School Patrol Christmas Party

On Saturday, December 14th, Anoka Post 102 hosted the annual School Patrol Christmas Party for 92 students from Ramsey, Wilson, St. Stephens and Franklin Elementary School. We also invited Officer George Walker from the Anoka Police Dept. and his K-9 Berrett to entertain the kids. Also the students were provided karaoke entertainment by Sandy Arnold.

I would like to thank all who helped with this program. Cliff Newman, Gary Munkholm, Norman Thunnell, Joe Zimmerman, Dan Soland, Sam Orr, Al Springer, Jim Hays, Darrel Redepenning, Ray Turnquist, Frank Menter, Ron Berry, Bill Ingstrom.

Past Commander, Fadi A. Awaijane, Chairman

Come Celebrate the 95th Birthday of The American Legion

Saturday, March 15th, 2014
Commander's Hall Post 102
6;00 P.M. Social
7:00 Dinner
Cost $11.00 Donation

Dinner open to all Legion, Auxiliary, Sons of the American Legion Members and Guests.

Purchase Your Tickets at Post Club Room
At the Pull Tab Booth before 3/11/2014

No Phone Reservations
All Reservations must be pre-paid

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Adjutant's Notes

by Gary Munkholm

1. A hearty welcome to the newest members of Anoka Post 102 new members Shahn Haagen Sr sponsored by Doug Hookom, Ed Fiore sponsored by Gary Reimann, Joseph Faubert sponsored by Cliff Newman, Kenneth Johnson sponsored by Cliff Newman, Todd Smith sponsored by Doug Hookom, Jon Vasquez sponsored by Doug Hookom, and Paul Vasquez sponsored by Gary Reimann. We hope to see you at future meetings and join us in fellowship during other times of the week.
2. If you haven't paid your dues as of this newsletter please make an effort to send them in. You may also pay your dues by using the National American Legion website.
3. Paul Adler mentioned at the last meeting that one of our youth shooters received the NRA Youth Achievement Award.
4. VA Hospital ID pictures taken back in August to December 2013 have been lost in the system with computer problems. Call the VA in February to schedule your ID picture to be retaken if you had yours taken during this period of time.
5. Frank Mentor announced at the last meeting that the Minnesota Historical Society did a nice write up on Edward B. Cutter in its last newsletter.
6. Gambling manager Paul Adler presented the following list of donations for the last month which were approved by the general membership:

a. Food costs for Membership recognition event	$650
b. Minnesota Special Olympics donation	$200
c. Veterans on the Lake donation	$250
d. Support towards ARC of the Greater T.C.	$200
e. Donation towards RISE	$250
f. City of Anoka for Water & Light costs	$1,400
g. Center Point Energy for gas costs	$600
h. U.S. Treasury for tax on wagering	$400
i. Assist needy Veterans & Families	$1,500
j. Emergency Money	$500

Happy Valentine's Day

MEMBERSHIP ELIGIBILITY DATES into THE AMERICAN LEGION

Persian Gulf War	August 2, 1990 to date of cessation
Panama	December 20, 1989 to January 31, 1990
Grenada/Lebanon	August 24, 1982 to July 31, 1984
Vietnam War	February 28, 1961 to May 7, 1975
Korean War	June 25, 1950 to January 31, 1955
World War II	December 7, 1941 to December 31, 1946
World War I	April 6, 1917 to November 11, 1918
Merchant Marines	December 7, 1941 to December 31, 1946

Post 102 extends sincere sympathy to the family of

TOM SCHEPERS

Tom was a 19 year member of The American Legion and a Vietnam War Veteran.

Valentine's Special

Friday, February 14th

Prime Rib & Shrimp

Twice Baked Potato ~ Vegetable ~ House Salad w/Roll & Dessert

$30.00 per couple

FOR RESERVATIONS CALL RON: 612-978-5295

IN FEBRUARY

Every Tuesday, Thursday & Friday
Grill Open 5:00 – 8:30 pm

TUESDAYS
1/4 lb. Burger Basket – $5.50

THURSDAYS
BBQ Ribs ~ Texas Toast ~ Cole Slaw ~ Potato
Full Rack $12.00 Half Rack $10.00

FRIDAYS
7th ~ Fish Fry
14th ~ Valentine Special
21st ~ Spaghetti
28th ~ Shepards Pie

Tax included on all the above.
CATERING CENTRAL

TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS 8–9 pm
Bar Pour & Domestic Bottle Beer is $2.50

WEDNESDAYS 1–4 pm
Domestic Bottle Beer is $2.50

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Commander
Gary Reimann

Hello Veterans - S.A.L. - Auxiliary, let's make this coming year the best we can!

Mid-Winter Conference was a success, thanks to Sandy Phillips and Cliff Newman heading up the committee, and all the rest of the crew.

"Just ask" - that's all you have to do to get some current and new members to help make The American Legion strong for us and all veterans.

Support the S.A.L. dinners on Wednesday nights - they do a great job.

God Bless America
Support the troops and their families!

Legion Riders Director
Daniel Soland

Many thanks to all of you who attended last month's Beyond the Yellow Ribbon ceremony. The Anoka ALR chapter was proud to be involved and help make the City of Anoka a Yellow Ribbon Community.

It was great to work with the other ALR members from the Mighty Tenth District who attended the District Mid-Winter Conference last month. Rick Oelschlager from our Anoka ALR chapter continues to be the 10th District liaison representative at Department.

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POST HOSPITAL EQUIPMENT

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.

S.A.L. Commander
Patrick Vevea

Hello Legion Family--
On January 4, Al Amundson and Roland Herrmann and myself attended Mid-Winter Conference hosted by our Club. If you were not there, you missed me getting tongue-twisted with simple Greetings. Most had a chuckle at my expense. The lunch prepared by the Auxiliary was great.

The rest of the Squadrons were handing in membership and we had no new members. If you have not paid your dues, please do so now.

Upcoming events include the Snowmobile Rally, which is a non-riding event that will visit several Posts and end at Hopkins. The date on that is January 25.

Wednesday Dinners have slowed a little due to the weather, but are still better than last year.

Until next month, let's keep it up!

PAST COMMANDERS NEW YEARS DAY BRUNCH

Once again Post 102 Past Commanders served up New Year's Day Brunch for about 275 members and Guests. The food was delicious as always and the Members and Guests were pleased. As a junior Past Commander for the second year, I like to thank all the Past Commanders and I also like to thank 2nd Vice Commander Ray Turnquist, and ALR Director Dan Soland, much appreciated.

Thanks to the Auxiliary for putting together the bake sale. Last but not least I like to thank Club Manager Denise for ordering the New Year's Brunch Supplies.

Jr. Past Commander Fadi A. Awaijane

Front Row: *Fadi Awaijane, Jerry Abeln, Wayne Wallace, Bud Redepenning, Ron Wolford, Rick Oelschlager*
Back Row: *Bill Golden, Al Springer, Gary Munkholm, Jim Hays, Sam Orr, Darrel Redepenning, Cliff Newman*

PAST PRESIDENT'S PARLEY SWINGS INTO NEW YEAR!

The Past President's Parley (PPP) hosted the annual Holiday Dinner for Past Legion Commanders, Past Auxiliary Presidents, Past S.A.L. Commanders and Past Legion Riders Directors from Anoka on Dec. 11th at the Post clubroom.

We had a great turnout with 16 Past Commanders, 23 Past Presidents, 2 Past S.A.L. Commanders and 1 Riders Director (and 5 guests) attending. The dinner was provided by the S.A.L. master chefs and was excellent as usual. Everyone had a good time renewing old friendships and reliving memories of their years as leaders of our Legion family.

On January 1st, the PPP held their annual Bake Sale during the New Year's Day Brunch at the Post home. There were many wonderful items for sale made by 12 Past Presidents. They, along with 4 monetary donations, accounted for $311 to be used toward funding contributions to the Department Past President's Parley Health Care Scholarship. This provides aid to members pursuing careers in the Health Care industry. Thank you to all who donated items, money and time to our only fundraiser of the year. If you would still like to donate toward the scholarships, it's not too late! You can send a donation the Unit treasurer, Jeanene Hays at Post address.

The PPP will host 2 sewing get-togethers at the Post. The 1st is scheduled for Jan. 22nd and the 2nd is Feb. 19th. Both will start at 1pm. Anyone is welcome to attend. We will be making items for the V.A. Hospital. No special skills are required because there is something for everyone to do. So please come and join in the fun!

Sue Nunnelee, Liz Abeln, Betty Erickson, PPP Co-Chairmen

President's Column

Lynette Pavin

The January 7 meeting was cancelled due to cold weather and illness.

Mid-Winter was a success. Thanks to all of the members who volunteered and attended meetings. Wonderful lunch - thanks Cathy and Jan.

Our Birthday Dinner will be held Saturday, March 15, more information available later.

The February 4 meeting will cover upcoming events and anything missed for January. If you have any questions, please come to the meeting - we need more members attending. Remember - this is YOUR Auxiliary.

Mid-Winter Conference

Preparations began in October 2013 with a meeting with Legion, Auxiliary & SAL Commanders, Auxiliary President, Adjutants & Secretary. The Anoka Legion Family went into action - planning for hall setup, registration, lunch, coffee & rolls, silent auction, electronic presentations. One Hundred Twenty-eight (128) Legion, Auxiliary, SAL & Legion Riders were in attendance. The Post is fortunate to be able to provide rooms for each group.

There are too many Post and Auxiliary members to name and thank for all their hard work and time. Lunch, cookies & bars were provided by the Auxiliary. Ahh, good old Minnesota Hotdish. The Silent Auction was a District function with the donations going to Creative Arts Festival, half of the proceeds going to the Department Festival, half to the National Creative Arts. All in all the day went well.

Thank You, Thank You Anoka Post 102 Family
Chairpersons - Cliff Newman & Sandy Phillips

Auxiliary Membership

Still Missing: 56 still loyal (but forgetful) Anoka Unit members who have not yet paid their 2014 Auxiliary dues of $25.00

If you have received (or not): a phone call, message or a note in the mail--- send your dues ASAP - it is TIME!!

Mail to me: 1826 Cressy Avenue, Anoka, MN 55303 (or) stop at the Post pulltab booth.

You do not need to include your notice with your dues.

Betty Erickson, Chairman

In Memoriam

DONNA (VOSS) MOLUMBY

Donna, a 21 year Auxiliary member, was born May 19, 1925 in Wyoming, MN and passed away October 21, 2013 in Rogers, MN. Donna was the sister of Netha Feist.

Edward B. Cutter Unit 102 extends its sympathy to her family including Unit members Judy Feist and Debra Feist Brantingham.

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MYRTLE F. (CHAMBERLAIN) DAML

Myrtle, a 51 year Auxiliary member, was born November 19, 1922 in Doon, Iowa and passed away December 29, 2013 in Anoka, MN.

Edward B. Cutter Unit 102 extends its sympathy to her family including Unit member Jeannine Chamberlain.

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SIGRID TIMMER

Sigrid, a 9 year Auxiliary member, was born January 9, 1940 in Nowata, Oklahoma and passed away January 2, 2014 in Anoka, MN.

Edward B. Cutter Unit 102 extends its sympathy to her family including Unit member Wendy Timmer Delaney.

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JOYCE (KORINTA) JELLE

Joyce, an 11 year Auxiliary member, was born August 27, 1943 in Detroit Lakes, MN and passed away January 4, 2014 at home in Andover, MN.

Edward B. Cutter Unit 102 extends its sympathy to her family including Unit members Beth Jelle Clear, Barb Jelle Lass (juniors) Danielle and Madison Lass.

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Memorials in the names of Donna, Myrtle, Sigrid and Joyce were sent by Unit 102 to the Fort Snelling Rifle Squad.

Credits: 30 years ago
Feb. 1984 Post/Aux. Paper

FEBRUARY 2014

9-15 National Salute to Hospitalized Veterans Week

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
COMING IN MARCH 4 - Membership Meetings 4 - Annual Aux. Auction-after Mtgs 5 - Ash Wednesday 9 - Daylight Savings Begins 15 - Birthday Dinner 15-17 - 95th Anniversary of the Paris Caucus 20 - First Day of Spring			Flag Display Days Feb. 12th Lincoln's Birthday Feb. 18th President's Day	SEE MENU ON PAGE 2 for TUESDAY, THURSDAY & FRIDAY MENU	Meat Raffle 5:30 pm Bar Bingo 7:00 pm	Dept. Rally - Waite Park 1
Club Open 12-10 Bar Bingo 4:00 pm **Four Chaplains** 2	*1984 - PC Visneski:* *For some 20 years, the Post has been donating toys to the Cambridge State Hosp. at Christmas time. The major source of these toys has been through Jerry Raney who was employed by Tonka and through him, Tonka donated many thousand toys over the years. The Post has purchased many more. Tonka Toys have now moved to Texas.* 3	Bar Bingo 6:30 pm Post General Mem. 7:30 pm S.A.L. Mtg. 7:00 pm Auxiliary Mtg. 7:00 pm 4	SAL Dinners 5:30-7:30 Prime Rib $11.00 5	*1984 - PC Visneski:* *On Sat., Jan. 14, 1984 another era in Post 102 history came to an end. Back in Jan. 1966 the 1st Bingo Workers Dinner was held. In July of 1983 due to lack of volunteers, it was decided to go to paid workers. Our Rest Home bingo program will still work with volunteers.* 6	Meat Raffle 5:30 pm Bar Bingo 7:00 pm 7	*1984 - Cmdr. Campbell:* *We are in the process of getting our S.A.L. Detachment re-activated for our Post. We need help in getting this going, also a volunteer advisor.* 8
Club Open 12-10 Bar Bingo 4:00 pm 9		Bar Bingo 6:30 pm NEWSPAPER MEETING 7:00 pm 11	SAL Dinners 5:30-7:30 Country Fried Steak $8.50 Legion Riders Mtg. 7:00 pm 12	*Since 1965, many have been involved - Larry Violet was one of the first chairmen with Mark Ward who started Bingo at Post 102. We should thank all the members who helped keep this program going for 19 years.* 13	Meat Raffle 5:30 pm Bar Bingo 7:00 pm Valentine's Day 14	SAL Rally - Mound 15
Club Open 12-10 Bar Bingo 4:00 pm 16	**President's Day** 17	Bar Bingo 6:30 pm House & Ent. Meeting 7:00 pm 18	SAL Dinners 5:30-7:30 Smoked Pork Chop $9.00 19	*Paid Bingo was started Aug. 1, 1983 and is doing very well.* 20	Meat Raffle 5:30 pm Bar Bingo 7:00 pm 21	*1984 - Adj. Wallace: 10th Dist. Cmdr. Norm Tracy visited meeting; Building Comm. to discuss plans for expansion of Post home. Bob Duclos delivered fruit baskets to 2 Nursing Homes & local families; C.A. Visneski & J. Raney delivered 3 boxes of toys & 9 boxes of clothing to Cambridge State Hospital.* 22
Club Open 12-10 Bar Bingo 4:00 pm 93 years ago: Ladies organize and elect officers in Anoka for the American Legion Auxiliary. 23	*cont: Thanks to Jerry for his many years of dedication to this program. A plaque from the Post will be presented to Tonka Toys for their toy donations.* 24	Bar Bingo 6:30 pm Executive Board Meeting 7:00 pm 25	SAL Dinners 5:30-7:30 Walleye Dinner $10.50 26	27	Meat Raffle 5:30 pm Bar Bingo 7:00 pm 28	

EVERY WED STEAK $8.50 - FISH OR SHRIMP $8.00 - STEAK & SHRIMP $11.50

Jan. 1, 1984: During a Post Ex. B. meeting several months before Jan. 1, Cmdr. Al Campbell suggested the idea for a brunch. He thought it a good way to show appreciation to Legion & Auxiliary members and it should be free and hosted by the Past Post Commanders.

Doors opened at 10 AM, 1st Vice Jon Essig greeted members & checked cards; 1st shift bartenders Wayne Wallace, Jerry Abeln & Louie Erickson were busy; the kitchen drew - Oren Lemke, Pete Lish, Whiskey Visneski, Howie Zunker, Al Smith & Gordy Berquist perpared 30 doz. scrambled eggs, grilled pounds of sausage, cooked several hundred 7 in. pancakes. Al & Gordy handled the serving line in the hall with orange juice, coffee and english muffins.

Ending at 2:30 PM, about 125 people were served. 1st Vice Jon plans on having the 2nd annual brunch next year.

A great idea, Commander Al!