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ADJUTANT'S NOTES

by Gary Munkholm

A hearty welcome to our new member Steven Randall to Anoka Post 102. We hope to see you at future meetings and join us in fellowship during other times of the week.

The Post 102 Constitution and By-Laws were updated and approved by the General membership at the last meeting. If you need a copy ask Adjutant Munkholm for one.

Rick Oelschlager presented the 2011 budget to the General Membership at the last meeting and it was approved.

Cliff Newman is chair for the School Patrol Christmas party on December 4 and the District Oratorical Contest on December 18. If you can help with either of these events be sure to let Cliff know at 763-757-2034.

Gary Reimann presented the Post with the Anoka Halloween Business of the Year Award for the many activities and donations the Anoka American Legion brings to the community throughout the year.

Commander Wolford announced that members of the Legion National Convention Committee visited our post last month for possible use of the club facilities during the National Convention in Minneapolis next summer.

Our club funds provided $100 to Marshland Gun Dogs which will be used for our Veterans with their hunting experience.

Gambling manager Paul Adler presented the following list of donations which were approved by the general membership:

Veterans Holiday Fund St. Cloud VA	$100
Veterans Holiday Fund Minneapolis VA	$100
Minneapolis Veterans Home Holiday Fund	$100
Boys State jacket emblems	$100
North Suburban Concert Band	$500
Assist needy Veterans or Family	$1,500
Emergency money	$500

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Post 102 extends sincere sympathy to the family of

MERLE MEVISSEN

Merle was a 9 year member of The American Legion and a Vietnam War Veteran

VETERANS DAY 2010

Your Edward B. Cutter Post Color Guard of Jim Hays, Fadi Awaijane and myself participated in the following events on Thursday, November 11, 2010: Anoka Senior High School 7:45 am. In cooperation with the National Guard and VFW from Coon Rapids, the high school concert band, the principal and select students honored veterans - past, present and future. Your color guard laid a wreath honoring each branch of service.

Rum River Elementary School 12:45 pm. In cooperation with Renae Blue and the school staff, your color guard demonstrated posting of our nations colors ad the folding of a very special flag that had been flown at Mr. Vernon, the home of our nations first president. The cased flag will be placed below a picture of President Washington that the school has in their media center. The school then presented our Post Home with thank you cards and a special thank you plaque.

The plaque and thank you cards were displayed at the Veterans Day Dinner on November 13th; pictured with those cards are Cmdr. Ron, Jim Hays and myself.

Cliff Newman

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Commander's Column
Ron Wolford

I was informed that we got a month of snow in two days. The month of October has passed by in what seems like a short amount of time. The Halloween Parade was one of those moments that I will never forget. The signs held up which stated "Thank you veteran" by both young and old citizens as we went by on the float. A mother yelling out to me that her son was in Afghanistan and he was so proud of our yearly parade lead by the Anoka Color Guard.

The Veterans Day Dinner was just great. Everyone that I talked with seem to believe that this was the best ever. Don't worry, the dinner served next year by First Vice Commander Fadi Awaijane will be better than this year. This Post is working together and looking to the future. Sure we have our problems, as any family does, but I have never seen a Post pull together when faced with adversity like Post 102 does to come up with a solution.

Now is the time to give thanks for all of our blessings. If I had but one wish, it would be that all of our heroes would be home for Thanksgiving and we would have a world at peace. Let me end with this quote from Will Rogers, "We can't all be heroes because somebody has to sit on the curb and clap as they go by."

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. NEWS
Commander Allen Amundson

Winter is finally here and most of the 'snowbirds' have gone south.

Charlie Heemer and I attended Fridley's S.A.L. General meeting on Thursday, Nov. 11. It's always interesting and informative to meet and talk with other Squadrons in our area. Please welcome new members to Squadron 102, Zachary Yonke and Christin Rickoff.

Our Squadron has approved the following donations:
Child Welfare Foundation $50
Veterans Pheasant Hunt $50

Thank you to all who attended the Veterans' Day Dinner, especially the S.A.L. Members. We all had a great time enjoying the good dinner and excellent program. We had a good turnout for Apple Bagging on Mon., the 15th. Thanks to all who helped; and Lance, Kevin and Charlie for joining me that evening.

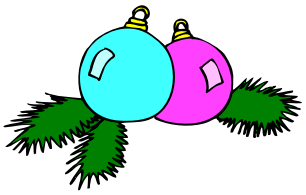
Upcoming events include the School Patrol Christmas Party, Oratorical Contest and Veterans Wild Game Feed. Also, don't forget the 10th District Mid-Winter Conference to be held here in Anoka on Sat.,Jan. 8. I encourage all S.A.L. Members to please try and attend.

It's almost the end of the year, so if you haven't renewed your membership, please pay your 2011 dues now.

Please Note: There will be **NO Wednesday Dinner** on **November 24 or December 22**.

Squadron 102 has endorsed Charlie Heemer as a candidate for 10th District S.A.L. Commander for the year 2011-2012.

Until next month... "Lets Make A Difference"



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VETERANS DAY DINNER

Darlene, Ron, Paul and Bradley

Commander Ron Wolford opened the program, Dinner Chairman 2nd Vice Commander Gary Reimann explained the POW/MIA table to the audience. Head table guests: 10th Dist. SAL Cmdr. Gary Semmel, Post SAL Cmdr. Al Amundson, 10th Dist. Pres. Peggy Tesdahl, Unit Pres. Darlene Thell, 10th Dist. Cmdr. Darrel Redepenning and guest speaker Captain Paul Ives, ARNG.

Cmdr. Ron recognized 2010 fifty year members Alton Moe and Donald Haub, both were unable to attend but will receive a framed certificate.

Pres. Peggy and Cmdr. Darrel brought greetings from the 10th Dist. with Darrel adding a personal story about his homecoming from Vietnam – and how times have thankfully changed. For the presentation of the Past Cmdr. Plaque, Cmdr. Ron had Joe and Dorothy Werbowski accept on behalf of their son Gregg, for his dedicated service to Post 102 for the 2009-2010 year.

Guest speaker Captain Paul Ives is Bronze Star recipient with enlisted service of 19 years and 26 year total service. For his first speaking engagement, Capt. Ives did very well talking of his latest duty in Washington State with a picture presentation. His current assignment is Cmdr. of E-TAB 1/151 Field Artillery Battalion.

The Rum River Quintel entertained throughout the evening. Chaplains Jim Hays and Joyce Jelle gave prayers, the hall was set up and decorated by Post and Unit members and the always delicious meal was served by Ron's Catering Central. The program was special to all who attended this veterans day dinner.

Ron, Gary, Darrel, Peggy, Darlene and Al

BOY SCOUT OF THE YEAR

The Boy Scout of the Year award is given annually to the boy scout that exemplifies the principals of Scouting. He is the individual scout that is chosen by the scout troop to be the outstanding scout of the year.

This year the Scout of the Year is Bradley Svoboda. Bradley is the son of Jeff and Shelia Svoboda of Anoka.

Throughout his scouting career he has held a variety of positions with his troop, from assistant patrol leader to patrol leader. Bradley also became the den Chief for Pack 233 Cub Scouts and last year he achieved Eagle Scout. Academic awards - Bradley has been student of the month and honor graduate.

During this time period he has been involved in many community projects such as scouting for food, park clean ups, Rum River clean-up and coat drive. Additionally his Eagle Scout project involved working with Anoka nursing homes. He designed large playing card holders to use when a person has too many cards to hold and donated them to local nursing homes.

Bradley's future plans are to continue attending Anoka Ramsey Community College while working at Magneto Power and then attending architecture school. I am proud to present Bradley Svoboda as Anoka Post 102 Scout of the Year.

Paul Adler

ANOKA HALLOWEEN COMMITTEE NAMES POST 102 FOR THE 2010 HONORED COMMUNITY PARTNER AWARD

The Honored Community Partner Award winner is selected annually by the Anoka Halloween Committee and it honors a business or community organization that has demonstrated an ongoing support of and partnership with Anoka Halloween. Community Partners provide a valuable and much appreciated support to Anoka Halloween and the community.

The 2010 Honored Community Partner Award was presented this year to the Anoka American Legion – Edward B. Cutter Post 102. The American Legion Post 102 has been a proud sponsor of the Anoka Halloween Parade providing color guards in the parade since the parades inception. Besides helping with financial donations to the Anoka Halloween Committee the Legion Post also opens its doors to numerous Anoka Halloween activities to include Halloween Bingo, Family Movie Night, pageant rehearsals, and Pre-parade receptions for visiting Royalty. The Veterans and families of the Anoka American Legion Post 102 continue to give their time and efforts in support of the Anoka Halloween Celebration.

JAN'S JOTTINGS

by Jan Reiter

The regular meeting of Edward B. Cutter American Legion Auxiliary was held on Tuesday November 2, 2010.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Children & Youth: Sandy Phillips made a motion to give permission for Norah Wyman to give $100 to Adopt a family in Anoka County. Approved.

Education: November is Education month and November 15th is Education week. A motion was made by Kathy Zwerdling to give apples to the teachers in the Anoka schools the week of the 15th. Seconded and carried. We will be bagging apples on November 15th at the Legion.

Junior's Activities: Sue Nunnelee said the Halloween fund raiser on October 30 netted a profit of $1075.79. She thanked everyone who helped her, including Joe Ridge and Cliff Newman and everyone thanked her for doing this tremendous job. Two juniors helped at the Early Bird Dinner and four juniors helped at the fund raiser. Sue announced we will host the 10th Dist. Junior Conference on March 26, 2011.

National Security: Cathy Newman reported that this year the unit will be sending items to the troops and are looking for items for lady soldiers. If anyone has some lady items they want to send to a lady soldier, leave it at the pull tab booth or call Cathy Newman. She will package it up and send it off. A motion was made to give $20, out of our budget, to Cathy to go out and spend on items for those boxes. Approved.

Poppy: For her wreath, she entered in the Poppy contest at fall conference, Cathy Newman won 3rd place.

Fund Raising: Casino overnighter at Jackpot Junction profited $690.

UD&R (Unit Development & Revitalization): Chairman Donna Redepenning reported she prepared and handed out informational folders to the three members who were initiated during the Unit Early Bird get-together in October.

Donations:

Mpls. VA Medical Center	$100
St. Cloud Medical Center	$100
Am. Leg. Fund for Hospitalized Vets	$ 75
MN Vet Home (Mpls & Hastings) $75 each	$150
$5 Bill Shower	$100
10th Dist Activity Fund (Mpls. & St. Cloud)	$100
Vets Job Training Program (Anoka County)	$100
Vets Vol. Trans. Program (Anoka County)	$200
Christmas Gift Shop/AMRTC	$ 50
Vets Rest Camps (Forest Lake & Ely)	$100
Am. Leg. Aux. Hosp. Program	$ 75
Natl. Creative Arts Festival	$ 50
Mn Stand Down	$100
Ride to Recovery	$100
Legacy Scholarship Program	$ 50
Natl. Am. Leg. Child Welfare Found.	$ 50
Fort Snelling Rifle Squad	$ 50
Dist. Presidents Project	$ 50

A motion was made to approve these donations from the budget. Seconded and carried.

Unfinished Business: Donna Redepenning reported on Fall Conference.

SIXTH ANNUAL HOLIDAY DINNER

ATTENTION PAST
* POST COMMANDERS *** UNIT PRESIDENTS *
* SAL COMMANDERS *

You and your spouse or guest are invited to attend our 6th Annual Holiday Dinner.

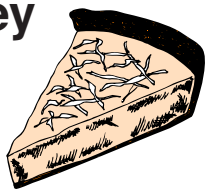
Date: Wednesday - December 15th 2010
Where: Legion Post - Commanders Hall (Upper)
Time: SociaI6:00-7:00pm / Eat 7:00pm
Catered by: SAL Organization

Food Choices:	Prime Rib	$9.50
	Shrimp	$7.50
	Sirloin Steak	7.50
	Shrimp & Steak	$10.00

Choices with: Salad, Baked Potato, & Roll Coffee/Water
Dessert by the Past Presidents

Make checks payable to: SAL
Deadline: Meeting night, Tuesday December 7th
Send Checks to: Barb Ridge 2708 Pine Ridge Drive, Anoka 55303
OR
Bring to Pull Tab Booth at Legion Post! or me on meeting night.*
*Please include on your check or piece of paper attached, your food choices per person.

Past Presidents Parley
BAKE SALE



at
New Years Day Brunch
January 1, 2011

Proceeds to Parley Projects!

President's Column

Darlene Thell

Hello Auxiliary Members,

Another busy and fun month is behind us. Fall Conference on October 28, 29 and 30th was well attended by our Post. Thank you to everyone who attended and to those who entered items in the Poppy contest. Congratulations to Cathy Newman for taking 3rd place on her beautiful wreath. National awards brought home to our Auxiliary went to: Dept. of MN Historian Sue Nunnelee for Best Dept. History in the Northwest Division; Public Relations Chairman Darlene Thell for Unit Emphasis award; Unit Historian Karen Orr for Recognition of Participation/Milestones over the years. Congratulations to all – it was an honor and a delight to meet our National President Charlene Ashworth of Texas. It was a good conference. I came home with new thoughts and ideas.

Thank you to Sue Nunnelee, the Jr. Girls, and all who helped out with the Jr. Fundraiser in selling sandwiches, hot dogs, baked goods and beverages on the day of the Big Parade. It was a good fundraiser and a fun day. I was especially very honored to ride on our grand Legion float, with Commander Ron and 10th Dist. Commander Darrel.

Thank you to all who helped decorate and set up in the morning and with the cleanup later for the Veterans Day Dinner. It was truly a huge honor to take part in this very fine event. Our veterans are our heroes, let's never forget them.

Another thank you to everyone who helped bag apples on Nov. 15th for American Education Week, and also to those who delivered the apples to the schools the following day. This is always a fun and worthwhile event and everyones help is greatly appreciated.

Have a very Blessed Thanksgiving weekend!
God Bless the American Legion

Auxiliary Membership

The **third 100** has come in – we have 301 members. Our GOAL is 376 and if you have not yet paid, NOW is the time!

Stop in at pulltabls or mail to me, you do not need the dues notice to renew your membership for 2011. **BEFORE** Christmas - please!

Remember, the New Years Day Brunch is free for all paid members!!

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

Apples Bagged & Delivered

On Monday, November 15th, 5 Legion, 4 SAL and 9 Auxiliary members helped bag 901 apples for American Education Week. On Tuesday, the apples were delivered to all teachers and staff members at 8 schools and 3 Learning Centers in Anoka. A special "Thank You" card was included with each apple. A special Thank You to Cliff Newman for picking up the apples and Sandy Phillips for making the enclosure cards.

Apple Baggers
Al Springer, Tim Kelsey, Sam Orr, Cliff Newman, Art Parvey, Charlie Heemer, Al Amundson, Kevin Smith,Dawn Springer, Karen Orr, Lenora Root, Lynette Pavin, Pam Westlie, Cathy Newman, Barb Fechner, Sandy Phillips and Kathy Zwerdling.

Delivery of Apples
Al Springer, Tim Kelsey, Lance Nelson, Sandy Phillips and Kathy Zwerdling

Thank you to all for helping with this Legion Family program.

Delivering Apples to St. Stephens School

Kathy Zwerdling
Aux. Education Chairman

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

DECEMBER 2010

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Flag Display Days 7th - Pearl Harbor Day (half-staff until sunset) 25th - Christmas Day	**RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP NOW! Legion, Aux. Aux. Jr., SAL Dual**	1st Friday each month Red Cross Bloodmobile at Post 7 AM - 1 PM	SAL Dinners 5:30-7:00 and Country Fried Steak $8.00 1	Every Thursday & Friday Grill Open 5:00 – 8:30 pm Bar Bingo 7:00 pm 2	Meat Raffle 5:30 pm Bar Bingo 7:00 pm Tree Lighting Anoka City Hall 7 pm 3	School Patrol Christmas Party 10:00 am to 12:00 noon 4
Pearl Harbor Rally Forest Lake Club Open 12-10 Bar Bingo 4:00 pm 5	Auxiliary Christmas Gift Shop AMRTC 6:30 pm 6	Post General Mem. 7:30 pm S.A.L. Mtg. 7:00 pm Auxiliary Mtg. 7:00 pm Pearl Harbor Day 7	SAL Dinners 5:30-7:00 Steak, Chicken, or Stuffed Shrimp $7.50 Steak & Shrimp Combo $10.00 Aux. Twin Rivers Bingo 2:15 pm 8	Bar Bingo 7:00 pm 9	Meat Raffle 5:30 pm Bar Bingo 7:00 pm 10	Veterans Wild Game Dinner 12:00 noon 11
Club Open 12-10 Bar Bingo 4:00 pm 12	*80 years age Dec. 1930: Day and night service at the Main Garage is proving popular.* 13	NEWSPAPER MEETING 7:00 pm 14	SAL Dinners 5:30-7:00 and Prime Rib $9.50 Legion Riders 7 pm Past Pres. & Past Cmdrs. Holiday Dinner Aux.-Post - SAL Soc 6:30 Din 7pm 15	Bar Bingo 7:00 pm 16	Meat Raffle 5:30 pm Bar Bingo 7:00 pm 17	10 Dist. Oratorical Contest in Anoka 18
Club Open 12-10 Bar Bingo 4:00 pm 19	*70 years ago Dec. 1940: Art Peterson leased 3rd and Main Pure Oil Station.* 20	House & Ent. Meeting 7:00 pm Winter Begins 21	NO DINNERS 22	Bar Bingo 7:00 pm 23	*Christmas Eve Club Open 12 Noon to 5:00 pm* 24	*MERRY CHRISTMAS* Club Closed 25
Club Open 12-10 Bar Bingo 4:00 pm 26	*70 years ago Dec. 1940: John Hood opens new Shell Station on Highway 10 and Washington Street.* 27	Executive Board Meeting 7:00 pm 28	SAL Dinners 5:30-7:00 Steak, Chicken, or Stuffed Shrimp $7.50 Steak & Shrimp Combo $10.00 29	Bar Bingo 7:00 pm 30	New Years Eve Music 8:30 – 12:30 Entertainment *FREE* hors d'oeuvrs at midnight & party favors 31	January 1st New Years Day Brunch for all paid 2011 Legion, Auxiliary and SAL members – if not yet paid - you may do so that day.

COMING IN JANUARY

1st New Years Day Brunch ~ Club Open 10:00 am – 7:00 pm
Past Commanders serving 11:00 am – 1:30 pm
Past Presidents Bake Sale during brunch
4th Membership meetings
8th 10th Dist. Mid-Winter Conference at Anoka
18th Past Presidents Sewing Bee 1:00 pm

Anoka Legion Riders
Chapter 102 Meeting 7:00 PM
Post Clubrooms
3rd Wednesday of every month.

MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL
Come on in - see whats happening!