls going to Girl State. Approved. There were 30 girls at the Girls State Assembly, next the essays, then the interviews. Anoka County Day will be April 24. Kathy notes that there will be a Girls State activity of making childrens activities bag for children of soldiers. They want the Girls Staters to bring an item or more to put in these bags.

**Home Service:** The auxiliary collects commemorative, express mail, foreign and air mail stamps, picture postcards and S&H stamps.

**Juniors:** The 10th Dist Fun Day on Feb. 22 was cancelled due to weather. The 10th District will be hosting the Junior Department Conference on April 11 & 12 in Hopkins. The 6th Annual Jr. Fun weekend will be at Legionville on August 1-3 at a cost of $20.

**Memorial:** Jean Parvey thanked those who took over for her while she was on vacation.

**Poppy:** Poppy Card Days begin, April 17, Poppy Days are May 16-17... Sandy Phillips stated Veterans are not making the poppies anymore and need volunteers to help them be made.

**VA&R:** .Cathy Newman thanked everyone who brought items for the VA shower.

Lunch by Pam Westlie and Kathy Zwerdling

## Auxiliary Membership

Still missing - 22 members not yet paid ($25) for 2014!

Questions - call me: 763-421-4562, always leave a message.
Your renewal slip is not needed - mail to me:

Betty Erickson
1826 Cressy Ave.
Anoka, Mn 55303

or stop at the pulltab booth.

**IT REALLY IS TIME TO RENEW**

## Material Needed

**Anoka Unit is in need of material for our sewing projects for our Veterans at the VA Medical Centers.**

**The Past Presidents of Anoka have 2 sewing bees in the winter and make many lap blankets, wheel chair bags, neck coolers (for troops overseas), heart pillows, laundry bags, tote bags, bibs and neck pillows. Anyone is welcome to help them and you don't have to even sew; we need pinners, cutters and stuffers.**

**Material is very scarce so if you have some scraps around the house and are willing to give them for us to use, we would be very much appreciative. We use almost everything but wool, nylon, knits, silk and anything real feminine, being most of our Veterans are male.**

**Please bring them to the pull tab booth or call Jan Reiter at 763-427-3733.**

**Thank you!**

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**Director**

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## 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.

## *President's Column*

### *Lynette Pavin*

***Think Spring!*** Everything will soon be a nice green - no brown, Happy St. Patrick's Day everyone!

Year-end-reports are now being completed. If you have not turned in any hours for Community Servce, Field Service, Home Service, or VA&R please do so as soon as possible. Not sure? Call Cathy Newman or me and we will answer your questions and record your hours.

The Unit will be having a Craft Sale on April 11 & 12. Anyone interested in tables or working during Saturday call Cathy Newman. See article elsewhere in this paper. There will also be a bake sale on Saturday.

Don't forget, if you have not paid your dues, you need to send them to Betty ASAP. We are so close to our goal. Please. Any questions? Don't be afraid to call me.

Happy Spring!

## Auxiliary Plant Sale Fundraiser

Unit 102 will be selling **$25 Green Valley Garden Center Gift Cards** as a Spring fundraiser.

The cards will be available to purchase beginning **April 2 through May 4** from Auxiliary members, at the April 11 & 12 Craft Fair and at the pulltab booth.

Profits will be used for veterans programs. These cards make wonderful thank you, birthday, Mothers & Fathers Day gifts.

Any questions, call Jan Reiter 427-3733, Barb Ridge 421-2451 or myself 753-3064.

## AUXILIARY UNIT 102

**Edward B. Cutter Post 102, Anoka, MN 55303**

You are eligible to join the Auxiliary if your veteran relative is a current member of The American Legion; or if deceased, had served during the eligibility dates of one of eight war eras.

- ■ Mother
- ■ Wife
- ■ Sister
- ■ Daughter
- ■ Granddaughter
- ■ Grandmother
- ■ Great-Granddaughter
- ■ Self

(step-relative also apply)

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

## Busy Sewing Bees

The Units Past Presidents held two afternoon sesions at 1pm on January 22 (with 8 ladies & 4 machines) and February 19 (9 ladies & 3 machines).

A total of 25 heart pillows, 18 neck pillows, 17 laundry bags, 1 small and 3 large wheelchair bags were sewn with the heart and neck pillows stuffed.

Able to attend both were: Cathy Newman, Karen Orr, Pres. Lyntete, Jan Reiter, Barb Ridge, Lenora Root and Betty Erickson. At one session were Dist. Pres. Donna, Sandy Phillips and Darlene Thell.

*One thing about these ladies - all know what to do and get to work - when one job is done - there is always something to stuff!*

If you are a sewer w/machine or not, a past president or not and would like to help with this very worthwhile project or have extra material to donate - call Jan Reiter at 763-427-3733.

Betty Erickson
Past President Committee

## Addition / March Calendar

*1974: Junior Aux. Initiation...*
*Jr. Sgt-at-Arms was Lynn Hoffer.*

Still Auxiliary members and their continuous years from that article are:

Sandy Lemke McMilleon - 41
Joleen Redepenning Connor - 42
Joan Abeln Braun - 47
Lisa Hostetler O'Donnell - 48
Lynn Hoffer Kruger - 44

Credits: 1984 - 30 years ago
April Post/Aus. Newspaper

# APRIL 2014

Children & Youth Month

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| RENEW YOUR 2014 MEMBERSHIP NOW | 1st Friday each month Red Cross Bloodmobile at Post 7 AM - 1 PM | Bar Bingo 6;30 pm<br>Post General Mem. 7:30 pm<br>S.A.L. Mtg. 7:00 pm<br>Auxiliary Mtg. 7:00 pm<br>1 | Aux. Twin Rivers Bingo 2:15<br>SAL Dinners 5:30-7:30<br>Prime Rib $10.00<br>2 | SEE MENU ON PAGE 2 for THURSDAY & FRIDAY MENU<br>3 | Meat Raffle 5:30 pm<br>Bar Bingo 7:00 pm<br>4 | April 11 & 12 Craft/Vendor Show<br>Bake SaleAnoka Post 102<br>See page 1<br>5 |
| Club Open 12-10<br>Bar Bingo 4:00 pm<br>6 | *Mar. 17, 1984: 65th Birthday Dinner; Kathy Zwerdling chariman, Betty Batters, Linda Schiebel dinner cooks,* 7 | Bar Bingo 6:30 pm<br>NEWSPAPER MEETING 7:00 pm<br>8 | SAL Dinners 5:30-7:30<br>Country Fried Steak $8.00<br>Legion Riders Mtg. 7:00 pm<br>9 | *1984: The renewed S.A.L. is off the ground and going strong, we now have 125 members and still growing. Dues are $5 (18 & under) $15 (19 & older). Senior*10 *S.A.L. will be afforded additional benefits. We will meet April 9 and the 2nd Monday of each month.Contact Tim Caza or Harley Swarm.* 17 | Auxiliary Craft Show & Bake Sale<br>Meat Raffle 5:30 pm<br>Bar Bingo 7:00 pm<br>11 | 51st Dept. Jr. Conference Hopkins<br>12 |
| Lions Pancake Breakfast 8:00 - 12:30<br>Club Open 12-10<br>Bar Bingo 4:00 pm<br>13 | *guests Dept. Cmdr. Conrad Erickson, Dept. Pres. Blanche Coppa. "Hall decorated in St. Patrick's Day style, shamrocks worn by many. Aux. Chaplain Edie Haugstad brightened the surroundings by wearing a green tinted wig, which* 14 | Bar Bingo Every Tuesday 6:30 pm<br>15 | SAL Dinners 5:30-7:30<br>Smoked Pork Chop $8.00<br>16 | | Poppy Card Days Begin<br>Meat Raffle 5:30 pm<br>Bar Bingo 7:00 pm<br>18 | Post 102 Bowlers Party 1-4pm<br>19 |
| Club Open 12-10<br>Bar Bingo 4:00 pm<br>Easter 20 | *immediately caught the eye of Cmdr. Conrad and earned a favorable comment during his talk."<br>Al Smith* 21 | Bar Bingo 6:30 pm<br>House & Ent. Meeting 7:00 pm<br>22 | SAL Dinners 5:30-7:30<br>Walleye Dinner $10.50<br>23 | Boys & Girls County<br>24 | Meat Raffle 5:30 pm<br>Bar Bingo 7:00 pm<br>25 | *1984: Post 102 kitchen crew of Pete Lish, Bob Kay, Oren Lemke and Bill Erickson presented a check for $1003.00 to Cmdr. Al* 26 *Campbell. This was profit from the prime rib dinner earmarked to earn funds for a van wheelchair lift for Post member Clarence Hettwer.* |
| Dist. Boys & Girls State Icebreaker at Anoka 4:00 pm<br>Club Open 12-10<br>Bar Bingo 4:00 pm<br>27 | 28 | Bar Bingo 6:30 pm<br>Executive Board Meeting 7:00 pm<br>29 | SAL Dinners 5:30-7:30<br>Chef's Choice<br>30 | *1984: Aux. Foreign Relations Auction w/ auctioneer Jon Essig, attended by 10th Dist. Pres. Pat Coleman raised $207.50-donated to Our Little Brothers & Sisters Orphanage in Mexico.* | *Is it Spring yet?*<br> | |

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

HONOR AMERICA'S VETERANS — Wear a poppy with pride.

*Poppy Card Days Begin April 18: Poppy cards will be available at the pulltab booth in the Post Clubrooms; members and patrons will be able to donate and sign a card - cards will be displayed in the club. Anoka businesses will also be contacted. All Poppy donations are given to veterans and their families - all money is used from the Poppy Fund.*

## COMING IN MAY

4 - Donna Redepenning Testimonial - Anoka
6 - Jr/Sr Pot Luck Supper 6:30 pm
6 - Aux. Meeting/Election of Officers
10 - Dept. Cmdr. Testimonial - Roseville
10 - Castle Field Game 3 pm St. Paul Saints vs Anoka Bucs
16-17 - Poppy Days
26 - Memorial Day Service 10:00 am
31 - Dept Pres. Testimonial - Walker