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ADJUTANT'S NOTES

by Gary Munkholm

Guest speaker **Eagle Scout Lukas King** from **Troop 233** presented the membership with his recent Eagle Scout project. Eagle Scout King **covered all of the city of Anoka cemeteries Veterans grave stones with special stickers and put all of the locations in a 3 ring binder which was presented to the Post for use on Memorial Day**.

Ronald Roberts, Greg Clark, Zachary Lee, and John Little were voted in as new members to our Post. Welcome gentleman to our Post and we hope to see at our future meetings.

Darrel Redepenning thanked everyone for endorsing him as a candidate for 10th District Commander

Ron Wolford gave us a membership report with 635 members to date and 672 members on this date last year. If you are reading this newspaper and haven't paid your dues for next year please send in a check and pay them now.

Rick Oelschlager presented the membership with the 2010 budget report and it was approved by the general membership.

Cliff Newman announced that the School Patrol Party will be on December 5th at 10 am and Darrel Redepenning reminded everyone of the Veterans Wild Game Dinner on December 12th.

Donations approved this month were:

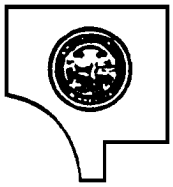
Assist needy Veterans/families	1,500.00
Emergency money	500.00
St. Cloud VAMC (Holiday Fund)	100.00
MPLS VAMC (Holiday Fund)	100.00
MPLS Vets Home (Holiday Fund)	100.00
North Suburban Concert Band	500.00
Country Flags for Post Flags	122.00
Anoka County Vet Svc Off (Vol Tran Fund)	250.00
Anoka County Vet Svc Off (Vets Trans Fund)	400.00
Boy Scout of the Year Award	100.00

Congratulations to
RANDY TESDAHL
Newly elected Department Adjutant from St. Francis Post

Post 102 extends sincere sympathy to the families of

ERVAN HARVES
Erv was a 19 year member of The American Legion and a Vietnam War Veteran.

LAURENCE MISKOWIC
Laurence was a 41 year member of The American Legion and a World War II Veteran.



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Commander's Column
Gregg Werbowski

Here it is almost December and we have seen a lot of the members go south for the warm weather – I'm nervous.

October 31st we had the Halloween parade. It was a chilly and windy day but fun. Thanks to all who helped, worked and participated in the parade. It was a great day.

November 7th was our Veterans Day Dinner. I hope all who participated had a great time. Our District Commander Tess Davis joined us, as did the 10th District Auxiliary President Flora Ellefson and the 10th District SAL Commander Gary Semmel. Also our own Auxiliary President Darlene Thell and SAL Commander Charlie Heemer. Our two guest speakers did a great job with their slide show and talk on what life was like in Iraq. The view of both an Officer and Enlisted Soldier was very unique, especially since they are brothers. Thank you to Capt. Aaron Oelschlager and Staff Sergeant Blake Oelschlager. It was also great to award the American Legion Scout of the Year Medal, Certificate and a check for $100 to Sam Rothstein.

On Veterans Day, Adjutant Gary Munkholm and myself went to River Oaks to thank the veterans for their service. Gary played patriotic and other songs while I handed out flags to the veterans that live there.

Hope everyone will have a safe, fun and enjoyable holiday season.

Lets Soar Like an Eagle!

S.A.L. NEWS
Commander Charlie Heemer
Whatever it Takes

The Squadron would like to welcome the new members – Bart Sedershi and Milton Webster who is a dual member. Get well wishes go to Elmer Antolick (a 12 year member) who was recently hospitalized. He is home now and doing well.

We gave donations of $50 to Meals on Wheels, $100 to the Vietnam Vets in memory of Bud Sauter (Tom Sauter's father) and a case of gun shells from Federal Cartridge to the Legionville Disabled Veterans deer hunt, also a $50 donation to the Post for printer ink.

We will be giving a dessert to anyone who brings a non-perishable food item or money donation for the ACBC Food Shelf. There are many needy families who need help with food especially at this time of the year. Let's make their holidays a little nicer.

A thank you to Tony and Sandy Arellano for the use of their pontoon as a float for the Halloween parade. Also for the decorations they provided. A thank you also to Chuck Krupperbacher for the use of the Statue of Liberty.

The 2009-2010 budget will be finalized at our next meeting on December 1st. If you have any input or suggestions please show up at the meeting.

2010 due are due **NOW**. We are at 82% paid up dues as of November 3rd. I would like to see 100% by the first of the year. Lets work together to make this happen.

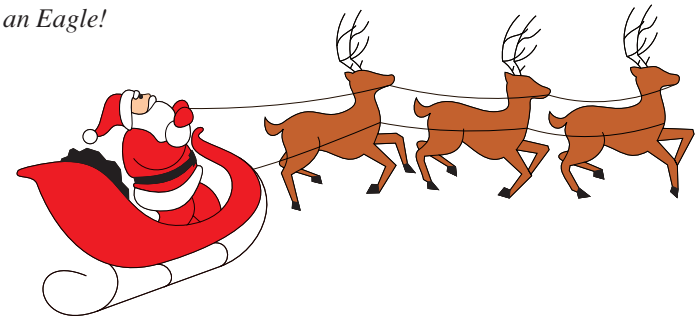
Additions to our
Wednesday Dinner Specials include:

For Dec. 9th & 30th
Pork Chop – $7.50

For December 2nd
Country Fried Steak – $7.50

For December 16th
Prime Rib – $9.00

NO WEDNESDAY DINNER ON DECEMBER 23RD



Veterans Day Dinner

By Gary Munkholm

Last month our American Legion Post honored our many Veteran's at the annual Veteran's Day Dinner with Master of Ceremonies for the evening Commander Werbowski. During the program I presented the audience with a narration on the POW/MIA table and how each item on the table represents our missing comrades.

Guest speakers, CPT Aaron Oelschlager and SSG Blake Oelschlager provided everyone with an update on their deployment to Iraq with the Minnesota Army National Guard. A slideshow and movie clips depicted to everyone a picture of some of the conditions our troop's endured while deployed overseas. Guests also included our 10th District Commander, Tess Davis, 10th District President, Flora Ellefson, and 10th District Squadron Commander, Gary Semmel.

During the program the Post honored our Past Commander Cliff Newman and 50 year members Gerald Abeln and Gerald Skordahl. Adjutant Gary Munkholm also announced that evening our Anoka American Legion Boy Scout of the Year winner Samuel Rothstein. Eagle Scout Rothstein received a certificate, American Legion Ribbon, and $100 cash.

The North Suburban Brass Quintet provided the evening with patriotic music including "God Bless America" for all to hold hands and sing. The evening started with Post Chaplain Jim Hays and concluded with Unit Chaplain Cathy Zwerdling. Many thanks to all of the American Legion Family and 2nd Vice Commander Fadi Awaijane for setting up, decorating, and putting the room back to normal at the conclusion of the program.

Boy Scout of the year

By Gary Munkholm

Once again our Post selected an outstanding Boy Scout to represent our Post as the Anoka American Legion Boy Scout of the Year. This year's winner is Samuel Rothstein of Troop 362 which is chartered by the Ramsey Lions. Sam's leadership skills included being a member of the Order of the Arrow, Senior Patrol Leader twice, 3 years as a staff member of the Grey Wolf Leadership Training Camp, 2 years on the staff for Many Point Scout Camp, Philmont Scout Ranch Staff member, District Activities Committee for 3 years, and currently preparing for next year's National Centennial Jamboree as an Assistant Scoutmaster.

Sam is an Eagle Scout and a proud wearer of two Catholic religious Scout emblems. At Anoka High School he was student of the month twice and active on the debate team.

In the community Sam was active with the program Feed my Starving Children, Movie Night at Alexandra House, Scouting for food, MS bike-a-thon, volunteering at St. Stephen's church Summerfest and teaching Faith formation at the church.

This list is only a small fraction of why the selection committee chose Samuel Rothstein to be the Anoka American Legion Boy Scout of the Year.

Photos:

Top left – Gregg, Blake, Sam, Aaron and Darlene

Bottom left – Gregg, Tess, Flora, Darlene, Charlie and Gary

Bottom right – Jerry Skordal and Jerry Abeln

Girls Staters News

AMANDA KAAS, who was unable to attend the Post and Unit joint meeting October 6, was awarded the Youth Citizen Scholarship during half time ceremonies at the Pumpkin Bowl.

ERIN HILLIARD was chosen October 31 to be an Anoka Halloween 2009-2010 Royal Ambassador with 2 other young ladies.

Junior Auxiliary member MEAGHAN HUNT was also one of the 52 candidates.

71 Members Needed

Are YOU one of the 71 members who have not yet paid your 2010 dues?!

The Auxiliary due date of November 6 has passed – your 2010 dues are needed now more than ever to help veterans in Minnesota.

Auxiliary programs (listed in the Secretary's column) show what the Unit has already done – and with your membership dues – what more can be done.

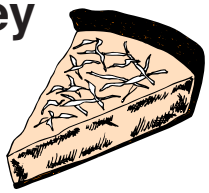
Please don't let any more time go by – send your dues in now or stop by the pull tab booth.

You do not need the dues notice to pay – seniors $20 – juniors $3.50.

Send to: Betty Erickson
1826 Cressy Ave., Anoka, MN 55303

And, don't forget, the New Years Day Brunch is free for all paid members junior and senior.

Past Presidents Parley
BAKE SALE
at
New Years Day Brunch
January 1, 2010



Proceeds to Parley Projects!

ATTENTION BOWLERS

The dates for the American Legion State Bowling Tournament are April 17th and 18th, 2010. The tournament is being hosted by Forest Lake Post 225, however, bowling will be held at the Stars & Strikes Entertainment Center, Wyoming, MN. Singles will be Saturday April 17th at 11:30 am and team on Sunday, April 18th at noon.

Entry form and info sheet available at the Post. Entries must be submitted by December 31, 2009.

Dennis R. Hubert 763-422-1863

HOLIDAY DINNER

Attention Past Unit and Junior Auxiliary Presidents Post Commanders and SAL Commanders

You are invited to attend the 5th annual Holiday Dinner on Wednesday, December 9th for you and your spouse or guest at the Post in the Commanders Hall. Social Hour will start at 6:30 pm with dinner served by our SAL at 7:00 pm. Please select from the dinner listing.

Bone-in Pork Chop	$7.50	Steak	$7.50
Shrimp	$7.50	Stuffed Shrimp	$7.50
Steak & Shrimp	$10.00		

We wil need your food choice and money by Tuesday, Dec. 1st with checks made out to Sons of American Legion.

Please mail to:

Karen Orr
1230 4th Ave. S.
Anoka, MN 55303
763-427-1248

or

Lenora Root
820 Elm Creek Circle N.
Champlin, MN 55316
763-427-1744

Attending Auxiliary sessions at Fall Conference in Pequot Lakes were (seated L-R) Sue Nunnelee, Darlene Thell, Sandy Phillips and (standing L-R) Donna Redepenning and Cathy Newman.

2010 Fall Conference wil be Waite Park October 29-30.

AUXILIARY UNIT 102

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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.

HALLOWEEN – OCTOBER 31ST

President's Column
Darlene Thell

Our month of October was very busy one. October 22 and 23 I attended the Fall Conference in Pequot Lakes. Auxiliary members that attended were Cathy Newman, Sandy Phillips, Sue Nunnelee and Donna Redepenning. Two workshops were held on Thursday evening. Reports were given on October 23rd and 24th. Our past District President Sue Nunnelee was in the Grand March and reception on Thursday evening. We were very honored to have our National Auxiliary President Rita Navarrete, from New Mexico, attend the conference. It was a delight listening to her speak.

Halloween day turned out to be a lovely day later in the morning. By parade time the sun was out and Commander Gregg Werbowski, Dist. Pres. Flora Ellefson, Dist. Commander Tess Davis, Dept. Commander Al Davis and I rode on our beautiful American Legion Post 102 float. This was a great honor for me. The float held 31 flags that were flown over our nation.

Our Junior Auxiliary members had a bake sale and sold hot dogs and ham sandwiches, with the help of the Auxiliary ladies.

On November 7th the Veterans Dinner was another overwhelming event for me. We honored our two guest speakers, Aaron and Blake Oelschlager. They spoke and showed slides of their days in Iraq. They most definitely are our heroes and we appreciated their attendance for the evening.

The Boy Scout of the Year Award was presented to Sam Rothstein by Gary Munkholm. He worked his way up through the ranks of scouting culminating with the accomplishment of Eagle Scout.

On Veterans Day I took a bud vase with a red rose to each of the veterans at the AMRTC. Lets always remember our veterans.

God bless our Veterans, POW, Military and America.

Mary and the Auxiliary 90 years young!

As we celebrate the 90th Birthday of the American Legion Auxiliary we also celebrate the 90th birthday of Mary Cameron who has been a dedicated member of our Unit for 37 years. Mary was unit President 1989-1990 and has held many chairmanships in the unit with Legislation and Education being her favorite programs. Friends and family celebrated Mary's birthday with her at the Walker Home.

JAN'S JOTTINGS

by Jan Reiter

The regular meeting of our Auxiliary was held on November 3, 2009.

Junior Activities: The juniors held an Open House on October 10 to get more junior members. They did not succeed therefore there will be no organized juniors in Anoka this year but they are still Auxiliary members. The juniors helped out at the Early Bird Dinner and the silent auction. October 17th one junior and 2 senior members went to Princeton. October 31 they had their annual Halloween fun raiser with 24 Junior and Auxiliary members helping. Sue thanked everyone who helped. They made a profit of $1,003.86 and this will go into the general fund and the juniors annual donations will come out of that. Sammie Odegard will be having a fund raiser at Coon Rapids Legion at 2:00 pm on November 7.

Past Presidents Parley: A sewing bee will be held on **Tuesday afternoon,** January 19 at 1:00 pm at the club – you don't have to be a past pres. to help. Approved $190 to the Dept. Past Presidents Scholarship Fund.

VA&R: Sandy Phillips is the Department Representative for the Veterans Home in Minneapolis and is in need of help to set up for the Gift Shop on November 11 and December 1, 2, & 3. If you can help her call her at 754-3800.

Unfinished Business: Ann Larson reported on the Early Bird Dinner and said it was a success with 108 people attending and 9 members were initiated along with continuous pins given out by Betty Erickson. Our silent auction netted a profit of $490 which will be sent to Department for Girls State and the Scholarship programs.

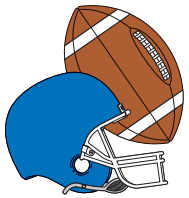
New Business: Sue Nunnelee said the Toys for Joy are in need of volunteers from December 15 to December 18. She also said that there are a lot of homeless veterans including woman veterans in Anoka County and they are collecting socks for the veterans until December 1st. If you would like to donate some socks leave them at the pull tab booth.

Donations Approved:

Mpls. VA Medical Center	*$100*
St. Cloud VA Medical Center	*100*
MN Veterans Homes (Mpls & Hastings - $75 each)	*150*
Five Dollar Bill Shower	*100*
American Legion Fund for Hospitalized Vets	*75*
10th Dist. Activity Fund (Mpls & St. Cloud)	*100*
Veterans Job Training Program	*100*
Veterans Volunteer Transportation Program	*200*
Christmas Gift Shop/AMRTC	*50*
Vets Rest Camp at Forest Lake ($50) and Ely ($50)	*100*
American Legion Auxiliary Hospital Program	*75*
National Creative Arts Festival	*50*
MN Stand Down	*100*
National American Legion Child Welfare Foundation	*50*
Fort Snelling Rifle Squad	*50*
American Education Week (apples)	*200*
District President's Project	*100*
District President's Gift	*25*

Credits: Anoka historical items from the Fred Moore Middle School Calendar Club

DECEMBER 2009

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Flag Display Days 7th - Pearl Harbor Day (half-staff until sunset) 25th - Christmas Day	**RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP NOW! Legion, Aux. Aux. Jr., SAL Dual**	Post General Mem. 7:30 pm S.A.L. Mtg. 7:00 pm Auxiliary Mtg. 7:00 pm 1	SAL Dinner 5:30-7:00 Steak, Chicken, Shrimp, Salisbury Steak, Stuffed Shrimp Your Choice $7.50 Steak & Shrimp Combo $10.00 2	**Every Thursday & Friday Grill Open 5:00 – 8:30 pm** Bar Bingo 7:00 pm 3	Meat Raffle 5:00 pm Bar Bingo 6:30 pm 4	School Patrol Christmas Party 10:00 am – 12:00 noon Pearl Harbor Rally Buffalo 5
Club Open 12-10 Bar Bingo 3:00 pm 6	Auxiliary Christmas Gift Shop AMRTC 6:30 pm Pearl Harbor Day 7	*Dec.1904: New Carnegie Library opens to the public at 7 pm.* 8	Past Pres. - Cmdrs. - Jr's - SAL Holiday Dinner Social 6:30 Dinner 7:00 SAL Dinner 5:30-7:00 Aux. Twin Rivers Bingo 2:30 pm 9	Bar Bingo 7:00 pm 10	Meat Raffle 5:00 pm Bar Bingo 6:30 pm 11	Veterans Wild Game Dinner 12:00 noon 12
Club Open 12-10 Bar Bingo 3:00 pm 13	*Dec. 3, 1914: Anoka's new show house the Green Theatre, opens. Dec. 1929. 1st "talkies" are shown.* 14	NEWSPAPER MEETING 7:00 pm 15	SAL Dinner 5:30-7:00 Steak, Chicken, Shrimp, Salisbury Steak, Stuffed Shrimp Your Choice $7.50 Steak & Shrimp Combo $10.00 Prime Rib $9.00 Legion Riders 7 pm 16	Bar Bingo 7:00 pm 17	Meat Raffle 5:00 pm Bar Bingo 6:30 pm 18	*Dec. 5, 1934: City buys Rum River Dam from Pillsbury for $1000.* 19
Club Open 12-10 Bar Bingo 3:00 pm 20	*Dec. 1921: Anoka's first Community Christmas Tree.* Winter Begins 21	House & Ent. Meeting 7:00 pm 22	NO SAL DINNER 23	*Christmas Eve Club Open 12 Noon to 5:00 pm* 24	***MERRY CHRISTMAS*** **Club Closed** 25	*Dec. 1941: Herr Schmidt Inn burglarized Sunday.* 26
Club Open 12-10 Bar Bingo 3:00 pm 27	*Dec. 2, 1930: High School (Sandburg) robbed - $200 damage and $50 stolen.* 28	Executive Board Meeting 7:00 pm 29	SAL Dinner 5:30-7:00 Steak, Chicken, Shrimp, Salisbury Steak, Stuffed Shrimp Your Choice $7.50 Steak & Shrimp Combo $10.00 30	New Years Eve Music 8:30 – 12:30 Entertainment *FREE* hors d'oeuvrs at midnight & party favors 31	**January 1st New Years Day Brunch**	1st Friday each month Red Cross Bloodmobile at Post 7 AM - 1 PM
 **MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL FOOD DRINK SPECIALS PRIZES**	**COMING IN JANUARY** 1 New Years Day Brunch ~ Club Open 10:00 am – 7:00 pm Past Commanders serving 11:00 am – 1:30 pm Past Presidents Bake Sale during brunch 5th Membership meetings 9th 10th Dist. Mid-Winter Conference at Anoka 19th Past Presidents Sewing Bee – 1:00 pm				*Dec. 28, 1951: Bills Roller Rink opens.*	*Dec. 17, 1956: Low bid for razing old City Hall $2,769.*