

American Legion Post #102 –November/December 2020 Newsletter

Veteran's Crisis Line 1 (800) 273-8255

Auxiliary President's Comments

With the membership meetings on November 3rd, I hope everyone takes the time to vote. The Auxiliary is in need of some fundraisers to supplement our budget for this coming year. Cuts have been made to many of our donations due to lack of funds. If you have any ideas please come to the meetings and explain your ideas. We will be having an indoor garage sale on Friday and Saturday, November 20th and 21st. Donations can be dropped off on Thursday, November 19th, starting at 9:30 am. Sales hours are: Friday, 12:00 noon through 4:30 pm, and Saturday at 9:00 am through 3:30 pm. Cleanup starts at 4:00 pm, Saturday.

As of this date, Midwinter is still happening in January, 2021.

Thank you to all of you for your support after the sudden death of my sister, Sheila Dehn. Services will be at a later date.

With Veteran's day dinner cancelled, please remember to thank any Veteran for their service.

Happy Thanksgiving and Happy Holidays,

Lynette Pavin, Auxiliary President 2020-2021

Free Breakfast Brunch for Legion, SAL, Auxiliary Members, and Spouses * Sunday, November 1st * 11:00 am Until Gone
First Come - First Served * Come Early and Have a Few Drinks!!!
Hang Around After and Watch the Vikings - Packers Football Game
Must Register in Advance at the Bar * Food Provided by Post Member Jay Mitchell/Realtor

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American Legion Group	Dues \$
Post #102	\$40.00
Sons of the American Legion (SAL)	\$25.00
SAL – Dual Membership	\$15.00
SAL – Junior Membership	\$10.00
Auxiliary (Aux)	\$30.00
Aux – Junior Membership	\$6.00
American Legion Riders	\$15.00

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS
Continuing Every Month (Unless Notified)

- Legion members will meet in the Commanders Hall for more space
- Auxiliary members will meet in the Presidents Hall
- SAL members will meet in the meeting room

Sal Commander's Comments

SAL hopes everyone is doing well with the restrictions and social distancing. It is hard not being able to get together in large group to socialize. We will make it through this together. We are still holding our Monthly Meetings at the Legion, on the first Tuesday of the Month. I would like to see more SAL Members at our Meetings. Our Meetings are at 7:00 pm. The SAL Dinners are still on hold because of Restrictions. There are discussions taking place on how we can proceed on getting our SAL Dinners going again. We will let everyone know the outcome. Hope to see more Members at the Post to socialize.

SAL Commander Tony Arellano

In Memoriam

Name	No. Years Membership	Conflict	Branch	Date of Passing	Name	No. Years Membership	War	Branch	Date of Passing
Gerald Priddy	2	Vietnam	USN	7/25/2020	Gary L. West	15	Vietnam	USA	7/29/2020
Richard M. Casey	29	Vietnam	USA	9/14/2020	William C. Engstrom	47	Korea	USN	9/13/2020
Leland G. Stull	20	Vietnam	USN	9/13/2020	Brandon D. Lenoue	10	Persian Gulf	USMC	9/26/2020
Roger F. Koester	10	Korea	USAF	10/2/2020					

Chaplain's Corner

John 3:16 – “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.” May you have joyous Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays.

God Bless,

Post Chaplain

Post Commander's Comments

We are asking all who enter the Post for any meeting or other events including a refreshment at the bar to please wear a mask until you have ordered your drink and are seated. Per MN Governor's Executive Order 20-81.

The Anoka Legion would like to invite all its Legion, SAL and Auxiliary members to a Free Breakfast Brunch. It is Sunday, November 1st, 11am until gone, (first come-first served). Come early and have a few drinks and hang around after and watch the Vikings Packer football game. Sponsored by Jay Mitchell Post Member, Realtor/RG Realty #763-233-1569. **Just please register in advance at the Bar!**

The Anoka High School will not be having their annual Veterans Day ceremony this year because of COVID-19 concerns. We have nothing planned for Veterans Day, but might have a small gathering at the Riverfront Memorial Park depending on the weather.

Not sure at this time if we will be holding our Wild Game Feed for the hospital veterans this year. If we do, we will post something on the Legion web site and Facebook.

At this time, we are still planning on having our New Year's Day Brunch, but of course that might change.

Wishing all a Happy Thanksgiving and a Merry Christmas!

Thanks, stay safe and have a great fall,

Doug Hookom - Commander - Edward B. Cutter Post#102

Post Adjutant's Comments

A hearty welcome to the newest members of Anoka Post 102, Scott Hefty sponsored by Al Springer, Thomas Ecklid sponsored by Jim Hays, Edmund York sponsored by Dan Soland, Patrick Wesp, USAF presently on active duty sponsored by Doug Hookom, US Air Force and Gulf War Veteran Matthew Andvik sponsored by Gary Munkholm and US Army and Vietnam Veteran Donald Walentiny sponsored by Rick Oelschlager. We hope to see you at future meetings and join us in fellowship during other times of the week.

All should have received this year's dues notice. A reminder that you can pay your dues on line via the National Legion web site, mail them in, or just drop them off with one of the bar tenders. As a Veteran your membership in the American Legion is very important to us and our National Commander when he addresses Congress or the White House to help solve Veteran problems. Always look at your membership with the American Legion as another way of showing our leaders that we care about how Veterans are being taken care of.

The Executive Committee voted to install the State Lottery System in the club on a trial basis.

The Executive Committee appointed Bill Sutherland as the Post Historian.

If you have served federal active duty in the United States Armed Forces since December 7, 1941, and have been honorably discharged or are still serving – you are eligible for membership in the American Legion! This is a great opportunity for all of you to ask friends, neighbors, or relatives to join our Legion Post or one near them. Applications are available at the bar if you need one.

Post Adjutant, Gary Munkholm

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

2 nd half of Club's property tax	\$8,500	Members recognition dinner (Early Bird)	\$1,000	Assist Needy Veterans and Families	\$1,500
Anoka DARE program for schools	\$200	Department CDR's project – Legionville	\$500	U.S. Treasury (Tax and Wagering)	\$1,750
Anoka County Cougars Special Olympics	\$250	MN Gold Star Family organization	\$100	MN Revenue tax on gambling	\$7,500
Waterfowl for Warrior Hunt	\$250	Legion pheasant fund	\$100	Center Point Energy (Gas Costs)	\$1,100
Anoka County Historical Society	\$250	Emergency Money	\$500	Water and light costs	\$6,000

Upcoming Events:

November 1st - Free Brunch for all Post members, 11:00 am till gone followed by Green Bay Packers football game

November 3rd - General Membership meetings – 7:00 pm

November 3rd – National Elections – 7:00 am to 8:00 pm

Municipalities with fewer than 500 registered voters can open polling places as late as 10:00 am

November 11th - Veterans Day - No dinner but will have a few events at some schools, nothing at the Anoka High School

November 20th & 21st - Legion Aux Garage Sale at the post

December 1st - General Membership meetings

January 1st - Legion Post New Year's Pancake breakfast, (we hope)!!!!