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Annual New Years Day Brunch

Club Open 10:00 am to 5:00 pm
Brunch Served 11:00 am to 1:00 pm

JOIN US NEW YEAR'S DAY FOR A FREE BRUNCH

**All Paid
Post, Unit, Juniors, SAL members
and a guest are invited.
If not yet paid - you may do so that day.**

Past Presidents Parley BAKE SALE

Club Open to the Public at 1:00 pm

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Join us for the 98th Birthday of
The American Legion

Saturday, March 11, 2017 - Post 102
6:00 PM Social - 7:00 PM Dinner

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Adjutant's Notes

by Gary Munkholm

A hearty welcome to the newest member of Anoka Post 102, Navy Vietnam Veteran James Luft. We hope to see you at future meetings and join us in fellowship during other times of the week.

We had another successful Wild Game Dinner for our shut in Veterans from our VA Hospitals because of the many wild game donations from our members and friends. Many thanks to all of you who helped cook and serve, and especially efforts by Chair Darrel Redepenning and Vice Commander Doug Hookom.

Our Post is hosting the District Mid-Winter Convention again this year on January 7th and we can use all of your help to make it a remembered experience. Set up is Friday night for the Saturday Mid-Winter. Questions on the event go to Conference Chair, Cliff Newman.

Many thanks to Fadi Awaijane for chairing the annual School Patrol Party held in December. A well deserved reward for the school safety patrol students.

If you need a ride to general membership meetings for any reason give Chaplain, Jim Urban, a call and he will arrange a ride for you.

Post Service Officer, Frank Menter, recently mentioned that the Sorenson Statue in our Memorial park was recently cleaned and it looks great. Many thanks to the City of Anoka Parks Department for helping with the project.

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 with the American Legion as another way of showing our leaders that we care about how Veterans are being taken care of.

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

Christmas donation for needy families	$300
St. Cloud VA Hospital Holiday Fund	$100
Minneapolis VA Hospital Holiday Fund	$100
Minneapolis Veteran's Home Holiday Fund	$100
Boy Scout of the Year award at Veterans Dinner	$100
Gambling insurance for liability	$500
Gambling workman's compensation for employees	$1,080
Gambling managers liability bond for 2017	$100
Wild Game Dinner for Veterans	$500
Reimbursement for School Patrol Party	$350
Donation to the North Suburban Concert Band	$500
Support Service Center for Military	$100
Support Memorial Rifle Squad	$100
State tax on gambling	$5,000
Water & Light costs	$3,450
Center Point Energy for gas costs	$500
MN Revenue for tax on wagering	$600
Assist needy Veterans & Families	$1,500
Emergency Money	$500

Post 102 extends sincere sympathy to the families of

WENDELL R. BEARL

Wendell was a 41 year member of The American Legion and a Korean War Veteran

ROBERT J. DEHN

Robert was a 69 year member of The American Legion and a World War II Veteran

EDWARD F. LATUFF

Edward was a 63 year member of The American Legion and a Korean War Veteran

RANDALL G. STARK

Randall was a 16 year member of The American Legion and a Panama War Veteran

WAYNE J. SWING

Wayne was a 46 year member of The American Legion and a World War II Veteran

IN NEED OF A RIDE ?

Any member needing a ride to a Legion function or meeting can call:

Jim Urban..... 763-300-0359
Ray Turnquist... 763-350-1133
Gary Reimann.. 612-860-2533
Doug Hookom.. 763-227-8177

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Commander
Ron Wolford

Wow! Winter sure got here. Have a great Christmas and a Happy New Year. The Auxiliary President covered most of the high lights for the months. The people who worked these events did a super job. I would only hope you had a chance to work at the patrol guard party. Fadi does a great job with the students from the different schools.
See how we compare with our reasons for standing.

I stand because……

1. The flag of my country went by in a parade.
2. They played the national anthem.
3. I am a veteran.
4. For all the veterans who have combat injuries and can't stand.
5. I am a citizen of the United States of America.
6. I owe my freedom to all my forefathers.
7. My God created this nation.

Or do you stand for nothing?

The Veterans Day celebration was a huge success with over one-hundred and forty guests present. A special thanks for the military weapons and memorabilia that were supplied by Dennis Young and Bill Bune.

The Wild Game Dinner was another great time. Darrell Redepenning did a great job emceeing the program and Frank Gail with bingo. The meal was super and all promised to return for our fiftieth year celebration.

Hope to see you all at our Mid-Winter Program on **January 7th.**

Commander, Ron Wolford

LEG Fall Conference

S.A.L. Commander
Tim Dahlheimer

Happy New Year!

As we enter into 2017, the SAL team would like to wish our entire Legion family a healthy and prosperous New Year!

On **Saturday, January 7th**, our Post is hosting the 10th District Mid-Winter Conference. This is a "big" event and we need SAL help in many areas to make it a success. We need help on Friday night with set-up, Saturday morning's registration table, and clean up. Let us know if you can help.

Upcoming Events:

Saturday, Jan. 7 – 10th District Mid-Winter Conference at Post 102.
Saturday, Jan. 28 – 10th District Snowmobile Rally at Lino Lakes Post 566.
Saturday, Feb. 18 – 10th District Sweetheart Rally at Mound Post 398.

Sunday food service: The SAL team is now serving food from 2-5pm every Sunday. The Sunday afternoon menu will consist of Walleye nuggets, Chicken Wings, several types of Fries, mozzarella sticks, mushrooms, onion rings, and Chicken or Fish sandwiches. 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 features our regular menu items which include: Steak, Chicken Filets, Shrimp, Surf+Turf, Walleye fingers, and Fish. Also, Prime Rib the 1st Wed of the month. We serve from 5:30-7:00pm. Stop in and enjoy a good meal and fellowship. All birthdays are announced and celebrated with "DaChunk" 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.

Until next time, let's be thankful for all we have!

Tim Dahlheimer. SAL Commander

10th District Oratorical Contest

SAT, JAN 21, 2017 - 8:00 AM

Anoka Legion

Volunteers needed, contact Cliff Newman 612-298-7259

Chaplain's Corner

Jim Urban

With the anniversary of Pearl Harbor, I was thinking about what it was like at that time. My parents and grandma talked about how everyone contributed to the war effort. Rationing of gas, collecting scrap metal and buying war bonds. People were going to church, praying to God for our country and the soldiers safe return.

Then on 9-11-2001, I sensed the same the same unity across the country. Church participation was up, people embracing each other. But that only lasted so long.

Now is the time to fill our churches and pray to God for our country and unity across this great land. In Abraham Lincoln's Proclamation of National Day of Prayer (30th day of April 1863) he said, " we have been recipients of the choicest bounties of Heaven. We have been preserved these many years in peace and prosperity. We have grown in numbers, wealth and power, as no other nation has ever grown. But we have forgotten God. We have forgotten the gracious hand which preserved us in peace and multiplied and enriched and strengthened us".

Lets remember to give thanks to the One who sustained in our great country!

God Bless - Jim

Apple Bagging

Thanks to all who helped bag and deliver 800 apples to all the Anoka schools for American Education Week.....

Kathy Zwerdling

School Patrol Christmas Party

Saturday, December 17th, 10 am – 12 noon, 13 volunteers from Anoka Legion Post 102 hosted the Annual School Patrol Christmas Party. There were 81 students from Wilson, Ramsey, Franklin and St. Stephen Elementary Schools.

Officer George Walker and his Partner, K-9 Barret, were invited to entertain the students. The Students were than entertained with karaoke provided by Jennette Munkholm.

I would like to thank the following Legion Members for all their help, which was much appreciated: Commander Ron Wolford, Ray Turnquist, Sam Orr, Doug Hookom, Gary Reimann, Norman Thunnell, Cliff Newman, Joe Zimmerman, Charlie Davidson, Tim McLaughlin, Gary Munkholm, Bill Angstrom and Club Manager Denise Adler.

School Patrol Christmas Party Chairman, Past Commander Fadi A. Awaijane

School Patrol Party

"Past" Holiday Get-Together

Hopefully, this will be the last COLD 'Past Commanders & Past Presidents' get-together. It was held on December 8, with a great meal by Catering Central and tasty desserts by Nancy Bever, Karen Orr, President Diane Wolford and Norah Wyman. Drawings of poinsettia plants were held - with eight more plants to be delivered to Past Presidents and home-bound Unit members.

A suggested plan (unanimous by those attending) for next years event is to schedule it in June or July, afternoon or evening, weekday or weekend?! Planning will happen, reservations made and notice will be in our Post Newsletter.

Thank you all for attending; 9 Past Commanders, 13 Past Presidents and 7 guests!!

Cathy Westland, Kathy Zwerdling and Betty Erickson

President's Column

Diane Wolford

Greetings Auxiliary Sisters,

It looks as though the snow will stick around for the holidays.

Our early bird dinner was well attended. The delicious dinner was prepared by Cathy Newman and Jan Reiter.

The Fall conference in Marshall was well attended. Three ladies from our unit were represented. They were Cathy Newman, Donna Redepenning and myself. Virginia Nelson, National Northwestern Division Vice President, was present and spoke to us. She is from Nebraska.

At our November meeting, a plaque was presented to Barb Ridge for her hard work on legislation. This award came from National and I was told that very few of these awards are presented. Congratulations, Barb, on a job well done.

At the Veterans Dinner, the Auxiliary had distinguished guests – District President Linda Deschene from Brooklyn Center and 10th District Honorary Jr. President Megan Bruzek from Delano, MN.

Thanks to everyone who worked hard to make the Elvis show a big success. Thank you to Sue Nunnelee for the donated items for our fund-raiser.

The New Years Day Brunch is coming soon. Any donated bakery items for Past Presidents Parley will be greatly appreciated.

The dates for the next Sewing Bees will be Jan. 24 at 1:00 pm and Feb 28 at 1:00 pm. Hope to see many volunteers.

The next Auxiliary meeting is Jan. 3. Hope to see many of you there. Also, don't forget the Mid-Winter Conference on Jan 7.

I want to wish everyone Happy Holidays and safe travels.

Diane Wolford, Auxiliary President

ANOKA LEGION
welcomes
"Service Dogs"

Auxiliary Fall Conference

Early Bird Dinner

SUNDAY GRILL

SAL Squadron 102

2:00-5:00 PM

FRIES

Curly ~ Waffle ~ Sidewinders

Onion Rings - Mozz... Sticks
Popcorn Chicken - Mushrooms
Chicken Wings - Jalapeno Poppers
Shrimp - Walleye Fingers
Fish or Chicken Sandwiches

Jan's Jottings

by Jan Reiter

NOVEMBER

The regular meeting of Edward B. Cutter American Legion Auxiliary was held on Tuesday, November 1, 2016.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance: A motion was made to pay the following donations:

Minneapolis VA Medical Center	$100
St. Cloud VA Medical Center	$100
MN Veterans Home (Mpls & Hastings $110 each)	$200
Five Dollar Bill Shower	$100
American Legion Fund for Hospitalized Veterans	$100
10th Dist Activity Fund	$100
Veterans Volunteer Transportation Program	$300
Veterans Job Training Program	$200
Christmas Gift Shop	$200
Veterans Rest Camp at Forest Lake	$200
American Leg Auxiliary Hospital Program	$100
National Creative Arts Festival	$350
MN Stand Down MVAC	$300
Ride to Recovery	$100
Helping PAWS(Dist Leg Cmdr Project)	$ 50
Operation Comfort Warriors (Dist Pres Project)	$100
St. Cloud VA Recreation Program	$100
National American Leg Child Welfare Foundation	$100
Legacy Scholarship Program	$300
Department Scholarship Fund	$100
Ft. Snelling Rifle Squad	$100
Dist. Jr. Pres. Project Military Mommy bags	$ 25
Dist. Jr. Gift	$ 25
Anoka County Adopt a Family	$200
District Pres. Gift	$ 25

Seconded and carried.

Legislation: Betty Mika said the American Legion wants to make sure phone calls on Crisis lines are answered in a timely manner.

VA&R: Cathy Newman has received 25 heart pillows, 18 neck pillows, 10 comfort boxes and 8 tote bags from Karen Orr and Joni Mika. Thank you girls. She has received new patterns for our sewing bees.

Unfinished Business: Early Bird Dinner served 78 people reported Lynette Pavin. No initiation but continuous pins were handed out. She thanked everyone for helping out that evening. At Fall conference, they said they are going to move the servicemen's center for security purposes. Also the Legion and the Riders each donated $10,000 toward the Auxiliary Christmas Gift shop. Cathy Newman said they handed out pamphlets on the Foundation for Suicide Prevention. Donna Redepenning reported that at Fall Conference they made $4633.35 on the silent auction for the Auxiliary Emergency Fund. Donna reported the Legion will be having a Wild Game dinner on Dec. 10th for the veterans and is in need of help to serve.

New Business: Diane reported that we won a National Legislative Unit Award put in by Barb Ridge.

DECEMBER

The regular meeting of Edward B. Cutter American Legion Auxiliary was held on Tuesday, December 6, 2016.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Children & Youth: Denise Vickers met with the Anoka County social worker and gave the items they had bought for a family.

Education: Kathy Zwerdling had a scholarship recipient move from a 4 year college to a 2 year college, due to cost. The rules said she had to go to a 4 year college, but a motion was made to waiver the 4 year college and give this student her scholarship. Seconded and carried. On November 14, we packaged and delivered 800 apples to the nine Anoka schools.

National Security: Jean Parvey sent in a report that next month she will be collecting: toiletries, sanitizers, decks of cards, small bags of hard candies, small puzzle books, black socks, AA or AAA batteries, chap stick, small calendars, beef jerky, dental supplies, pens, notepads, etc. The items will go to the Armed Forces Center at MSP airport and to Operation Care Comfort or other organizations overseas. She will set up the CPR/AED with the Anoka police/firemen training session in September on a night other than meeting night.

Service for Veterans: Bingo at Golden Living Center in Anoka on December 14th at 2:15pm. Please save commemorative stamps for the Auxiliary. For Veterans Day Lynette handed out 15 cards with $2 bills in them.

Sunshine: Nancy Bever sent out 5 sympathy cards and 4 get well cards.

VA&R: Cathy Newman gave 124 cards to veterans on Veterans day at Farmstead, AMRTC, Homestead and River Oaks. She took 40 heart pillows, 28 neck pillows, 20 tote bags, 20 comfort boxes, 2 laundry bags, 6 lap robes and thanked everyone who made these items. Sewing bees will be January 24th and February 28th.

UNIT 102

Starting in January, Jean Parvey-

will be collecting, toiletries, sanitizers, decks of cards, small bags of hard candies, small puzzle books, black socks, AA or AAA batteries, chap stick, small calendars, beef jerky, dental supplies, pens, notepads, etc.

The items will go to the Armed Forces Center at MSP airport and to Operation Care Comfort.

Auxiliary Ladies

On Nov. 17th items were taken to the Mpls. VA Hospital for our Veterans. These ladies need a real big Thank You for all they do at home: Karen Orr, Jane Oelrich, Jan Reiter. Cliff and I took the following: 40 heart pillows, 6 lap robes, 28 neck pillows, 20 comfort boxes, 20 tote bags & many toiletry items. This was all done with out a sewing bee. Other sewing bees will be held on Jan 24th & Feb 28th at 1:00PM at the post. Plan to attend.

Thanks, Cathy Newman

RON'S GRILL
by Catering Central, Inc.

Every Tuesday, Thursday & Friday
Grill Open 5:00 – 8:30 pm
[Regular Grill Menu Available]

TUESDAYS

Chef's Choice

FEB 14th - *Valentine's Day*
Top Sirloin Steak & Shrimp Dinner
Salad, Potato, Veg, Roll, Butter - $16.00

THURSDAYS

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

FRIDAYS

JANUARY 2017

6th - Fish Dinner ~ Potato+[2] - $10.00

13th - Swedish Meatballs
~ Mashed Potato, Gravy+[2] - $10.00

20th - BBQ Pork Sandwich ~ +[1] - $9.00

27th - 1/4 Chicken Dinner
~ Mashed Potato, Gravy+[2] - $10.00

FEBRUARY 2017

3rd - Fish Dinner ~ Potato+[2] - $10.00

10th - Beef Tips over Baked Potato
~ +[2] - $10.00

17th - Stuffed Pork Chop
~ Twice Baked Potato+[2] - $11.00

24th - Liver & Onions
~ Mashed Potato, Gravy+[2] - $10.00

[1] *Coleslaw, Fries or Tots*
[2] *Veg, Roll, Butter*

Tax included on all the above.

49th ANNUAL VETERANS WILD GAME DINNER A BIG SUCCESS

Once again, Post 102 really shined on December 10th, when volunteers and special guests that include the V.A. Medical Centers in St. Cloud and Minneapolis came together to enjoy the annual Wild Game Dinner. This has really evolved into a Legion Family affair. Once again, the S.A.L Cooking Team (complete w/ Chef Terry Johnson) put together a great meal. Once again, our main game donators (Tim Kelsey, Ron Welle and Pete Hagedorn) came through for us. Once again, a large group of Legionnaires showed up to help do anything that needed to be done! Once again the Ladies Auxiliary was there with home-made stocking hats, cards, candy and ice cream.

This event just seems to get better every year. Thanks to everyone that finds this event to be special and volunteers every year to keep it going. Next year will be the 50th year and it's hard to believe we can make it any better but we'll sure try! Maybe we'll have even more people???

Darrel Redepenning

Edward B. Cutter Post 102 Event Calendar

2017

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

!! UNDER 21 NOT ALLOWED IN LOUNGE DURING **BAR BINGO !!

MONTHLY RECURRING EVENTS

JANUARY

2 MON 7:00 pm Legion Bingo @ Golden Living
3 TUE 7:00 pm General Membership Mtgs
9 MON 7:00 pm Post 102 Centennial Mtg
11 WED 2:00 pm Auxiliary Bingo @ Golden Living
18 WED 7:00 pm Chapter 102 ALR Mtg
24 TUE 7:00 pm House & Entertainment Mtg
31 TUE 7:00 pm Exec Board Mtg

FEBRUARY

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14 TUE 7:00 pm Post Newsletter Mtg
15 WED 7:00 pm Chapter 102 ALR Mtg
21 TUE 7:00 pm House & Entertainment Mtg
28 TUE 7:00 pm Exec Board Mtg

OTHER EVENTS

7 SAT 10th District Mid-Winter Conference – Anoka
21 SAT 10th District Oratorical Contest – Anoka – 8 am
24 TUE 1:00 pm – AUX Sewing for Veterans – Anoka
27 -28 F RI-SAT 10th District Snowmobile Rally

4 SAT DEPT Sweetheart Rally – New Prague
18 SAT 10th District SAL Sweetheart Rally – Mound
28 TUE 1:00 pm – AUX Sewing for Veterans – Anoka

COMING IN MARCH

11 SAT American Legion Birthday Dinner – Anoka
31 - Apr 1 – FRI-SAT – Aux Spring Craft & Bake Sale

THIS DAY IN HISTORY - Holidays

1 Jan New Years Day
16 Jan Martin Luther King Day
17 Jan 1991 – Desert Storm Air War begins
27 Jan 1973 – Vietnam Ceasefire
30 Jan 1968 – Start of Tet Offensive

1 Feb National Freedom Day
8 Feb 1910 – Boy Scouts of America founded
12 Feb Lincolns Birthday
14 Feb Valentine's Day
15 Feb Susan B. Anthony Day
19 Feb 1945 – Battle of Iwo Jima begins
20 Feb Presidents Day
22 Feb Washington's Birthday
23 Feb 1991 – Desert Storm Ground War begins

Flag Flying Days =