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## 86th Anniversary of The American Legion

(Paris Caucus March 15-17, 1919)



*Roast Turkey with Stuffing  
Mashed Potatoes with Gravy  
Tossed Salad with Dressing  
Vegetable  
French Rolls  
Coffee / Milk  
Birthday Cake*

Dinner by Catering Central - Ron Forsyth

Dinner open to all Legion, Auxiliary and SAL Members & Guests.

Tickets Available at Pull-Tab Booth – \$8.00

Cut-Off Date March 7

**NO SMOKING**

*Special guests and speakers attending will be:*

**Department Commander Marland Ronning**

**Department President Carol Holmgren**

**Department SAL Commander Robert Bristo**

### ATTENTION: 2005 Unpaid Members

Your membership in Post, Aux.  
and SAL expired Dec. 31, 2004.  
As of January 1, 2005 you are  
considered delinquent and  
March 1, 2005 you will be  
removed from the Post rosters.

This is the last newspaper you  
will be receiving if you have not  
renewed your membership.

**RENEW TODAY!!!**

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# ADJUTANT'S NOTES

WAYNE D. WALLACE

The Post Executive Committee meeting held January 25, 2005 heard the minutes from the previous meeting and reports from finance, clubroom and gambling.

A matter brought before the Executive Committee from the House and Entertainment Committee was the installation of a wireless intercom system to assist any handicapped individual entrance into the Post facilities.

The Executive Committee reviewed all requests for donations and those approved were recommended for approval to the Post General Membership.

The Post General Membership meeting held February 1, 2005 heard the minutes from the previous meeting and reports from Post officers and committee chairmen.

Post Commander Rick Oelschlager introduced Minnesota's Department Commander of The American Legion, Marland Ronning, from Osseo Post 172. Commander Ronning spoke of the importance of getting membership renewals. He mentioned the importance of getting new members but we must retain those members we already have. He reported his visit to Hawaii to see the facilities where the 2005 National American Legion Convention will be held in August. Commander Ronning also mentioned the outstanding response received from letters sent out for donations to support American Legion programs at the Department level.

Adjutant reported Post members Joseph Roman, Lauren Soderquist and Leslie Meyer have passed away since the last meeting.

Darrel Redepenning reported (868) members are signed up for 2005. That figure is 95.49% of our goal. We need (41) more members to reach our goal and there are many more than that who have not renewed their dues for 2005.

The following Lawful Purpose donations/expenses projected for February 2005 were approved by the Post General Membership.

1. Anoka County Historical Society ..... \$3,000
2. RISE, Inc. .... 500
3. City of Anoka (Water/light costs) ..... 1,000
4. Centerpoint Energy (Gas cost) ..... 1,700
5. American Legion Family Hospital Association ..... 500
6. 9th District American Legion Band ..... 200
7. North Hennepin Legion Baseball (Entry & umpire fees) ..... 1,335
8. Grand Rapids Tournament (Jr. Legion Baseball) ..... 250

9. Chapel of Four Chaplains (Annual membership to chapel) ..... 150
10. Wings of Mercy ..... 100
11. United States Treasury (Tax on wagering) ..... 600
12. Assist needy veterans/families ..... 1,500
13. Emergency Money ..... 500

Total taxes paid on gambling proceeds for January 2005:  
 MN Revenue.....\$ 13,009      Federal IRS.....\$ 498

New member accepted by the Post General Membership was Lee A. Bilderback. We welcome you into Post 102 and hope to see and meet you at our monthly Post meeting held the first Tuesday of each month at 7: 30 PM.



**Post 102 extends sincere sympathy to the families of**

**JOSEPH ROMAN**

Joseph was a 1 year member of Post 102 and a World War II Veteran

**LAUREN G. SODERQUIST**

Lauren was a 41 year member of Post 102 and a Korean War Veteran

**LESLIE F. MEYER**

Les was a 12 year member of Post 102 and a Korean War Veteran



## BAR BINGO

**EVERY FRIDAY 6:30 PM**


**3 ON A SHEET – \$1.00**

**75% PAYBACK**

**Meat Raffle at 5:00 pm**

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**Commander's  
Column  
Richard Oelschlager**

Greetings Legionnaires,

This is just a little weather report for all those snowbirds that haven't had the chance to see the weather here in Anoka the end of January. It is in the high 50's today, and people move to Atlanta to get out of the cold. Anoka has had warmer temperatures this last week than Atlanta Georgia. Just had to let the snowbirds know that we have it rough way up here in the North Country!



Cliff Newman, Larry Philips, and myself took the opportunity to talk with National Commander Thomas P. Cadmus when he stopped at the Osseo Post for dinner. He toured the state with Department Commander Marland Ronning, stopping at a dozen posts along the way. Commander Cadmus had a lot to say about the ACLU and its attempt to stop military units from sponsoring Boy Scouts troops because the Boy Scouts believe in God. Cadmus also talked about VA funding and the Flag Amendment and that congress has done nothing with either one of these issues.

With that I will say good by for now and look forward to seeing all of you at the Birthday Dinner on March 12.

Have fun and enjoy life! It's too short not to.



**S.A.L. NEWS**



**Chris Christen  
SAL Cmdr.**

We had a special guest at the February 1st SAL regular meeting; Department Legion Commander Marland Ronning of Osseo. He spoke of the upcoming National Convention in Hawaii.

Welcome to our recent new members, Cory M. Arnold, James W. Balabon and Terry L. Larsen.

The SAL Spring Conference will be held in Duluth on March 19 & 20. If you are interested in attending, let me know.

Our Spring Campout at Legionville will be June 24-26.

The Squadron has hats and jackets for sake, see Charlie Heemer.

So until next month, God Bless.



**Art Show and Reception**

You are invited to attend an Art Show and Reception honoring the local veterans who are participating in the 2005 National Veterans Creative Arts Competition.

**Thursday, March 3, 2005**

**12:30 – 5:30 pm**

**Auditorium, Building 8**

**VA Medical Center, St. Cloud, MN**

Veterans, family, friends, volunteers, and staff of the medical center are welcome to attend and congratulate our talented artists.

Refreshments will be served.

# SANDY'S SCRIBBLES

by Betty Erickson, sitting in for sick secretary Sandy

The regular meeting of Edward B. Cutter Unit 102 was held on February 1st with 17 members present.

The chairmen gave reports on their programs.

**Girls State** chairman Kathy Zwerdling announced that she will be holding an assembly at the High School on March 10th. The girls that attended Girls State last year will be present to give their experiences from last years Girls State. She will also show the Girls State video.

**Junior Activities** chairman Sue Nunnelee reported that the Juniors met on January 15th and made valentines for the area nursing homes. They will be holding their bowling tournament at Blainbrook on February 5th. The Juniors will be hosting the District Junior Overnight at the Post on February 25th. The next Junior meeting is scheduled for February 19th. The Juniors will help serve the Birthday Cake at the Birthday Dinner. The following donations from the Junior Fund were approved: \$25.00 Spirit of Youth Scholarship, \$25.00 Forgotten Children's Fund, \$25.00 Minnesota Home School, \$25.00 Legionville, \$25.00 National Veteran's Creative Arts Festival, \$25.00 Girls State, \$50.00 Minnesota World War II Memorial, \$50.00 Junior President's Project, \$25.00 Children's Miracle Network, \$25.00 Department President's Project.

**Leadership** chairman Jan Reiter announced that she will hold a meeting on March 15th to work on the annual reports. All chairmen who have questions on doing their annual reports should attend this meeting. Our Unit will be hosting a Leadership workshop for the District on February 12th. Cathy Newman is the District Leadership chairman.

**Past President's Parley** will hold a sewing bee on February 21st. All members are invited. Members will be making cardiac heart pillows and lap robes for the Minneapolis VA.

Items were collected at this meeting for the Fisher House and the troops in Iraq. Items can also be donated at the March meeting for the VA Shower / and Fisher House.

Our unit will be holding our annual plant sale for a fundraiser. Watch future newsletters for details.

Carol Hathaway announced that there will be a overnight bus trip to Jackpot Junction on March 18th. We need to have at least 50 people signed up to run the trip.

Our unit Auxiliary Emergency Fund was discussed. It was suggested that the guidelines be revisited. President Lynette will appoint a committee to review and rewrite the current guidelines.

The annual White Elephant Auction will follow our March meeting. A motion was made that these funds go to our unit Auxiliary Emergency Fund. Members don't forget to bring your wrapped treasures to this meeting. Baked goods are also welcomed. Hope to see lots of members on March 1st for a fun filled evening.

## 10th Dist. Annual Snowmobile Run

Commander Rich and President Lynette greeted the team from the 10th District Annual Snowmobile run at Post 102 on January 29th. This was the 34th year for this annual run. This run was started by Jerry Coleman of Lino Lakes Post 566 to help get in those last memberships that are delinquent as of January 31st. For many years the runs were done on snowmobiles but as years went on fewer and fewer snowmobiles made the run due to city ordinances and Legionnaires and Auxiliary members getting older. The weekend run is concluded with a membership rally on Sunday afternoon. Many miles are put on this weekend as 5 teams go throughout the 10th District to visit most of the Posts in the District. Next year will be the 35th Anniversary of the Snowmobile run and will be the last one unless another Post decides to carry on the tradition.



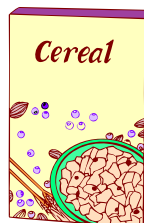
*Rich, Jerry Thompson, 10th District Commander, Jamie and Chris Olivas, Lino Lakes Post 566, Chico Jenkins, 10th District SAL Commander, Jason Voss, Osseo Post 172 SAL, Kitty Petersen, 10th District 2nd Vice President, Jerry and Pat Coleman, Lino Lakes Post 566, and President Lynette.*

## MARCH IS FOOD DRIVE MONTH. . . .

Here it is again, time for our annual food drive. There will be a barrel at the Post for food donations. Let's see how many times we can fill it up for the ACBC Food Shelf in Anoka.

We can all pitch in and bring something for the food shelf at our March 1 meetings – Post, SAL and Auxiliary.

Actually, whenever you visit the Post for any events, dinners or meetings, etc. including the Birthday Dinner on March 12, bring something for the Food Shelf!



It will be much appreciated by the many families who need it.

Thank you.

Tracy Peters  
Community Service Chairman



## President's Column

**Lynette Pavin**

Welcome back to everyone who missed the last meeting due to illness. Hope you are feeling better and on the road to good health.

March is a busy month for the Auxiliary: Food shelf collection drive, white elephant auction, Legion birthday dinner, and the Auxiliary overnight casino trip.

Items are still being collected for the VA Shower to support the Fisher House.

Volunteers are still needed on the 2nd Wednesday of each month for bingo at Twin Rivers Health Care Center. It starts at 2:00 pm and lasts about one hour. Please contact me if you are able to help (763-421-1840).

If anyone has a new idea for a fund raiser, please contact me or bring it up for discussion at a meeting. New ideas are always needed.

I wish everyone a Happy St. Patrick's Day, Happy Spring, and Happy Easter.

## Going Once, Going Twice, Sold!

Once again the Auxiliary will be having an auction after the March 1st meeting. Anyone can attend. All Post, SAL, Unit, and Junior members are invited to attend and/or bring items for the auction. Guests are also welcome.

Items should be wrapped. Food items can be in glass jars or wrapped in plastic wrap. Collectables or hand-made items **do not** have to be wrapped. Remember to bring items that you would like to receive.

Auction will start approximately 8:30 pm after the Unit meeting.

Proceeds from the auction will be donated to our Unit 102 Auxiliary Emergency Fund.

If you don't come to any of the meetings, plan on attending and enjoy the fun. The more the merrier. Don't forget the checkbook.

## Auxiliary Members

All Unit members who have not yet paid their 2005 dues of \$15 – this is your last Post paper that you will receive. You will also lose your rights, privileges and benefits including the travel accident insurance coverage – you also lose all your years of continuous membership!

Please make your check payable to American Legion Auxiliary and send to me: Betty Erickson, 1826 Cressy Ave., Anoka, MN 55303.

## Anoka City Calendar Features 1st Unit 102 President

Mrs. John G. Campbell, Sarah is featured for April 2005 with a picture and a short biography. For those who do not live in the city of Anoka, it reads as follows:

*"Mrs. J.G. Campbell was the 1st President of the Edward B. Cutter Unit 102 Anoka American Legion Auxiliary. She was also the first President of the 10th District. In October of 1923 Mrs. Campbell attended the National American Legion Auxiliary Convention in San Francisco. She had been elected a delegate in recognition of her services as an official on the state board for two years."*

Mrs. Campbell's Auxiliary hat and 1923 National Convention Badge have been donated to the Anoka County Historical Society.

**Unit 102 Auxiliary Fund Raiser**  
**Casino Bus Trip to Jackpot Junction**  
**Fun March 18th & 19th**  
 Bus Leaves  
 Anoka Legion at 6:30 p.m. 11/18/05  
 Leaves Casino at 3:00 p.m 11/19/05

**Cost**  
 \$35.00 Double Occupancy  
 \$45.00 Single Occupancy  
 (Includes bus ride and 1 night lodging)  
 \$10.00 Cash Back  
 \$5.00 Food Coupon

Reservations with Fee must be made by March 9, 2005

Sign up at the Club (Pull Tab Booth)

## 10th District Oratorical Contest

January 15, 2005

### American Legion Post 102, Anoka, MN

The 10th District Oratorical Contest was held on January 15, 2005 at Edward B. Cutter Post 102, Anoka, MN with four (4) students competing for \$1,000 in scholarship funds.



*Pictured L-R:*

*Toni Tisher – 3rd Place - Cambridge Post 290*

*Benjamin Rue – 2nd Place – Fridley Post 303*

*Chairman Cliff Newman*

*Christopher Milroy – 1st Place – St. Louis Park Post 282*

*Rob Kratoska – 4th Place – Hamel Post 394*

The first place contestant will advance to Department (State) semi-finals on February 25, 2005 at either Anoka Post 102 or Osseo Post 172 with the finals at Champlin Post 600. All will happen on the same day. The 10th District contest followed the same rules as the Department contest, each contestant was required to present an 8-10 minute prepared oration which related to some phase of the Constitution of the United States which gives emphasis to the attendant duties and obligations of a citizen to our government. They were also required to present a 3-5 minute extemporaneous discourse on one of four article and/or amendments to the Constitution.

Clifford E. Newman  
10th District Oratorical Chairman

## ANOKA LEGION BREAKFAST BUFFET

Sunday, March 13, 2005

Serving from 9:00 am till 12:00 noon

Adults - \$7.00 ~ Children under 10 - \$3.50

WATCH FOR LENTEN SPECIALS

## Department Commander

**Marland Ronning** of Maple Grove was elected Commander of the Minnesota American Legion at its annual convention in Bloomington for the Legion year 2004-2005.

Ronning, a member of the Rudolph Priebe Post 172, Osseo, is a 30-year member of the American Legion and has served the organization at many levels. He has been Department Membership Director, Vice-Commander, Sergeant-at-Arms, and has chaired several committees. He was Commander of the rural Hennepin County Council twice.

He was Commander of his Post and the 10th District. At the National level, he belonged to the Membership and Post Activities Committee, and he was parade chairman for the 1994 National Convention Parade in Minneapolis.

Ronning is an Army veteran of the Vietnam War era and served for eight years. He is retired from IMI Vision of Osseo where he was a senior global lab technician.

He and his wife, Chris, have a combined family of five children and 12 grandchildren.

In addition to the Legion, Ronning is a life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Sons of the American Legion, and the 40/8 honorary society.

His project for the year is public relations and the enhancement of the American Legion's image in Minnesota.

## Department President

**Carol Holmgren**, is a twenty-four year member of the American Legion Auxiliary and an honorary life member of Cambridge Unit 290. She is eligible for membership through her husband Frank, who served in the US Navy during the Vietnam era. She is also eligible for membership through her son who served in Grenada, also a daughter who serves in Desert Storm/Desert Shield.

Active on the Unit and District levels, Carol has served in every office including Unit President twice and Tenth District President for the 1995-1996 Auxiliary year. She has held numerous chairmanships for both the Cambridge Unit and the Tenth District.

Carol has served as Department Second vice President, First Vice President and several chairmanships including Community Service, Gift Shop, Leadership, National Security, Poppy and was Department Membership Chairman in 1999-2000.

Carol works part-time for her Post and Unit in the gambling operations. She is a dedicated volunteer in the second chance for life, as a Kidney Transplant Patient Counselor. Frank and Carol have five grown children, Keith, Yolanda, Kendra, Rhonda and Melissa. They have eight grandchildren.

It is an honor for Carol to serve as Department President this year under the theme "Veterans in Our Hearts".



## AUXILIARY UNIT 102

Edward B. Cutter Post 102, Anoka, MN 55303

**Membership Eligibility** - Any Veteran who served at least one day of active duty during eligibility dates and your relationship to the Veteran is by one of the following, you are eligible to join the Auxiliary.

- Mother
- Wife
- Sister
- Daughter
- Granddaughter
- Great-Granddaughter
- Self
- (step-relative also apply)

*Ask any  
Auxiliary Member  
They will be happy  
to sign you up.*



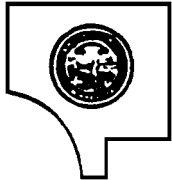
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# March 2005

## Paris Caucus of The American Legion March 15-17, 1919

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><i>Cowing In April</i></p> <p>TBA Boys &amp; Girls County Day 2 Jr. Aux: Dist. Conf./Delano 9 Jr. Aux: Dept. Conf./Adams - 1st Dist. 15-24 Poppy Card Days 23 Dist. Cntr: Jerry Thompson Testimonial / Coon Rapids 23-24 Post 102 State Bowling Tourney Brainerd 24 SAL Detach. Cntr: Robert Bristo Testimonial / Champlin</p>	<p>Boy Scout Troop 631 Meeting 7 pm</p> 	<p>General Mem. 7:30 pm S.A.L. Meeting 7 pm Auxiliary Meeting 7 pm Vets Shower/Food Shelf Annual Auction</p>	<p>SAL Sponsored Dinner 5:30-7:00 Steak or Chicken \$6.00 Pork Chop \$7.00 Bingo 7 pm</p> <p>Aux: Twin Rivers Bingo 2:00 pm</p>	<p>Every Thursday: Ron's BBQ Ribs 5:00 - 8:00 pm Full Rack \$10.00 1/2 \$8.00 National Creative Arts Festival St. Cloud VA (ad page 3)</p>	<p>Meat Raffle 5:00 pm Bar Bingo 6:30 pm Legion Grill 5:00 - 8:30 pm</p> <p>Music MIRROR IMAGE 8:00 - 12:00</p>	<p>March is Community Service Month</p>
<p>Club Open 12-10 Bingo 7 pm</p>	<p>Boy Scout Troop 631 Meeting 7 pm</p> 	<p>NEWSPAPER MEETING 7:00 pm Unit Reports Meeting 7 pm</p>	<p>SAL Sponsored Dinner 5:30-7:00 Steak or Chicken \$6.00 Pork Chop \$7.00 Bingo 7 pm</p> <p>Aux: Twin Rivers Bingo 2:00 pm</p>	<p>1878: Anoka became a city last week.</p> <p>March 16, 1900: First appearance of new Anoka Band – W.E. Wilberg is leader.</p> <p>St. Patrick's Day</p>	<p>Meat Raffle 5:00 pm Bar Bingo 6:30 pm Legion Grill 5:00 - 8:30 pm</p> <p>Aux. Overnight Jackpot Casino Music FENDERMEN 8:00 - 12:00</p>	<p>Jr. Auxiliary Meeting 12 Noon</p>
<p>Club Open 12-10 Bingo 7 pm</p>	<p>Boy Scout Troop 631 Meeting 7 pm</p> 	<p>House &amp; Ent. Meeting 7:00 pm Aux. Casino Bus</p> 	<p>SAL Sponsored Dinner 5:30-7:00 Steak or Chicken \$6.00 Pork Chop \$7.00 Bingo 7 pm</p>	<p>1925: ON THE AIR The new Broadcasting Station (WCCO) opens.</p>	<p>Meat Raffle 5:00 pm Bar Bingo 6:30 pm Legion Grill 5:00 - 8:30 pm</p> <p>Music GOLD RUSH 8:00 - 12:00</p>	<p>Display Your Flag: March 27 Easter Sunday</p>
<p>Club Open 12-10 Bingo 7 pm</p> 	<p>Boy Scout Troop 631 Meeting 7 pm</p> 	<p>Executive Board Meeting 7:00 pm</p>	<p>SAL Sponsored Dinner 5:30-7:00 Steak or Chicken \$6.00 Pork Chop \$7.00 Bingo 7 pm</p>	<p>1930: Dr. Spurzem speaks to City Commission to prevent spread of diphtheria.</p>	<p>Meat Raffle 5:00 pm Bar Bingo 6:30 pm Legion Grill 5:00 - 8:30 pm</p> <p>Music GOLD RUSH 8:00 - 12:00</p>	<p>Display Your Flag: March 27 Easter Sunday</p>