

LEGIONVILLE CAMPOREE SEPTEMBER 6-9, 2012

The Annual Legionville Camporee was held on the shores of North Long Lake, Brainerd Minnesota. There was a nice representation of Legion and Auxiliary members from our Anoka Post 102 that attended the rally on Saturday.

The usual Pork Feed Friday evening, Fish Fry lunch and Chili feed were wonderful and enjoyed by all. It was good to hear Dept. Cmdr. Don Pankake, Dept. Pres. Raleen Tolzmann, 10th Dist. Cmdr. Bob Locker, 10th Dist. Pres. Shaaron Barnes, SAL Vice Cmdr. Al Amundson. (SAL Dist. Cmdr. Charlie Heemer unable to attend), Detachment Cmdr. Gary Semmel, 10th Dist. Director of the Legion Riders Matt Berens and Steve Sullivan of The Legacy Run Riders speak of upcoming plans.



The Legionville School Patrol Training Center Inc. was established by The Minnesota American Legion, for the purpose of training young people in the correct school procedures. Legionville is seeking funds to upgrade this wonderful facility. The plans are to make this a year-round facility that can be used for other activities besides the school patrol. Please plan to attend next year – good food and camaraderie and a lot of fun.

Plan On Attending: The Joint Meeting October 2nd w/Boys & Girls Staters

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ADJUTANT'S NOTES

by Gary Munkholm

A hearty welcome to newest members of Anoka Post 102: Bill Bassett sponsored by Gary Reimann, Scott Farrar sponsored by Paul Adler, Laura Tuckner sponsored by Jim Hays and Robert Fossum sponsored by Gary Munkholm. We hope to see you at future meetings and join us in fellowship during other times of the week. With these new members, the Post is at 522 members and leading the 10th District in total numbers. If you haven't renewed by now please send in your dues and a reminder that you can also renew on line at the American Legion National web site.

Vice Commander Ray Turnquist has volunteered to be a Guardian for the Honor Flight of Post member Ralph Cameron. The \$500 cost of the flight for a Guardian was covered by our Gambling Account and Kwik Trip's donation of \$250 to the Post. Ray attended training sessions to be a Guardian on the Honor Flights which send our World War II veterans to see the National World War II memorial and grave site of the Unknown Soldier.

The Post wishes the best of everything to Rick Oelschlager running for 10th District Commander and Donna Redepenny for 10th District President. We are proud to see our Legion Family members continue to be represented at the District level.

Congratulations to Past Commander Ron Wolford for receiving the National Achievement Award for Children and Youth for which he is the 10th District representative.

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

Anoka Halloween Committee	\$500
River Trail Learning Center for Special Ed	\$200
Legion Department pheasant dinners	\$100
Lincoln Elementary Adopt-A-School program	\$150
Anoka Middle School for Special Education	\$200
Honor Flight Guardian program	\$250
Post for monthly utilities cost	\$2,350
Assist needy Veterans or Family	\$1,500
Emergency money	\$500



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Post 102 extends sincere sympathy to the families of



ALEXANDER W. WILSON

Alex was a 43 year member of The American Legion and a Korean War Veteran

JERRY E. JACOB

Jerry was a 12 year member of The American Legion and a World War II Veteran

BERNARD J. OKONEK

Bernard was a 4 year member of The American Legion and a Korean War Veteran

The Veterans Day Dinner November 10th with Guest Speaker John Kriesel the new Veterans Service Director of Anoka County

IN OCTOBER

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

TUESDAYS
1/4 lb. Burger Basket – \$5.00

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

5th Fish Fry \$8.00

12th Liver & Onions \$8.00

19th Hot Turkey Sandwich \$9.00
with Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Veg & Roll

26th Orientl Chicken Wrap \$9.00
with Fries or Tots

Tax included on all the above.



Commander's Column Gary Reimann

Greetings,

I hope everyone had a great Labor Day weekend. Fall is just around the corner.

"Just Ask" somebody to join the American Legion, friend or neighbor (that is an eligible veteran). What a great organization! Never forget freedom is not free.

Are we counting the cost of Freedom today? Though we are born into a free country, let us not forget that many paid a heavy price for our freedom. It wasn't cheap.

We still need some good strong young men to participate in our Honor Guard.

Good Bless America

August 29, 2012

The newest Kwik Trip held their Grand Opening in Anoka. Kwik Trip Management asked for Post representation at the grand opening, they wanted to present the Post with a \$250.00 donation. Jim Hays and Cliff Newman accepted the check. We also accepted a check for the Vietnam Veterans of Anoka.



Junior Legion Shooting Sports

Patrick Sunderman, sponsored by Anoka Post 102, was a very close 3rd Place finisher (Precision Division) in the 22nd annual American Legion Junior 3-Position Air Rifle National Championship.

Held August 11 at the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, CO., Patrick had 2,451.8 points out of a possible 2,509; 1st was 2,457.5 and 2nd was 2,451.9.

Congratulations Patrick!

EVERYONE PLEASE NOTE

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

www.anokalegion.org

Viewing on-line rather than getting a printed copy will help us cut printing and postage costs.

Let us know and we will remove your name from the mailing list for the newspaper. Thank you.

Try it once and see if this will work for you!

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.

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President's Column

Darlene Thell

Hello Auxiliary Members,

I have thank you's to give out. Thanks Donna and Darrel Redpenning for attending the National Convention in August, and reporting back to us about the events that took place. Jocelyn and Fadi Awaijane, Cathy and Cliff Newman and Bill Engstrom for working the American Legion Dept. Veterans booth at the State Fair, letting the public know the American Legion takes care of our Veterans, serves our community, supports Legionville School Safety Patrol, Boys/Girls State, Oratorical, etc.

Please turn in your volunteer hours before or at our monthly meeting; If you can't attend the meetings, our community service chairperson Ann Larson will gladly take your hours by phone 763-496-9778 or call me at 763-753-3064. Community service and all other volunteer hours are very important because the American Legion Auxiliary uses those hours to report to Congress what our members do as volunteers. So many of you volunteer in many areas and may not know how important those hours are to our Auxiliary. Thank you.

October 2nd will be an exciting time as we will have our annual joint meeting with Girls/Boys Staters attending and telling us about the experiences and what they learned. Please come. Also come to our Early Bird Dinner on Monday evening October 8th. This is always a fun evening with a dinner, silent auction, initiation of new members and a continuous year pin presentation. Please bring an item for the silent auction, whether you attend or not.

See you around the Post and always keep your veterans, military and those that lost their lives, to keep our world free in your prayers. It's not about us; it is about them.

God Bless America

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

sponsored by

**Post 102 Legion Riders & Unit 102 ALA
November 11, 2012**

Details to Follow



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.**

Anoka American Legion Auxiliary Unit 102 & Sons of the American Legion Squadron 102



Proudly Presents



Remembering the King

Christmas Show

December 1st, 2012



Tickets go on sale October 1st

Anoka American Legion
400 West Main
Anoka, MN 55303

Tickets \$25

Dinner 5:30-6:30PM

Showtime 7-9PM

Buffet Dinner

Silent Auction

Only 150 tickets available, prepaid admission required!

Tickets can be bought at Post 102 Pull Tab Booth or send check to Sandy Phillips 3012-127th Lane NW, Coon Rapids, MN 55448. Make check payable to the order of: Unit 102 ALA. Questions call Post 763-421-8003 or Sandy at 763-754-3800.

Seeking Silent Auction Donations

On December 1st Unit 102 Auxiliary along with Post 102 Sons of the American Legion is holding a Fund Raisers to raise revenue for our many Veteran and Community projects. Along with the Sons of the American Legion we will be hosting a dinner-show featuring the Elvis Experience. Cost of tickets are \$25.00 per person and will be on sale at the Post Club after October 1, 2012.

Another part of the fund raiser for the Auxiliary will be a silent auction to be held that evening during the dinner and show. Donations are needed for this auction and I am asking for donations from our members. Donations from our Legionnaires and SAL members are also welcomed.

Suggested items: Homemade Christmas breads, cookies, lefse, etc., theme baskets, gift cards and gift certificates, homemade quilts or Afghans, any nice craft item, jewelry, homemade pickles, any nice/unique Christmas Decoration, kids toys, etc. Let your imagination run wild! We are hoping people can do some of their Christmas shopping at the Auction!

Do you frequent a certain business? Ask them for a donation. I am also looking for help to solicit for donations in downtown Anoka and Riverdale. Please call me if you are willing to help. If you have a donation you may drop it off at the Post Club Rooms and put my name on it or I would be willing to pick it up from you! This fund raiser is very important and needs to be a successful one as a couple of the others that we did in the past are no longer available to us. We need to keep supporting our American Legion Auxiliary programs - especially the ones involving our veterans and troops!

Sandy Phillips, Chairman
763-754-3800

JAN'S JOTTINGS

by Jan Reiter

The regular meeting of Edward B. Cutter American Legion Auxiliary was held on Tuesday, September 4, 2012. The regular Auxiliary meeting was opened by President Darlene Thell. Darlene announced her chairman special appointments and a motion was made to approve this list. Carried. A new member joined us, Jennifer Gates.

Fund Raising: Carol Hathaway said she is still working on getting the casino trips back. Sandy Phillips reported the Elvis Experience tickets will be selling on October 1. She is in need of a lot of help to get some Silent Auction items from businesses. She also motioned to host a Pancake Breakfast with the Legion Riders on November 11th along with a Bake Sale. Carried. The bake sale money will be just the auxiliary's money.

Girl's State: Kathy Zwerdling read some thank you cards from some of the Girl Staters. Next month we will have the Girls and Boys Staters at our joint meeting to speak about their adventures. Meeting will be at 7:00pm.

Membership: Betty Erickson reported that we should be receiving our dues notice the middle of September and if you have paid yours already, ignore it. Betty made a motion to continue the "special member fund" which pays for those members that for some reason cannot afford to pay their dues.

Memorial: The memorials for our deceased will go to the Dept. Girls State Program.

National Security: Cathy Newman said she sent two boxes this summer to the troops.

VA & R: Cathy Newman stated she and Sandy Phillips went to the open house for the new Veterans Nursing Home/Alzheimer's wing. They both helped out at the Veterans Stand Down. Jan Reiter and Sandy Phillips did 6-5-4 at the VA in June. Sandy and Cathy did the Stand Down for 6 hours. They helped over 800 veterans.

Unfinished Business: Sandy Phillips announced that Darlene Thell won the Public Relations in the Northwestern Division and Cathy Newman's reports went on to National. Barb Ridge was presented the President's Choice Award for her Past President's report. Cathy Newman won \$25 for her Support the troops report and she donated it to the unit to be used for postage for sending boxes to the troops. The Creative Arts Festival is the Dept. President's project.

Auxiliary Membership

When you receive your 2013 dues notice from National office – don't put it aside – write your check, mail it, drop it off at pull-tabs, make your reservation for the Early Bird Dinner – do it now!! If you have already paid, please be patient because corrections have to be made to your new 2013 membership cards. Any questions – call 763-421-4562.

Betty Erickson, Chairman

Auxiliary Early Bird Dinner Senior and Junior Members Monday, October 8, 2012

*Silent Auction ~ Initiation Ceremony and
Continuous Year Pins Presentation*

Silent Auction items brought by members in past years have included: home canned pickles, jams & jellies; fresh homemade cookies, bars & cakes; crafts, collectibles, books, puzzles, patriotic items, knick-knacks, seasonal - Halloween - Christmas - Easter, etc. Great stuff has been donated for this yearly special event! Bidding starts at \$1.00 - please be generous, the **money raised will be used for the Netha Feist Scholarship Fund (\$250) with the remainder to the National American Legion Auxiliary Foundation.**

Initiation of new members and those who never had the opportunity to receive an Auxiliary pin at this ceremony - please mention "initiation" when you check in.

Those **42 members** receiving **continuous year pins** from **20 to 60 years** who have paid their 2012 dues have been reminded, those not yet paid - please do so before the dinner.

Junior members are invited to attend.

All members MUST have their dues paid and **reservations made by October 2** to be able to attend!!

Call

Betty Erickson – 421-4562 or Jan Reiter - 427-3733
or the pulltab booth at the Post 421-0883.

Wreaths Across America





Many of you may know what happens at our State and National Cemeteries each year, during the holiday season, with the placing of Christmas wreaths at the graves of veterans. In 2007, a family, along with veterans and others who had helped with their annual Christmas Wreath Ceremony in Arlington, formed Wreaths Across America, to continue and expand this effort, and support other groups around the country who wanted to do the same. This non-profit organization continues the Arlington tradition as part of its mission to Remember, Honor and Teach.

I believe we're all members of this Auxiliary in honor of our veterans, military and those that gave their lives, and I would like to have the support of our members in contributing to this wonderful program. I will have a basket for donations, at a table, during our next Unit meeting and at the Early Bird dinner. If you can spare a dollar or two it would be greatly appreciated.

If you cannot get to these events and would like to donate, you can send it to me. Call me for my address 763-753-3064. There will be a special ceremony at the Fort Snelling National Cemetery on Saturday, December 15, at 11 am. It is put on by the Civil Air Patrol.

Thank you – Darlene Thell

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1st Friday each month Red Cross Bloodmobile at Post 7 AM - 1 PM	 Flag Display Days 10th - Columbus Day 27th - Navy Day	Joint Meeting 7 pm w/Boys & Girls Staters General Membership S.A.L. & Auxiliary Meetings to follow Aux. Early Bird Dinner Cut-Off	SAL Dinners 5:30-7:00 and Prime Rib \$11.00	SEE MENU ON PAGE 2 for THURSDAY & FRIDAY MENU		Harvest Rally Cambridge
Club Open 12-10 Bar Bingo 4:00 pm	Auxiliary Early Bird Dinner Silent Auction Initiation Year Pins 6 pm	Oct. 3, 1972: Aux. President Barb Fechner will address the general membership meeting on Tues.	SAL Dinners 5:30-7:00 and Country Fried Steak \$8.00 Aux. Twin Rivers Bingo 2:15 pm Columbus Day	Post Early Bird Dinner 7:00 pm	Meat Raffle 5:30 pm Bar Bingo 7:00 pm HALLOWEEN PUMPKIN BOWL Champlin Park at Anoka	8th & 10th Rally 8th District
Club Open 12-10 Bar Bingo 4:00 pm	40 years ago: 1973 Post Budget Committee includes Warren Feist, Howard Menter, Russ Holmes, Bob Duclos with Finance Officer Al Moe and Commander Bud Redepenning. 1973 Budget must be completed and approved by end of 1972. All committee chairmen are requested to have their proposed budgets submitted ASAP.	NEWSPAPER MEETING 7:00 pm	SAL Dinners 5:30-7:00 Prime Rib \$11.00 Legion Riders Meeting 7 pm	40 years ago: October 18, 1972 will be the 4th annual Auxiliary Fall Luncheon 11am to 1:30pm tickets \$1.50. All members will be called for donations by the Officers and Ex. Board. Everyone is invited to attend and bring a friend.	Meat Raffle 5:30 pm Bar Bingo 7:00 pm	Light Up the Night Parade 7:00 pm
Club Open 12-10 Bar Bingo 4:00 pm		House & Ent. Meeting 7:00 pm	SAL Dinners 5:30-7:00 Steak, Chicken, or Shrimp \$8.00 Steak & Shrimp Combo \$11.00	Chairman Pat Wallace reported the Unit cleared over \$500 at the next Aux. meeting.	Meat Raffle 5:30 pm Bar Bingo 7:00 pm Halloween Kids Parade 1:15 pm	Halloween 5K Run 12:50 pm Grande Day Parade 1:00 pm Jr. Aux. Fund Raiser upper hall Navy Day
Club Open 12-10 Bar Bingo 4:00 pm 53rd annual Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast 7:30am - 12:30pm Everyone Welcome		Anoka Halloween Bingo 6:30 - 9:30 Executive Board Meeting 7:00 pm	SAL Dinners 5:30-7:00 Steak, Chicken, or Shrimp \$8.00 Steak & Shrimp Combo \$11.00 HALLOWEEN			40 years ago: BRING-YOUR-OWN-STEAK FRY will be Saturday, October 14, 1972 at the clubrooms. This is a break-even type of affair! Bring and broil (or burn) your own steak. The grill will be hot and ready for cooking at 6:00 pm until 8:00 pm. Bring your own BBQ tools. Hashbrowns, rolls, etc., will be furnished at \$1.50 per person. Dancing to live music from 9 till 1. Members and guests are invited.
BAR SPECIALS during VIKINGS FOOTBALL GAMES		Coming in November 4 Daylight Savings Ends (fall back) 6 Election Date - VOTE 10 Veterans Day Dinner - ALA Birthday 11 Veterans Day 18 Veterans Rally - Wayzata 22 Thanksgiving Day				