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## American Legion Post #102 – July/August 2022 Newsletter

### Post Commander's Comments

Summer has arrived with a vengeance! As I write this, it is near 100 degrees! Along with summer comes the dreaded construction we've been warned about. We will get through this. It is also the beginning of another year as your Commander. Thank you for having faith in me to hold this position and represent our Anoka Legion. Over the past year we've made great improvements at the Post. Thanks to many generous donations we have been able to make kitchen upgrades and install 2 new furnaces to keep us warm this coming winter. Coming up we have a busy couple of months! In July we have the Flag raising at the courthouse on Monday, July 4th at 7am. Please join us if you can! We have a car show on Wednesday July 6th and the Department Convention in Wilmar July 14-16th. The following week, me and my wife Cari will be going to Colorado Springs, CO to support the Jr. Shooters at the American Legion 3-position Jr Air Rifle Championship! Only the top 15 Shooters in the country are invited, and we have 2 going from MN (one from Anoka and one from Richfield)! Going into August, we have our State Patrol Car Show on Wed. August 3rd, with the helicopter scheduled to land around 5pm (barring any delays). Last but not least, National Convention is end of August. It's in Milwaukee, WI this year. Nice and close! We hope to see you at the many events happening this summer.

**Jared Sturgill -Commander - Edward B. Cutter Post #102, 2021-2022**

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Email Readers, please review the accompanied flier for the Anoka Veterans Memorial "Walk of Honor" Engraved Granite Paver Campaign in celebrating all who served our country. Printed fliers are available at the Post.

Keep on the lookout for an upcoming family event in August at the Post. We'll have a Corn Feed, Hot Dogs, and Live Entertainment.

Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent, a new nation, conceived in Liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal.

Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation, or any nation so conceived and so dedicated, can long endure. We are met on a great battle-field of that war. We have come to dedicate a portion of that field, as a final resting place for those who here gave their lives that that nation might live. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this.

But, in a larger sense, we can not dedicate -- we can not consecrate -- we can not hallow -- this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it, far above our poor power to add or detract. The world will little note, nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here. It is for us the living, rather, to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us -- that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion -- that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain -- that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom -- and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth.

Abraham Lincoln; November 19, 1863; Gettysburg Address

### Post Adjutant's Comments

Summer – so long awaited – has finally arrived! The Post has some great summertime events lined up and continues to roll out entertainment as opportunities arise. On the horizon is an outdoor “Corn Feed” in August. Be sure to join us for the Classic Car Shows in conjunction with the fabulous SAL Prime Rib Dinners the first Wednesday of July, August, and September.

Post 102 is pleased to welcome four new Legionnaires: Barry Ertl, US Air Force; Daniel Hegberg, US Navy; Aaron Ottman, US Army; and Matt Boros, US Air Force. We hope to see you at future club meetings and activities and look forward to fellowship with each of you!

At the General Membership meeting in June, the members elected the following officers: Commander Jared Sturgill, 1st Vice Commander Lori Allert, 2nd Vice Commander Jay Mitchell, 3rd Vice Commander Mark Manley, Finance Officer Tim McLaughlin, Chaplain Sam Orr, Sergeant-at-Arms Zak Menter, Historian Bill Sutherland, and Executive Committee at-large members, Gary Reimann, and Ray Turnquist. Our long-time gambling manager, Rick Oelschlager, announced his resignation. We are deeply grateful for his dedication and years of conscientious service!! Jaclyn Davidson has stepped up and taken on the leadership mantle of gambling manager. Welcome Jaclyn! July kicks off the membership drive for 2023. You can expect mailings reminding you of this. “Early Birds” who renew before October will be invited to a free “Early Bird Member Meal” at the Post.

Don't miss out – register early!!

**Lori Allert, Post Adjutant, Edward B. Cutter Post #102**



### Auxiliary President's Comments

Happy Summer! We had a busy spring, and it seems we'll have a busy summer as well! In May we had our Potluck dinner with our special guests, Gold Star mother, Nancy Dehn and our Girl Staters. We are sending 5 girls to Girls State this year. Our annual Memorial Day Service at Riverfront Memorial Park was relocated to our Post at the last minute due to rain. A huge thank you to everyone who stepped up and made the sudden change seem effortless! Heading into June, upon your gracious approval, I will remain your Auxiliary President for one more year. We had our District Convention in Milaca, MN on June 4th. We received the Horton-Fridley Americanism award for Americanism and the Hurley Award for Community Service. Way to go Anoka Unit 102! Coming in July we have Department Convention in Wilmar, MN and then in August we have the National Convention in Milwaukee, WI. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, September 6th. Thank you everyone for a fantastic 1st year as your President. I hope I serve you well going into this new year!

**Cari Sturgill – Auxiliary President – Edward B. Cutter Post #102, 2021-2022**

### Auxiliary Donations\*\*

May - Donation to Mpls VA Hospital

May - Donation to Department Scholarship Fund



### SAL Commander's Comments

Spring Has Sprung!


Summer greetings from your SAL team. With the summer heat upon us, why not join us at the "cool" Legion for an ice cold beverage and a great meal prepared by your dedicated team of SAL volunteers! We serve a wonderful Prime Rib dinner (along with our regular menu) on the first Wednesday of each month, and on the third Wednesday enjoy our full menu selections, as well as our Chef's special. We serve from 5:30-7:00. Also, our Legion sponsored "Car Shows" are happening on the first Wednesday the month from June-September. Show time is 4- 7pm. So join us for the fun and frolic at the club this summer!

And as a friendly reminder, all proceeds from our SAL meals provide us the opportunity to give back to the community in a number of ways. For example, this Spring we were able to give out two \$2000 scholarships to Anoka High School students who are interested in pursuing careers in the field of Culinary Arts. And that's what it's all about folks; Giving back!

**Patrick “Chunk” Vevea, SAL Commander, Edward B. Cutter Post #102, 2021-2022**



American Legion Post 102 / Aux / SAL Calendar				July 2022		
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					<b>1</b> Blood Drive 4:00pm All You-Can-Eat Fish Fry 5:00pm Meat Raffle 7:00pm Bar Bingo	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b> 4:00pm Bar Bingo	<b>4 Independence Day</b> 7:00am Flag Raising at Courthouse 7:00pm Fun Bags - Cornhole	<b>5</b> 6:30pm Bar Bingo 7:00pm General Mtgs	<b>6</b> 4:00pm Car Show 5:00pm SAL Prime Dinner	<b>7</b> 7:00pm Karaoke	<b>8</b> 4:00pm All You-Can-Eat Fish Fry 5:00pm Meat Raffle 7:00pm Bar Bingo	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> 4:00pm Bar Bingo	<b>11</b> 7:00pm Fun Bags - Cornhole	<b>12</b> 6:30pm Bar Bingo	<b>13</b> 5:00pm Free Legion Family Member Dinner 7:00pm ALR Mtg	<b>14</b> 7:00pm Karaoke All Day - Dept. Convention in Willmar	<b>15 Saint Vladimir</b> 4:00pm All You-Can-Eat Fish Fry 5:00pm Meat Raffle 7:00pm Bar Bingo All Day - Dept. Convention in Willmar	<b>16</b> All Day - Dept. Convention in Willmar
<b>17</b> 4:00pm Bar Bingo	<b>18</b> 7:00pm Fun Bags - Cornhole	<b>19</b> 6:30pm Bar Bingo 7:00pm H&E Mtg	<b>20</b> 5:00pm SAL Wednesday Dinner	<b>21</b> 7:00pm Karaoke	<b>22</b> 4:00pm All You-Can-Eat Fish Fry 5:00pm Meat Raffle 7:00pm Bar Bingo	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> 4:00pm Bar Bingo	<b>25 St. James the Great Day</b> 7:00pm Fun Bags - Cornhole	<b>26</b> 6:30pm Bar Bingo 7:00pm Exec Mtg	<b>27 Korean War Armistice Day</b>	<b>28 Buffalo Soldiers Day</b>	<b>29 Army Chaplain Corps Anniversary</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>31</b> 4:00pm Bar Bingo						

American Legion Post 102 / Aux / SAL Calendar				August 2022		
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Antiterrorism Awareness Month</b>	<b>1 Air Force Day</b> 7:00pm Fun Bags - Cornhole	<b>2 Lammas Desert Shield Began</b> 6:30pm Bar Bingo 7:00pm General Mtgs	<b>3</b> 5:00pm SAL Prime Rib Dinner	<b>4 Coast Guard Day</b> 7:00pm Karaoke	<b>5</b> Blood Drive 4:00pm All You-Can-Eat Fish Fry 5:00pm Meat Raffle 7:00pm Bar Bingo	<b>6</b>
<b>7 Purple Heart Day</b> 4:00pm Bar Bingo	<b>8</b> 7:00pm Fun Bags - Cornhole	<b>9</b> 6:30pm Bar Bingo	<b>10 Agent Orange Awareness Day</b> 7:00pm ALR Mtg	<b>11</b> 7:00pm Karaoke	<b>12</b> 4:00pm All You-Can-Eat Fish Fry 5:00pm Meat Raffle 7:00pm Bar Bingo	<b>13</b>
<b>14 Navajo Code Talkers Day</b> 4:00pm Bar Bingo	<b>15 The Assumption of Mary</b> 7:00pm Fun Bags - Cornhole	<b>16 National Airborne Day</b> 6:30pm Bar Bingo	<b>17</b> 5:00pm SAL Wednesday Dinner	<b>18</b> 7:00pm Karaoke	<b>19</b> 4:00pm All You-Can-Eat Fish Fry 5:00pm Meat Raffle 5:00pm Legion Legacy Ride kick-off	<b>20</b>
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<b>28</b> 4:00pm Bar Bingo	<b>29 Marine Corps Reserve Birthday</b> 7:00pm Fun Bags - Cornhole	<b>30</b> 6:30pm Bar Bingo 7:00pm Exec Mtg	<b>31</b>			

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Gambling manager, Rick Oelschlager, presented the following list of charitable donations during the last 2 months which were approved by the General Membership:

Allied Charities	\$275	Michals HHH (furnace replacement)	\$8,000	Natl Fire Safety (ed. coloring book)	\$200
Am Legion Fund 82 Cmdr's Project	\$100	City of Anoka (4 <sup>th</sup> of July)	\$500	Scholarships	\$10,000
Anoka-Ramsey Comm Coll Veterans	\$250	Anoka Co. Historical Society	\$250	Anoka Co. Cougars (Special Olympics)	\$250
Impact Services (Meals-on-Wheels)	\$200	City of Anoka Kids Fair (police safety)	\$100	Anticrime Commission (Anoka K9)	\$1,000
MN State Soc DAR (Fisher House)	\$250				

**Frequent Events and Leagues at the Post**

- Cornhole "Fun Bags" (open to public):
- Mondays
- Darts League:
- Has Ended in April, Will Resume After Labor Day
- Bar Bingo:
- Sundays, Tuesdays, and Fridays
- Karaoke:
- Thursdays
- Meat Raffle:
- Fridays

**Scheduled Monthly Meetings at the Post**

- First Tuesday:
- 7:00pm - Post, SAL, and Auxiliary General Mtgs
- Second Wednesday:
- 7:00pm - ALR Mtg
- Second from last Tuesday:
- 7:00pm - H&E Mtg
- Last Tuesday:
- 7:00pm - Executive Board Mtg



The Post's Kitchen has been closed for renovations.  
 Anticipate great food and an expanded menu starting July 1<sup>st</sup> when the kitchen reopens.



**Post Chaplain's Corner**

Psalm 82:3-4: "Defend the lowly and fatherless; render justice to the afflicted and needy. Rescue the lowly and poor; deliver them from the hand of the wicked." Every day presents new opportunities to help someone.

God Bless you all as you honor God and embrace his compassion,  
 Post Chaplain, Edward B. Cutter Post #102



**In Memoriam**

Edward B. Cutter Post #102 Extends its sympathy to all families and friends.



Name	Years of Membership	Branch of Service	American Legion Post	War Era	Date of Death
Paul Losen	55		#102	Korea	6/8/22
Edward O'Connor	59	Army	#102	Korea	5/11/22
Charles Davidson	61	Navy	#102	Korea	5/15/22
Daniel Soland	11	Marines	#102	Viet Nam	6/4/22