



**JOIN US
NEW YEAR'S DAY
FOR A FREE BRUNCH**

All paid
Post, Unit, Juniors, SAL members, and
a guest are invited.
If not yet paid - you may do so that day.

**Past Presidents Parley BAKE SALE
at New Years Day Brunch**

Annual New Years Day Brunch

Club Open 10:00 am to 5:00 pm • Brunch served 11:00 to 1:00 pm

Club Open to the Public at 1:00 pm

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Adjutant's Notes

by Gary Munkholm

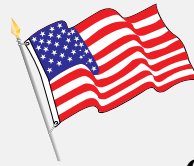
1. Reminder to everyone that the club is hosting the 10th District's Mid Winter Convention on January 4th and we encourage all of you to attend and help represent Post 102. If you can be available to help out the Convention Committee let Cliff Newman know.
2. **If you haven't paid your dues as of this newsletter please make an effort to send them in. You may also pay your dues by using the National American Legion website.**
3. Post 102 Past Commanders look forward to seeing all Legion members attend their New Years brunch on New Year's Day. Your Legion membership is good for a free brunch for you and a guest..
4. 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.
5. Gambling manager Paul Adler presented the following list of donations for the last month which were approved by the general membership:

a. Donation to Boy Scouts	\$400
b. Reimbursement for Wild Game Dinner expenses	\$500
c. Reimbursement for School Patrol Party	\$350
d. City of Anoka support USCPA Dog trails	\$500
e. Support Youth Athletics	\$300
f. Vets Transportation Fund	\$500
g. Parade Flags	\$100
h. City of Anoka for Water & Light costs	\$1,700
i. Center Point Energy for gas costs	\$325
j. U.S. Treasury for tax on wagering	\$400
k. Assist needy Veterans & Families	\$1,500
l. 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 families of



CHARLES A. BETHEL

CHARLES was a 32 year member of The American Legion
and a World War II Veteran

IN JANUARY

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

MONDAYS

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

3rd~ Fish Fry-All you can eat \$9.00

10th ~ Ham Steak – \$9.00

with Au gratin Potatoes, Vegetable & Roll

17th ~ Meat Loaf - \$9.00

with Mashed Potatoes, Vegetable & Roll

24th ~ Open-face Turkey Commercial - \$9.00

with Mashed Potatoes & Vegetable

31st ~ Chili Burger Deluxe - \$8.00

with French Fries or Tots

Tax included on all the above.

CATERING CENTRAL

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

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

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**Commander
Gary Reimann**

Brrr... 5 degrees below zero this morning as I'm writing my newspaper article.

We still need over 100 members to make All Time High - let's all ask our own Post members to renew or neighbors that are eligible to belong to the Legion.

The Wild Game Dinner was a huge success, a total of 75 people with a few dignitaries in attendance. A big thanks to the cooking crew and serving crew. I also want to thank all the donors of the meat for the dinner. St. Cloud VA missed out for the 3rd straight year, too bad - maybe next year.

I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving and don't forget our veterans for Christmas, also Toys for Joy. Try to help a family of a veteran that is serving away from home now.

What a great country ~ Thank a veteran for that!



**S.A.L. Commander
Patrick Vevea**

Happy Holiday's to the Legion Family

Sorry for no article last month, I was deer hunting. The Sharpshooter got two, so I was able to make a donation for the Wild Game Feed. To everyone who was able to donate, thank you very much. Once again, our 'Wild' cooks did a great job! We had a special appearance from Terry Johnson and his son Jeremy. It was like old times.

Mid-winter Conference is here at Anoka on January 4. If you will be attending, please see Al Amundson or Cliff Newman.

At our last meeting our 2014 Budget was passed. Thanks to Al for all his hard work on that.

*Till next time -- Keep warm and happy, and Happy New Year
In God and Country!*

46TH ANNUAL VETERANS WILD GAME DINNER IS SUCCESSFUL

December weather is always unpredictable and after two years in a row with weather problems on the second Saturday of the month, we thought moving it up a week would solve our problem. WRONG! This year it wasn't a snow problem, instead it was a below zero problem.

For many years our Special Guests have been patients from the Minneapolis and St. Cloud V.A. Medical Centers. This year we were expecting 29 from Minneapolis and 24 from St. Cloud. But, for the third year in a row St. Cloud had to cancel because of weather. Minneapolis called Friday, with plans to scale back a bit and still attend. They made it with 7 veteran patients.

New to us this year, were 5 veteran patients from the Golden Living Nursing Home here in Anoka. Also new this year (more by coincidence) were 18 members of the Legions Department Strategic Planning Committee, who had a meeting scheduled that morning at our Post and were also invited to join in. Those plus Anoka County

Dignitaries, Viet Nam Veteran Honor Guard members, Anoka Legion family volunteers and guests made for a nice hall full of wild game eaters.

Once again I would like to thank all our hunters for the large donation of game and all of our members that volunteer time to this event every year. Special thanks to S.A.L Commander "Chunk" and Past S.A.L Commander "Jimbo" for once again assembling the "Wild Game Cooking Team". They always do a fantastic job and have for many years.

I get all the compliments and they do all the work so I want to make sure credit is given where credit is due. It takes a lot of volunteers to pull this off every year and our Guests are always very appreciative. Mark your calendars for next year and the 47th Veterans Wild Game Dinner and maybe, just maybe, the weather will cooperate for a change.

Thanks, Darrel Redepenning



L-R: SAL Cmdr. Pat, Unit Pres. Lynette, Chmn. Darrel, Dist. Pres. Donna, Dist. Cmdr. Dick Juhl, Post Cmdr, Gary.



L-R: SAL Cmdr. Pat, Jim Batters, Jeremy Johnson, Tim Dahlheimer, Greg Whichello, Terry Johnson.

Jan's Greetings

by Jan Reiter

The regular meeting of Edward B. Cutter American Legion Auxiliary was held on Tuesday, December 3, 2013. The regular Auxiliary meeting was opened by President Lynette Pavin with a prayer, pledge, preamble and song. The November 5, 2013 meeting minutes were approved
Treasurer's Report by Jeanene Hays was read and placed on file for audit.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Children & Youth: Norah Wyman reported she has a single mother and 7 year old daughter for a Christmas basket and bought things for the family.

Field Service: Bingo will be December 11, 2:15 pm, at Golden Living Care Center. Lynette delivered Cards and \$2 to the 15 Veterans at the Golden Living Care Center on Veterans Day.

Home Service: The auxiliary collects commemorative, express mail, foreign and air mail stamps, picture postcards and S&H stamps. Lynette received a package of these stamps and even some old S&H stamps from a retired teacher. She will be trimming them over Christmas.

Junior Activities: The Department Junior Conference will be April 11&12 at Hopkins.

Leadership: Jan Reiter reported there will be a leadership class put on by the Coon Rapids Legion on January 18, 2014 at a cost of \$10.

Memorial: Jean Parvey stated that she will be making a prayer book for Lynette so if you would like any prayers in her book give them to Jean. Also Dolly Zitur is doing one for President Shirley if you have any prayers send them to her. Jean read a Christmas letter from President Shirley wishing everyone Happy Holidays and remember Veterans during the Holidays.

Past Presidents: Sue Nunnelee announced the December 11th Christmas Party. Remember the New Years Day bake sale and start making baked goods and freeze them for that day.

Unfinished Business: A slip was sent around for Auxiliary members to help out at Mid-Winter Conference, January 4, 2014. At the Mid-Winter there will be a silent auction, profits will go to the MN and the National Creative Arts Festivals. Cathy Newman stated that Hope for Youth in Anoka are in need of volunteers to help serve meals, food for pot lucks and clothes for teenagers.

New Business: Karen Orr presented a check for \$50, from the Zion Lydia Circle, to be used to support our troupe boxes. Lynette presented Donna Redepenning with a check for her project and a gift card. Donna motioned to have the Auxiliary cover the cost of ice cream for the Post Wild Game Dinner Dec. 7. Approved.

Donna also stated that we have 5 veterans at AMRTC and the Department and District are doing nothing for Christmas for them and she would like the Unit to help out. She moved that we buy and give them Gift Cards from Walmart for a total of up to \$100. Approved.

Lunch by Jan Reiter & Cathy Newman

Secretary: Jan Reiter



Apples Delivered to Schools

Thank you to all that helped bag and deliver all the apples for American Education Week. 800 shiny red apples were delivered to 10 Anoka area schools and were then distributed to the teachers, staff, cooks and custodians. It is a small token of appreciation given to our educators from The American Legion Family. A special thanks to Cliff for picking up the 800 apples from County Market.

Kathy Zwerdling
Education Chairman



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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

Thank you to all who helped bag and deliver apples to the Anoka schools. The wild game dinner was delicious as always - great job to all the cooks. Weather was again not at its best, but still had many veterans.

Membership is moving along very slowly - if you know of someone who hasn't paid their dues, remind them about it. Paying someones dues makes a great holiday gift.

Mid-Winter is again at Anoka, Saturday, January 4. If you are attending, let me know so you can be added to the list for registration (Anoka members are free).

Hope your holidays are merry and bright. Merry Christmas - Feliz Navidad - Happy New Year! Don't forget the New Years Day Brunch and Past President's Bake Sale.

Veterans Annual Christmas Gift Shop

On Dec. 4th & 5th the American Legion Auxiliary held the gift shop at the Minneapolis Veterans Home. Volunteers helped the Veterans pick out 2 gifts each for themselves or one for them and one for a family member. They had choices of a gift card from Walmart, man or ladies watch, quilted flannel/ denim jacket or various toiletries.

Punch and Christmas cookies were served. 341 Veterans went through the gift shop. Cathy and Cliff Newman attended from Anoka. Others in the picture came from the 4th District. There are 9 facilities (4 hospitals and 5 Veterans Homes) that have these gift shops. Money for all of this comes from the Units poppy funds that is donated to Department.

Cathy Newman
VA & R Chairman

P.S.: To do this for these Veterans makes you feel real good!



In Memoriam

MARION ANN (CHAPMAN) EHLEN

Marion, a 35 year Auxiliary member, was born July 27, 1926 in Maple Grove, MN and passed away December 3, 2013. Marion's membership was through husband Charlie.

Edward B. Cutter Unit 102 extends its sympathy to her family; a memorial to the Fort Snelling Rifle Squad was sent by the Unit.

Wreaths for the Fallen

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Wreaths for the Fallen project. The proceeds were used for holiday wreaths which will be placed at state veterans cemeteries in Minnesota (does not include Nat'l Cemetery at Fort Snelling).

Planned for December 14, the wreaths will be placed by the MN Patriot Guard, the Brainerd and St. Cloud Squadrons of the Civil Air Patrol and the general public.

Thank you again, Darlene Thell

Auxiliary Membership

Missing: 72 loyal Anoka Unit 102 members who have not yet paid their 2014 Auxiliary dues of \$25.00.

If your last name begins with one of the following letters - please check to see if you have paid - if in doubt, call me (763) 421-4562 (the # is how many have not paid).

B-8	C-2	D-6	F-4	G-5	H-7
J-5	K-1	L-2	M-7	N-2	O-4
P-1	R-5	S-7	T-4	V-2	

PLEASE - mail your dues to me:
1826 Cressy Ave., Anoka, MN 55303 or stop at the pulltab booth at the Legion. Your renewals are needed before January 4!

Betty Erickson, Chairman



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.*

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>Flag Display Days January 1st - New Year's Day January 20th Martin Luther King, Jr. Day</p>	<p>Proposed 1974 budget of \$55,655 approved - includes: post building, mortgage ins., taxes, repairs, maint., light, heat, bonds, telephone & post programs. Finance Pete Lish, comm.: Russ Holmes, Bob Duclos, Buster LaTuff, Rich Arvidson. 13</p>	<p>Bar Bingo 6:30 pm Post General Mem. 7:30 pm S.A.L. Mtg. 7:00 pm Auxiliary Mtg. 7:00 pm 7</p>	<p>Jan. 1st New Years Day Brunch Past Cmdr. serving 11:00 am - 1:00 pm Past Pres. Bake Sale during brunch Club Open 10 am - 5 pm 1</p>	<p>SEE MENU ON PAGE 2 for THURSDAY & FRIDAY MENU</p>	<p>Meat Raffle 5:30 pm Bar Bingo 7:00 pm 3</p>	<p>10th Dist. Mid-Winter Conference at Anoka Registration 7:30 am Session 9:00 am 4</p>
<p>Club Open 12-10 Bar Bingo 4:00 pm 5</p>	<p>MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY 20</p>	<p>Bar Bingo 6:30 pm NEWSPAPER MEETING 7:00 pm 14</p>	<p>SAL Dinners 5:30-7:30 Country Fried Steak \$8.00 Legion Riders Mtg. 7:00 pm 15</p>	<p>40 years ago/Jan. 1974: Santa visited Sunday afternoon, Dec. 9 at annual kids Christmas Party. Manager Mac McLean had things well organized as usual, Sue & Julie Abeln served pop & ice cream, coffee & cookies for the "older kids". Many brought a gift for Cambridge. Thanks Santa and Mac for a fine day. 16</p>	<p>Meat Raffle 5:30 pm Bar Bingo 7:00 pm 10</p>	<p>40 years ago/Jan. 1974: Christmas Toy Chairman Jerry Rane, Cmdr. Myron Way & C&Y Chmn. Bob Duclos delivered 150 toys, 2 cases hard candy & 500 insulated drinking mugs to Cambridge St. Hosp. children. Donated by Post 102, Tonka Toys & Thermo-Serv. 18</p>
<p>Club Open 12-10 Bar Bingo 4:00 pm 19</p>	<p>40 years ago: 1973 Dept. Fall Conf. general session, the Anoka History was cited as the outstanding seen. Congratulations-Mike Benyo, Joe Perrin, Bud R. 27</p>	<p>Bar Bingo 6:30 pm House & Ent. Meeting 7:00 pm 21</p>	<p>SAL Dinners 5:30-7:30 Smoked Pork Chop \$8.00 Past Pres. Sewing Bee 1:00 pm 22</p>	<p>20 yrs ago/1994: Santa Bryan Carlson, super elf Dick Helgeson & a young man who played guitar & sang carols entertained about 70 kids & 65 adults. 30</p>	<p>Meat Raffle 5:30 pm Bar Bingo 7:00 pm 24</p>	<p>Snowmobile Rally Anoka/stop 4:00 pm 25</p>
<p>Club Open 12-10 Bar Bingo 4:00 pm 26</p>	<p>January 1st New Years Day Brunch for all paid 2014 Legion, Auxiliary and SAL members - if not yet paid - you may do so that day.</p>	<p>Bar Bingo 6:30 pm Executive Board Meeting 7:00 pm 28</p>	<p>SAL Dinners 5:30-7:30 Walleye Dinner \$10.50 29</p>	<p>1-Dept. Rally - Waite Park 2-Four Chaplains Sunday 4-Membership Meetings 15-SAL Dist. Rally - Mound 19-Past Presidents Sewing Bee</p>	<p>Meat Raffle 5:30 pm Bar Bingo 7:00 pm 31</p>	<p>40 years ago/Jan. 1974: Candidates for Dept. Commander: Norm Arveson of Brainerd will be at our Jan. 8 general meeting; Don Gray of Winona will attend a later meeting.</p>
<p>EVERY WED STEAK \$8.50 - FISH OR SHRIMP \$8.00 - STEAK & SHRIMP \$11.00</p>						
<p>COMING IN FEBRUARY</p>						
<p>1-Dept. Rally - Waite Park 2-Four Chaplains Sunday 4-Membership Meetings 15-SAL Dist. Rally - Mound 19-Past Presidents Sewing Bee</p>						
<p>1st Friday each month Red Cross Bloodmobile at Post 7 AM - 1 PM</p>						