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ADJUTANT'S NOTES

by Gary Munkholm

It was announced recently that the city will officially move Castle Field baseball complex to the Anoka High School site. Because the Anoka American Legion originally owned Castle Field, our Post had 3 of our Post members on the city Castle Field Committee. The new location will retain the Castle Field name and all memorials in place at the present location will be moved to the Anoka High School site. The cost of putting the old site into safety compliances was not much different than moving the baseball field to Anoka High School.

If you are reading this newsletter and haven't paid your dues for the year please send them in as soon as possible. We are getting close to making our membership goal for the year and we need everyone's support. Remember that your membership counts with the show of numbers at the State and National level for congressional help to aid our fellow comrades.

Post Service Officer Frank Menter reported that Art Schlenker is doing well from his surgery, Larry Philips is recovering at home, and Ralph Reiter and Dick Schanhaar are not doing well. The Post gives its condolences to Joe Zimmerman as his son Tim Zimmerman recently passed away.

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

ACBC donation to support the food shelf	$2,000
Donation to help support the State Military Museum	250
Minnesota American Legion Foundation for Vets	200
ARC of Minnesota for Adults with disabilities	200
Assist needy Veterans or Family	1,500
Emergency money	500

Post 102 extends sincere sympathy to the families of

ARVID W. SKOG

Arvid was a 37 year member of The American Legion and a World War II Veteran

DEAN (GIB) E. HOLMBO

Gib was a 56 year member of The American Legion and a Korean War Veteran.

Auction Action

Sue Nunnelee, Deb Mayasich & Gary Reimann

Auctioneer Gary Reimann, 2nd Vice. Commander, got the bidding action going on March 1st (after everyone had their meeting lunch) with a little shake of the first wrapped packages.

Deb Mayasich (2nd Vice. President) and Lynette Pavin assisted Gary with the unknown light and heavy, big and small until all were sold.

The Unit thanks all those: who bid (and some who were just talking with their hands); who brought the surprises – some really good, everyone made possible the total of $426 which was donated to Department for Minnesota's Girls State Program and Gift Shop (veterans).

Thank you ALL for attending this 41st auction!

FISHER PEOPLE
MAY 14

Are you ready?...a 2 day fishing rod building class given by Gary Wick will be held at the Post on Monday, April 12 & 13 at 6 pm.

Prices are $75 to $145 for spinning, casting, fly and muskie rods. Sign up at pull-tabs or see Paul Adler.

55 ALIVE

Driver Improvement – 4 Hour Refresher Course

MONDAY, APRIL 11 • 12:30 – 4:30 • Anoka Post 102

Cost: $12 AARP member $14 non-member

Openings Available
Contact Joe Zimmerman 421-4361

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Commander's Column
Ron Wolford

A young editor of a newspaper was complaining to the chief editor that there was nothing to put in the newspaper. The reply was just wait someone will do something worthy of making the paper. Well, sure enough, the Post was donated three flat screen televisions. There are two forty-two inch and one thirty-two inch televisions. The donor requested that his name not be given but the members of our Legion and guests say "thank you".

We had the Legion birthday party on March 12th. The speakers were great, the meal was super, and everyone had an awesome time. All I can say is if you missed the party you sure missed a great time. The Legion was to receive two great gifts. From the S.A.L. we received a stainless steel stock pot, six gallon and a steamer insert. The Auxiliary presented us with a new bulletin board of impressionable size for the hallway. Legionnaires, if you meet a member of either group be sure to express your gratitude.

Let me leave you with this thought: "A people that values its privileges above its principles soon loses both." Dwight D. Eisenhower.

Hope to see you all at the Legion.

S.A.L. NEWS
Commander Allen Amundson

In spite of a snowstorm, our S.A.L.. Membership Gala was a success. Many thanks to the 65 people who braved the elements and joined us in watching the Daytona 500. A big thank-you to Jim Batters and his kitchen crew for all their hard work and the delicious food. Also, to Rick Oelschlager for helping setup the equipment so we could view the race. Many thanks to Lance Nelson and Charlie Heemer for all their help. Dennis Blue was our MC again this year and did a terrific job. Thanks, Dennis!

Certificates of Appreciation were presented to Laura Blue, Lynette Pavin and Marianne Voit for all their help on Wednesday Dinners; they also helped during the event. The generosity of everyone allowed us to present the ACBC Food Shelf with $235.00 and 32 lbs of food.

I would like to welcome our new member Griffin Strom.
Please remember that you can still renew your membership and new members are always welcome.

Charlie and I attended the S.A.L. Sweetheart Rally in Wayzata on Feb. 26. There was an excellent turnout for the Rally and we had a total turn-in of 119 for the 10th District S.A.L. Both Charlie and I attended the S.A.L. Spring Conference (statewide) at Clearwater on Saturday, March 12. We had a good attendance and the meeting was very informative.

We had to hurry back here to attend our Post Birthday Dinner that evening. Several S.A.L. members were at the Birthday Dinner, but I want to say Many Thanks to Lance Nelson, Kevin Smith and Greg Smith for the outstanding job they did in preparing and serving the dinner. They were a little short-handed, but still did a terrific job. Thanks Guys! Our Birthday Gift to the Post this year was a 24qt SS Stockpot/Steamer. Happy Birthday American Legion!

Other donations included $100 to the Child Welfare Foundation.

Please don't forget our S.A.L. Sponsored Casino Bus trip to Turtle Lake on March 26. Come join in the fun.

Until next month...
"Let's Make a Difference"

Roast & Toast
10th District Commander
DARREL REDEPENNING

April 30, 2011
Social 5 pm ~ Dinner 6 pm
Anoka Post 102

Cost $15 per person
Mail your reservation to Jan Reiter
6522-153rd Lane NW, Anoka, MN 55303
or sign up at the pull-tab booth.
Reservations must be received by April 20, 2011
(no tickets will be sold at the door)
Questions call: 427-3733

Birthday Dinner

PAST COMMANDERS

Top row: *Cliff Newman, Sam Orr, Jim Hays, Darrel Redepenning and Rick Oelschlager.*

Seated: *Ron Wolford, Past Commanders Jerry Abeln, Larry Phillips and Wayne Wallace.*

PAST PRESIDENTS

Top row: *Betty Erickson, Barb Fechner, Sue Nunnelee, Liz Abeln, Norah Wyman, Lynette Pavin, Karen Orr, Donna Redepenning and Cathy Newman.*

Seated: *Sandy Phillips, Darlene Thell, Dody Schanhaar, Doris Adkins, Lenora Root and Kathy Zwerdling.*

GUESTS

Pres. Darlene, Cmdr. Ron, Dept. Cmdr. Tom Lannon, 1st. Vice Pres. Linda Thompson, Jr. Pres. Brittany Duffee-Dohm, SAL Detachment Cmdr. Bill Peters, SAL Cmdr. Al Amundson

50 Year Members

Top row: *Charlie Heemer (SAL), Dick Sorterberg, Jerry Abeln and Gordy Raihle.*

Seated: *Dody Schanaar, Kathy Zwerdling, June Bendix, Doris Adkins and Wayne Wallace.*

President's Column
Darlene Thell

Hello members,

Our 92nd Birthday of the wonderful American Legion, was celebrated on March 12th at our Post. It was a beautiful evening. Thank you to all who attended, and a huge thank you to our SAL for preparing and serving the delicious meal. I received compliments on the wonderful food from our distinguished Dept. guests. Present were Dept. Cmdr. Tom Lannon, Dept. SAL Detch. Cmdr. Bill Peters, Dept. 1st Vice Pres. Linda Thompson and Dept. Jr. Aux. Pres. Brittany Duffee-Dohm. Thanks to **all of them** for serving our **Department of Minnesota** so well.

A special thank you goes to Jr. Aux. girls Brooke and Lea Newman for doing the signing during our Pledge of Allegiance, a job well done. It was great to see so many past commanders, presidents, honored life and 50 plus year members celebrating the Birthday. Happy Birthday American Legion.

Thank you Post members who helped set up and also after clean up, after celebration to those who did some extra things that made the evening turn out well.

At our March Unit meeting flyers were passed out asking people to answer our past Dept. Commander Al Davis' plea to contact our House of Representatives, asking to keep the Veterans Affairs and Rehab to remain as a distinct and separate agency, and not combine it with Military Affairs. Please do this and pass the information on to others; if you don't know the name of your representative call 651-296-2146.

Let's always be there for our Veterans.

Auxiliary Membership
Only 21 Members Needed

Paid your 2011 dues?
If not – please send NOW!

In Memoriam

HELEN M. (KAISER) GROW

Helen, a 12 year Auxiliary member, was born December 30, 1920 in Royalton, MN and passed away February 26, 2011 in Coon Rapids.

Edward B. Cutter Unit 102 extends its sympathy to Helen's family; a memorial in her name to Project New Hope was sent by the Unit.

JAN'S JOTTINGS

by Jan Reiter

The regular meeting of Edward B. Cutter American Legion Auxiliary was held on Tuesday, March 1, 2011. Darlene introduced new members Jean Parvey and Connie Amundson.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Children & Youth: Norah Wyman reported keep collecting pop tabs, Campbell's soup labels and box top for education for our C&Y program.

Fund Raising: Carol Hathway reported the Casino trip to Jackpot Junction on Feb. 25th was an overnighter and made a profit of $957. There will be another one day trip to Turtle Lake for the SAL on March 26th and one for the Auxiliary on April 30th. Next overnighter will be in September or October. Lenora Root made a motion to have our annual plant sale and to leave the cost at $17.00. She suggested that for those who sold plants, for every 5 they sell, their name goes into a drawing for a plant, if they sell 10 it goes in twice, etc. Approved.

Girls State: Kathy Zwerdling reported County Day is **April 28**. The assembly at Anoka High School for Girls State is March 23 and interviews for Girl Staters will follow. Kathy made a motion to pay two Girls State registrations. Approved.

Junior Activities: Sue Nunnelee reported the Juniors will be having the Junior District Conference on **March 26th** at our Post. She is in need of help for this. Donation of bars and cookies are also needed.

Poppies: Sandy Phillips will be contacting schools for students to do poppy posters to be entered in the poppy contest.

UD&R: Donna Redeppening handed out a folder to new member Connie Amundson that evening.

Donations:

Dept. Pres. Project	$50	Fisher House	$100
Dept. Am. Leg. Aux. Em. Fund	200	Legionville	50
Nat'l Am. Leg. Aux. Em. Fund	100	Childrens Miracle Network	50
Forgotten Children	100	MN Home School	50
Anoka County Campership	150	ACBC	200
Anoka County Historical Society	50	Meals on Wheels	100
Dept. Scholarship Fund	100	Dept. Jr. Pres. Project	25
District Jr. Pres. Project	25	Am. Leg. Family Hospital Assn.	100

Unfinished Business: Sandy made a motion as the Legion's birthday gift, we will do a new bulletin board in the hallway and buy pamphlet holders to go with this. A motion was made to give Linda Thompson, 1st Vice. Pres. guest at birthday dinner, a $25 gas card for coming to the dinner. Both approved.

New Business: Sandy Phillips has checked into the "Elvis Experience" as a fund raiser for the Auxiliary, and the SAL. Approved.

Pres. Darlene talked about a soldier from Anoka that is very sick in the VA and if the Unit would be willing to do something for the family. A motion made to have the Unit send a $50 gas card to the family with a note with Pres. Darlene's name and phone number stating that if she needed any help from the Legion Family to give her a call. Approved.

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

APRIL 2011

Children & Youth Month

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Auxiliary Spring/Mothers Day Plant Sale **$17.00 purchase plant gift cards** **April 5th thru May 16th** **Plant pick up dates April 8th - June 8th** **Green Valley Greenhouse – Ramsey**		**Roast and Toast 10th District Commander** **DARREL REDEPENNING** **Saturday, April 30 - Anoka Post** **Social 5 pm – Dinner 6 pm** **$15 per person / Reservations by April 20** **No tickets sold at the door**		**Every Thursday & Friday** **Grill Open 5:00 – 8:30 pm** **FLAG DISPLAY DAY** **EASTER SUNDAY APRIL 24**	**Dist. Riders April Fools Day Rally - Mound** **Meat Raffle 5:30 pm** **Bar Bingo 7:00 pm** 1	**Dept. Appreciation Rally** **Apple Valley** 2
Club Open 12-10 Bar Bingo 3:00 pm 3	***70 years ago*** ***April 1941:*** ***Roland Castle appointed Anoka Police Chief (Post 102 Cmdr. 1944-45).*** 4	**Post General Mem. 7:30 pm** **S.A.L. Mtg. 7:00 pm** **Auxiliary Mtg. 7:00 pm** **Reports Due** 5	**SAL Dinners 5:30-7:00 and Country Fried Steak $8.00** 6	**Bar Bingo 7:00 pm** 7	**Meat Raffle 5:30 pm** **Bar Bingo 7:00 pm** 8	**47th Dept. Junior Conference Willmar** 9
Club Open 12-10 Bar Bingo 3:00 pm 10	**55 ALIVE Driver Improvement Refresher Course 12:30 – 4:30** 11	**NEWSPAPER MEETING ???** **Call Tom 763-755-6805** 12	**SAL Dinners 5:30-7:00 Steak, Chicken, or Stuffed Shrimp $7.50 Steak & Shrimp Combo $10.00** **Aux. Twin Rivers Bingo 2:15 pm** 13	**Bar Bingo 7:00 pm** 14	**Meat Raffle 5:30 pm** **Bar Bingo 7:00 pm** 15	**Dept. Pres. Darlene Wondra Testimonial Montgomery** 16
Club Open 12-10 Bar Bingo 3:00 pm **No. Suburban Band Pops Concert 3 pm Courtyards of Andover** 17	***50 years ago*** ***April 15, 1961:*** ***Robert Beckenbach Jr. is appointed Anoka Fire Chief.*** 18	**House & Ent.** Meeting 7:00 pm 19	**SAL Dinners 5:30-7:00 and Prime Rib $9.50** **Legion Riders Meeting 7 pm** 20	**Bar Bingo 7:00 pm** 21	**Meat Raffle 5:30 pm** **Bar Bingo 7:00 pm** 22	**79th Aerial Roundup Rally** 23
Easter Club Closed 24	***50 years ago*** ***April 27, 1961:*** ***Rod McArdle re-elected leader of Anoka Camera Club (Rod is a current 50 yr. Post 102 member.*** 25	**Executive Board** Meeting 7:00 pm 26	**SAL Dinners 5:30-7:00 Steak, Chicken, or Stuffed Shrimp $7.50 Steak & Shrimp Combo $10.00** **Cut-off for Turtle Lake** 27	**Boys & Girls County Day** **Anoka Co. Govt. Center** **Bar Bingo 7:00 pm** 28	**Meat Raffle 5:30 pm** **Bar Bingo 7:00 pm** **Minnesota Arbor Day** 29	**Aux. Bus to Turtle Lake 10 am** **Dist. Cmdr. Darrel Redepenning Roast & Toast Anoka 5 pm** 30

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Coming in May

3	Jr./Sr. Pot Luck Supper 6:30 pm	11	Awards Night - Anoka HS
3	Aux. meeting/Election of Officers	20-21	Poppy Days
7	Dept. Cmdr. Tom Lannon - LeCenter Testimonial	20-22	Dist. Convention – Fridley
8	Mothers Day	30	Memorial Day Service 10:00 am