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LEGIONVILLE CAMP-O-REE

On September 11-13th the Annual Legionville Camp-O-Ree was held. The weather was not good at all on the first night (Friday) rained a lot so the pork feed was not so great. Saturday was much better with a beautiful day for the rally. It was well attended. We had many guests, including our Department President Marsha Bible and Department Commander Al Davis who spoke to us.

The Anoka Post, Auxiliary and SAL was well represented. Some were first-timers.

Post 102 member Darrel Redepenning announced that he is coming out as a candidate for 10th District Commander. Membership turn in was very good. Anoka turned in 20 Legion, 109 Auxiliary and 30 SAL. Total turn in of the rally was 2263!

Saturday you were on your own with meals or eat at the dining hall, meals by SAL. The chili feed had a lot of people at 10:00 pm this year.

Sunday morning around 7:00 am campers were starting to go home. It is such a good time for a good fund "Legionville School Patrol", every member should try it once. Maybe you can plan on it next year.

Cathy Newman

Plan On Attending: The Joint Meeting October 6th w/Boys & Girls Staters and The Veterans Day Dinner November 7th.

ADJUTANT'S NOTES

by Gary Munkholm

Paul Adler gave the General Membership an update on the recent National shooting award of Emily Quiner, a member of our Legion sponsored shooting team, and the trophy she won.

Guest Betty Erickson presented the General Membership with a trophy for 1st place at the 2009 National Convention for the Al Weinberg Newspaper Award for Large Posts. This is quite an honor for our Post and congratulations to our editorial and publishing staff for their hard work.

Adjutant reported we had 2 new applicants for membership. David Skrypez was voted in as a new member and Michael Gulbranson as a transfer member. A hearty welcome to these 2 new members and we hope to see you both at our future meetings.

Members were also encouraged to look at the new **Paid Up For Life rate schedule** taking effect on **October 1, 2009**. If you were considering paying up your dues as a life member it is a good time to consider it. The new rates are listed in your recent Legionnaire Newspaper.

Post Service Officer Frank Menter reported on the hospital equipment usage. Mention was made of the passing away of Jerry Weaver last month.

Ron Wolford gave us a membership report with 510 members to date and 553 members on this date last year. Everyone is reminded to get your dues in right away and not wait until the last minute to renew them.

Joe Zimmerman announced the upcoming '55' Alive refresher course on October 5 being held at our Post. Members are encouraged to check your certificates and make sure they haven't expired.

Commander Werbowski announced the **Early Bird Dinner on October 15** and the **Veterans Day Dinner** on **November 7**.

Donations approved this month were:

Anoka Halloween Committee	500.00
Sandburg MS Special Ed Department	200.00
Lincoln Elementary Adopt–a-School	150.00
Association for Retarded Citizens	200.00
Anoka-Ramsey CC Nursing Scholarship	500.00

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Post 102 extends sincere sympathy to the family of

DONALD T. PAQUETTE

Don was a 47 year member of The American Legion and a World War II Veteran.

Legion Golf Tournament Saturday, September 6th

Greenhaven Golf Course, temp. 80 degrees, no rain forecast – we got wet again! Fifty-two players participated, the winners were: Low Gross - Eric Przybyla 68, Mike Kinney 72, Paul Sather 75. Low Net – Dale Sager 60, Joe Lucken 65, Steve Steele 66, Carl Hedstrom 66, Wayne Marks 67, Ken Bordeaux 68. Non-handicap (Peoria) – Wade Hefner 60, Todd Allen 65, Steve Lewis 69.

Lots of prizes donated by: National Guard, Dahlheimer/Grosslin Bev., Gregs/Cooper Dist., Post 102, SAL, and Anoka Legion Riders. Thanks to all of them and to our club manager Denise for getting them. Also thanks to Catering Central for another great dinner.

Last of all, thanks to Larry Norland and his staff at Greenhaven, they do a lot to make this a success; to co-chairman Larry Kitt, to Liz Abeln and Roseanne Reindl for helping with prizes. Everyone won something.

Jerry Abeln

POST HOSPITAL EQUIPMENT

Effective Now

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.

Anyone else wanting to use the equipment will have to have a member of the Post 102 family serve as their sponsor.

Also call Frank if you know of anyone hospitalized so the word can get out.

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Commander's Column
Gregg Werbowski

Well here it is 3 months into my year of being your Post Commander and the only true thing that I can say is the time has gone by fast already. July was Department Convention and then the week after that was the first Membership Rally at St. Francis.

August 24th myself, 2nd Vice Cmdr. Fadi Awaijane and two members of the SAL, Tom Clark and Lance Nelson did a complete cleaning of the Post's kitchen ceiling. Thanks to the company that Tom works at for furnishing some of the cleaner to do this job. Take a look next time you walk by.

A special congrats goes to our very own Post Newspaper Editor Betty Erickson for winning the 1st Place for our newspaper from the National American Legion Press Association. WAY TO GO BETTY!

The weekend of September 11, 12 and 13 was spent at Legionville for the 40th annual Camp-O-Ree. What a beautiful area to see. If you have never been to Legionville, stop in there sometime, what a great and inspiring place. Lets help keep it going.

I'm asking for help from the entire Legion family to come to the Post on October 25, 2009 for a Campus Clean-up. This would spruce up the property so it looks great for the big Anoka Halloween Parade on the following Saturday, October 31, 2009.

Thanks to All ~ Lets Soar Like an Eagle!

ANOKA WINS FIRST IN NALPA BEST PAPERS CONTEST

Edward B. Cutter Post 102 paper won the Al Weinberg Award in category 3-A (Large Posts, 750 & over members) in the National American Legion Press Association contest this year. NALPA President Dolly Zitur of Brainerd presented the Presidents Merit Award for 2009 to Al Zdon, a past National NALPA President. The incoming 2010 president is from California and Area 3 Vice President (our area) is John Thompson, Nebraska Legionnaire editor. The annual awards luncheon was held during the National Convention in Louisville, KY; attending from Anoka were Liz Abeln, Doris Nunnelee and myself.

Other Minnesota winners: 1st Place – *The Minnesota Legionnaire,* (Departments over 100,000) Al Zdon, editor; 1st Place - Am. Leg. Dept. of Minnesota Website (Dept. Websites) Laura Weber & Al Zdon; 1st Place Guest Editorial – Don Heinzman of Elk River, editorial writer for ECM newspapers (reprinted in the MN Legionnaire). 2nd Place – 6th District Newsletter (2-A District, County Region) Don Smith, editor of Brainerd and Fridley 303 Journal (3-B Posts 250 to 749) Gene Rafferty, editor.

For this past year, those who wrote the columns, articles, took the pictures and took the time to made this paper what it is, thank you all; especially Tom Knotz, who can do anything and everything on his computer and has such patience.

Betty Erickson, Editor

S.A.L. NEWS
Commander Charlie Heemer
Whatever it Takes

Welcome to our newest dual member Bill Knight.

Al Amundson, Curt Hauser, myself and our guests attended the Legionville Camp-O-Ree. A good time was had by all. Several Squadron members also attended the St. Francis membership rally and the SAL Detachment convention at Legionville.

The Squadron gave donations of $50 to the following: Anoka-Champlin Fire Department, American Legion Brain Science Foundation, Meals on Wheels and $91 to Adopt-a-School Lincoln Elem. of the Arts.

The Wednesday night dinners are starting to pick up again. Help is needed in the afternoon or Tuesday night for prep work. If you can help, please contact Al Amundsn.

A special thank you goes out to Tom Clark, Lance Nelson, Commander Gregg Werbowski and SAL advisor Fadi Awaijane for taking on the job of cleaning the kitchen. A job well done. Thank you also to Bauer Services for donating the supplies needed.

2010 dues are due NOW. They must be paid in order to attend the Early Bird dinner on October 15th. Our current membership is at 50%

Our deepest sympathy goes out to the family of Rory Omdahl who passed away on August 30th. Rory was a 15 year member of Squadron 102. He will be deeply missed and well remembered by the Squadron and many friends at the Post.

President's Column

Darlene Thell

September is going by quickly. On Labor Day weekend our two Post members, Cathy and Cliff Newman worked at the State Fair Veterans booth, and once again had a fun time. Thank you to both of you.

The Legionville Camp-O-Ree was held during the 2nd weekend in September. This was my first trip to Legionville and I had a fun time – great food and camaraderie.

October is going to be a busy month for us. Our October 6th meeting will be a joint meeting with the Boys and Girls Staters at 7:00 pm.

The annual Fall Conference will be held on October 22 - 24th at Pequot Lakes. Make your own housing requests. Department Headquarters will be at Breezy Point Resort: 1-800-432-3777.

DINNER DONATION

A request by the Unit Executive Committee to suggest a $1 donation to defray the cost of the meal for the Early Bird Dinner was approved by the members at the September 1 Unit meeting. This would not include Junior members.

Auxiliary Membership

Anoka turned in 109 at the Legionville Rally September 12 and added to previous turn-ins and recent mail, we have 193 seniors and 31 juniors – 224 paid members – 60% of our GOAL. Thank you all!

Of the 32 ladies to receive continuous member pins, 20 have paid at this time, the remaining 12 ladies are greatly needed. **Anyone who has year pins they no longer need or want, please bring them to the Early Bird. For the presentations this year, 11 previously awarded year pins returned to the Unit will be given to those honored this year.** Thank you all for doing that!

Finally National has sent the dues notices in August. If you have not yet paid – please do so as soon as you possibly can – **DUES ARE DUE NOW!**

Betty Erickson, Chairman

Past Unit Presidents

We will get together on Monday, October 19, at **7:00 p.m. in the upper hall at the Legion Post.** This will be our time to hold a short meeting and plan activities for the 2009-2010 Auxiliary year.

Please join us for refreshments and planning.

Karen Orr, Chair (427-1248)
Lenora Root, Co-Chair

Auxiliary Early Bird Dinner & Silent Auction Initiation Ceremony Continuous Year Pins Presentation Senior and Junior Members Monday, October 13, 2009

The dinner and silent auction, initiation ceremony and continuous year pins presentation will be held Monday, October 12, members should arrive by 6:00 pm, dinner is served promptly at 6:30 pm.

Silent Auction items that members have brought in the past included: crafts, home canned pickles or jams, fresh homemade cookies, bars, cakes; collectable, knick-knacks, books puzzles, patriotic items, seasonal Halloween, Christmas and Easter items, or just good stuff! Bidding will start at $1.00 and please be generous, the **money raised will be used for our own Girls State expenses**, to the **Department Girls State Program** and to the **Department Scholarship Fund**.

Initiation of new members will be held AND if you have never received your Auxiliary pin at an initiation, please mention that when you check in that evening.

Those 32 members receiving continuous year pins from 20 to 60 years who have already paid have been reminded, others will be as soon at their dues are paid.

Juniors are invited to attend and help with the auction. ALL members – junior and senior, MUST have their dues paid by October 6 and reservations MUST be made to be able to attend!!!

Call
Betty Erickson 421-4562
Darlene Thell 753-3064
or the pull tab booth at the Post 421-0883

Pocket Flags Sent!

"A flag for your pocket so you can always carry a little piece of home. We are praying for you and we are proud of you. Thank you for defending our country and our freedom"

These 87 flags and printed cards were sent to troops who left Anoka in April for Iraq.

Unit members folded these flags for the Pocket Flag Project; we have many more flags we can send, so please let us know if you know of a troop company that could use them.

Cathy Newman
VA&R Chairman

JAN'S JOTTINGS

by Jan Reiter

The regular meeting of Edward B. Cutter American Legion Auxiliary was held on Tuesday, September 1, 2009. The June 2, 2009 minutes were approved with corrections.

President Darlene presented her list of Committee Chairmen - motion made and approved.

Americanism – Motion by Lynette Pavin to have the Americanism **box** sent around for 50¢ if you were not wearing your Auxiliary pin. Lynette Pavin reminded everybody to fly their flags on September 11, 17 and 19. She said they worked on the pocket flags over the summer.

Children & Youth – Just a reminder to still save Campbell's soup labels, box tops for education, pop tabs and Kemp's points for education and give them to your local schools.

Finance – The Finance committee presented the proposed budget with one addition, $75 to the National Candidate fund. Motion made to approve the proposed budget – carried.

Fund Raising – Last casino trip netted a profit of $170. Another trip is planned to Turtle Lake on Wednesday, September 23. An overnighter to Jackpot is September 18-19th.

Girls State – Kathy Zwerdling read thank you cards from the three Girls Staters, Erin Hilliard, Amanda Kaas and Sammie Sager.

Home Service – Keep saving post cards and stamps and your time helping a veteran at home or making something for a veteran. These are all hours we can put on our report at the end of the year.

Junior's Activities – Next meeting will be September 19 with election and installation of officers. They will be making decorations for the Early Bird Dinner. October 17th will be the Junior Fun Day at Princeton. Motion made and approved to have their annual Halloween fund raiser on October 30.

Memorial – We have had two members pass away, Past President Della McArdle and Gold Star Mother Rae Griffin.

Newspaper – September 15th Betty Erickson reported that the paper won 1st place at the National Press Award Ceremony.

Past President's Parley – The Past President's June Gold Star Dinner was held June 6th at Maverick. There were 13 past presidents, 1 Gold Star mother and 3 Auxiliary members with over 50 year memberships.

Poppy – Dody Schanhaar has been Poppy chairman for over 40 years and in appreciation of her dedication the Executive board has decided to pay her Auxiliary dues for 2 years. Thank you Dody!

Public Relations – If there is anything you would like in the Union please call Darlene Thell, our PR lady and President. She will make sure it gets in.

Sunshine – A get well card to Harriet Bune and a sympathy card to the Della McArdle family.

New Business – Cathy Newman stated that church hours will count on Community Service hours. Donna Redepenning made a motion for money for the Adult Day Care Bingo on September 22 in Richfield. This money is used for cookies, ice cream and $.25 prizes. This motion was carried.

Delegates for Department Convention reported that we did well on awards, Lynette and Cathy marched with the 10th District Auxiliary Color Guard in the parade.

Lynette Pavin reported that SAL member Rory Omdahl passed away.

Sue Nunnelee reported about the National Convention in Kentucky. She said the resolution to raise dues failed. The IRS will be reviewing the status of non-profit organizations so the American Legion Auxiliary will be making changes such as having a Board of Directors, CEO and CFO and many more.

Our Kris Nelson form MN is running for National President. The new President is from New Mexico and her theme is "Service Not Self". Sue Nunnelee, Doris Nunnelee, Liz Abeln, Betty Erickson, Donna Redepenning and Reva Oelschlager were all at the convention. MN had the largest group of massed colors. Sue carried the Units American flag. A motion was made to adopt a resolution in support of a Veterans Clinic in the Ramsey Town Center Development, approved.

Next meeting is Tuesday, October 6 at 7:00 pm - Joint Meeting with the Post to hear the Boys and Girls Staters.

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

OCTOBER 2009

22 - 25 Dept. Fall Conference - Pequot Lakes

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL FOOD DRINK SPECIALS PRIZES	**Ghosts of Anoka Walking Tours** **"Monuments to Life" Cemetary Tours Forest Hill - Anoka also Coon Rapids & East Bethel** **Call the History Center - 763-421-0600**		**Every Thursday & Friday Grill Open 5:00 – 8:30 pm** **Bar Bingo 7:00 pm** 1	**Meat Raffle 5:00 pm Bar Bingo 6:30 pm** 2	***October 31, 1921: Anoka sets mark for Halloween; 10,000 celebrate "Biggest Night"*** 3
Club Open 12-10 Bar Bingo 3:00 pm 4	***October 31, 1948: "Pumpkin Bowl" first named by Barbara Flanagan, Mpls. Tribune - Miss America Bebe Shoppe of Hopkins attended.*** 5	**Joint Meeting 7 pm w/Boys & Girls Staters General Membership S.A.L. & Auxiliary Meetings to follow Post & Aux. Early Bird Cutoff** 6	**SAL Dinner 5:30-7:00 Steak, Chicken, Shrimp, Salisbury Steak, Stuffed Shrimp Your Choice $7.50 Steak & Shrimp Combo $10.00** 7	**Bar Bingo 7:00 pm** 8	**Meat Raffle 5:00 pm Bar Bingo 6:30 pm** 9	***October 31, 1960: First tie in Pumpkin Bowl history, Anoka 0 Wayzata 0*** 10
Club Open 12-10 Bar Bingo 3:00 pm 11	**Aux. Early Bird Dinner 6:00 pm Silent Auction Initiation Year Pins** ***Columbus Day (observed)*** 12	**NEWSPAPER MEETING 7:00 pm** 13	**SAL Sponsored Dinner 5:30-7:00** **Aux. Twin Rivers Bingo 2:30 pm** **Pumpkin Bowl 7:00 pm vs. Elk River** 14	**Post Early Bird Dinner 7:00 pm** **Bar Bingo 7:00 pm** 15	**Meat Raffle 5:00 pm Bar Bingo 6:30 pm** 16	**Jr. Aux. Meeting 12 Noon** **Free Halloween Fun Anoka Rum River Library 1:30 - 2:30 pm** 17
Club Open 12-10 Bar Bingo 3:00 pm 18	**Past Pres. Parley Meeting 7:00 pm** 19	**House & Ent.** Meeting 7:00 pm 20	**SAL Dinner 5:30-7:00 Steak, Chicken, Shrimp, Salisbury Steak, Stuffed Shrimp Your Choice $7.50 Steak & Shrimp Combo $10.00 Prime Rib $8.50** 21	**Bar Bingo 7:00 pm** 22	**Meat Raffle 5:00 pm Bar Bingo 6:30 pm** 23	**Light Up The Night Parade 7:00 pm** 24
Club Open 12-10 Bar Bingo 3:00 pm 25	***October 31, 1967: Last Halloween celebration held at night.*** 26	**Executive Board Meeting 7:00 pm** **Anoka Halloween Bingo 6:30-9:30** 27	**SAL Dinner 5:30-7:00 Steak, Chicken, Shrimp, Salisbury Steak, Stuffed Shrimp Your Choice $7.50 Steak & Shrimp Combo $10.00** 28	**Bar Bingo 7:00 pm** 29	**Halloween Kids Parade 1:15 pm** **Meat Raffle 5:00 pm Bar Bingo 6:30 pm** 30	**Halloween Grande Day Parade 1:00 pm Junior Aux. Fund Raiser** **Halloween 5K Run 12:50 pm** 31
NOVEMBER 1ST Annual Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast 7:30 am - 12:30 pm Everyone Welcome	**Coming in November** 1 Daylight Savings Ends (fall back) 1 50th Annual Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast 7:30 am - 12:30 pm Everyone Welcome 7 Veterans Day Dinner		7 District Rally - Coon Rapids 2:00 pm 14 Dept. 8th & 10th Rally 26 Thanksgiving TBA American Education Week		**1st Friday each month Red Cross Bloodmobile at Post 7 AM - 1 PM**	**Flag Display Days** **12th - Columbus Day 27th - Navy Day**