# EDWARD B. CUTTER POST 102
## Installation 2014 – 2015 June 19th Ceremonies

Past Post 102 Commander Cliff Newman conducted the ceremonies and istalled **Ray Turnquist** as Post Commander and **Tim Dahlheimer** as S.A.L. Commander. The new Legion Rider Director, **Scott Yonke,** was unable to attend. Past District President, Sue Nunnelee, installed **Cathy Newman** as Unit President. Past Anoka Commanders and Presidents installed the new Post, Unit and SAL officers with Bill Golden as Sgt.-at-Arms. Following the ceremony, everyone enjoyed the lunch prepared and served by Auxiliary Unit 102. Photo by Sandy Phillps.

*L>R:F- Doug Sturgill, Roland Herrmann, Bud Redepenning, Ray Turnquist, Rick Oelschlager B- Gary Munkholm, Darrel Redepenning, Gary Reimann, Ron Wolford, Cliff Newman*

## Legion & Auxiliary Department Convention

*L>R: Diane Wolford, Betty Redepenning, Cathy Newman, Donna Redepenning, Sue Nunnelee*

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# Adjutant's Notes

*by Gary Munkholm*

A hearty welcome to the newest members of Anoka Post 102 Aaron Graf sponsored by Fadi Awaijane, Jeff G. Hansen sponsored by Wayne Wallace, Dana Rice sponsored by Josh Wilson, Christopher Rettger sponsored by Roland Herrmann, and Peter J. Bednarczyk sponsored by Cliff Newman. We hope to see you at future meetings and join us in fellowship during other times of the week.

It was great to see the turn out for the car shows. A lot of cars and people to see them. Many thanks to the car show committee and chair Ray Turnquist.

Ken Berghorst presented the general membership with a report on his recent Honor Flight on April 26, 2014.

Gambling manager Paul Adler presented the following list of donations for the last 2 months which were approved by the general membership:

| | |
|---|---|
| Anoka High School Scholarships | $5,500 |
| KBP & Company for Yearly Finance Statement | $1,100 |
| KBP & Company for Yearly Audit Costs | $3,300 |
| Delegates registration to Department Convention | $470 |
| Donation to Fire Education for children | $250 |
| Veterans Service Officer for transportation of Vets | $200 |
| Legion District baseball game umpires | $350 |
| Honor Flight for WWII Vets sponsorship | $500 |
| Legion Riders Legacy Scholarship Fund | $250 |
| Water & Light costs | $4,300 |
| Center Point Energy for gas costs | $1800 |
| U.S. Treasury for tax on wagering | $800 |
| Assist needy Veterans & Families | $1,500 |
| Emergency Money | $500 |

## Thank You

The Anoka County Veterans Council would like to thank the Anoka American Legion Post 102 for being the host post for the 7:00 am flag-raising ceremony at the Anoka County Courthouse. A special thank you goes to Cliff and Cathy Newman for providing the coffee and doughnuts. We are also appreciative of Post 102's color guard and its part in making the event a success. Thanks, also to the SAL and Auxiliary members who participated.


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

**MAX L. BLUHM**
**Max was a 32 year member of The American Legion and a Korea War Veteran**

**OHRN V. O'DETTE**
**Ohrn was a 49 year member of The American Legion and a World War II Veteran**

**GERALD L. GRANT**
**Gerald was a 9 year member of The American Legion and a World War II Veteran**

## IN SEPTEMBER

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

**TUESDAYS**
1/4 lb. Burger Basket – $5.75

**THURSDAYS**
BBQ Ribs ~ Texas Toast ~ Cole Slaw ~ Potato
Full Rack $13.00 Half Rack $11.00

**FRIDAYS**
5th - Fish Fry - $10.00
12th - Ham Steak ~ AuGratin Potato, Veg, Roll - $9.00
19th - Turkey ~ Mashed Potato+Gravy, Veg, Roll - $9.00
26th - Sloppy Joe ~ w/Fries or Tots $7.00

Tax included on all the above.
CATERING CENTRAL

## 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 |

## *Commander Ray Turnquist*

As I was driving to my first flag raising ceremony, I marveled at what a beautiful morning it was-not a cloud in the sky and the temp was perfect. I arrived at 6:30am and the Color Guard was ready to go. Just before the ceremony started a bald eagle flew over our heads-what a site! The guard assembled in front of the court house on Main St, raised the flag and marched to the 3rd Av entrance and raised that flag. Scott Schultz gave a short ceremony honoring the Vets. Cliff Newman had the honor of raising the flags. It was a beautiful ceremony and a great way to start the 4th of July celebration.

The Dept Convention was held in Rochester, July 17-19. Anoka sent 9 delegates: Bud Redepenning, Darrel Redepenning, Rick Oelschlager, Gary Munkholm, Ron Wolford, Roland Herrmann, Cliff Newman, Gary Reimann, Doug Sturgill and myself. Minnesota elected it's first female Dept Commander, Peggy Moon. I am sure she will do a great job!

On Sunday, Aug 3rd, the 10th district held a rally at the Coon Rapids Legion. Anoka turned in 110 members which was more than any other club.

Wed., Aug. 6th, was our 3rd and final car show for 2014. Everyone was praying for good weather and we were blessed with another perfect, sunny day. We had over 70 cars and a huge turnout. I first want to thank all the car owners for taking time out of their busy schedules. Next, thank you to all of our sponsors for the great prizes. I also want to thank all the workers for the awesome job they did. Next, thanks to the committee for their hard work in getting these car shows up and running-Mike Clark, Greg Clark, Sam Orr, Orv Johnson, Larry Turnquist (and myself). Your help and input was greatly appreciated. A round of applause to the SAL for their help with the food prep. Last but not least, thanks to the Club. Denise, you and your team are fantastic. A big thanks to all that attended the shows. See you in 2015.

God bless America, Commander Ray

## Ray Turnquist (Commander) Bio

I have lived in Anoka for most of my life. I graduated from Anoka in 1966 and then went into the Air Force in 1967. For 21 years I was a load master on a C130 flying to many different parts of the world. In 1969 I married my high school sweetheart, Carol. We still reside in Anoka and have 2 children. Our daughter, Anna, is married to Joel and they have 3 children, Jack-10, Lucy-8, Elloise-4 and another due in Nov.

After high school, I attended Dunwoody to study HVAC and sheet metal. I have worked at Peterson-Pinney for 50 years. Our son, Bryan, has taken the same path and is the 4th generation at the shop.

I have no immediate plans to completely quit work as I still enjoy going to work and meeting new people and old friends. Spare time takes me to our place on Mille Lacs, golfing, old cars, travel, and of course, family.

I would like to thank Gary and countless others for helping make this transition smooth. I am looking forward to a great year.

## *S.A.L. Commander Tim Dahlheimer*

Greetings!

As your new SAL commander, let me introduce myself to those of you who may not know me. I was born and raised here in Anoka, just a few blocks away from Post 102. I graduated from Anoka High School in 1976, and Mankato State University in 1981. I have been married to my wife, Donna, for 33 years. We have two grown (and beautiful) daughters, Sheena (30) and Molly (26). Also, not to be omitted, one grandson, Leo, who is 1.

I have been a proud member of the SAL team for approximately 18 years and have been a "regular" at Post 102 for over 35 years. While I have no military experience, my father, Ken Dahlheimer, was a gunner in the Navy Air Force in WWII, and was a 55 year member of this post before his untimely passing in 2001.My beautiful mother, Gina Dahlheimer, just turned 89 years young and is a 52 year member of our Post 102 Auxiliary. She and the "birthday club" ladies are regular guests at the Wednesday steak fry! How cool is that!!

I am honored to serve as your SAL Commander this year and I intend to carry on with our rich tradition of service to the community and Legion Family. I also plan to explore new opportunities to serve Post 102. Join us on Wednesday nights for great food and fellowship at the steak fry. You might even hear "Chunk" sing happy birthday! Until then, enjoy the beautiful weather.

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNERS**

**If your dining party will consist of 8 or more persons, PLEASE call ahead to make Reservations.**
**You may call the Club at: 763-421-0883.**
**You may also send a text to Al at: 612-867-5698**
**OR email to sal@anokalegion.org.**

**Please include your name, the number of persons and the date (WED).**

## *Legion Riders Scott A. Yonke*

I'm Scott, the current Director of the Anoka Legion Riders. I have been a member of the Sons of The American Legion for 11 years and recently joined the Legion Riders in 2012. In 2013, I served as Vice Director of the Legion Riders. I have a wonderful family consisting of my wife Brenda and two children, Zac and Evie. Raised in northwest Minnesota, I received a bachelor's degree in Landscape Architecture from North Dakota State University in 2000. I currently work at Ramsey County Parks and Recreation as the Director of Planning and Development. I love my job, as I get to design parks and trails for people of all ages to enjoy.

## *President's Column*

### *Cathy Newman*

An update as to what has been going on with the Auxiliary over the summer, because we have no meetings over that time.

Five members attended the Department Convention in Rochester July 17-19. It was a very informative convention. Many new changes in the way we do things now. Governor Mark Dayton came to address us. The Auxiliary did very well in their reports and awards. Memorial- Stokes Prayer Book Plaque; Past Presidents Parley- Caltin; Public Relations- Vicky Zebel Public Relations Award; VA&R- Maude Donahue Trophy; three Certificates- Home Service, History, Public Relations; and nine Certificates of Merit. Two reports were sent to National Convention. I attended the Extravaganza, the Parade and the Installation of the new Department President, Chris Ronning.

On August 5th Sandy Phillips, Cliff Newman and I worked at the 'Stand Down' for the veterans.

By the way, we still need 2-3 ladies to Chair our Past President's Parley (must have by our September meeting).

See you at my first meeting.

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## "I'm Back"

I will be your Unit President this year and it will be for the fourth time. I'm sure most of you know all about me as I've been around so long.

My eligibility is from my dad, a Legion member and WWII veteran (U.S. Navy) and my husband, Cliff, (U.S. Navy).

I'm a 21 year member of the Auxiliary and a Junior for many years in Brainerd. I have been Chairman for many Committees for our Unit, as well as Chairman for many District Committees, too many to list. I do a lot of volunteering at our Post.

I have been married to Cliff for 46 years. We have lived in Blaine for 43 years in the same red, white and blue house. Our son Paul, a SAL member, his wife Kim, daughters Brooke and Lea (Jr members) live in Coon Rapids.

Our daughter, Melissa, an Auxiliary member, husband Craig, daughters Jacqueline and Tess (Jr members) live in Florida.

Cathy Newman, Unit 102 President

## In Memoriam

### Diana E. (Verille) White

Diana, a 41 year Auxiliary member, was born August 20, 1919 in Walhalla, ND and passed away June 9, 2014 in Anoka. Diana lived in Anoka, CA and ID; printed from her obituary. "She was a true patriotic member of the American Legion (Auxiliary) Post No. 102."

Edward B. Cutter Unit 102 extends its sympathy to Diana's family.

### Linda Me (Grow) Johnson

Linda, a 15 year Auxiliary member, was born January 29, 1948 in Minneapolis and passed awy June 26, 2014 in Maplewood, MN.

Edward B. Cutter Unit 102 extends its sympathy to Linda's family including Unit member Sharon Grow Chavez.

### June M. (Mann) Bendix

June, a 62 year Auxiliary member, was born June 22, 1926 in Anoka and passed away July 19, 2014. June was able to attend her 70th reunion - Class of 1944, 2 weeks prior. June's knowledge of Anoka and its residents was legendary.

June's husband Barney was Post 102 Commander 1956 - 57 with President Lorraine Hostetler. June's father Arlo Mann was Post Commander 102 1931 - 32 with President Leola Bonnell and for his 2nd term, Junes mother Myrtle joined her father as President 1932 - 33.

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

*Memorials in the names of Diana, Linda and June were sent by Unit 102 to the Fort Snelling Rifle Squad.*

## 2015 Auxiliary Membership

Another year begins...all senior members should receive their dues notice from National ALA around September 15 – when you get it, just write your check and mail it or stop at the pull tab booth at the Post. (If by chance you do not receive a notice, mail your dues to me at: 1826 Cressy Ave., Anoka MN 55303).

Senior dues are still $25 (plus $3 for past presidents) and juniors are $5. Remember, your dues must be paid to attend our Early Bird Dinner/Silent Auction in October.

Please renew your membership as soon as possible - do not put your notice away – if there is a problem, let me know (763-421-4562) or call President Cathy (763-757-2034).

Betty Erickson, Chairman

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## Thank you Betty!

A new year, new changes with the Post newsletter. Our editor for the past 46 years has retired.

Betty, we all want you to know how much we appreciate all the years of hard work you have put in, and will continue to put in.

Thank you so much for all you have done in letting all the members know what is going on at the Post. From the Post, Auxiliary, SAL and Riders-- "Job Well Done" Thank You!

*L-R: Sandy Phillips, Cathy Newman, Cliff Newman*

## 2014 StandDown, August 5th - 6th

The Minnesota Assistance Council for Veterans set up the 'Stand-Down for the Veterans', which covers all of the following services: legal, health and wellness, housing and shelter, haircuts, VA dental, VA medical clinic, Veterans Services, public benefits and government, hygiene kits and socks, civilian clothing (men, women & kids), military surplus (clothing, sea bags, backpacks, sleeping bags & inflatable pads, canteens).

The veterans were provided breakfast, lunch and dinner on Tuesday, Aug 5th, and breakfast and lunch on Wednesday, Aug 6th. Sandy Phillips and Cathy Newman worked in the building where they helped veterans with civilian clothing. Cliff Newman worked with handing out military surplus. When we left around 3pm over 800 veterans had been helped on Tuesday, Aug 5th.

The StandDown is not just for homeless veterans, but all veterans. Each year MACV receives more than 25,000 contacts, inquiries and requests from veterans across the state.

## Anoka County Fair Opening 2014

Edward B. Cutter Post 102 American Legion was the host for this years County Fair Opening Ceremony, which started at noon on July 22nd. The Post Color Guard raised the flag. Post Commander Ray Turnquist and numerous Post and Auxiliary members were present.

The Anoka County Service Officers conducted the ceremony. Many of Anoka County's Commisioners were present. The weather cooperated-sunny and warm.

*Anoka County Fair Flag Raising*

## Sam's Last Ride

10th District, American Legion Riders recently united to honor a veteran's last wish. On Monday, July 25th, the spouse of Sam Giddings reached out to Anoka American Legion Riders to help honor her husband, Sam Giddings, a local veteran. Sam was in hospice care, dying of cancer, and was given only a few short hours to live. Sam's family mentioned he had a passion for motorcycles and wanted to see a few motorcycles before passing. Around 2:30 p.m., an urgent request was sent out among the Anoka Legion Riders and other 10th District American Legion members to meet at the Anoka Legion at 6:30 p.m. to parade past his hospice. Within four hours, approximately 58 motorcycles gathered – mainly consisting of American Legion Riders and a few other riders from the community – and honored Sam's last wish.

*Kare 11 News highlighted the ride to honor Sam during a news story by Boyd Huppert.*
*The story can be viewed online at http://www.kare11.com/story/news/features/2014/07/29/bikers-make-loud-tribute-to-hospice-patient/13306191/*

## Flag Raising at Anoka Courthouse

*L>R: Doug Sturgill, Cathy Newman, Ray Turnquist, Jim Hayes, Randy Stark, Cliff Newman,Dan Soland, Lynette Pavin*

**American Legion Riders**
**Anoka Chapter 102**

BYOB SEPTEMBER RUN
(Buy Your Own Burger)

**September 13, 2014**

Registration Begins At 9:30 Am
Kickstands Up At 11:00 Am

**Anoka American Legion**
**Post 102**

Cost: $10 Per Person

# SEPTEMBER 2014

**45th Annual Legionville Camp-O-Ree**
**September 4-7 (Thu-Sun)**

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | LABOR DAY<br>Club Open<br>Noon-5:00pm<br>MN State Fair Ends<br>1 | General Member Mtgs<br>Post 7:30pm<br>Aux & SAL 7:00pm<br>Bar Bingo 6:30pm<br>2 | SAL Dinners<br>5:30-7:00<br>Prime Rib<br>$11.50<br>3 | SEE MENU ON PAGE 2<br>for<br>THURSDAY & FRIDAY MENU<br>4 | Meat Raffle 5:30 pm<br>Bar Bingo 7:00 pm<br>5 | Legionville<br>10th District Rally<br>Dept Harvest Rally<br>6 |
| Club Open 12-10<br>Bar Bingo 4:00 pm<br>7 | FLAG DAYS<br>1-Labor Day (FS)<br>11-Patriot Day(HS)<br>19-POW/MIA Recognition Day(FS)<br>8 | NEWSPAPER MEETING<br>7:00 pm<br>Bar Bingo 6:30 pm<br>9 | SAL Dinners<br>5:30-7:00<br>Country Fried Steak<br>$8.50<br>10 | PATRIOT DAY<br>11 | Meat Raffle 5:30 pm<br>Bar Bingo 7:00 pm<br>12 | Anoka ALR<br>BYOB Run<br>13 |
| Club Open 12-10<br>Bar Bingo 4:00 pm<br>14 | 15 | House & Ent. Mtg<br>7:00pm<br>Bar Bingo 6:30 pm<br>16 | Aux. Twin Rivers<br>Bingo 2:15 pm<br>SAL Dinners<br>5:30-7:00<br>Smoked Pork Chop<br>$9.50<br>Legion Riders Mtg<br>7:00pm<br>17 | Birthday of Air Force<br>1947<br>18 | POW/MIA<br>Recognition Day<br>Meat Raffle 5:30 pm<br>Bar Bingo 7:00 pm<br>19 | 20 |
| Club Open 12-10<br>Bar Bingo 4:00 pm<br>21 | 22 | Executive Board Mtg<br>7:00pm<br>Bar Bingo 6:30pm<br>23 | SAL Dinners<br>5:30-7:00<br>1/2 Baked Chicken<br>$10.00<br>24 | 25 | Meat Raffle 5:30 pm<br>Bar Bingo 7:00 pm<br>26 | 27 |
| Club Open 12-10<br>Bar Bingo 4:00 pm<br>28 | 29 | Bar Bingo 6:30 pm<br>30 | | | | <br>1st Friday each month Red Cross Bloodmobile at Post 7 AM - 1 PM |

EVERY WED STEAK $9.00 - FISH/SHRIMP/CHICKEN $8.50 - STEAK & SHRIMP $12.00 - WALLEYE $11.00

**COMING IN OCTOBER**

7 - Joint Meeting w/Boys & Girls Staters 7pm
General Membership mtgs to follow
15 - Pumpkin Bowl Goodrich Field 7:30pm
16 - Post/SAL Early Bird Dinner
18 - Light Up The Night Parade
23-25 Fall Conference - Mahnomen
24 Kids Parade 1:15pm
25 - Grand Day Parade 1:00pm
TBD - Aux. Early Bird Dinner