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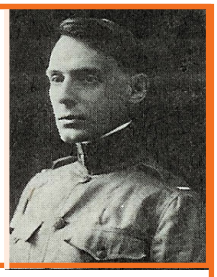

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Legionville 2008

The 39th Annual Camp-O-Ree weekend at Legionville was held September 4th – 7th. Friday night was kind of disappointing because not many showed up for the Pork Feed. Saturday had a better turnout for the Fish Fry; 10th District Rally in the afternoon; Auxiliary membership turned in was 382.

Following the rally several campers went home and only 8 mobile homes/trailers and 3 tents remained – it was pretty quiet out in that field. Our District President Sue Nunnelee, Larry & Sandy Phillips and the Newmans were the only members from Anoka.

All proceeds from the Camp-O-Ree go to keep Legionville and its programs running. We need to keep supporting this camp (the only one of its kind in the country) because without enough funding, they are going to start selling off the land and it will be **NO MORE.** Please try to attend next year – good food and good camaraderie. We had fun!!

President Cathy Newman

Legion Golf Tournament Saturday, Sept. 6th

Thanks to all 70 golfers who participated in this years tournament. It started out with a temp of 72° with hardly a cloud in the sky. It stayed that way for 16 holes then along came a dark cloud and dumped some ice cold rain on all of us. The temp then was about 55°, but we finished.

We had some nice prizes donated, thanks to all of the following: Thorp Distribution, Greggs Cooper, Grosslein Beverages, Perkins of Elk River, Riverview Bank, Catering Central, our Sons of the American Legion and Anoka Legion. Thanks to Denise, our club manager for all her help, also Larry Norland the Greenhaven Pro who set up the tournament and did all the scoring.

We had a nice buffet meal catered by Catering Central. After that the prizes were awarded to the sinners in all divisions. They were: a score of 70 by Clayton Johnson in the Gross Division, Bob Olchefski with a net score of 62 in the Net Division and the Peoria Division winner was Bryant Sears with a score of 66. The highest score was won by you know who, Joe. Thanks to my co-chair Larry Kitt, also helping – Liz Abeln, Nina and Denny Ward.

– Jerry Abeln

Joint Membership Meeting
Boys & Girls Staters
October 7th

Post Early Bird Dinner
October 16th

Auxiliary Early Bird Dinner
& Silent Auction
October 13th

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ADJUTANT'S NOTES

by Wayne D. Wallace

The Post Executive Committee meeting held August 26, 2008 heard the minutes from the previous meeting and reports from finance, clubroom and gambling.

Post Commander Cliff Newman invited Mr. Larry Sawyer, head coach of the "Minnesota Centershots" a junior shooting sports program, to this meeting. Mr. Sawyer's group of youth sport shooters hold their practices at our Post facility and have done so for several years and have turned out some outstanding shooters who have qualified nationally. He is requesting fund support to bring a course instructor from Washington, D.C. for a Coach Certification School which could add three certified coaches to the program.

The Executive Committee was informed that the ladies of the Post 102 Auxiliary prefer to hold their own "Early Bird" dinner as opposed to last year when the dinners were at the same time. The ladies "Early Bird" dinner is scheduled for October 13th at 6:00 PM and the Post and SAL "Early Bird" dinner scheduled for October 16th at 6:30 PM.

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

The Post General Membership meetings held September 2, 2008 heard the minutes of those previous meetings and reports from Post Officers and committee chairmen.

Adjutant reported the Post membership at (560) for 2009. We are currently (27) members behind one year ago. Our membership goal has been set by the 10th District at (809) for 2009. This is an attainable goal but help to reach that goal is certainly needed from any unpaid members.

Past Post Commander Gary Munkholm mentioned he is organizing an Anoka Chapter of the Legion Riders. Several Legion Posts have such groups and they have grown to become a popular attraction for the motorcyclists who are Legion, Auxiliary and SAL members. If you own a motorcycle and are or can be a member of the American Legion Family contact Gary (763-438-9245).

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

1. Sandburg Middle School (Donation to Special Ed Dept.) ..... $ 300
2. City of Anoka (Water/light costs July/August) 2,400
3. Centerpoint Energy (Gas costs July/August) 400
4. Anoka Halloween (Donation to support festivities) 500
5. Hospitalized Veterans Pheasant Dinners 100
6. U.S. Treasury (Tax on wagering) 500
7. Assist needy veterans/families 1,500
8. Emergency money 500

Total taxes paid on gambling proceeds for August 2008:
Minnesota Revenue: $3,083 U.S. Treasury: $252

New members accepted by the Post General Membership were: Lawrence R. Stanchfield, Dean R. Sullivan, Jerry K. Zimmer, Lisa M. Winebarger and Mark Steinbrecher. We welcome you gentlemen and lady 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. The meeting scheduled for October 7, 2008 however, will start at 7:00 PM as a joint meeting of the Post, Auxiliary and Sons of The American Legion to recognize the Boys and Girls Staters and their parents and which will be followed by refreshments and return to the respective meetings.

STATE FAIR

Post Commander Cliff and Unit President Cathy volunteered at the Department Veterans booth at the State Fair Labor Day weekend.

YOU Can Do This Community Service

If you have any mens business-related apparel @ suits, shirts, sport coats, shoes, belts, etc.; bring items to any Mens Warehouse retail store.

One such store is in Riverdale, Coon Rapids (323-3335); contact any Mens Warehouse store.

They will distribute this apparel to those needing better clothing for job interviews or those already employed.

Clean your closets of unneeded extra (wearable) clothing and know that it will be of use once again – **but hurry, this service at Mens Warehouse will end October 31, 2008.**

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Commander's Column Cliff Newman

Greetings Legionnaires,

Since my last article, I have worked the Veterans booth at the State Fair, camped out at Legionville - for those of you who haven't been to Legionville you've missed out on one weekend of camaraderie - camping - camp fires - food and just fun times. The weather was terrific for the majority of the weekend.

Become an American Legion Rider. If you own a motorcycle we want you in our Anoka Chapter of the Legion Riders. You must be a member of the American Legion Family or meet the requirement to join a part of the American Legion Family. If you want to join contact Gary Munkholm at 763-438-9245.

Next month well be a joint meeting with the Auxiliary and SAL, presenting the boys and girls staters the Post, Auxiliary and SAL have sponsored.

Also, the Light Up The Night parade on the 18th at 7 PM, the Grande Day parade on the 25th at 1 PM. Post Early Bird Dinner on the 16 - 6 PM Social - Dinner 7 PM.

Yesterday is History, Tomorrow is a Mystery
Thats why Today is called the Present.

Ron's Ribs are Back!!!

Open Grill Thursdays and Fridays

Thursdays – 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm
BBQ Ribs, Choice of Potato, Cole Slaw, Texas Toast
Full Rack $11.75 Half Rack $9.75
Fri. Oct 3. – Liver & Onions, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Vegetable, Roll, Butter $7.50
Fri. Oct. 10 – Hot Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Vegetable $7.50
Fri. Oct. 17 – Turkey Club Wrap & Tator Tots $6.50
Fri. Oct. 24 – Stuffed Chicken Breast, Sage Dressing, Wild Rice Blend, Vegetable, Roll, Butter $7.50
Fri. Oct. 31 – Chili Burger & Fries $6.50
or Chili Dog & Fries $4.50
Taxes are included

Chris, I and all at Catering Central are extremely happy to be back at the Legion.

Ron

Cap Etiquette

- The left side (emblem side) of the cap is reserved only for the Legion emblem, city, county, district, or state lettering.
- If desired, the following items must be placed on the right side of the cap:
  A) additional lettering, restricted to either the name of a Post, or to an officer title (such as "Past Commander"),
  B) cap insignias or badges (for Past or Present officers),
  C) consecutive membership insignia, membership stars, and/or authorized Legion or military services decorations.
- Names or nicknames of individual members cannot be used on caps.
- **The Legion Uniform Cap should be worn by its members only when in attendance at official Legion meetings or ceremonies, or as official guests at patriotic or other civil functions, or by individuals when officially representing The American Legion on public occasions.**
- A member is considered to be in uniform if wearing an official Legion Uniform Cap. Therefore, it is not proper to wear the cap while eating a meal at an official Legion or civic luncheon or dinner.
- The cap should be worn in a place of worship only by the Guard of Honor, Color Guard and Commander of same while in marching order or standing guard. When returned to and seated in pews, the cap should be removed.
- Legion posts marching in formation into a place of worship should uncover, at the door, hold the cap with the right hand over the heart until the arrival in the pews and commanded to take seats, remaining uncovered during the entire service. At the close of the service, upon command, the post shall arise, the members holding the cap with the right hand over the heart will march out of place of worship, and recover after marching through the door.
- Legion members not in formation will uncover upon entering the place of worship and remain uncovered during the entire service, and will recover after leaving the place of worship.
- When at a funeral, the cap should be held over the heart as one approaches the casket, and is not at nay time worn in a place of worship (except by the Guard of Honor, Color Guard or Commander of same while in marching order or standing guard). At the graveside, the cap should be held in the right hand over the heart during the entire service. In cold and inclement weather, the cap should not be worn.
- In Legion meetings, the cap should be worn except during moments of the Pledge of Allegiance, prayer, and when standing in silent reverence in memory of departed comrades, when the cap should be held with the right hand over the heart.
- Female members of the Legion should wear their caps in the manner prescribed for female personnel of the armed services.

President's Column

Cathy Newman

Hello. We are back in the swing of things again. The kids are back in school and we are back having meetings.

On Labor Day weekend the Commander and I worked at the State Fair Veterans booth, that's always fun and we pick up some new members.

Legionville was the second weekend. More fun and good food. The rally had a big turnout. We got a little wet sleeping in our tent, but that's part of the fun, I guess!

Congratulations to our 1st Vice President Darlene Thell who won an award at the National Convention Northwest Division Public Relations report. Good job Darlene.

October is going to be a very busy month for us. First of all our meeting on the 7th will be a joint meeting with the Boys and Girls Staters. The Past Presidents Parley meeting will be on the 9th at 7 PM upper hall.

Our big event in October is the Auxiliary Early Bird dinner at 6 PM with initiation and silent auction; pay your dues now so you can join in the fun and help raise money for the Legacy Scholarship for Veterans children.

Fall conference is in Mankato this year - October 23-25. Anyone may attend.

The Halloween Night Parade is on the 18th. Come see all the lighted floats and bands - great fun. Then the big Halloween parade and Junior fund raiser. Come watch and help out the Juniors by buying some treats.

Well, thats all the things coming up so come and enjoy the month of October and don't forget the Early Bird Dinner, it's for you as Auxiliary members.

Till next time.

Past Presidents to Plan Year

A Parley meeting to plan our years events will be held October 9th at 7:00 PM at the Post club rooms upstairs. We need all Past Presidents to attend to help plan our agenda, we are open for all ideas and suggestions. Hope to see you there.

Lenora Root - Chairman
Karen Orr - Co-Chairman

Auxiliary Membership

Anoka turned in 16 at the Legionville Rally September 6; added to what we had and what has come in the mail, we have 212 paid members (over half way to our Goal).

Those first back in the mail with a National dues notice were: Linda Fredrickson, Eileen Jansen and Carol Sundeen with Victoria Martin (a new 2008 member) the second day.

Of the 37 ladies to receive continuous member pins, 26 have paid at this time; the remaining 11 ladies are greatly needed.

Anyone who has any year pins that you no longer need, please bring them to the Early Bird.

Now that most members have received their notice from National, renewing your membership is easier. Cut-off date for dues and reservations is October 7.

Betty Erickson

Auxiliary Early Bird Dinner & Silent Auction
Senior and Junior Members
Monday, October 13, 2008

The Dinner and Silent Auction, initiation ceremony and continuous year pins presentations will be held Monday, October 16 – members should arrive by 6:00 pm., dinner is served promptly at 6:30 pm.

Silent Auction items members bring have included in the past: crafts, home canned pickles or jams, fresh homemade cookies, bars, cakes; collectables, knick-knacks, books, patriotic items, seasonal Halloween and Christmas items, or just good stuff! Bidding will start at $1.00. Money raised will be given to The American Legion Scholarship Fund; established for the children of those who have given their lives on active duty around the world.

Initiation of new members will be held and if you have never received your Auxiliary pin at an initiation, please mention that when you check in that evening.
Those 37 members receiving year pins from 20 to 60 years who have already paid their dues have been reminded; others will be as soon as their dues are paid.

Juniors are invited to attend and help with the auction. **ALL members – junior and senior, MUST have their dues paid by October 7 and reservations MUST be made to be able to attend!!!**

Call
Betty Erickson 421-4562
President Cathy Newman 757-2034
or the pull tab booth at the Post 421-0883.

JAN'S JOTTINGS

by Jan Reiter

The regular meeting of Edward B. Cutter American Legion Auxiliary was held on Tuesday, September 2, 2008 at 7:00 pm. President Cathy Newman called the meeting to order. The prayer, pledge, preamble and singing of God Bless America opened the meeting.

The June 2, 2008 minutes were approved with corrections. President Cathy presented her slate of chairman; motion made and approved.

Americanism: Motion to have Unit members (already initiated) not wearing their Auxiliary pin to meetings donate 50¢; money used to buy flags for distribution at certain functions.

Fund Raising: Norah Wyman brought up a letter from Children's Miracle Network about selling Safety blinky buttons (in orange) for children at Halloween. A motion was made to order $100 worth of these buttons from Children's Miracle Network to be sold and the profits will go back to the Children's Miracle Network. Approved. The Bas Tournament this summer added $300 to our budget.

Home Service: The Auxiliary will be collecting commemorative, express mail, foreign and air mail stamps, picture postcards and S&H stamps. Trim stamps to 1/4 of an inch around the entire stamp and leave the stamps on the postcards.

Junior Activities: A motion was made to have the annual Halloween Fund Raiser on October 25th. Approved.

Sunshine: Thinking of you cards were sent to Anne Larson and Sympathy to Roxanne Klink.

Unfinished Business: Sue Nunnelee reported about the National Convention. It was based on the Olympics and everyone received a gold medal. There was a live feedback from Iraq Servicemen and delegates talked to them. The chairmen did videos on different Units on what they did. The new National President is Desiree Stoy from Ohio. She reported we will be getting an award from the Northwestern Division for our Junior Activities report.

Cathy Newman reported that at the Department convention they had 4 veterans from the Creative Art Festival perform instead of the Music Extravaganza. She also reported Norah Wyman donated a flag to Anoka County for the fairgrounds. Norah did this in memory of her mother (Katie Clark).

Sandy Phillips thanked Barb Fechner and Kathy Zwerdling for helping her get out the 10th District Bulletin.

Donna Redepenning made a motion to play bingo with the veterans at the Veterans Day Care Center on September 23rd and to donate $25 work of cookies. Approved.

A suggestion was made that if during the football season they needed some help with the hamburger fry we would be willing to take a Sunday as a fundraiser.

Annual Auxiliary Overnight
Jackpot Casino Bus Trip
October 10 – 11
Some seats still available
Call Carol – 427-0185 for Information

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.

Also call Frank if you know of anyone hospitalized so the word can get out.

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

OCTOBER 2008

23 - 25 Dept. Fall Conference - Mankato

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Post Early Bird Thursday Oct. 16 Social 6:00 pm Dinner 7:00 pm	**MONDAY FOOTBALL SPECIALS DURING GAMES**	**Aux. Early Bird Dinner/Silent Auction Mon. Oct 13 - 6 PM Cut-off Oct. 7 for dues and reservations**	**SAL Sponsored Dinner 5:30-7:00 Steak, Chicken, or Stuffed Shrimp $7.50 Steak & Shrimp Combo $10.00** 1	**Ron's Ribs Grill Open 5:00 – 8:00 pm Bar Bingo 6:30 pm** 2	Grill Open 5-8:30 Meat Raffle 5:00 pm Bar Bingo 6:30 pm **Live Music Al's Garage 8:30 - 12:30** 3	4
Club Open 12-10 Bar Bingo 3:00 pm 5	*Columbus Day (observed) Thanksgiving Day (Canada)* 6	**Joint Meeting 7 pm w/Boys & Girls Staters General Membership S.A.L. & Auxiliary Meetings to follow Aux. Early Bird Cutoff** 7	**SAL Sponsored Dinner 5:30-7:00 Aux. Twin Rivers Bingo 2:30 pm** 8	**Ron's Ribs Grill Open 5:00 – 8:00 pm Bar Bingo 6:30 pm Past Pres. Parley meeting 7:00 pm** 9	Grill Open 5-8:30 Meat Raffle 5:00 pm Bar Bingo 6:30 pm **Live Music Excellent Drivers 8:30 - 12:30** 10	**Auxiliary 10th & 11th Jackpot Casino Overnite** 11
Club Open 12-10 Bar Bingo 3:00 pm 12	**Aux. Early Bird Dinner 6:00 pm Silent Auction Initiation** 13	**NEWSPAPER MEETING 7:00 pm** 14	**SAL Sponsored Dinner 5:30-7:00 Steak, Chicken, or Stuffed Shrimp $7.50 Steak & Shrimp Combo $10.00** 15	**POST EARLY BIRD DINNER 7 PM Ron's Ribs Grill Open 5:00 – 8:00 pm Bar Bingo 6:30 pm** 16	Grill Open 5-8:30 Meat Raffle 5:00 pm Bar Bingo 6:30 pm **Live Music Mirror Image 8:30 - 12:30** 17	**Jr. Aux. Mtg. 12:00 noon Light Up The Night Parade** 18
Club Open 12-10 Bar Bingo 3:00 pm 19	*60 years ago October 31, 1948: When the Anoka football team defeated Robbinsdale 12-0, attending was Miss America Bebe Shoppe of Hopkins. Mpls. Tribune reporter Barbara Flanagan covered this event and it was she who called the game "The Pumpkin Bowl" By 1950, a large gold pumpkin on an attractive wood base became the trophy that is still in use today.* 20	**House & Ent.** Meeting 7:00 pm 21	**SAL Sponsored Dinner 5:30-7:00 Steak, Chicken, or Stuffed Shrimp $7.50 Steak & Shrimp Combo $10.00** 22	**Ron's Ribs Grill Open 5:00 – 8:00 pm Bar Bingo 6:30 pm** 23	Big Parade of the Little People 1:15 pm Grill Open 5-8:30 Meat Raffle 5:00 pm Bar Bingo 6:30 pm **Live Music After Midnight 8:30 - 12:30** 24	**Halloween Grande Day Parade 1:00 pm Junior Aux. Fund Raiser** 25
Kiwanis Pancake Breadfast 7:30 am - 12:30 pm Open to All Club Open 12-10 Bar Bingo 3:00 pm 26		**Executive Board** Meeting 7:00 pm 28	**SAL Sponsored Dinner 5:30-7:00 Steak, Chicken, or Stuffed Shrimp $7.50 Steak & Shrimp Combo $10.00** 29	**Ron's Ribs Grill Open 5:00 – 8:00 pm Bar Bingo 6:30 pm** 30	Grill Open 5-8:30 Meat Raffle 5:00 pm Bar Bingo 6:30 pm **Live Music Rice Street Boyz 8:30 - 12:30** 31	**Dues Legion - $35 Auxiliary - $20 Sr. Aux. Jr. - $3.50 SAL - $20 Dual Legion/SAL - $10**
1st Friday each month Red Cross Bloodmobile at Post 7 AM - 1 PM		**Coming in November** 1 Am Legion Day - Gophers vs Northwestern (see Sept. Legionnaire) 2 Daylight Savings Ends (fall back) 4 Election Day		8 Veterans Day Dinner 9-15 American Eduction Week 15 Dist. Rally - Cambridge 27 Thanksgiving		**Flag Display Days 8th - Columbus Day 27th Navy Day**