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## PHOTOS FROM BIRTHDAY DINNER 2006



**Past Commanders** standing L-R: Gil Dullinger, Jim Hays, Cliff Newman, Sam Orr, Rich Oelschlager.  
Seated L-R: Don Hostetler, Jerry Abeln, Wayne Wallace and Bob Duclos.



L-R: Jr. Unit Pres. Sami Hicks, Pres. Donna, Dept. Jr. Pres. Brittany Tolzmann, Dept. Pres. Lori Skallerud, Dept. Vice Cmdr. Ken Grams, Detachment Cmdr. Ron Wolff, and Cmdr. Darrel



**Past Presidents** standing L-R: Jan Reiter, Lynette Pavin, Kathy Zwerdling, Cathy Newman, Barb Fechner, Karen Orr, Liz Abeln and Donna Redepenning.  
Seated L-R: Betty Erickson, Mary Cameron, Lorraine Hostetler, Della McArdle, Doris Adkins and Lenora Root.



April 2nd  
Spring Ahead  
One Hour

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# ADJUTANT'S NOTES

Gary Munkholm – Acting Adjutant

The Post General Membership meeting was held March 7, 2006. Minutes and reports from Officers and Committee Chairs were read. Guest speaker, Karen Orr, explained the Veterans History project which involves stories and pictures of veterans recorded on cassette/video tape or paper and sent to the National Library of Congress. This project is a way of preserving America's legacy through first hand accounts of service. We approved three new members to the Post: George Jensen, Jonathan Platt and Alan Nelson. The membership also voted in Greg Wertbowski as our Post Historian. Gambling manager, Wayne Wallace, reported on the recent State Gambling inspection results. Overall the inspection went well with no major deficiencies.

The following lawful purpose donations and expenses projected for the month of March 2006 were approved by the General Membership:

ACBC Foodshelf	\$ 3,000
Disabled Vets Recreation	500
Ely-St. Cloud Vets Fishing trip	200
Veterans Transportation Fund	1,000
Veterans Job Transportation Fund	500
American Stroke Association	200
Girl Scouts	200
Minnesota Special Olympics	200
Anoka H.S. Senior Party	500
City of Anoka water & light costs	1,200
Centerpoint Energy gas cost	2,000
US Treasury for tax on wagering	600
Assist needy Vets/families	1,500
Emergency money	500




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## Commander's Column Darrel Redepenning

Howdy Legionnaires,

March Madness is over and the winter snowbirds are returning to Minnesota, it must be April!

I would like to thank our Ladies Auxiliary for all their hard work in hosting the American Legion Birthday Dinner on March 11th. The American Legion and Post 102 are 87 years old and going strong. Catering Central served a delicious meal and we were honored to have several Department officers in attendance. It wouldn't be a birthday without birthday presents so a big thank you to all the ladies at our Post. The Auxiliary presented us a check to go towards a new printer/fax machine, the juniors presented money to go towards spring flowers around the building and the Ladies Drill Team presented us with the wow present of the night by giving us a new 52" TV for the lounge. It was an enjoyable birthday party, thanks ladies.



If you haven't visited the Post Lounge lately, you might want to stop by and check out a few changes. We've updated our Membership Board, which has needed attention for a while. 1st Vice-Commander Matt Berens led the effort and with several helpers, have created a board easier to update and more appealing to the eye. If you couldn't find your name on the old one, you should be able to now! Thanks to everyone who helped.

We've also added some new tables to help accommodate the growth of Bar Bingo. Friday nights Post 102 is the place to be! Meat raffle, bar bingo and live music, it doesn't get much better.

We also added some new smoke-eaters a while back to help reduce our smoke problem. We can change the filters easily and have noticed a significant improvement.

These improvements, as always, are in response to suggestions and comments by our members. We want to keep the Post a place we can all be proud of and your suggestions are always welcome. I hope you all have great Easter, thanks for all your support and I hope to see you at the Post.

Commander Darrel Redepenning



## President's Column

**Donna Redepenning**

Commander Darrel and I attended the District S.A.L. Sweetheart Rally at Osseo. We also attended Post 102 S.A.L.'s Membership Party. It was a fun afternoon with lots of people, prizes and food. They raised over \$400 for the food shelf. Way to go!

We had our White Elephant Auction. Auctioneer Matt Berens and Chairman Dawn Johnson did a great job. Thank you to everyone that donated and brought items for this fundraiser. We raised \$531! Some of the money is going to the St. Cloud V.A. Social Activities Fund. Our fundraisers have been down lately and our budget is hurting. This money should help us out so we can keep funding our programs and pay our bills!

We are in need of sympathy and get well cards for our Sunshine Program. If you would like to donate some, please bring them to the Pull-Tab Booth or to a meeting. We are also collecting items for the V.A. hospital; they need crew socks, razors, crossword puzzles and Chap Stick. We can still take small shampoos, conditioners and soaps, even though these items are no longer accepted at some locations.

The Birthday Dinner was held recently. We sold 89 tickets. Thanks to everyone that helped. Thanks to the Juniors for serving the cake. Thanks to Ron and Chris (Catering Central) for our wonderful dinner. Everything was perfect.

Poppy Card Day will be April 21st. Poppy days are May 19th & 20th. Volunteers are needed. Call Dody Schanhaar at 763-421-3966 if you can help distribute poppies for donations. The money raised goes to many veterans programs. Some of them are: the Minneapolis and St. Cloud V.A. hospitals, Minnesota Veterans Homes, American Legion and Auxiliary Hospital funds, Veterans Job Training, Veterans Rest Camps at Ely and Forest Lake, National Creative Arts Festival, Minnesota Stand Down, Five Dollar Bill Shower at the V. A., Christmas Gift Shop at the Anoka Treatment Center, Servicemen Center, Child Welfare and the Department National Auxiliary Emergency Fund. Please donate when asked and wear a poppy to remember our Veterans and those that died for our freedom.

Thanks to Dawn and Jean Johnson for our St Patrick's Day treats. Next month on April 4th it will be Darlene Thell and Kathy Zwerdling.

**HAPPY EASTER!**



*2nd Vice Pres. / Auction Chairman Dawn Johnson assists the auctioneer.*



*1st Vice Cmdr. Matt Berens did excellent work as Auctioneer - raising over \$500!*



*Liz Abeln won her bid on the "hat".*

# JAN'S JOTTINGS

by Jan Reiter, Unit 102 Secretary

The regular meeting of Edward B. Cutter American Legion Auxiliary was held on Tuesday, March 7, 2006 at 7:00 pm.

President Donna Redepinning called the meeting to order with 21 members present including 9 officers.

## Committee Reports:

**Community Service:** March is Community Service month. We are asked to help celebrate Freedom from Cancer with Early detection. Health is a very important issue. Give to the Food Shelf this month, especially donations because they can buy more groceries with money than we can. So give to the Food Shelf.

**Home Service:** The Auxiliary will be collecting commemorative, foreign and air mail stamps, picture postcards and S&H stamps. If you are doing anything at home for the veterans please let us know so we can count the hours you work on this project.

**Junior Activities:** Eight Juniors along with their fathers and 3 Legionnaires, bowled on February 11 at Blainbrook Bowl. Winners were Amanda Hunt and Larry Kitt. At our meeting February 18 the juniors made entries for the District and Department conference. They approved donations to be sent into Department office. District Junior Conference will be March 18 in Howard Lake. Department Junior Conference will be April 8th in Mankato.

**Poppies:** Poppies have been received. April 21, poppy card day and May 19 & 20 state poppy day. Dody and Marlene are in need of help to ask for donations for the poppy cards to businesses in Anoka and giving out poppies on poppy day. If you can help please let someone know at the pull-tab booth.

**VA&R:** Cathy Newman took 28 Valentines to the Veterans at Anoka Metro Regional Treatment Center. She did bingo for the veterans at AMRTC on the 13th of February. We are having a VA shower for the month of March and April. Please bring your items such as crew socks, puzzle books, chap stick, shampoo, etc. to be donated to the VA Hospital for the Veterans.

**Donations:** The Unit donated \$75 to the ACBC Food Shelf and from the Junior fund, donations of \$425 to various programs.

Karen Orr talked about the Veterans History Project started by the Library of Congress to preserve the history of veterans. They started this in the year 2000 and would like to finish this project this year. You can go on to the Library of Congress's website and do the information on there that they would like. They are looking for anything to talk about.

## PARLEY SEWING PROJECT

This annual event was Monday, February 27 in the upper hall with 10 past presidents attending: Liz Abeln, Sue Nunnelee, Lynette Pavin, Cathy Newman, Jan Reiter, Karen Orr, Kathy Zwerdling, Sandy Phillips, Joyce Smith and Betty Erickson. Guests were Darlene Thell and Jewel Hastings – Jeanene Hays stopped by. Bringing their machines and sewing were Karen, Jewel and Jan.

Jewel brought 12 lap robes she made at home. Liz made 3 at home (they were tied that night), and she took material to make more at home.

During the evening, several heart pillows were cut out and stuffed with what stuffing we had on hand. Cathy purchased more stuffing to finish the rest of the heart pillows at home.

Sandy's project "Cool Scarves" were cut out, sewn and filled with Moisture Plus. Jan, Karen and Jewel took the rest of the material to finish up at home. "Cool Scarves" are strips of camouflage material with a filling of Moisture Plus sewn in. When the scarf is soaked in cold water, it will retain its coolness. Worn around the neck, we hope it will help our troops in Iraq during the coming hot desert summer.

The 15 lap robes will be given to the veterans at the St. Cloud VA Hospital; the 12 heart pillows will be delivered to the Mpls. VA Hospital and Sandy gave the approximately 42 "Cool Scarves" to Monika Oelschlager to bring to her husband Blake (a Post 102 member) to give to his Unit before they are deployed to Iraq.

The next Parley get-together will be the lunch in (probably) May. Special guests are the Units Gold Star Mothers; also invited to attend are the 50 year (and over) members of the Unit. Watch for notice of this event in the Post Paper.

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## County Day April 20th

County Day will be held on Thursday, April 20th at the Anoka County Government Center. The morning will start at 8:30 am with greetings from the County Commissioners and other County officials. Various tours of the different government departments will follow. A lunch will be served at noon at the Anoka Post Home. Students from the area schools who applied for Boys and Girls State will be invited to attend. It is an informative day to educate the students on county government.

Kathy Zwerdling  
County Day Coordinator

## SANDY'S TESTIMONIAL

Sunday, April 23 – Anoka Post 102  
Festivities – 12 noon Lunch – 1:00 pm  
\$13.00 per person

All Anoka members – Auxiliary (including Junior members),  
Legion, SAL are welcome to attend Sandy's Testimonial.

Your reservation is your \$13.00 check payable to:  
Anoka Auxiliary Unit 102 and mailed or given to:  
Jan Reiter  
6522 153rd Lane NW, Anoka, MN 55303  
(phone: 427-3733)

**CHECK MUST BE TO JAN BY APRIL 15 !!**

Tenth District President Sandy has requested NO GIFTS –  
but will accept donations to her projects:  
A wheelchair garden at St. Cloud VA Hospital  
Supplies to the troops in Iraq

*Celebrate Sandy's Year*

## Poppy Card Days begin April 21st



*Caring,  
Sharing,  
and  
assisting  
our  
veterans*



**The American Legion  
American Legion Auxiliary**



## Anoka Unit 102 Auxiliary SPRING-MOTHERS DAY PLANT SALE



**Price \$16.50**

**Buy Plant Tickets April 4th – May 15th, 2006  
at Anoka Legion Pull Tab Booth  
or  
From an Auxiliary Member**

**Make Checks Payable to  
Anoka Unit 102**

*Some Varieties Available  
Begonias – Impatiens  
Ivy Geraniums – Petunias  
Mixed Baskets – Swedish Ivy  
Many More Selections Available*

**Plant Pick-Up Times  
April 14th – June 10th, 2006  
Green Vally Greenhouse  
Ramsey, MN**

**Proceeds Help Support Our  
Veterans and Community Programs**

## AUXILIARY OVERNIGHT

Due to an unforeseen mistake in scheduling by a Jackpot Junction Casino employee, our overnight trip had to be changed from March 3rd & 4th to the 10th & 11th. This made our full bus go down to only 19 who could travel that second weekend – we had to a cancel our trip.

We thank all those who signed up originally and we will continue to have our October trip.

A possible Sunday day-trip to Turtle Lake (in April or May) is in the planning stages – the word will get out – check at the Post; also check our web site: [www.anokalegion.org](http://www.anokalegion.org) we hope it works out.

Carol Hathaway

## CONGRATULATIONS – TORNADOES!

The Anoka wrestlers won Third Place in the recent Class 3A High School Tournament. This was only the third trip to state since 1995. Going into this championship round, Anoka had 41 individual state champions – only four schools had more.

Anoka won its first state championship in 1949 – followed by 1950, 1955, 1959, 1977, 1978 and 1990.

*..from Mpls. Star Tribune information*

# April 2006

## April is Children & Youth Month

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>Coming in May</b>					
2 Jr./Sr. Pot Luck Supper 5 Dept. Cmdr. Testimonial / Morris 6 Dept. Pres. Testimonial / Madison 14 Mothers Day 19 Poppy Day	20 & 21 District Convention / Fridley 29 Memorial Day Service / Veterans Memorial			Every Thursday: Ron's BBQ Ribs 5:00 - 8:00 pm Full Rack \$11.00 1/2 Rack \$9.00		Karaoke
Club Open 12-10 Bar Bingo 3:00 pm Bingo 7 pm	Post General Memn. 7:30 pm S.A.L. Meeting 7:00 pm Auxiliary Meeting 7:00 pm Vets Shower Reports Due		SAL Sponsored Dinner 5:30-7:00 Steak or Chicken \$6.50 Pork Chop \$7.50 Bingo 7 pm	April 1, 1939: Ernest Wellhausen buys Merrill Grocery on North St. (Wife Jesse was Unit 102 Aux. Pres. 2 terms: (1944-45-46)	Meat Raffle 5:00 pm Bar Bingo 6:30 pm Legion Grill 5:00 - 8:30 pm Music 8:30-12 David Carroll	Jr. Aux. Dept. Conf / Mankato - 2nd Dist Karaoke
Daylight Savings Time Begins Spring Ahead	3	4	5	6	7	8
Club Open 12-10 Bar Bingo 3:00 pm Bingo 7 pm Palm Sunday	NEWSPAPER MEETING 7:00 PM WEB 8:00 PM	Aux. Casino Bus Hinckley House & Ent. Meeting 7:00 pm	SAL Sponsored Dinner 5:30-7:00 Steak or Chicken \$6.50 Pork Chop \$7.50 Aux. Twin Rivers Bingo 2:30 pm Bingo 7 pm	April 16, 1915: Harold Bellows fined \$1 for shooting his gun on Sunday	Meat Raffle 5:00 pm Bar Bingo 6:30 pm Legion Grill 5:00 - 8:30 pm Music 8:30-12 A.C. Rockers	Karaoke
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
<b>Easter</b> Club Closed			SAL Sponsored Dinner 5:30-7:00 Steak or Chicken \$6.50 Pork Chop \$7.50 Bingo 7 pm	Boys & Girls County Day	Meat Raffle 5:00 pm Bar Bingo 6:30 pm Legion Grill 5:00 - 8:30 pm Music 8:30-12 Front Row Band	8th & 10th Dist. Rally - Milaca Karaoke
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Dist. Pres. Sandy's Testimonial / Anoka 12:00 Noon Club Open 12-10 Bar Bingo 3:00 pm Bingo 7 pm	24	25	26	April 17, 1932: Turkey Dinner \$.75 at Zimmermans Cafe.	Meat Raffle 5:00 pm Bar Bingo 6:30 pm Legion Grill 5:00 - 8:30 pm Music 8:30-12 Silver Wings	Karaoke
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Dist. Cmdr. John Nixon Testimonial / Clearwater Club Open 12-10 Bar Bingo 3:00 pm Bingo 7 pm	<p><b>Poppy Card Days begin April 21: Poppy cards will be available at the pull-tab booth in the Post Clubrooms; members and patrons will be able to donate and sign a card - cards will be displayed in the club. Anoka businesses will also be contacted.</b></p> <p><b>All Poppy donations are given to veterans and their families - all money is used from the Poppy Fund.</b></p>					
30	<p><b>Home Hospital Equipment Scheduled Hours</b> Mondays 10:00 am – Noon Thursdays 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm Saturdays Noon – 2:00 pm Donation Suggested (Garage - Anchor Lot)</p>					