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HAPPY HOLIDAYS

WWII Veterans Honored

L>R: Fadi Awaijane, Cathy Newman, Dan Soland, Randy Stark, Cliff Newman, Jim Hayes

Post 102 Color Guard honoring WWII veterans on their return from Washington. They had to be at the airport at 4:30 am, then flying to Washington, visiting the Memorials and then returning home; arriving about 10:30 pm. There were hundreds of people waiting to welcome then home. It was truly a very emotional experience.

Cliff Newman

L>R: Cmdr. Ray, Joe Gawreluck, Paul Adler

Boy Scout of the Year

This year's Boy Scout of the year is Joe Gawreluck. Joe is a member of Boy Scout Troupe 233 and a Sophomore at Anoka High School. He was awarded the American Legion Medal of Merit during the Veterans Day Program at Anoka Post 102 Saturday Nov 8, 2014. In addition to his many scouting accomplishments, Joe is a member of the Anoka Marching Tornadoes marching band and is on the High honor roll with a GPA of 3.8.

Paul Adler

Past Commanders / Presidents Holiday Dinner WED, December 17th

Adjutant's Notes

by Gary Munkholm

A hearty welcome to the newest member of Anoka Post 102, Dennis Young, sponsored by Ray Turnquist . We hope to see you at future meetings and join us in fellowship during other times of the week.

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

Donation to a Needy Family organization	$300
Boy Scout of the Year award	$100
Donation to the North Suburban Concert Band	$500
Gambling managers bond	$100
CenterPoint Energy	$250
City of Anoka Utilities	$1,800
U.S. Treasury wagering tax	$350
Assist needy Veterans & Families	$1,500
Emergency Money	$500

Past Commanders / Past Presidents Holiday Dinner

All Past Commanders, Presidents, Directors and their guest of the Anoka 102 Post, Auxiliary, Junior Auxiliary, Squadron & Riders are invited to the annual Holiday Dinner at the Legion Club

Wednesday, December 17

Social 6 pm - Dinner 7 pm

Reservations, menu choice required by December 12, 2014.

Steak - $10.00 ~ Shrimp - $9.50 ~ Walleye - $12.00

Steak & Shrimp - $13.00 ~ Smoked Pork Chop - $10.50

Send reservations and payment to:
(checks payable to Post 102)

Jan Reiter
6522 153rd Lane NW
Anoka, MN 55303

Any questions, call Jan at 763-421-3733
Jan Reiter, Parley Chairman

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.

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Post 102 extends sincere sympathy to the families of

WAYNE THOMPSON
Wayne was a 22 year member of The American Legion and a Vietnam War Veteran

GORDON J. NORDEEN
Gordon was a 29 year member of The American Legion and a Korean War Veteran

JOHN A. MANN
John was a 49 year member of The American Legion and a Korean War Veteran

IN DECEMBER

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 - Sloppy Joes ~ w/Fries or Tots - $7.00
19th - Roast Pork Loin ~ Potato, Veg, Roll, Butter - $9.00
26th - Broiled Shrimp ~ Potato, Veg, Roll, Butter - $12.00

Tax included on all the above.
CATERING CENTRAL

TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS 8–9 pm
Bar Pour & Domestic Bottle Beer is $2.50

WEDNESDAYS 1–4 pm
Domestic Bottle Beer is $2.50

PLEASE NOTE

Starting with this issue, there may be additional pictures and/or articles in the ***ONLINE*** issue ONLY. There simply isn't space in the Print version.
The Editorial Staff

Commander Ray Turnquist

Oct. 25 was the Grand Day Halloween parade and I was given the privilege of riding on the Legion float. The weather was perfect and the crowds were unbelievable. It was a great day for the Anoka Legion. I want to thank everyone that made that possible.

Sat., Nov 8th, the Post had their Veteran's Day dinner. Congratulations to Ralph Cameron, Vernon Paquette and Virgil Ostlund, our newest 50 year members. Thank you Betty Erickson for many years as our newspaper editor - you will be dearly missed. I would also like to thank everyone who did so much to make this a fantastic evening, from the beautiful decorations to the great food, and to our guest speaker. Cathy, your hard work does not go unnoticed.

Tuesday, Nov 11, was Veterans Day. The Anoka color guard made our club proud representing us at the Anoka Sr High, Ramsey Elementary, St Stephens and Twin Rivers Golden Living Center. What a great job they did and all the programs were very inspiring,

Don't forget the Wild Game dinner on Dec. 6 and the school patrol Christmas party, Dec. 13th. We can always use the help. Please support the Wed night SAL dinners.

Thank a veteran for all they sacrificed to make this a great country.

L>R: Colonel D.C. Shaffer US Army Retired, Cmdr. Ray
(NOTE: Additional pictures Online)

ELVIS EXPERIENCE
December 13
Tickets are still available, but going Fast! Call the Club at 421-0883 or Sandy at 763-754-3800 with any ??, and for ticket availability.

S.A.L. Commander Tim Dahlheimer

Happy Holidays!

As we enter into the busy Holiday season, the SAL team is busy behind-the-scenes preparing for a number of upcoming special events that we are sponsoring, co-sponsoring, or helping with our support. They include:

Saturday, Dec. 6th – 47th annual Wild Game Feed for our disabled Veterans. Meal beginning at Noon.
Saturday, Dec. 13th – Elvis Dinner Show. Co-sponsored by the Auxiliary and SAL. Dinner at 5:30pm. Show at 7:00pm.
Wednesday, Dec. 17th – Past Commanders/Presidents Holiday Dinner.
Saturday, January 3rd – Mid-Winter Conference at Anoka Post 102.

Our Saturday Roast Beef "commercial" sandwiches continue to be a big hit! We serve from 1:00-3:30pm every Saturday. The cost is only $5.00. Come on in and check us out!

With Thanksgiving upon us, I feel the need to express a sincere thank you to our "active" SAL team who so graciously donate their time, energy, and talent EVERY week to make our Wednesday steak fry successful, and more importantly, even possible. Special thanks to: Al, Cliff, Cathy, Chunk, Dan, Kevin, Greg, Todd, Carol, Laura, Gary and Lynette for your continued service. Did you know that Lynette Pavin has been helping (volunteering) with our steak fry for over 20 years! She is truly one-of-a-kind. Thank you Lynette for all you do for our SAL squadron. It is much appreciated.

Until next time, enjoy the Holiday season!

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).

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!

Well who was ready for all this snow? This is crazy and we don't need it yet, Right? Our Auxiliary duties go on no matter what. We had the big Halloween Parade, which was a big success. The weather was beautiful, so many people came in to the club to buy our hot dogs & ham sandwiches and a lot of baked goodies. Thanks to all the ladies and juniors that helped out and to all those who baked all the good treats. Cliff & I took a run to the Minneapolis VA Hospital and gave them 28 neck pillows that Liz, Karen & Char made. Thank You ladies.

The last meeting we had our 3 Girl Staters come and tell us about their experiences at Girl State, they really enjoyed every minute. I attended the Adult Bingo with Betty Redepenning and another helper (Cliff was also our driver), 30 Veterans attended. Then it was time for the Veterans Day Dinner. We had all our District Legion Family attend and bring greetings. The meal was provided by Ron's Catering and was very good. Now it's Veterans Day! I wish the very best to all Veterans, you guys are the best. I can't do enough for you all. Need something, let the Auxiliary know.

I want to hear from any members that have a member overseas, please let us know so we can send them a care package. We really want to do this, but need names & addresses. Congratulations to Darlene Thell and Lynette Pavin on winning a National award for their program reports.

On Nov. 11th, Veterans Day, I went with Post Color Guard and Post Cmdr Ray to several Veterans Day programs, 1st was Anoka Sr. High, a very nice program. Then on to Ramsey Elementary (who have 1400 students). All but the Kindergarten & 1st Graders came into the gym, another nice program. At St. Stephens all the kids came into the gym and again a nice program. Last we went to Golden Living Nursing Home for cake & coffee and visiting with the residents (13 residents and 3 family members are Veterans). That was our Veterans Day.

December is another busy month so watch the calendar. Come to our meeting, it's at 7:00pm on Dec. 2nd.

God Bless All & God Bless America

In Memoriam

VIRGINIA MARIA (GAGNON) RIDGE

Virginia was born January 23, 1922 in Duluth, moved to Anoka in 1924 and passed away October 23, 2014 in Oak Grove.

Virginia was Unit President in 1957-58 with Commander Ed Ward. While living away from Anoka, Virginia did not keep her membership, but currently had 12 years. Husband Will was one of the many WWII vets instrumental in the building of the "Club on the Hill" and the original Castle Field in the late 1940's.

Edward B. Cutter Unit 102 extends its sympathy to Virginia's family and friends, including Unit member Merrywayne Ridge Elvig. A memorial in Virginia's name was sent by Unit 102 to the MN Brain Science Foundation.

Auxiliary Membership

Ninety-nine (99) members of Anoka Unit 102 HAVE NOT YET paid their 2015 dues.

Please renew your membership in The American Legion Auxiliary - our veterans programs need you!

Betty Erickson, Chairman

Material Needed

Anoka Unit 102 is in need of material for our sewing projects for our Veterans at the VA Medical Centers. The Past Presidents of Anoka have 2 sewing bees in the winter and make many lap blankets, wheel chair bags, neck coolers (for troops overseas), heart pillows, laundry bags, tote bags, bibs and neck pillows. Anyone is welcome to help them and you don't even have to sew; we need pinners, cutters and stuffers.

Material is very scarce, so if you have some scraps around the house and are willing to give them for us to use, we would be very much appreciative. We use almost everything but wool, nylon, knits, silk and anything real feminine, since most of our Veterans are male.

Please bring them to the pull-tab booth or call Jan Reiter at 763-427-3733.

Thank You!

AUXILIARY UNIT 102

Edward B. Cutter Post 102, Anoka, MN 55303

You are eligible to join the Auxiliary if your veteran relative is a current member of The American Legion; or if deceased, had served during the eligibility dates of one of eight war eras.

- Mother
- Wife
- Sister
- Daughter
- Granddaughter
- Grandmother
- Great-Granddaughter
- Self

(step-relative also apply)

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

Jan's Jottings

by Jan Reiter

The regular meeting of Edward B. Cutter American Legion Auxiliary was held on Tuesday, November 4, 2014, with President Cathy Newman opening with the prayer, pledge, preamble and song. The 3 Girl Staters (Nina Anderson, Diana Williams, Savannah Wilson) spoke on how they spent their time at Girls State. They all thanked the Unit for sending them and told us about how it was a life changing experience for them. The October 7, 2014 meeting minutes were approved. Cathy welcomed a new member, Ashley Swanson.

COMMITTEES

Community Service: Kara Reiser reminded everyone to help out and volunteer.

Education: Kathy Zwerdling talked about Education week, November 17-21. On Nov. 17th at 7pm , we will be bagging apples for the teachers in Anoka. This will be delivered the next day. Keep saving labels for education.

Finance: The following donations were approved:

Minneapolis VA Medical Center	$100
St. Cloud VA Medical Center	$100
MN Veteran Homes(Mpls & Hast)	$150
Five Dollar Bill Shower	$100
Amer. Leg for Hospital Veterans	$ 75
10th Dist Activity Fund (Mpls & St. Cloud)	$100
Veterans Job Training Program	$200
Veterans Volunteer Transportation	$300
Xmas Gift Shop/AMRTC	$100
Minnneapolis VA Hospital Activity	$ 30
Amer Leg Aux Hospital Program	$100
Nat'l Creative Arts Festival	$150
MN Stand Down	$300
Ride to Recovery	$200
Legacy Scholarship program	$200
Ft. Snelling Rifle Squad	$100
Anoka County Adopt a Family	$200
Dist Pres Gift	$ 25
Veterans Rest Camp at Forest Lake, Ely, Eagles Nest (50each)	$150
National American Legion Child Welfare Foundation (Veterans)	$100

Fund Raising: Carol Hathaway is working on a bus trip to go to Turtle Lake on Saturday, November 22nd. Sandy Phillips talked about the Elvis Experience on December 13 and is asking for help to distribute flyers, and ask business places for things for the silent auction. Sue Nunnelee reported on the Halloween Fund raiser. She thanked everyone who helped on Friday and Saturday.

Membership: Betty Erickson mailed 166 memberships to Department.

National Security: Jean Parvey stated that the department program would like to have some welcome home troop baskets made, to be handed out at the Serviceman Center, to the troops when they arrive home. If anyone wants to donate items for this, bring them to the next meeting. Remember to have a survival kit in your car for the winter months.

Past Presidents Past Commanders and Past Presidents, SAL Commanders & Riders Directors Christmas party will be Dec 17th.

Unfinished Business: Betty Redepenning reported that on Oct 15th they did bingo for 30 veterans at the Richfield Day Care. They served ice cream and cookies. Diane Wolford presented National plaques to Darlene Thell for Public Relations and Cathy Newman for best overall VA&R report. The Early Bird Dinner served 80 ladies and juniors. We had 7 ladies initiated and we made $373 at our silent auction. Darlene Thell will be setting up a table, out in the hallway, with the Wreaths for the Fallen. Check it out.

New Business: Donna Redepennning reported the Wild Game Dinner will be Dec 6th at the club and a motion was made to buy ice cream for the dinner. Seconded and carried.

L>R: Kathy Zwerdling, Girls State Chairman, Savannah Wilson, Nina Anderson, Diana Williams and Cathy Newman, Unit President.

Girl Staters Speak At Unit Meeting

Unit 102 was honored to have all 3 Girl Staters from Anoka High School speak at their November meeting. They were Nina Anderson, Diana Williams and Savannah Wilson. Due to an Orchestra concert at the high school last month, they were not able to be at our joint meeting. They told about all the many school activities that they participate in and then talked about the many experiences they had at Girls State. They all commented on the life-long friends that they met and the life-changing experiences they had. All 3 girls thanked the Unit and said how fortunate they were to have been able to attend Girls State.

Kathy Zwerdling, Girls State Chairman

Attention Christmas Bakers

Do you have a dozen or two extra of some of your Christmas Baking? If so, we would love to have some for the Silent Auction to be held during the Elvis Experience. Plans are to fill a nice basket or tray or two for the auction. You may bring your items to the next meeting on December 1st or to the Post on December 10th. If that is not convenient I will be glad to pick it up. Also, still in need of Silent Auction items - new, slightly used, unique and homemade items will do! Any questions please contact me at 763-754-3800. If you are not attending the Elvis Show you are welcome to come and bid at the auction.

Sandy Phillips, Chairman

Auxiliary Unit 102
Early Bird Dinner

The dinner was held on October 13, 2014. There were 70 people in attendance with 7 new initiations. A wonderful meal was served by Jan Reiter and Cathy Newman. A program was held before the meal. What was of real interest was the new members whom we welcome to our American Legion Family. Also different members received their pins for various years of membership. There was also a silent auction where all kinds of goodies were available for purchase.

The majority of the proceeds went to the Netha Feist Scholarship fund with the remainder going to the Auxiliary Emergency Fund from this auction.

Diane Wolford

New Member Initiation

New Members: Ashley Swanson, Jean Kingred, Cheryl McLaughlin, Joanne Nelson, Jane Oelrich, Vicki Hennen and Tina Johnson with President Cathy Newman

Continuous Year Members

25 yrs-Jane Freeburg; **30 yrs**-Sandy Phillips; **35 yrs**-Jennifer Smith-Otte; **40 yrs**-Charlotte Solderquist, Jeanene Hays

Continuous Year Members

45 yrs-L>R: F-Pam Westlie, Lois Witte; B-Cathy Vick, Pat Hall
60 yrs-Kathy Zwerdling along with President Cathy

Veterans Day Dinner 2014

L>R: Tom Sanders, 10th District Commander; Tony Bezenar, Post ALR Director; Jeremy Copher, 10th District SAL Commander; Jodi Hassing, 10th District ALR Director; Robin Dorf, 10th District President; Ray Turnquist, Post Commander; Cathy Newman, Unit President; Kiana Coleman Woods, 10th District Honorary Jr President

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Veterans Day Dinner 2014 - continued

Betty Erickson receives Award from Post Commander, Ray Turnquist, for her dedicated service as Newsletter Editor

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Halloween Grand Day Parade

The day of the Anoka Halloween Grand Day parade, as I'm sure we all know, is the biggest event of the year at our Post 102 clubhouse. Not only does the parade start here, but several events of many held throughout the 12 day celebration, are hosted at our club. According to WCCO, the parade has more floats and bands then any other in the state. This year marked the 94th anniversary of the event and, due to beautiful weather, it is estimated around 80,000 people participated. Again this year, we were thrilled by the flyover of WWII vintage airplanes, with the clear blue sky providing an excellent background. I wanted to share some pictures, especially for those unable to attend. I want to thank Sandy Phillips for providing them, all photo credits go to her.

Al Amundson

WWII Vintage Flyover

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Halloween Grand Day Parade - continued

Post 102 Color Guard

L>R: Dan Soland, Randy Stark, Cliff Newman

The American Legion Riders

Post 102 Float

SAL Squadron 102 Float

Anoka Lions Float

Past SAL Commanders, Jim Batters and Pat 'Chunk' Vevea are middle and right

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EVERY WEDNESDAY - SAL DINNERS
5:30-7:00pm

December 2014

17 - Past Commanders / Presidents Dinner
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
FLAG DAYS **7-Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day (HS)**	**1**	**General Mem. Mtgs. Post 7:30pm** **Aux & SAL 7:00pm** **2**	***'Special'*** **Prime Rib** **$11.50** **3**	**Every Thursday & Friday** **Grill Open 5:00-8:30 pm - Menu Pg 2** **EVERY Thursday** **"RON'S RIBS"** **4**	**Meat Raffle 5:30pm** **Bar Bingo 7:00pm** **5**	**DEPARTMENT 'Pearl Harbor' Rally -Montgomery- Anoka Post 'Wild Game Feed'** **12 Noon** **6**
PEARL HARBOR REMEMBRANCE DAY - 1941 Club Open 12-10 **Bar Bingo 4:00pm** **7**	*1941* *U.S. Declares War on Japan* **8**	**Bar Bingo 6:30pm** **Newspaper Mtg. 7:00pm** **9**	**Nursing Home BINGO - 2:15 pm** **'Twin Rivers'** ***'Special'*** **Country-Fried Steak** **$8.50** **10**	**11**	**Meat Raffle 5:30pm** **Bar Bingo 7:00pm** **12**	**10th District Rally - Osseo** ***-ELVIS-*** ***-EXPERIENCE-*** **School Patrol Christmas Party** **Anoka** **13**
1st Day of Winter Club Open 12-10 **Bar Bingo 4:00pm** **14**	**15**	**Bar Bingo 6:30pm** **16**	***'Special'*** **Smoked Pork Chop** **$9.50** **Past Cmdr/Pres Dinner - 7:00pm** **Legion Riders Mtg. 7:00pm** **17**	**18**	**Meat Raffle 5:30pm** **Bar Bingo 7:00pm** **19**	**EVERY SAT** **SAL** **HOT 'Commercial'** **$5.00** **(See Below)** **20**
Club Open 12-10 **Bar Bingo 4:00pm** **21**	**22**	**House & Ent. Mtg. 7:00pm** **Bar Bingo 6:30pm** **23**	***CHRISTMAS EVE*** **CLUB CLOSES @ 5:00pm** **NO WEDNESDAY DINNER** **24**	***MERRY CHRISTMAS*** **CLUB CLOSED** **25**	**Meat Raffle 5:30pm** **Bar Bingo 7:00pm** **26**	**27**
Club Open 12-10 **Bar Bingo 4:00pm** **28**	**29**	**Executive Board Mtg. 7:00pm** **Bar Bingo 6:30pm** **30**	***NEW YEARS EVE*** **NO WEDNESDAY DINNER** **31**	**January 1st New Years Day Brunch for all Paid 2015 Legion, Auxiliary and SAL members - if not yet paid - you may do so that day.**		**1st Friday each month Red Cross Bloodmobile at Post 7AM - 1PM**

STEAK-$9.00|FISH/SHRIMP/CHICKEN-$8.50|STEAK+SHRIMP-$12.00|WALLEYE-$11.00

Dec 13, 1636
Birthday of
National Guard

January 2015

1 New Years Day Brunch & Bake Sale - Anoka
Club Open 10:00am
Past Commanders serving 11:00am
3 Mid-Winter Conference- Anoka
23 - 24 10th District Snowmobile Rally

COMING UP

SAL SAT HOT 'Commercial' 1-3:30pm - $5.00

Dec 6 - 'Hot Beef'
Dec 13 - 'Hot Turkey'
Dec 20 - 'Hot Beef'
Dec 27 - 'Hot Meatloaf'