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Major General Erlandson

Guest speaker at the Memorial Day Observance May 28, 2007 10:00 am at the Anoka Veterans Memorial at Forest Hills Cemetery

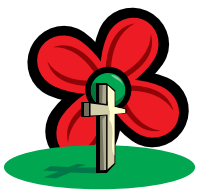
Major General Rick Erlandson is assigned as Commander of the 34th "Red Bull" Infantry Division, headquartered in Rosemount, Minnesota.

The General's active military service began in 1970 when he joined the United States Marine Corps and attended USMC OCS in Quantico, Virginia. He was commissioned in December 1970, and served one tour in Vietnam, Cambodia, and the Philippines. General Erlandson joined the Minnesota Army National Guard in 1976 and has commanded at all levels through multinational task force, until his promotion to Major General in September 2004. His previous assignment was Commanding General, Task Force Falcon, KFOR 5B, Kosovo, an assignment he performed while dual-assigned as Assistant Adjutant General, Minnesota Army National Guard, and Assistant Division Commander, 85th Training Support Division, USAR.

EDUCATION:
1968 Saint Cloud State University - BS Degree - Biology
1972 United States Navy Flight Training
1974 Pepperdine University - MS Degree - Education
1991 Army War College

ASSIGNMENTS:

Oct. 70 - Dec. 70
USMC OCS, Quantico, VA
Dec. 70 - Feb. 72
Navy Flight Training, Pensacola, FL
Feb. 72 - Apr. 74
Training Off/S-3, Heavy Marine Helicopter 363, Santa Ana, CA
Apr. 74 - May 75
Maintenance Officer / Flight Line Officer Heavy Marine Helicopter 462, USS Okinawa, Cambodia, Vietnam, Philippines
May 75 - Aug. 75
Flight Leader, Heavy Marine Helicopter 363, Santa Ana, CA
Aug. 75 - May 76
United States Marine Corps Reserves
May 76 - Sep. 76
Rotary Wing Pilot, Support Company, 47th Aviation Battalion, St. Paul, MN
Sep. 76 - Feb. 77
Section Leader, Support Company, 47th Aviation Battalion, St. Paul, MN
Feb. 77 - Nov. 77
Section Leader, Support Company, 47th Aviation Battalion, St. Paul, MN



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ADJUTANT'S NOTES

by Wayne D. Wallace

The Post Executive Committee meeting held March 27, 2007 heard the minutes from the previous meeting and reports from finance, clubroom and gambling.

The Executive Committee discussed ways to increase income activity at our Post facilities. The first step taken was to place an ad in the Anoka Shopper informing of the availability of our two halls for various functions as wedding receptions, retirement or birthday parties, funeral receptions, business meetings or any other appropriate functions.

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 April 3, 2007 heard the minutes from the previous meeting and reports from Post officers and committee chairmen.

Mr. Jim Copher from Mound Post 398 was present to inform the members he is seeking the position of Department Commander for 2007-2008. Jim has been an active Legionnaire at the Post, District, Department and National levels. He asked for the support of Post 102 in his candidacy.

Adjutant reported Post member Warren Blair had passed away since the last meeting and Larry Phillips has been hospitalized.

Adjutant reported our Post membership is at (831) members for 2007.

Post Commander Darrel Redepenning performed the Rite of Initiation to the new members present. The Oath of The American Legion was taken and the composition of the Post flag was explained. Each new member was given an American Legion lapel pin.

The following Lawful Purpose donations/expenses projected for April 2007 were approved by the Post General Membership:

1. Anoka County VSO (Volunteer Transportation Fund) $1,000
2. Anoka County VSO (Volunteer Job Trans. Fund) 500
3. Ely-St. Cloud VAMC (Veterans Fishing Trip) 200
4. City of Anoka (Water/light costs) 1,900
5. Centerpoint Energy (Gas costs) 2,000
6. Muskies, Inc. (Mpls Veterans Home Fishing Opener) 200
7. Anoka County Historical Society 3,000
8. U.S. Treasury (Tax on wagering) 600
9. Assist needy veterans/families 1,500
10. Emergency money 500

Total taxes paid on gambling proceeds for March 2007:
Minnesota Revenue: $12,686 U.S. Treasury: $467

Next Post General Membership meeting will be held Tuesday, May 1, 2007 and will include the solemn "Post Everlasting" ceremony honoring those veterans, from our Post who passed away in the past year.

Post 102 extends sincere sympathy to the family of

WARREN J. BLAIR

Warren was a 60 year member of Post 102 and a World War II Veteran.

From the Desk of

Lannie Vaughn
Club Manager:

Get your hall rental - catering - weddings - banquets - private parties or business meetings today.

Hall rentals to Anoka Post 102 members (includes Legion, Auxiliary senior and junior members, SAL members) are **FREE** in May, June and July. For all other Legion members (not Post 102) the cost is only $100.

Come in and enjoy the Wednesday night dinners or hamburgers, fries, onion rings, etc. on Sunday afternoons.

Eight bins of pull tabs are available every day during bar hours; we have a Friday meat raffle and bar bingo; Sundays have afternoon bar bingo and hall bingo that night.

Bands every Friday and Saturday night – see this papers monthly calendar for times of all events.

World War II Memorial Dedication
June 9, 2007
10:00 am – 4:30 pm

Minnesota State Capitol Mall
Dedication Ceremony at 2:00 pm

For further information visit the Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs website at: www.mdva.state.mn.us or call 651-296-2562

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Commander's Column

Darrel Redepenning

Howdy Legionnaires,

It's finally May! April seemed to have a hard time letting go of winter and really confused all our snowbirds. But, if you stay busy with the Legion, you hardly even notice it. Between Easter and testimonial dinners, it seems like all I did in April was eat!

May ushers in many notable Legion events. May 13th is NOT a Legion event but, if you know what's good for you, you better not forget Mothers Day. The ladies Auxiliary is having their annual plant sale, so here's a chance to support them and suck-up to mom at the same time (what a deal). May 18th is Poppy Day and Dody Schanhaar is always looking for Legionnaires to help out around town. May 19th and 20th is the 10th District Convention, hosted this year by the Clearwater Post. If you have never been to a District Convention or haven't for several years, we still have some open delegate positions. It's a great way to meet other Legionnaires and learn more about everything the Legion does. Contact Adjutant Wayne or myself if you're interested.

May 28th is of course Memorial Day and once again Post 102 will sponsor Memorial Day observance at the Veterans Memorial adjacent to Forest Hills Cemetery. This is Adjutant Waynes pet project and he does a fantastic job planning out every detail. Please join us in honoring our local fallen hero's and keep reverent our comrades that made the ultimate sacrifice. As Legionnaires, as veterans, as those who made it home, it's important to remember those who didn't....

Hope to see you there.

MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES

Veterans Memorial - Forest Hills Cemetery
Anoka, Minnesota

May 28, 2006 – 10:00 A.M.

Free coffee, pop and cookies will be served following the program.
Compliments of the American Legion

S.A.L. NEWS
by
Commander Al Amundson

Greetings to All,

There were five members of our Squadron attending the S.A.L. Spring Conference at Coon Rapids on March 17.

I would like to thank all of those who participated in the recent survey regarding our Wednesday Night Dinners. Lance Nelson reviewed the feedback and presented it at our last General Metting. Your opinions and comments are appreciated and we hope to implement some of your ideas in the near future.

I hope to see several of our members at the Tenth District Convention at Clearwater on May 19. The S.A.L meeting starts at 1:00 p.m.

Please plan on attending Our next General Membership meeting on Tuesday, May 1, at 7:00 p.m. Nominations for Officers for next year will take place, as well as voting on several changes to our By-Laws.

Until next month... "Whatever it takes"

To All Members of Edward B. Cutter Squadron 102

Notice is hereby given that several changes to our Squadron By-Laws will be voted on at our next General Membership Meeting on May 1, at 7:00 p.m.

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Veterans Shower for the Mpls. and St. Cloud Veterans Hospitals

Here I am getting all our donations out to the Veterans Hospital. I wanted you to see how I go about getting all your donations there.

Rhonda Boisvert (Voluntary Service Assistant) met me there to receive the items. Thank you all so much for helping out with the slippers, socks, puzzles, puzzle books, lap robes etc., as well as all those small bottles of shampoo, lotions etc.

Total came to a wonderful $1,390 for the veterans. We do a great job working together as a Unit.

There is still some to be taken to the St. Cloud Veterans Hospital that came to $80.49.

Thank you,
Cathy Newman - VA&R Chairman

Aux. Jr/Sr Potluck

May 1, prior to our May meeting, is our Auxiliary Potluck Dinner. It starts at 6:30 pm. The Junior Auxiliary will be presenting a short program and we will be introducing our 2007 Girls State candidates. Just bring a dish to pass and come enjoy the evening.

Kathy Zwerdling – Girls State Chairman

2007 State Legion Bowling Tournament

Nine teams of 38 bowlers represented Post 102 March 31st and April 1st at Dutler Bowl - Mankato, MN

Low Pay - team event 2518, singles 641, doubles 1285 and all events 2013.

Singles: Jim Essington 750; Bryant Beehler 696; Tim Lind 689; and James Zeck 683.

Doubles: Bruce Griebel & Pat Vevea 1414; Dennis & Nathan Hubert 1377; Jim Essington & John Moriarty 1353; and Dennis Holmstrom & Jim Viering 1349.

Teams: Todd Allen, Dennis Erickson, Nick Allen and Pat Vevea 2600
Norm Fisher, Dennis Stierlen, Roman Seurer, and tournment sub 2573
Jay VanAltvorst, Bruce Griebel, Jerry Skordahl and Dale Sandwick 2540

(this was the first year for 4 on a team - instead of 5)

All Events: Jan VanAltvorst 2090 and Jim Essington 2087

Top Singles Game: Nathan Hubert & Jim Vierling - each 279

Jim Essington and Jay VanAltvorst were top bowlers – congratulations to both; and to all bowlers, watch for final results in the MN Legionnaire.

Dates have been set for 2008: April 5th 11:30 am Singles and Doubles.
April 12th - 12:00 pm Team Event.
Granite Bowl - St. Cloud

Have had one bowler volunteer to chair this event. Thank you all for your input and support the last 20 years.

Joe Zimmerman

Anoka Auxiliary Unit 102
Spring-Mothers Day
Plant Sale

Price $16.50

Buy Plant Tickets
April 3rd – May 15th 2007
at Anoka Legion Pull Tab Booth
or from a Auxiliary Member

Make checks payable to
Anoka Unit 102

Impatients ~ Ivy Geraniums
Petunia ~ Mixed Baskets
Swedish Ivy
Many more selections available

Plant Pick-Up Times
April 21st – June 9th 2007
at Green Valley Greenhouse
Ramsey, MN

Proceeds help support our
Veterans and Community Programs

President's Column

Dawn McCrady

Hello all my fellow members. I hope you all had a nice Easter and are doing well.

To those of you that may not know our expected new Auxiliary member was born March 18 at 7:47 PM. She was 8 pounds, 6 ounces and 21 inches long. We named her Virginia Rose. Virginia is very healthy and doing very well. My husband Tim and I feel truly blessed. The transition to parenthood seems to be going smoothly though I don't think I have ever been so busy. Thank you all for your cards. It is so nice of you to share our excitement.

Virginia is signed up as a new Junior member and from the information I was given gave us our all time high for membership. Thank you to all of you that have renewed and helped getting renewals as well as signing up new members.

I was not at the April meeting so I don't have much information about it to pass along. The May meeting will be May 1. This will be our annual Junior /Senior pot luck. We will also meet the girls that are going to Girl's State. Hope to see you there.

Though I do not have any details at this time I am sure we will be participating in our usual activities for Memorial Day. Watch for further details or check with other members. I am sure the information will be posted or otherwise available and help is always appreciated.

Thanks for all your assistance in our programs and events. It is great members that allow for continued success.

Enjoy the rest of your spring.
Until next month,

Your President,
Dawn McCrady

AUXILIARY REACHES ALL TIME HIGH OF 371 MARCH 24, 2007

JAN'S JOTTINGS

The regular meeting of Unit 102 was held on April 3, 2007. 1st Vice Norah Wyman called the meeting to order. The prayer, pledge, preamble and singing of God Bless America opened the meeting.

Field Service: Bingo at Twin Rivers Care Center on April 11th at 2:30

Girls State: Assembly was held at Anoka High School and 10 essays were entered. Interviews will start on April 12th. County Day is April 26th.

Junior Activities: Five juniors served cake at the Birthday dinner and presented a donation to the Legion. At their meeting they worked on their entries for the Conference. Tenth District Junior President Meaghan Hunt and Sue Nunnelee went to the Junior Advisory board. Six juniors went to the District Conference at Fridley. Samie Hicks is the 10th District Junior President for the next year. Department Junior Conference will be at Nicollet on April 14th. There will be no Junior meetings until September.

Leadership: Jan Reiter thanked everyone for delivering their reports on time. She will be working on them to get them to Department by April 15th.

Membership: Betty Erickson read her annual membership report that will be sent into District. This year we had our goal made by Mid Winter Conference and our All Time High by March 24th.

Past President's Parley: The Gold Star Dinner is being planned for June.

Poppy: Poppy Card day will be April 20th and Poppy Day will be May 18th.

VA&R: Cathy Newman thanked everyone who brought products for the VA shower. She will be delivering them and she will be bringing back some slippers that need skids sewn on the bottom and anyone who is willing to take a few can do so.

Fund Raising: The plant sale is started and will end on the 15th of May. **If anyone would like to buy some there are order forms at the Pull tab booths.** Plants are still $16.50. Casino trip to Hinckley on April 17th. Hamburger fry on April 1st netted $162.00. **We are in need of helpers for the Hamburger fry. It is the 1st Sunday of the Month for approximately 5 hours. Three people are needed and we are in need of volunteers. If you are available please let someone at the pull tab booth know.**

Nominating Committee: The nominating committee presented the following: President - Norah Wyman; 1st Vice - Cathy Newman; 2nd Vice - Darlene Thell; Treasurer - Jeanene Hays; Sgt. at Arms - Lynette Pavin; Ex. Committee - Donna Redepenning and Kathy Zwerdling.

(Election of Officers at the May 1st meeting.)

Sunshine: Get well cards to Mary Cameron and Pam Knotz, baby card to Dawn McCrady.

Unfinished Business: The Birthday dinner served 90 people. A discussion was had about having a chairman for the Early Bird and Birthday dinners. A motion was made to have the 1st Vice President become the Birthday chairman and the 2nd Vice President becomes the Early Bird Dinner chairman. Seconded and Carried. It was suggested to make this a standing rule and was brought to the standing rule committee.

New Business: Next meeting will be May 1st and it will be the Junior/Senior Pot Luck Dinner at 6:30. All members (junior & senior) are welcome.

Credits: Anoka historical items from the
Fred Moore Middle School Calendar Club

May 2007

FLAG DISPLAY DAYS
May 13 - Mothers Day May 15 Peace Officers Memorial Day (half staff until noon)
May 19 - Armed Forces Day May 28 - Memorial Day (half staff until noon)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
COMING IN JUNE 5 Post Everlasting / Post meeting 5 Memorial Service / Aux. meeting 9 WWII Memorial Dedication / MN State Capitol 13 Twin Rivers Bingo 2:30 / Juniors wanted 13 Anoka Unit at Mpls. VA 10-16 Boys State / Southwest College - Marshall 10-16 Girls State / Bethel College 17 Fathers Day & Legion Family Day / Twins vs Brewers		**Post General Mem.** 7:30 pm **S.A.L.** Mtg. 7:00 pm **Auxiliary** **Jr./Sr. Pot Luck** **Supper 6:30 pm** **Meeting following** 1	**SAL Sponsored** **Dinner 5:30-7:00** **Steak, Chicken, Pork Chop or Shrimp $7.00** **Steak & Shrimp Combo $9.00** **Karaoke** **8-11 pm** 2	*May 7, 1923:* *Free camp:* *Citizens Military Training Corps for young men 17-24* 3	Meat Raffle 5:00 pm Bar Bingo 6:30 pm **Music 8:30-12:30** **Time Travelers** **Dept. Cmdr.** **Testimonial/Stillwater** 4	**Music** **Time Travelers** **8:30-12:30** 5
Club Open 12-10 **Bar Bingo 3:00 pm** Bingo 7 pm **Burgers/Fund Raiser** **2-6 pm Auxiliary** 6	7	8	**SAL Sponsored** **Dinner 5:30-7:00** **Steak, Chicken, Pork Chop or Shrimp $7.00** **Steak & Shrimp Combo $9.00** **Karaoke 8-11 pm** **Aux. Twin Rivers Bingo 2:30 pm** 9	*1931:* *VFW and Auxiliary hold meeting in new quarters in K.C. Hall.* 10	Meat Raffle 5:00 pm Bar Bingo 6:30 pm **Music 8:30-12:30** **David Jo & DJB** 11	**Dept. Pres.** **Testimonial** **Pequot Lakes** **Music** **David Jo & DJB** **8:30-12:30** 12
Club Open 12-10 **Bar Bingo 3:00 pm** Bingo 7 pm **Burgers/Fund Raiser** **1-6 pm Drill Squad** **Mothers Day** 13	14	**NEWSPAPER MEETING 7:00 PM** **WEB 8:00 PM** 15	**SAL Sponsored** **Dinner 5:30-7:00** **Steak, Chicken, Pork Chop or Shrimp $7.00** **Steak & Shrimp Combo $9.00** **Karaoke** **8-11 pm** 16	*1953:* *Greenhaven invites President Eisenhower to play on their golf course.* 17	**POPPY DAY** Meat Raffle 5:00 pm Bar Bingo 6:30 pm **Music 8:30-12:30** **Turn Around** 18	**19th & 20th** **Dist. Convention** **Clearwater** **Music** **Turn Around** **8:30-12:30** 19
Club Open 12-10 **Bar Bingo 3:00 pm** Bingo 7 pm **Burgers/Fund Raiser** **1-6 pm SAL** 20	21	**Aux. Casino Bus** **Hinckley** **House & Ent.** Meeting 7:00 pm Victoria Day (Canada) 22	**SAL Sponsored** **Dinner 5:30-7:00** **Steak, Chicken, Pork Chop or Shrimp $7.00** **Steak & Shrimp Combo $9.00** **Karaoke** **8-11 pm** 23	**Memorial Day** **Wreath Decorating** **7:00 pm** 24	**Local cemetaries/** **veterans flags 5:00 pm** Meat Raffle 5:00 pm Bar Bingo 6:30 pm **Music** **8:30-12:30** 25	**Music** **8:30-12:30** 26
Club Open 12-10 **Bar Bingo 3:00 pm** Bingo 7 pm **Burgers/Fund Raiser** **2-6 pm Color Guard** 27	**Memorial Day** **Serive 10:00 AM** **Veterans Memorial** **John Ward Park** **Club Open** **11 am – 7 pm** 28	**Executive Board** Meeting 7:00 pm 29	**SAL Sponsored** **Dinner 5:30-7:00** **Steak, Chicken, Pork Chop or Shrimp $7.00** **Steak & Shrimp Combo $9.00** **Karaoke** **8-11 pm** 30	*May 26, 1943:* *Servicemen get up to 5 gallons of gas on visit home.* 31		

ALSO COMING IN JUNE
TBA Post / Unit / SAL Installation
TBA Pres. Dawn's Dinner
TBA Past Pres. / Gold Star Mothers / 50 year
TBA SAL Det. Convention
TBA Home Opener / Legion Baseball

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