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Memorial Day Observance 2016

The Anoka Legion Post annual Memorial Day Service program gave our deceased Veterans the gratitude and respect they all deserve. The Memorial Observance was one of the best attended services to date. Guest speaker, Lyle Bradley, probably had a lot to do with the attendance of close to 900 people. Few people knew that Lyle Bradley was not only a Anoka High School teacher, but a World War II and Korean War fighter pilot. Honoring our deceased Military Veterans is an annual tradition of Anoka and has been for many years. All summer long the city keeps the Memorial area looking great with the many flowers and shrubs surrounding the site. It was an overwhelming sight to see the many wreaths we laid for those who gave their lives for our freedom and way of life. Music selections before and during the service by the North Suburban Concert band was exceptional as always and it is always good to see elementary school students involved with the program every year. This year was no exception with having three Franklin Elementary students reciting to the crowd. And finally, we must thank the Anoka National Guard members who participated with the Firing Squad and Honor Guard to honor the many Veterans on this sacred day of remembrance.

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Adjutant's Notes

by Gary Munkholm

Past Commander Gary Reimann ran the voting for next year's Post Officers resulting in the following elected members:

Commander	Ron Wolford	**1st Vice**	Doug Hookom
2nd Vice	Aaron Bahe	**3rd Vice**	Gary Reimann
Finance	Tim McLaughlin	**Chaplain**	Jim Urban
Sgt of Arms	Dan Soland	**2 Year at Large**	Cliff Newman
			Fadi Awaijane

Congratulations to the new Officers and Committee members and we wish you the best in the coming year.

Don't forget to get your dues in for the coming year. You can pay them on line, mail them, or drop them off at the club.

Many thanks to everyone who helped make our Memorial Day Observance one of our best services ever.

Thanks to the efforts of Vice Commander Aaron Bahe the Past Commanders pictures in the Commander's Hall will be scanned and then the originals preserved in a lock box to prevent future damage to them.

The Post sent the following delegates to the Department Convention in Rochester to represent us: Commander Turnquist, Ron Wolford, Darrel Redepenning, Doug Hookom, Richard Oelschlager, Fadi Awaijane, and Aaron Bahe.

Doug Sturgill reminded everyone to get their volunteer hours to him. Our Post gets credit
for all of the volunteer hours towards various District and Department reports

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

1.	1st half of Post 102 property tax for 2016	$10,083
2.	2 American Legion Post 102 student Scholarship	$2,000
3.	Donation to the Veteran's Home fishing opener	$250
4.	Donation to the Anoka County Cougars Special Olympics	$250
5.	Fire Department Educational coloring books	$250
6.	City of Anoka for July 4th Celebration	$500
7.	Legion Family Hospital Association	$200
8.	Special Fund for Hospitalized Veterans	$200
9.	Camping Equipment for Boy Scout Troop 233	$500
10.	2016 Allied Charitable membership dues	$275
11.	Water & Light costs	$2,200
12.	Center Point Energy for gas costs	$800
13.	U.S. Treasury for tax on wagering	$650
14.	Assist needy Veterans & Families	$1,500
15.	Emergency Money	$500

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.

Post 102 extends sincere sympathy to the families of

PHILLIP A. PINEWSKI

Phillip was a 59 year member of The American Legion and a World War II Veteran

DONALD F. TESCH

Donald was a 28 year member of The American Legion and a World War II Veteran

FREDERICK R. PHILIBERT

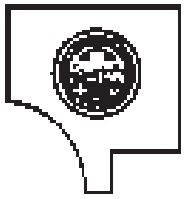
Frederick was a 22 year member of The American Legion and a Korean War Veteran

RICHARD E. SWANSON

Richard was a 19 year member of The American Legion and a World War II Veteran

RAYMOND A. MIKA

Raymond was a 9 year member of The American Legion and a World War II Veteran



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The ONLINE edition may contain additional articles.

Commander Ray Turnquist

This is my FINAL newsletter. I want to thank everyone who made my two years as Commander just wonderful. I was proud to represent this great post. I would like to thank Ron Wolford for stepping up and being Commander next year- he will do a fantastic job!

On May 4th I was privileged to hand out the American Legion Scholarship Awards. The recipients were Savana Wolvin, Jenna Madden, Charles Vail, Eneji Obami, Michael Talbot, Derek Stranberg and Alexis Olson. The American Legion School Awards go to the outstanding boy and girl who meet the qualities of courage, honor, leadership, patriotism, scholarship and service. This year the awards went to Natalie Streich and Jacob Baldus. Congratulations to you all.

May 21st the 10th District elected Bonnie Hanson as the new commander. Congratulations Bonnie.

Thank you to everyone that helped with our Memorial Day ceremony and luncheon. It was a beautiful day with about 1000 people coming to honor our heroes.

June 1st was the first of our four Car and Bike shows. The weather wasn't great but we did have 40 cars show. Thank you to everyone that helped with this successful event.

Anyone interested in our Post 102 shirts should contact Rick Oelschlager.

Please continue to support all of our events at the Club. Thank you again for all your help and support these past 2 years. I have truly enjoyed being commander of the best Post.

God Bless America, Past Commander Ray

10th District Legion Convention

S.A.L. Commander Tim Dahlheimer

Summer greetings from the SAL team!

As you may or may not have heard, I have been re-elected to serve as your SAL commander for ANOTHER one-year term. This will be my 3rd consecutive term. I am truly honored to serve and intend to carry on with our rich tradition of service to the community and Legion family. I would like to thank my entire slate of officers, who have all graciously accepted to stay on in their current positions. A special thank you to "little" Al Amundson, who continues to keep our ship afloat in so many ways. Although small in stature, Al's unending service and dedication to this Post is truly "gigantic". Please give Al a "shout-out" when you see him at the Club.

Though few in numbers, we have a dedicated team of SAL members who volunteer countless hours of their time and work very hard to support the Legion family! I thank them for their continued service, and for your continued support and vote of confidence!

We were very successful in raising funds this past year, and our budget has never looked better! We continue to distribute these funds to our various budgeted charities, scholarships and Club functions. We are even planning on increasing our giving this year.

Mark your calendars for the following upcoming events:

July 6th - Car Show in the club parking lot and SAL Dinner
August 3rd - Car Show in the club parking lot a SAL Dinner

Sunday food service: The SAL team is now serving food from 2-5pm every Sunday. This has replaced our Saturday food service, which has been discontinued. The Sunday afternoon menu will consist of Shrimp, Walleye nuggets, Popcorn Chicken, Waffle Potatos, Sidewinder Potatos, Mozzarella sticks, 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 on the first Wednesday 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 "Da'Chunk" 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.

Have a safe and fun summer!

SAL Commander, Tim Dahlheimer

President's Column

Diane Wolford

I want to take this time to introduce myself as the incoming President of The American Legion Auxiliary Unit 102 for the 2016-2017 year. I feel very honored to have been elected by my Auxiliary sisters. I will try to the best of my ability to serve as President.

My eligibility is through my husband, Ron, who served in the Army from 1964-67, who will be the Post 102 Commander this coming year.

Ron and I got married right after basic training and have been married 52 years. In those early days, our Sunday afternoons were spent with me polishing his brass while he spit-shined his shoes.

We have two sons, Mark and Scott; and three granddaughters, Paige, Brooke and Jillian. Our family has lived in the community for nineteen years and truly believe we are Minnesotans. Before moving here, we took our vacations in Minnesota and fell in love with the state and knew we wanted to retire here.

God bless the USA and our troops--- Diane Wolford

Past President's Parley Dinner

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.

In Memoriam

Roxanne Kae (Collins) Fietek

Roxanne "Sam", a 38 year Auxiliary member, was born January 16, 1944 in Sioux Falls, South Dakota and passed away April 27, 2016.

"Sam" joined the Auxiliary to be part of the Ladies Drill Team from the 1979 Houston to the 1986 Cincinnati National Legion Conventions; she was also an active Unit member.

Edward B. Cutter Unit 102 extends its sympathy to her family; husband Tim, children Scott, Kris, Joe and Jefferson.

A memorial in Roxanne's name was sent by Unit 102 to The American Legion Brain Science Foundation.

10th District Auxiliary Convention

The 96th 10th District American Legion Convention was held May 21st, 2016 at Osseo, MN. The Anoka Auxiliary had 4 delegates attend the convention: President Cathy Newman, Diane Wolford, Sue Nunnelee and Kathy Zwerdling. The day began with a Memorial Service at 8:00 AM at the Church where the Auxiliary had their meetings.

Call to order was around 9:30 AM, when we had all the usual reports with trophy winners. Anoka did get three; 10th District Junior Rehabilitation Award, Past President's Parley Plaque and the Poppy AdlerTrophy. After lunch was the Past Presidents Memorial Service. Sue Nunnelee did a Memorial to Past President Sandy Phillips, and did an excellent job.

A joint Installation was held at the end of the Convention. Our New District Auxiliary Officers for 2016-2017 are: Linda Deschene, President; Jody Hassing, 1st Vice President; Sandy Locker, 2nd Vice President; Historian, Sue Nunnelee [Anoka]; Sgt-at- Arms, Cathy Newman [Anoka].

Now we are on to Department Convention July 21-23 to be held at Rochester, MN.

Cathy Newman

Jan's Jottings

by Jan Reiter

Regular meetings of Edward B. Cutter American Legion Auxiliary were held on Tuesday, May 3rd and June 7th, 2016 with President Cathy Newman presiding.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Girl State: Kathy Zwerdling reported on County Day, April 14; 20 students and 8 adults attended. She thanked everyone who helped drive the students to the Anoka County Courthouse and to those who helped serve and brought cookies and bars. Attending Girls State in June are: **Madeline Fragale, Allison Obright and Berlynn Bitengo** from Anoka Senior High School.

Poppy: Sue Nunnelee reported 29 Post Legion Family members helped on both Poppy Days; she also thanked Treasurer Jeanene Hays for all of her help. Poppies were also distributed to everyone attending Memorial Day services, including Gold Star Mother Ruth LeNove and Gold Star Parents Bob and Nancy Dehn.

VA&R: President Cathy Newman thanked all who brought cleaning supplies and small bottles of toiletries for the veterans at various hospitals and homes.

Election of Officers: 2016-2017 Officers

President- Diane Wolford
1st Vice Pres.- Sue Nunnelee
2nd Vice Pres.- Lynette Pavin
Treasurer- Jeanene Hays
Sgt-at-Arms- Cathy Newman
Executive Committee- Kath Zwerdling and Ashley Swanson

District Convention: May 21 - Osseo Post 172
Delegates approved: Diane Wolford, Cathy Newman, Sue Nunnelee, Betty Erickson and Kathy Zwerdling. Awards received were: Past Presidents Parley trophy, Junior Rehabilitation and Poppy.
District Officers & Chairmen 2016-2017: Historian, Sue Nunnelee; Sgt-at-Arms, Cathy Newman; Community Service Chairman, Donna Redepenning.

Department Convention: July 21-23, Rochester
Delegates approved: Diane Wolford, Sue Nunnelee and Donna Redepenning.

A Memorial Service was held at the June 7th meeting for the following members: Past President Lenora Root (Oct), Doris Nunnelee (Jan), Pat Nutter (Jan), Past President Sandy Phillips (Mar) and Roxanne Fietek (Apr); we shall miss all of them.

NO AUXILIARY MEETINGS IN JULY AND AUGUST
See you September 6!!!

RON'S GRILL

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

TUESDAYS

Chef's Choice

THURSDAYS

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

FRIDAYS

JULY 2016

1st - BBQ Bacon Burger
~ Fries or Tots - $8.50

8th - Ham Steak
~ AuGratin Potato, Veg, Roll, Butter - $10.00

15th - Shrimp Trio
(3 broiled, 3 deep-fried, 3 cocktail)
~ Rice Pilaf, Veg, Roll, Butter - $15.00

22nd - Taco Salad
~ (Beef or Chicken) - $9.00

29th - BBQ Beef
~ Coleslaw, Fries or Tots - $9.00

AUGUST 2016

Chef's Choice

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

ANOKA LEGION
welcomes
"Service Dogs"

Poppy Program

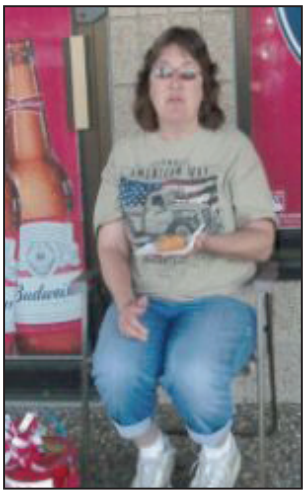
Once again we had a successful Poppy Days Program with over 3,000 poppies distributed during the month of May. Thanks to the many members that responded to the Poppy Letter that was mailed the 1st week of May and to the volunteers that were willing to give their time by distributing poppies on Poppy Days, May 20th & 21st.

We had 29 American Legion family members distributing poppies on Poppy Days, which included 7 husband and wife teams. I want to thank the following Legionnaires who helped distribute poppies on Friday and/or Saturday: Commander Ray Turnquist, Jim Urban, Sam Orr, Jim Hays. Gary Reimann, Aaron Bahe, Cliff Newman, Doug Sturgill, Dan Soland, Doug Hookom, Mike Fendrich, Mike St. John and Ron Wolford. Thanks to the following Auxiliary members (or wives and friends) who also distributed poppies those days: President Cathy Newman, Karen Orr, Bev Reimann, Carol Turnquist, Betty Urban, Pat Fendrich, Lynn St. John, Darlene Hookom, Jennifer Gates, Darlene Thell, Barb Ridge, Jean Parvey, Mary Jerde (& mom), Denise Vickers and Diane Wolford. Thanks to Jeanene Hays for collecting the money, and helping with Poppy bucket distribution. Jan Reiter would like to thank, Cathy Newman, Nancy and Les Bever, Karen Orr and Jean Parvey for helping the Poppy mailing. Also thanks to the Pull Tab workers and bar manager and workers for their support during the month of May!

Finally, Thank You to all those that support the Poppy Program in one way or another! Donations are still being accepted from anyone that may have forgotten to send in their donations. It is never too late to help our veterans! Your donation may either be dropped at the Legion or mailed to the Post (400 W Main, Anoka MN 55303) in care of Jan Reiter.

Sue Nunnelee and Jan Reiter, Poppy Program Co-Chairmen

THANK YOU to these and MANY MORE who volunteered and donated to support the Poppy Program this year!!



Clifford Edward Newman Service Award

The first person to receive this award was Cliff, for his service to the American Legion. This service was way beyond the effort given to a specific Legion organization. Cliff has worked for years making the Legion an enjoyable place to be at any time.

This award will be given at the District level every year, for an individual who has performed outstanding service to a Legion organization.

Cliff, with the assistance of his wife Cathy, has for years worked tirelessly for the improvement of our Post and at the District level. This award is long overdue for a very special Legionnaire.

Ron Wolford

Cliff Newman receiving Service Award from District Commander, Bill Johnson

3rd ANNUAL
COLLECTOR CAR & BIKE SHOW

JUNE 1
JULY 6
AUGUST 3
SEPTEMBER 7

4 - 8 PM

Anoka American Legion, 400 W Main St., Anoka, MN

Anoka County Veterans Council 4th of July Flag Raising Ceremony 2016

On behalf of the Anoka County Veterans Council, we wish to extend our invitation for you to join us, along with many Posts & Auxiliaries of Anoka County in the 4th of July Flag Raising with State Senator Jim Abeler as our speaker.

Monday, JULY 4, 2016
Anoka County Courthouse
7:00 AM

Parade on Main Street
from 3rd to 4th

Coffee & Donuts provided
by American Legion Post
102 (prior to ceremony)

PLEASE JOIN US

The Anoka County Veterans Council

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Edward B. Cutter Post 102 Event Calendar

2016

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

JULY

4 MON 7:00 pm Legion Bingo @ Golden Living
5 TUE 7:00 pm General Membership Mtgs
13 WED 2:00 pm Auxiliary Bingo @ Golden Living
19 TUE 7:00 pm House & Entertainment Mtg
26 TUE 7:00 pm Exec Board Mtg

AUGUST

1 MON 7:00 pm Legion Bingo @ Golden Living
2 TUE 7:00 pm General Membership Mtgs
9 TUE 7:00 pm Post Newsletter Mtg
10 WED 2:00 pm Auxiliary Bingo @ Golden Living
23 TUE 7:00 pm House & Entertainment Mtg
30 TUE 7:00 pm Exec Board Mtg

OTHER EVENTS

6 WED (3rd Annual) - 2nd Car Show 4-8 pm – Anoka
21 -23 THU-SAT – Department Convention - Rochester, MN

3 WED (3rd Annual) - 3rd Car Show 4-8 pm – Anoka
Aug 26-Se p 1 - National Convention – Cincinnati, OH

COMING IN SEPTEMBER

7 WED (3rd Annual) - 4th Car Show 4-8 pm – Anoka
8 -11 THU-SUN – Legionville Camp-O-Ree
10 SAT 10th District Rally – Legionville

THIS DAY IN HISTORY - Holidays

2 Jul *1926–Army Air Corp established*
4 Jul **July 4th – Independence Day**
21 Jul *1969-1st Moon Walk by USA*
24 Jul Parents Day
27 Jul *1953-Korean War ended*
28 Jul *1914-World War I Began*

4 Aug *US Coast Guard established*
6 Aug Friendship Day
7 Aug *1782-Purple Heart Medal established*
11 Aug *1972-US combat troops leave South Vietnam*
14 Aug *1945-Japan surrendered*
19 Aug National Aviation Day
21 Aug Senior Citizens Day
26 Aug Women's Equality Day

Flag Flying Days =