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ADJUTANT'S NOTES

by Gary Munkholm

A hearty welcome to the newest member of Anoka Post 102 Dean Abatte. We hope to see you at future meetings and join us in fellowship during other times of the week.

Membership report was given by Ron Wolford with 778 members to date and 791 members on this date last year. Be sure to ask your friends and neighbors if they belong to the American Legion Family and invite them to join in case they haven't been asked before.

The general membership approved the sponsorship of a Woman's softball team and a Men's softball team.

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

Donation to the ACBC food shelf	$2,000
Support fishing trip for VAMC patients	$100
Donation to the Military Museum	$250
Donation to support Veterans on the Lake	$250
Legion Baseball team insurance	$350
Post 102 Color Guard Uniforms	$400
Assist needy Veterans or Families	$1,500
Emergency Money	$500

The "Support our Troops" Patriotic license plates you can purchase for your car/truck have been in the news lately. The extra money you pay for the "Support our Troops" plates is supposed to be used as support for military families and homeless and needy Veterans in Minnesota. Two problems with the Patriotic plates still exist and you need to contact your State Congressman and get them corrected. Problem one is the State Legislature **put a cap on the amount of money from the Patriotic plates that can go to helping military families with the remainder of the funds going to state government**. The second problem just recently in the news was **a political appointee was paid $30,000 from money from the "Support our Troops" license plate fund towards her salary**. I ask all of our American Legion family members to call or write your representative and ask them to help correct these grave errors in misleading our citizens. Anoka representatives are:

Jim Abeler District 48B Representative
State Office Building #203
100 Rev Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.
St. Paul, MN 55155-1206
Phone 651-296-1729

Mike Jungbauer District 48 Senator
State Office Building #121
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St. Paul, MN 55155-1206
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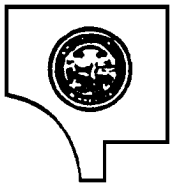
Post 102 extends sincere sympathy to the families of

GORDON E. MAAG
Gordon was a 25 year member of The American Legion and a Korean Veteran

SYLVAN BAUER
Sylvan was a 42 year member of The American Legion and a World War II Veteran



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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 ☐ Grandmother
☐ Wife ☐ Great-Granddaughter
☐ Sister ☐ Self
☐ Daughter (step-relative also apply)
☐ Granddaughter

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

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Commander's Column
Gregg Werbowski

Happy Spring to Everyone!

Our Legion birthday dinner was a great success. A huge thank you to the Auxiliary for organizing and to all Auxiliary and Legion members who helped set up and decorate. A very huge thank you to the SAL for a very great dinner. Thank you to the Junior Girls for serving the cake.

We were also very impressed by Brooke Newman – granddaughter of Cliff and Cathy Newman who did American sign language of the Pledge of Allegiance. What a great night it was. Also thanks to the guest speakers, Al Davis, Darlene Wondra, Bill Peters and Mercedes Efta.

See everyone around the club –
and remember "Let's soar like an eagle"

Anoka County Veterans Service Officer Duane Krueger To Retire April 2

Wayne Wallace presents Duane with a plaque on behalf of the Post, Unit and SAL for 36 years of service to veterans.

Duane spoke to Post, Unit and SAL members a little about his office which serves 27,000 veterans in Anoka County.

There is a real need now, in 2008 and again in 2009, their clients grew by 800 each year; they take pride in helping every one.

Duane is a member of Coon Rapids Post, a past 10th Dist. Commander 1984-85 and wants a reminder when the next Post 102 Wild Game Dinner will be held.

– from Unit Sec. Jan Reiter's notes.

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

Hello Spring. Hopefully the warmer weather will get more people outside and enable them to participate in our Squadron activities.

The 10th District Convention is being held at Osseo the 21st to 23rd of May. Anyone interested in being a delegate please see me.

Wednesday dinners have been slow but will increase with the snowbirds coming home. We still need help with this fundraiser. Please see me or Al A. if interested in helping.

We gave donations of $50 to Meals on Wheels, $350 and 34 pounds of food to the ACBC Food Shelf.

A big thank you goes out to the SAL cooking team for the wonderful food served at the birthday dinner.

We have several special dinners coming up this spring and summer that the SAL will be cooking. If interested see me or Al A. for dates and time.

Our membership is still coming in. If you are delinquent in your dues, please pay now as to avoid being reinstated and losing your membership years of service.

Happy Easter to one and all!

Additions to our SAL
Wednesday Dinner Specials include:

April 7
Country Fried Steak ~ $7.50

April 14
Pork Chop ~ $7.50

April 24
Prime Rib ~ $9.00

April 28
Pork Chop ~ $7.50

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

BIRTHDAY DINNER 2010

As Chairperson for the Legion Birthday Dinner March 13, 2010 I am excited to report the the SAL prepared and served an awesome stuffed Pork Chop dinner to a total of 86 in attendance. Many members of the Legion and Auxiliary came on Saturday morning to help set up and our guests complimented on the good meal and enjoyable evening.

I thank all those who helped to make this special yearly celebration a fantastic time.

Sincerely,
Norah Wyman

Past Commanders
Rear L-R: Dept. Cmdr. Al Davis, Darrel Redepenning, Sam Orr, Cliff Newman, Rick Oelschlager and Gary Munkholm.
Front L-R: Jim Hays, Larry Phillips, Bob Duclos and Wayne Wallace.

Past Presidents
Rear L-R: Sandy Phillips, Kathy Zwerdling, Jan Reiter, Lynette Pavin, Karen Orr, Sue Nunnelee, Donna Redepenning, Norah Wyman, Darlene Thell, and Dept. 1st Vice Pres. Darlene Wondra.
Front L-R: Betty Erickson, Doris Adkins, Cathy Newman and Lenora Root.

L-R: Department Commander Al Davis, Commander Gregg Werbowski, SAL Commander Charlie Heemer, President Darlene Thell, Department 1st Vice Darlene Wondra, Department Junior Auxiliary President Mercedes Efta and SAL Detachment Commander Bill Peters.

50 Year Members
Rear L-R: Milt Setzler, Dick Raatz, Gordy Raihle, Bob Hastings and Joe Zimmerman.
Front L-R: Kathy Zwerdling, June Bendix, Doris Adkins and Wayne Wallace.

Juniors helped serve cake for birthday dinner.

President's Column
Darlene Thell

The past month has been busy, but fun. On Feb. 11th Sandy Phillips, Cathy Newman and I took part in the Mpls. VA Medical Center Veterans Art Show. The artistic talents of our veterans were amazing. All 1st place entries will go on to the 2010 National Veterans Creative Arts program.

Thank you SAL for inviting me to the Membership Party on Feb. 14th. Lots of prizes were given out; plus a beautiful afghan crocheted by Auxiliary member Marianne Voit brought in money through a raffle – thank you Marianne. Wonderful food was prepared and served by the SAL.

That evening I attended a dinner given in honor of National Commander Clarence Hill, at the Coon Rapids American Legion. It was a wonderful evening and an honor to attend.

I attended the SAL Sweetheart Fridley rally on Feb. 20th. It was another good rally, but we do need all members to renew their membership soon. Thank you. A very delicious lunch was served.

On Feb. 27th I took part in the Junior Girls District Fun Day at our Anoka Post. Thank you to Sue Nunnelee for all you did to make this a fun event. The girls painted and decorated wood frames, in which they will place a photo of the person whom they are eligible to be a member of the Auxiliary. Their project will be entered at the District Convention in May. They also made St. Patricks Day favors for our veterans. Our District President Flora Ellefson and District Commander Tess Davis were also there.

Thank you to all Legion, SAL and Auxiliary members who donated items for the VA Shower.

Thank you to all members who donated items for our annual auction that was held after our March 2nd meeting. And thank you to all Legion, SAL and Auxiliary members who took part in the auction. We were also honored during our meeting with the presence of Anoka County Veteran Service Director Duane Krueger. He was honored with a plaque, and he also spoke to us.

Thank you to all who attended the Birthday Dinner. It was a wonderful evening celebrating 91 years of our American Legion. A special thank you to Brooke Newman, Jr. Auxiliary member who did signing during our Pledge of Allegiance. Also a big thank you to Gary Munkholm, who provided beautiful music for us during our social hour.

Our next meeting is on April 6th. Please come.

JAN'S JOTTINGS
by Jan Reiter

The regular meeting of Edward B. Cutter American Legion Auxiliary was held on Tuesday, March 2, 2010 at 7:00 pm.

Americanism: Lynette sent a box around for $.50 for those who did not wear their auxiliary pin. She said if you wear the American Flag pin wear it on the left side over your heart. Remember to fly your flags everyday.

Girls State: Kathy Zwerdling said there will be an Assembly for the girls that are eligible for Girls State... A motion was made to send in registration of $750 for 3 Girls Staters. Approved.

Juniors: District Fun Day was in Anoka on Feb 27. There were 12 juniors from 5 units. The juniors made crafts for District Conference which will be March 27 in Fridley. Sue Nunnelee made a motion to give $25, from the junior fund, to the Department Junior's President's project. Approved.

Past President's Parley: Karen Orr made 10 bibs from towels donated by the YMCA. She will be giving these to the VA.

Poppy: Sandy Phillips has got her order of poppies. Sandy would like to try something new since we are not getting enough people to help. She made a motion to send out poppy letters with a poppy in them, asking for a donation to this program. This would go to Auxiliary members only. Approved.

V & R: Cathy Newman reported that she, Darlene Thell & Sandy Phillips went to the state MN Veterans Creative Arts Festival and how wonderful it was. There will be a National Creative Arts Festival in LaCrosse, WI on October 18-24. Cathy also thanked everyone who brought items for the VA shower. She reported that on February 10th she took Valentines, made by the Juniors, to 20 veterans along with a box of candy hearts at AMRTC.

Unfinished Business: Kathy Zwerdling reported she sent a box of goodies to a soldier in Afghanistan. We will send a couple more after the White Elephant Auction which the money will go to support the troops in Afghanistan. Kathy also reported about the scholarship in Netha Feist's name. The Feist family would like the scholarship given to a student going into Education, being Netha was a teacher. It could be a girl or boy. This would be decided by a counselor with our qualifications met. The Feist family would like to honor their Mom this way and would like us to take care of it. They would like the Auxiliary to match the Legion's scholarship for Warren Feist which is $750. The family thanked us for doing this.

Donations:

Fisher House	$100
Legionville	50
Children's Miracle Network	50
Forgotten Children	100
Anoka Cty Campership	150
MN Home School	50
ACBC	100
AnokaCty Historical Soc	50
Meals on Wheels	50
Armed Forces Center	100

Casino Bus Trips

Thank you to all that recently donated prizes for our recent bus trip to Jackpot Junction.

The bus trip wasn't as successful as those in the past as we were unable to fill the bus. It has been decided to hold only one trip to Jackpot Junction a year instead of our usual two.

Also, due to the lack of participation the Tuesday bus trips to Turtle Lake have been discontinued. We are now going to hold a couple of Saturday trips during the year to the Turtle Lake Casino and hopefully we will get more participants. The first one is scheduled for May 15th. Donated prizes will also be welcomed for this trip.

Carol Hathaway, Barb Fechner and
Sandy Phillips

40 Auctions

Pictured is Cmdr. Gregg with his empty box (but he also did get the "insides".

Following the Post, SAL and Unit meetings and lunches on March 2, auctioneer and 1st Vice Commander Ron Wolford began the event with the first item up for bidding. And bid they did getting the donations higher and higher; even the Posts' guest Anoka County VSO Duane Krueger had to get large bag to carry his purchases.

The Unit thanks these members for their wonderful spirit of giving and those who donated so many really nice items.

Americanism Chmn. Lynette Pavin and 2nd Vice. Pres. Ann Larson assisted Ron with the wrapped items and home made food and crafts.

The total of $406 will be used to support our troops.

Thank you all!

Veterans Home

As Department Chairman for the Minneapolis Veteran's Home I set up a distribution room for the residents twice a month. Items distributed are personal care items, underwear, t-shirts, lap ropes, quilts, etc. I however get requests for baseball caps and suspenders, but my budget does not allow me to purchase these items as they are too expensive. I'm now seeking help of our members. If you have any new or slightly used baseball caps or suspenders please call me at 763-754-3800 or drop the items off at the Legion. Guys – maybe it is time to give up your cap collection to a worthy cause! Or if anyone knows of a company that would be willing to donate caps please give me a call also. Thanks for any help you can me.

Sandy Phillips
Minneapolis Veterans Home
Department of Minnesota Representative

ATTENTION FISHER PEOPLE

The Anoka American Legion will be hosting a rod building class on Monday 12 & 19 April. It is a 2-day class given by Gary Wicks of Gary's Custom Rod & Reel.

A 6'6" ML spinning or bait casting – $75. A 7'6" Muskie – $100 and 8'6" Muskie – $135. Sign up at pull tabs or see Paul Adler.

Anoka Unit 102 Auxiliary
Spring-Mothers Day Plant Sale

Price $17.00

Buy Plant Gift Cards

April 6th - May 4th 2010

at Anoka Legion Pull Tab Booth

or From a Auxiliary Member

Make Checks Payable to

Anoka Unit 102

Impatiens

Ivy Geraniums

Petunia

Mixed Baskets

Swedish Ivy

Many, Many More Selections Available

Plant Pick-Up Times

April 8th - June 8th 2010

at

Green Valley Greenhouse

Ramsey, MN

Proceeds Help Support Our Veterans and Community Programs

Credits: Anoka historical items from past years of the Fred Moore Middle School Calendar Club.

APRIL 2010

Children & Youth Month

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Post 102 Bowlers / State Tourney **Singles & Doubles – Apr. 17 – 11:30 am** **Team Event – April 18 – 12 noon** **Stars & Strikes Center – Wyoming** **Host – Post 225 Forest Lake**		**Department Junior Conference** **April 9 – Fun Night** **April 10 – Meetings 9:00 am** **Waite Park – 6th District**		**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	**1st Friday each month** **Red Cross Bloodmobile** **at Post 7 AM - 1 PM** 3
CLUB CLOSED Easter 4	*120 years ago* *April 1890:* *Anokans debate 'Herd Law': Should cattle roam free in the city?* 5	**Post General Mem.** **7:30 pm** **S.A.L. Mtg.** **7:00 pm** **Auxiliary Mtg. 7:00 pm** **Reports Due** 6	**SAL Sponsored** **Dinner 5:30-7:00** **Steak, Chicken,** **or Stuffed Shrimp $7.50** **Steak & Shrimp Combo** **$10.00** 7	**Bar Bingo** **7:00 pm** 8	**Dept. Junior Conference – Waite Park** **Meat Raffle 5:00 pm** **Bar Bingo 6:30 pm** 9	**Dist. Cmdr Tess Davis** **Testimonial** **Princeton** 10
Club Open 12-10 Bar Bingo 3:00 pm 11	*110 years ago* *Around 1900:* *A sign at both ends of the Miss. River bridge read: "Five dollar fine for driving or riding across this bridge faster than a walk."* 12	**NEWSPAPER MEETING** **7:00 pm** 13	**SAL Sponsored** **Dinner 5:30-7:00** **Steak, Chicken,** **or Stuffed Shrimp $7.50** **Steak & Shrimp Combo** **$10.00** **Aux. Twin Rivers Bingo** **2:15 pm** 14	**Bar Bingo** **7:00 pm** 15	**Meat Raffle 5:00 pm** **Bar Bingo 6:30 pm** 16	**Anoka Post** at State Bowling Tourney Wyoming, MN **Dist. Pres.** **Flora Ellefson** **Testimonial** **Coon Rapids 11 am** 17
Anoka Post at State Bowling Tourney Wyoming, MN Club Open 12-10 Bar Bingo 3:00 pm 18	*90 years ago* *April 1920:* *Third Avenue residents threaten to shoot if drivers don't drive at legal speed.* 19	**House & Ent.** Meeting 7:00 pm 20	**SAL Sponsored** **Dinner 5:30-7:00** **Steak, Chicken,** **or Stuffed Shrimp $7.50** **Steak & Shrimp Combo** **$10.00** **Legion Riders 7 pm** 21	**Bar Bingo** **7:00 pm** 22	**Meat Raffle 5:00 pm** **Bar Bingo 6:30 pm** 23	**Dept. Aerial Roundup** Crystal Airport 11 am **Dept. Cmdr. Al Davis** **Testimonial** **Anoka 5 pm** 24
Club Open 12-10 Bar Bingo 3:00 pm 25	*90 years ago* *April 21, 1920:* *League of Women Voters organize the women of Anoka.* 26	**Executive Board** Meeting 7:00 pm 27	**SAL Sponsored** **Dinner 5:30-7:00** **Steak, Chicken,** **or Stuffed Shrimp $7.50** **Steak & Shrimp Combo** **$10.00** 28	**Bar Bingo** **7:00 pm** 29	**Meat Raffle 5:00 pm** **Bar Bingo 6:30 pm** 30	**FLAG DISPLAY DAY** **APRIL 4** **EASTER SUNDAY**

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Coming in May

4	Jr./Sr. Pot Luck Supper 6:30 pm
4	Aux. meeting / Election of Officers
9	Mothers Day
14-15	Poppy Days
22-23	Dist. Convention – Osseo-Maple Grove
22	Dept. Pres. Marsha Bible Testimonial – Waite Park
31	Memorial Day Service 10:00 am