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## 89th Anniversary of The American Legion

(Paris Caucus March 15-17, 1919)



Virgil Persing

Celebration of the  
89th Anniversary of the  
American Legion



Marie Goede



Lloyd Schaeffer

**BIRTHDAY DINNER**  
Commanders Hall - Post 102  
Saturday, March 8th  
Social 6:00 ~ Dinner 7:00

Baked Chicken Dinner ~ Mashed Potatoes  
Cole Slaw ~ Roll ~ Coffee  
Cost \$9.00

*Cut off date March 1, no reservations!  
Tickets sold at Pull Tab Booth.*



Elizabeth Blue

*Guest Speakers bio's on page 6*

### ATTENTION: 2008 Unpaid Members

THIS WILL BE THE LAST  
POST 102 NEWSPAPER  
YOU WILL RECEIVE UNLESS  
YOU RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP.

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ARE NOW PAST DUE.  
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TODAY!**



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# ADJUTANT'S NOTES

by Wayne D. Wallace

The Post Executive Committee meeting held January 29, 2008 heard the minutes from the previous meeting and reports from finance, clubroom and gambling.

The matter pertaining to Board of Directors Insurance was discussed. This insurance covers members of the Executive Committee protecting them for actions which could result in lawsuits. The insurance will be checked out for actual necessity with the Post attorney and also looked at a smaller premium cost if needed.

The Executive Committee accepted the voluntary lay-off of Club Manager Lannie Vaughn effective January 31, 2008. Assistant Club Manager Denise Adler was appointed Club Manager effective February 1, 2008.

Due to the popularity of Anoka Post 102 hosting the Midwinter Tenth District Conference due to the Post's central location within the Tenth District, the facilities and the conduct of events, the Tenth District Commander proposed Anoka Post 102 hold the Midwinter Conference every year. **The Executive Committee did approve hosting the District Midwinter Conference again in January 2009.**

The Executive Committee reviewed all requests for donations and those approved were recommended for approval to the Post General Membership.

The Post General Membership meeting held February 5, 2008 heard the minutes from the previous meeting and reports from Post officers and committee chairmen.

Post Adjutant reported Post members Stanley Morton and Kenneth Hostetler had passed away since the last meeting.

Adjutant reported (800) members are signed for 2008. There were (78) letters sent to unpaid 2008 Post members of which about (20) were returned with their dues payment. What is difficult to understand, is those **members with over (50) years down to (6) years who have not renewed and will be dropped from continuous membership the The American Legion. If you are one of those members, don't let it happen to you.**

The following Lawful Purpose donations/expenses projected for expenditure in February 2008 were approved by the Post General Membership:

1. RISE, Inc. (Support program for handicapped) ..... \$ 250
2. Legionville (Registration of (14) School Patrollers) ..... 2,300
3. Anoka Senior Party Assoc. (Graduating Sr's Party) ..... 300
4. City of Anoka (Water/light costs) ..... 1,300
5. Centerpoint Energy (Gas costs) ..... 1,500
6. U.S. Treasury (Tax on wagering) ..... 600
7. S.A. Van Dyk (Jr. Legion Baseball Insurance) ..... 315
8. Assist needy veterans / families ..... 1,500
9. Emergency money ..... 500

**Total taxes paid on gambling proceeds for January 2008:**  
**Minnesota Revenue: \$5,971      U.S. Treasury: \$320**

New member accepted by the Post General Membership was Mark D. Schaper. We welcome you into Post 102 and hope to see and meet you at our monthly Post meeting held the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30 PM.



**Post 102 extends sincere sympathy to the families of**



**STANLEY E. MORTON**

Stan was a 40 year member of The American Legion and a World War II Veteran.

**KENNETH L. HOSTETLER**

Kenneth was a 48 year member of The American Legion and a Korean War Veteran.



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*—John Adams, 1765*

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**Commander's  
Column  
Gary Munkholm**

A hearty welcome to our new club manager, Denise Adler. Our former club manager, Lannie, has retired and looks forward to helping out as an American Legion member in the future. Denise comes to us with a wealth of experience having been an employee of the club for 10 years and assistant club manager for the last 2 years. Next time you see her be sure to welcome her.

I am looking forward to spring and the warmer weather it brings. As I am getting older I realize that the cold weather isn't as much fun as when I was younger. Of course all of you snow birds down south have figured that out long before I mentioned it.

From time to time we forget how many volunteers it takes to keep our Legion Club operating. I would like to start recognizing some of the volunteers in this column every month so all of you can see we can't operate on just hired hands alone. A big thank you this month for volunteering at the club goes to Frank Menter for replacing lights and repairing tables, Gina Bridgeman, Karyn Buss, & Jill Larkin for kitchen help, Al Amundson for processing food orders, Miranda Oelschlager for office work and Lance Nelson for repairing light switches, replacing lights, painting and cleaning the deep fryer.

Lastly, don't forget to spend some time at the club and especially try some of our food nights. Our own club organizations are providing a great service to our patrons by offering food on Wednesday, Friday, and Sunday. Also check out the Happy Hour specials listed in Denise's Corner.

**DENISE'S CORNER**

**CLUB SPECIALS**

1. **Member Mondays**  
2nd drink free if you are a member
2. **Happy Hour**  
Tuesday thru Thursday  
From 1 to 6 pm – \$2 bar pour
3. **5 Beer Buckets**  
\$12 anytime from Sunday to Thursday
4. **2 for 1 Ice House**  
Thursdays 7 to 10 pm



**S.A.L. NEWS  
by  
Commander  
Lance Nelson**

Greetings to All,  
Once again, we have reached our All Time High - Thanks go to all of you for that! Special thanks to Charlie Hemmer for all the hard work of reaching Our Goal.

The Membership Party was a great time by all who attended.

Please remember to support our Wednesday night dinners by joining us or telling someone about it.

Until next time *Whatever it Takes!*



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The North Suburban Concert Band  
John Rosner, Music Director  
presents its annual

**Cathedral Concert**  
Sunday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2008 – 2:00pm  
Meadow Creek Church  
3037 Bunker Lake Blvd. NW, Andover, MN

**FREE ADMISSION!** (a freewill offering will be taken)

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# JAN'S JOTTINGS

by Jan Reiter

The regular meeting of Unit 102 was held on February 5th, 2008 at 7:00 pm. President Norah called the meeting to order; the prayer, pledge, preamble and singing of "America The Beautiful" opened the meeting.

**Children & Youth:** Lenora Root reported there are scholarships available and ready to be applied for.

**Fund Raising:** Pam Westlie announced a Craft & Flea Market will be held on April 12; \$15 per table, limit of 30 tables, 9am to 4pm, cut off date is March 22. Pres. Norah volunteered to run the food selling (11am to 2pm/sloppy joes, chips, water, pop and maybe baked goods from Aux. members). Lenora Root reported that the plants for our sale will be going up \$1; it was approved to have the plant sale and at the March meeting decide the price.

**Junior Activities:** At their Jan. 10 meeting, they made Valentine cards; on Jan. 29 had a planning meeting for the District Conference held at Anoka on March 29. The following \$25 donations were made from the Junior Fund to: Spirit of Youth Scholarship, Forgotten Childrens Fund, Minnesota Home School, Legionville, Natl. Veterans Creative Arts Festival, Girls State, Childrens Miracle Network, Dept. Pres. Project, Natl. Pres. Project, and \$50 for the Post 102 Birthday gift.

**Leadership:** Jan Reiter reminded everyone that next month she will have reports ready for all chairmen and will schedule a meeting March 29 for those that need help with them.

**Poppy:** Poppy Card Days begin April 18 to April 27; Poppy Day is May 16. Dody is in need of lots of help for both days.

**New Business:** Lynette Pavin was contacted by the Anoka County Historical Center and she helped out at the opening exhibit of "We Can Do It! Women in Wartime;" she noted that Katie Clark was also featured in the exhibit.

**Donations** approved were:

Dept. Am.Leg.Aux. Emergency Fund	\$200
Natl. Am.Leg.Aux. Emergency Fund	\$100
Fisher House	\$100
Legionville	\$100
Children's Miracle Network	\$100
Forgotten Children	\$100
Anoka County Campership (ARC)	\$300
Minn. Home School (Red Wing)	\$ 50
Legionville School Patrol Sponsor	\$160
Dept. Scholarship Fund	\$200
Servicemen's Center	\$500
Am.Leg. Family Hospital Assoc.	\$100
Veterans Rest Camp (Ely)	\$100 (additional)
Natl. Creative Arts Festival	\$100 (additional)
Minnesota Standdown	\$100 (additional)
Legacy Scholarship	\$100

**March 4 Meeting includes:** VA Shower items collected and following the meeting will be the annual auction for Post, SAL and Unit members.

## Auxiliary Membership

Your membership dues help fund the many programs of Unit 102 - note the Secretarys column with the listed donations.

Letters were mailed, phone calls made and now postcards will be sent to those members we need to make our GOAL and ALL TIME HIGH.

I'm sorry to say - this will be your last Post Paper you will receive.

The Unit needs You! Send your \$20 dues (payable to American Legion Auxiliary) to me:

Betty Erickson, Chairman  
1826 Cressy Ave., Anoka, MN 55303



Many Legion, Auxiliary and SAL members, from Anoka and elsewhere in the Tenth District, gathered at Post 102 for the annual Snowmobile Rally membership pick-up (with donuts and coffee) on January 2006.



## POST HOSPITAL EQUIPMENT

Effective January 1, 2008 . . . .  
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.



**President's Column**  
**Norah Wyman**

Winter is almost over and we are all glad for that fact. Time flies when we are having fun and staying so busy.

There are lots of jobs to do and many ways members can be involved. Even if you cannot attend meetings and/or events, please know there are things you can do from the sidelines.

If you have yet to pay your dues please do so.

Mark your calendar for all the upcoming things for March.

We have a fundraiser in April - a Craft Fair and Flea Market, we need help with donations for the luncheon we will serve to vendors and their customers. Call Pam or myself.

I am excited for Spring and we also host the Junior District conference at Anoka in late March and we will need help for that too, ladies. Call me (763-742-8822) and we will find some way you can contribute. Thank you.

**Art Show and Reception**

*You are invited to attend an Art Show and Reception honoring the local veterans who are participating in the 2008 National Veterans Creative Arts Competition.*

**Thurs., March 6, 2008 – 12:30 - 5:30 p.m.**

**Auditorium, Building 8, VA Medical Center, St. Cloud, MN**

*Veterans, family, friends, volunteers, and staff of the medical center are welcome to attend and congratulate our talented artists.*

*Refreshments will be served.*

*Hope to see you there!*

*For more information, contact  
Deb Drueger at 320-255-6480, ext. 6285  
or Amy Kimbler, ext. 6032*



**AUXILIARY UNIT 102**

**Edward B. Cutter Post 102, Anoka, MN 55303**

**Membership Eligibility** - Any Veteran who served at least one day of active duty during eligibility dates and your relationship to the Veteran is by one of the following, you are eligible to join the Auxiliary.

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

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

**Top 10 Tips to Avoid Consumer Scams**

1. Never disclose your credit card number, check routing information, or other banking information to telemarketers or other solicitors.
2. Do not believe claims that you need to pay in order to "collect" your "winnings" from a contest or to obtain a line of credit.
3. If you receive correspondence claiming that your financial institution or account has been jeopardized, do not immediately disclose your account number or other information. Contact the company at a telephone number or address that is listed in the telephone book, or that you know to be an accurate contact for the company.
4. Be wary of solicitations asking you to wire money or send payment to a foreign country. It may be difficult for law enforcement officials to pursue lost funds outside of the jurisdiction of the United States.
5. Do not send payment or wire money to a third party in response to a cashier's check or personal check "overpayment" in connection with your sale of a vehicle, product or service. Remember, just because the bank may make funds from a cashier's check available quickly does not mean the check is good. Financial institutions can take up to a week or longer to verify that a given cashier's check or personal check is legitimate.
6. Never respond to correspondence regarding a foreign lottery. These lotteries are illegal!
7. Do not open spam email, or "click" on attachments, images, or links in 3-mail messages, instant messages, or pop-up messages.
8. When shopping online, always use a secure website (preferably one that offers encryption) or a well-known payment service.
9. Do not disclose your pin numbers or other sensitive information in connection with a purchase unless you are absolutely positive that you are dealing with a reputable company.
10. Don't be rushed. People often make poor decisions when they are hurried. Most victims of scams later realize that if they had taken their time and thought it through, they would not have agreed to disclose their information or send money to a given scam operator. If it sounds "too good to be true," it is.

**Virgil Persing**  
**Department of Minnesota, The American Legion**  
**National Executive Committeeman**

Virgil Persing was elected National Executive Committeeman for Minnesota in 2005 and was re-elected in 2007. He represents the 104,000 Legionnaires of the state at the national level.

He is a 40-year member of Falldin Post 555 in Minneapolis. Persing is an Air Force veteran of the Korean War, and he resides in Columbia Heights.

He has served Minnesota's Fifth District as commander, vice commander, executive committeeman, and membership director. At the Department level, Persing has served as Department Commander (1995-96) and as Department Vice Commander.

He currently serves on the Department Finance Committee and he serves on the Board of Publications for the Minnesota Legionnaire. He has served as Legislative Committee chairman for four years, and on the Post Development Committee.

Nationally, Persing has served as chairman of the Distinguished Guest Transportation Committee, and he serves on the Distinguished Guest Committee. He and his wife, Mary, have five children and seven grandchildren.

He is a member of ANAVICUS, Voiture 45 of the 40/8, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Korean War Vets, Amvets, and he is a charter member of Minnesota StandDown and was chairman of the Board of Directors.

**Lloyd Schaeffer**  
**Sons of The American Legion**  
**Detachment Commander 2007-2008**

A member of Squadron 57 in Chaska for 11 years, qualified for membership under my father; a WWII Army Air Corp Veteran and Paid Up For Life member of Post 57, Chaska. A member of the Old Guard, a Third District American Legion Honor Guard representing the veterans of American wars ranging from the Revolutionary war until present day.

Positions held in the Sons of The American Legion:

- Past Detachment Membership Director for the 2007 membership year.
- Third District's Adjutant for the last 7 consecutive years
- Past Adjutant of Squadron 57 in Chaska for 10 years

A resident of Chaska Minnesota for 30 years.

Employed by Carver County as the Senior Survey Technician

Married to my wife Lorie, August 27, 2007

Between the two of us we have five children and three grandchildren. Our two sons and one son-in-law are actively serving in the United States Army and the Army National Guard.

My motto for the year is Motivate, Mentor and Monitor

My project for the year is Boy's State 60th Anniversary celebration.

**Marie Goede**  
**Department of Minnesota President 2007 - 2008**

Marie is a thirty-seven year member of the American Legion Auxiliary of the Plainview Unit 179. She is eligible for membership through her husband Bill, who served in the US Army during the Vietnam era. She is also eligible for membership through her brothers Martin, Morgan and Robert who served during different eras.

Active on the Unit and District levels, Marie has served in every office including Unit President twice and First District President for the 1993-1994 Auxiliary year. She has held numerous chairmanships for both the Plainview Unit and the First District.

At the Department level, Marie has served as Department Second Vice President, Department First Vice President and several chairmanships including Finance committee, Finance Chairman, Girls State committee, Girls State Chairman in 1996-1997 and 2004-2005, Leadership Chairman, National Security Chairman and Membership Chairman in 2003-2004. She is a certified Leadership Instructor.

Marie retired on June 15, 2007 after working for 27 years for Plainview Schools and one year as the consolidated district of Plainview-Elgin-Millville as the high school principals secretary. Marie is also a member of the PEM Scholarship Committee, the Plainview Athletic Hall of Fame Committee and Minnesota Association of Secretaries to the High School Principals. Bill and Marie are the parents of three grown children, Darcy, Brett and Tara and one grandson Jamison.

Marie considers it a privilege to serve the American Legion Auxiliary as Department President this year. Her theme for the Auxiliary year 2007-2008 is "Our Freedom, Something To Sing About".

**Elizabeth Blue**  
**Dept. of Minnesota Jr. President 2007 - 2008**

Elizabeth (Liz) is presently serving the Department of Minnesota, American Legion Auxiliary as the 2007-2008 Junior President. Liz is a 16 year member of the Coon Rapids, American Legion Post 334, Junior Auxiliary.

In her Unit Liz has served two years as President, Vice President, Sergeant at Arms and Treasurer.

At the District 10 level Liz has served as a page for two Department Auxiliary Presidents. She has traveled all through the state of Minnesota with her family.

Liz has attended many National American Legion Family conventions throughout the 50 states. Last August she returned from Reno, Nevada where she served as the Northwestern Division Junior Vice President at the National level. Her entire family is serving the American Legion Family.

Liz will be turning 18 on April 5th, 2008. She is a very active teenager. She serves as the Varsity Boys Basketball Manager at the Coon Rapids High School. She enjoys singing and watching all sports involving her high school. She is also employed part time at Buffalo Wild Wings in Coon Rapids.

Liz's membership eligibility is thru her grandfather Kenneth Semmel Sr., a World War II Veteran. Liz's family is Dad - Dennis, Mom - Laura, younger brother - Dave and half sister - Kerri. She also has one niece and two nephews. They all are members of the Coon Rapids Auxiliary and Sons of The American Legion Squadron.



Join Us . . .



**Tuesday, March 18 for...**

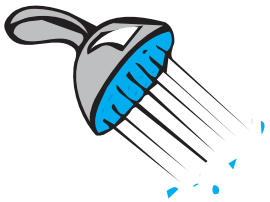
A fun bus ride to the Hinckley Grand Casino. Free donut and juice, \$1.00 bingo on the way up and back.

Pay \$25 on the bus – get it back at the casino with slot play on your favorite machines.

Meet at the Anoka Legion parking lot by 8:00 am – return around 5:00 pm.

This is a fundraiser for Auxiliary programs.  
Call Barb at 427-4346 or Carol at 427-0185 by March 13.

*SEE YOU ON THE BUS!*



## **VA SHOWER Still On!**

Attn: Post, SAL and Unit members . . .

If you can donate any of the following, veterans at the Mpls. & St. Cloud VA Hospitals would be very appreciative:

Jumbo and regular playing cards, tube socks, gloves, stocking caps, small sizes of: lotion, deodorant, Scope, toothpaste, Efferdent, Fixodent, Kleenex, etc.

Bring items to the March 4 meetings (or anytime before the end of March) - or leave at the pull tab booth.

Remember those in VA Centers.

Cathy Newman, VA & R Chairman

## **CRAFTS, CRAFTS, CRAFTS**

**Auxiliary Craft & Flea Market  
Saturday, April 12 – 9:00 am - 4:00 pm**

A few tables still available in the main hall – only \$15.

Call Pam at 763-421-7046 for more information and to get an application – reservations must be received by March 22.

Don't wait – mail you appreciation ASAP!

# **38th Annual AUCTION**

On Tuesday, March 4 (following the Auxiliary meeting) the Units annual auction will be held. 2nd Vice President Darlene Thell will assist the Post auctioneer.

All items are to be wrapped except home-baked goods, hand-made crafts or items you think will sell better unwrapped. (Please bring items you yourself would be glad to get!) Proceeds will be sent to the National American Legion Auxiliary Emergency Fund.

All Unit, Post and SAL members are invited to attend; come and enjoy the fun and bring your checkbook too.



**Anoka Lions  
Pancake Breakfast  
Palm Sunday – March 16  
8:00 am – 1:00 pm**

Anoka Post 102 – Commanders Hall

Adults \$6.00      Ages 3-12 \$3.00  
Children under 3 - FREE

Lioness Bake Sale  
Wellness Van Pre-Scening

## **"We Can Do It! Women in Wartime"**

The newest exhibit of the Anoka County Historical Society opened January 29 and will continue for the next 12 to 18 months.

This exhibit will look at the roles played by Anoka County women during times of military conflict from the Civil War to Iraqi Freedom.

Artifacts from WWI, uniforms, letters, ration cards and storyboards featuring 35 women from Anoka County.

ACHS is located at 2135 - 3rd Ave., Anoka (763-421-0600); exhibit hours are Tuesday – Friday 10 AM – 5 PM, Saturday 10 AM – 4 PM.

Adults – \$3, Children – \$2.

