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Memorial Day Observance

Veterans Memorial
Forest Hills
Cemetery

Monday, May 30, 2016 - 10:00 AM

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3rd ANNUAL

Collector Car & Bike Show

JUNE 1
JULY 6
AUGUST 3
SEPTEMBER 7

4 - 8 PM

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Adjutant's Notes

by Gary Munkholm

A hearty welcome to the newest members of Anoka Post 102, John Giancola sponsored by Cliff Newman and Michael Phillips sponsored by Jim Hayes. We hope to see you at future meetings and join us in fellowship during other times of the week.

Due to National raising their dues, the General Membership voted to raise our Post dues to $40, starting January 16, 2016. A reminder that you can pay your dues online via the National Legion website, mail them in, or just drop them off with one of the bartenders.

As a Veteran, your membership in the American Legion is very important to us and our National Commander when he addresses Congress or the White House to help solve Veteran problems. Always look at your membership in the American Legion as another way of showing our leaders that we care about how Veterans are being taken care of.

Our Junior Shooting Club, the Center Shots, spoke to the general membership last month. They took 1st place in the contest at Fort Benning, Georgia, and each girl talked about their experience at the event.

Paul Orson, our 10th District Vice Commander, attended our general membership meeting and talked about membership ideas. Our current 10th District Membership Director, Bonnie Hanson, also attended one of our general membership meetings. Bonnie spoke about our need for a final push on membership, and encouraged phone calls and home visits.

Don't forget to attend our May 30th Memorial Day Service at 10:00 am. If you can help set up for the observance, show up at the Post at 8:00 am to help move chairs.

If you plan on attending either of the upcoming Conventions, be sure to let Commander Turnquist know as soon as possible, in order to get registered. 10th District Convention is at Osseo Legion Post on May 21st and the Department Convention is in Rochester on July 21st to 23rd.

The Post voted to once again sponsor a women's softball team at a cost of $2,000. We are already sponsoring a men's softball team.

Many thanks to Dan Soland for chairing the recent Wine Tasting event and Gary Reimann for chairing the recent Chili contest.

Gambling manager, Paul Adler, presented the following list of donations for the last 2 months which were approved by the General Membership:

a. Donation to support MN National Guard Youth Camp	$300
b. North Hennepin Legion Baseball League fees	$1,050
c. Caps, Balls, Scorebooks for our Legion Baseball team	$250
d. Donation to support the VA Fisher House	$250
e. Donation to support the North Star Council Boys Scouts	$250
f. Legion Baseball Tournament fees	$350
g. Donation to the ACBC Food shelf	$4,000
h. Donation to Veterans on the Lake Resort	$250
i. Donation to the Veteran's Home fishing opener	$250
j. Donation to the Minnesota Military Museum	$250
k. City of Anoka (Water, Light Costs)	$2,600
l. Center Point Energy (Gas Costs)	$1,350
m. U.S. Treasury for tax on wagering	$8,000
n. Assist needy Veterans & Families	$1,500
o. Emergency Money	$500

Post 102 extends sincere sympathy to the families of

FRANK A. CONROY

Frank was a 20 year member of The American Legion and a Vietnam War Veteran

RUSSELL HOLMES

Russell was a 53 year member of The American Legion and a Korean War Veteran

DR. NEIL L. MACHELEDT M.D.

Neil was a 53 year member of The American Legion and a World War II Veteran

EUGENE R. YANKE

Eugene was a 43 year member of The American Legion and a Korean War Veteran

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Call Frank Menter 763-237-4375 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.

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Commander Ray Turnquist

HAPPY SPRING!!

First I would like to thank Gary Reimann and Doug Hookom for the great job they did on our 1st chili cook off. I would also like to thank everyone who donated the tasty chili. It was a great event and we look forward to the 2nd annual.

I would also like to thank Dan Soland and crew for all his work on our 3rd annual wine tasting night. We had a great turn out. Dan added craft beer this year and the event was a huge success.

May 20-21 is poppy days. Let's have a big turnout to help distribute poppies. Let's do it in memory of Sandy as she always worked so hard on this project.

Saturday, May 21st, is the District Convention being held in Osseo. Anyone interested in going can contact Doug Hookom or myself.

At the May general membership meeting we will be nominating new officers. Anyone interested in a position should contact Gary Reimann. Also, we will be honoring those who have passed away in this past year with our Post Everlasting ceremony. Please try to attend to honor those veterans.

The June membership meeting will be the election of our new officers. You can't cast a vote if you don't attend! June 16th will be the installation of the new officers. Please show your support to the new board by attending. I know they will appreciate it.

The Anoka Post 102 car show this year will be held 4 times; on the first Wednesday of June, July, August and September. Please contact Sam Orr or myself if you can help.

On **Friday, May 27th**, at 5pm we will be putting out flags at the Anoka cemeteries; and at 5pm on **Monday, May 30th**, we will be removing them. Any help would be appreciated, and we will meet at the Legion.

The Memorial Day service is **May 30th** at 10am, at Memorial Park in Anoka. The club can use help setting up, and we will meet at 8am at the Legion. Pray for nice weather!

Please show your support to the SAL steak fry on Wednesday nights and Sunday afternoon grill. They do a great job.

I would like to welcome all the new members to our post.

God Bless America, Commander Ray

S.A.L. Commander Tim Dahlheimer

Spring greetings from the SAL team!

As my 2nd year as your SAL commander comes to an end this June, this will be my last news article. I would like to thank our entire Legion family for your continued support and encouragement these past two years. It has been an honor to have served the Post in this capacity. A very special thanks to our dedicated SAL "crew" for all you do to make Post 102 great! You know who you are. Your countless hours of volunteer service and continued support of our SAL projects, functions, and special events is greatly appreciated. I will continue to serve the post as an active SAL member, and look forward to another great year of fellowship and service. Thank you!

Mark your calendars for the following upcoming events:

A: 10th District Convention- May 21, at Osseo
B: Memorial Day Service- May 30, at Anoka
C: Detachment Convention- June 24-26, at Legionville

Sunday food service: The SAL will now be serving food from 2-5pm every Sunday. This will be replacing our Saturday food service, which has been discontinued. The Sunday afternoon menu will consist of Walleye nuggets, chicken or meatloaf sandwiches, (potato) waffle fries or side-winders, mozzarella sticks, and onion rings. Our goal is to capture the Sunday bingo crowd as well as our regular guests. Our prices are very reasonable. Stop in and check it out!

Our Wednesday night steak fry now features our regular menu items which include: Steak, Chicken Fillets, Walleye Fingers, Shrimp, Steak & Shrimp, Fish and also Walleye Nuggets. We serve from 5:30-7:00pm. Stop in and enjoy a good meal and fellowship. All birthdays are announced and celebrated with Pat "Chunk" Vevea leading our in-house choir! Don't miss the fun!

As always, if you have a suggestion or idea that would help the SAL better serve the post, please share it with us. We are always searching for new opportunities.

Happy Spring!
Tim Dahlheimer, SAL Commander

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

President's Column

Cathy Newman

Hello to all our Auxiliary Members & Friends-
This is going to be my last newsletter article as your president. I can't believe how fast the year went.

A lot of things have been going on over the months. On Feb. 23rd, we had another Sewing Bee for our Veterans and our Annual Veterans Shower. Thanks to all that helped with the sewing bee and the shower. The total items came to 336 personal items, books etc.; and 55 sewn items.

After our March meeting we had our Annual Auction, the Post & SAL came to bid on things brought in. We always have a fun time. Thanks to the men who seem to be our big spenders, we made enough to send a second girl to Girls State. We had our Birthday Dinner March 12th. Not a great turn out! I really need to "THANK" Al Amundson for all the work he did for our Birthday Dinner; he printed the tickets, made the flyers, put the program together and had it printed for us! I don't know who else we would have gotten. Great Job!!! Then it was time for our Craft Show/Bake Sale. We sold 40 tables and had them in the upper & lower halls. The Bake Sale was a success again. Thanks to every one that did the baking. Hope to do it next year.

Don't forget that the May Meeting is our "Pot Luck" meeting with the Girl Staters attending, have your goodies to the meeting by 6:00pm. In April we had County Days for the students trying for Girl & Boy State. After that is Poppy time. Poppy Cards will be out on the 14th of April for your donations to our Veterans. May 20th & 21st, is poppy distribution in Anoka. Hope you call Sue Nunnelee and Volunteer to get donations for poppies in Anoka.

Well that's about it. We are up to June. The Auxiliary has no meetings in the summer. Officer Installation will be June 16th. My year will be over. I know this is very long, but I have to do this yet. I want to give a really big "Thank You" to everyone (Auxiliary, Post, SAL and Bar Staff) for all the help you have given me this year; no one can do this job without help and I have had wonderful people around me for that.

One more Thank You goes to Jeanene Hays for all the work she puts into the flowers around the Post over the summer. Give her a "Thank You" when you see her.

Good Luck to our upcoming President and Commander. Keep up on your helping the SAL meals over the summer. I will see you then. Anyone wanting to join our Auxiliary, just ask any member and they will be able to help you.

Well, guess that's about it. I will see you around the Post.

President Cathy Newman

In Memoriam

Sandra K. (Lee) Phillips

Sandy, a 31 year Auxiliary and Honored Life member, was born May 20, 1944 in Bismarck, North Dakota and passed away March 17, 2016.

Sandy was Unit President 1991-92 with Commander Bob Kay and 1994-95 with husband (Commander) Larry. She was also 10th District President 2005-06 with District Commander John Nixon of Clearwater. Sandy was very active in all Unit and Auxiliary programs.

Edward B. Cutter Unit 102 extends its sympathy to Sandy's family and many friends.

A memorial in Sandy's name was sent by Unit 102 to The American Legion Minnesota Brain Science Foundation.

Common Bonds

Last month's meeting it was mentioned to us about, Common Bonds Veterans Housing at Ft. Snelling, units for a single adult.

They were asking for the following items: Cleaning Products for kitchen & bath, Clorox Wipes, Plastic Buckets, Dish & Laundry soaps, Personal Hygiene Products - items you would use.

If you care to help, you can bring any items to our May meeting. I will get them to where they need to be.

Thank You, Veterans Affairs Chairman, Cathy Newman

Jr. / Sr. Auxiliary Potluck

May 3rd, 6:30 pm, prior to our general membership meeting, we will be having our annual Jr./Sr. Auxiliary Potluck dinner. Plan to attend and enjoy some delicious hot dishes, salads and desserts. We will be meeting our Girl State candidates and hear them tell about County Day. Bring a dish to pass and enjoy the evening with friends. Our Unit meeting will follow the dinner.

Kathy Zwerdling, Girls State Chairman

Jan's Jottings

by Jan Reiter

Regular meetings of Edward B. Cutter American Legion Auxiliary were held March 1st and April 5th, 2016, with President Cathy Newman presiding

Committee Reports

Education: Kathy Zwerdling stated Scholarships to be awarded by the Unit are 1@$750 and 2@$500.

Finance: Approved donations:

Dept Amer Leg Aux Emerg Fund	$100
Forgotten children	$100
Nat'l Amer Leg Aux Emerg Fund	$100
ACBC	$100
Fisher House	$100
Anoka County Hist Society	$ 50
Legionville	$100
Meal on Wheels	$100
Anoka County Campership	$150
Natl Guard/Military Children	$100

Fund Raising: The Craft , Vendor, & Bake sale was a success. Surveys showed they would come back. Thanks to members who worked and donated for the bake sale.

Legislation: Barb Ridge stated that a Legislative Advocacy Guide is available online (find out how to contact your legislator); the American Legion National Emergency Fund provides immediate financial assistance to Legion family members affected by natural disasters; and there will be additional memorials in Washington D.C. for forgotten war heroes and a World War I Memorial.

Membership: Betty Erickson reported we have 291 members into Department (30 have not yet renewed).

Memorial: Pat Nutter, a 25 year member, and Sandy Phillips, a Past Unit and 10th District President and 31 year member, have passed away.

Nominating Committee: (Election May 3rd)

President: Diane Wolford
Treasurer: Jeanene Hays
1st Vice President: Sue Nunnelee
Sgt at Arms: Cathy Newman
2nd Vice President: Open
Executive Committee: Kathy Zwerdling & Ashley Swanson

VA&R: Cathy Newman thanked everyone who brought items for the VA shower (336 items valued at $2,560), which she then delivered to the Mpls. VA Hospital. This included sewing items (heart & neck pillows, wheelchair & laundry bag bibs, small quilts, etc.) made by the Past Presidents and members. Donna Redepenning stated the new apartment section for veterans at Fort Snelling is in need of cleaning supplies.

New Business: A motion by Kara Riser to hold a picnic for residents of Golden Living at Riverside Park from 11:00am till 1:00pm on June 22, it also being a fundraiser for Emergency Housing for Veterans, was approved.

Coming Up: May 3rd meeting (following Potluck Supper @6:30pm): Election of Officers - Election of Delegates to 10th District Convention (May 21 / Osseo) - Poppy Days (sign-up) May 20-21. **June 7th meeting:** Election of Delegates to Department Convention (July 21-23 / Rochester) - Installation of Post/Unit 102 Officers (June 16 / Anoka).

RON'S GRILL
Every Tuesday, Thursday & Friday
Grill Open 5:00 – 8:30 pm

TUESDAYS

Sloppy Joe w/Fries or Tots - $7.00

THURSDAYS

BBQ Ribs ~ Texas Toast ~ Cole Slaw ~ Potato
Full Rack $15.00 Half Rack $13.00

FRIDAYS

MAY 2016

6th - Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce
~ Italian Sausage, Veg, Garlic Toast - $9.00

13th - Beef Liver
~ Mashed Potato, Veg, Roll, Butter - $10.00

20th - Southwest Chicken Salad
~ Boneless Chicken Breast, Caesar Dressing - $8.50

27th - Bleu Cheese Burger
~ Fries or Tots - $8.00

JUNE 2016

3rd - Tuna Melt
~ Fries or Tots - $9.00

10th - BBQ Pork Sandwich
~ w/Coleslaw or Fries or Tots - $9.00

17th - Philly Steak w/Onions, Mushrooms, Swiss Cheese
~ Fries or Tots - $9.00

24th - Italian Meatball Sandwich
~ Fries or Tots - $9.00

Tax included on all the above.
CATERING CENTRAL

ANOKA LEGION
welcomes
"Service Dogs"

Poppy Days

I'll wear a poppy on my lapel, For Love of country, for freedom so dear,
Perhaps I should wear two; When called, they answered and fought.
One honors the living, So you wear a poppy, The other the dead, I'll wear my two,
That's the best that I can do. For the blessings their blood has brought.

Poppy Days are fast approaching. I consider Poppy Day a holiday among the American Legion Family. It is one of our most important Auxiliary programs. It is a day when we can show our support for the sacrifices that our Veterans have made for the freedoms we enjoy every day.

I am looking for support once again from our American Legion family. Please watch your mail for your poppy letter, in which we will be seeking monetary donations to the Poppy Program and asking for volunteers to help distribute poppies. This year the Poppy Days are Friday, May 20th and Saturday, May 21st, which is also Armed Forces Day. It would be great to make the American Legion visible with poppies on that day.

If there are any business owners among our Legion Family who would be willing to display a Poppy Poster and/or a Poppy donation can at your business, please contact me and I, or another Auxiliary member, would be glad to deliver them to your business. Also remember your donations are tax deductible. Or if you are employed somewhere that can display a donation can please contact me.

Poppy cards are available at our Post Club rooms during the months of April and May if you wish to donate in that manner.

All funds collected for the Poppy Program are used to benefit our Veterans, active Military and their families. With the help of the Anoka Legion Family members, I am looking forward to another successful Poppy Program this year.

Feel free to call me with any questions and or ideas on how to make this a great year. Thank You in advance for your support!

Sue Nunnelee, Unit Poppy Co-Chairman
10312 109th Av N, Champlin, MN 55316
763-370-8524

County Day

Fourteen (14) students from Andover Sr. H.S. and Ten (10) students from Anoka Sr. H.S. were transported to the Anoka County Government Center. Two (2) students from Coon Rapids Sr. H.S. were unable to attend.

The students were escorted to the County Council Meeting room and were addressed by numerous Council Members, the County Sheriff and the County Attorney. The students were then escorted through the Building Security and then split into two (2) groups, with one group going through the County Jail and the other through the 911 Center. After about an hour, the groups switched tours. Upon completion of the tours, the Students were escorted to the Anoka American Legion for lunch. After lunch, the students were returned to their respective schools.

Thank You to all the Volunteer Drivers, and to the Auxiliary for all their help with the Lunch. Students from this group will be selected for Girls and Boys State.

Auxiliary President, Cathy Newman; Girls State Chairman, Kathy Zwerdling; Boys State Chairman, Cliff Newman

97th Birthday Dinner

On March 12th the Auxiliary held it's Annual Birthday Dinner for the Post. It was the 97th Birthday of the American Legion. Attendance was lower than previous years. Catering Central did the meal and it was delicious, very nice to be served instead of a buffet. Thanks for doing a great job.

Our guests and speakers were Department Vice Commander Darrel Redepenning, Auxiliary Department President Sandy Fredrickson. Detachment SAL Commander and Department Honorary Jr. President were unable to attend at the last minute.

Gifts for Projects were given out. A card with a note for a gift to come when the Post finds a project for it.

Thanks to everyone that came to help with setting up and then cleaning up. Thanks for Coming.

President Cathy Newman

L>R: Unit 102 President, Cathy Newman; Post 102 Commander, Ray Turnquist; Department Vice Commander, Darrel Redepenning; Department President, Sandra Fredrickson; SAL 102 Commander, Tim Dahlheimer

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97th Birthday Dinner - continued

Post Commander, Ray Turnquist, at Head Table

Guest Speaker, Dept. Vice Commander, Darrel Redepenning

Unit President, Cathy Newman, presenting a gift
to Dept. President, Sandra Fredrickson

Guest Speaker, Dept. President, Sandra Fredrickson

Post Commander, Ray Turnquist
& Unit President, Cathy Newman

PLEASE NOTE

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Edward B. Cutter Post 102 Event Calendar

2016

WEEKLY RECURRING EVENTS

SUN 4:00 pm Bar Bingo | Club Open Noon-10 pm
SUN 2:00-5:00 pm SAL Grill Open
TUE 5:00-8:30 pm Grill Open | 6:30 pm Bar Bingo
WED 5:30-7:00 pm- SAL Dinner /
1st WED of Month = Prime Rib Special
THU 5:00-8:30 pm Ron's Ribs / Grill Open
FRI 5:00-8:30 pm- Grill Open
5:30 pm- Meat Raffle | 7:00 pm- Bar Bingo

MONTHLY RECURRING EVENTS

MAY

2 MON 7:00 pm Legion Bingo @ Golden Living
3 TUE 7:00 pm General Membership Mtgs
9 MON 7:00 pm Post History Mtg
11 WED 2:00 pm Auxiliary Bingo @ Golden Living
24 TUE 7:00 pm House & Entertainment Mtg
31 TUE 7:00 pm Exec Board Mtg

JUNE

6 MON 7:00 pm Legion Bingo @ Golden Living
7 TUE 7:00 pm General Membership Mtgs
8 WED 2:00 pm Auxiliary Bingo @ Golden Living
13 MON 7:00 pm Post History Mtg
14 TUE 7:00 pm Post Newsletter Mtg
21 TUE 7:00 pm House & Entertainment Mtg
28 TUE 7:00 pm Exec Board Mtg

OTHER EVENTS

1 SUN District Commander's Testimonial 3 pm – Osseo
3 TUE Auxiliary Pot Luck Supper w/Juniors
4 WED Anoka High School Scholarship Night
20 FRI Poppy Card Days – Anoka
20 FRI 10th District Convention Banquet 7 pm – Osseo
21 SAT Poppy Card Days – Anoka
21 SAT 10th District Convention 9 am – Osseo
1 WED (3rd Annual) - 1st Car Show 4-8 pm – Anoka
8 WED Past Post Commander Dinner
13 MON President Cathy Newmans Dinner – TBD
16 THU Post 102 Officer Installation
22 WED Golden Living Walk-a-Thon

COMING IN JULY

21 -23 THU-SAT – Department Convention – Rochester
6 WED (3rd Annual) - 2nd Car Show 4-8 pm – Anoka

THIS DAY IN HISTORY - Holidays

1 May **May Day**
5 May *National Day of Prayer*
8 May **Mothers Day**
15 May *Peace Officers Memorial Day*
15 May *Womens Army Corp Founded – 1942*
21 May **Armed Forces Day**
22 May *National Maritime Day*
30 May **Memorial Day**

6 Jun *D-Day*
14 Jun *US Army Corp Founded – 1775*
14 Jun **Flag Day**
19 Jun **Fathers Day**
20 Jun *Summer/Winter Solstice*
25 Jun *Korean War began – 1950*
30 Jun *Post 9/11 GI Bill Signed – 2008*

Flag Flying Days =