

## American Legion Post #102 –May/June 2021 Newsletter

Please read the accompanied flier for the Anoka Veterans Memorial <b>“Walk of Honor”</b> Engraved Granite Paver Campaign in celebrating all who served our country	To help Post #102 save money on postage, please send your new email address to <a href="http://www.anokalegion.org/">http://www.anokalegion.org/</a>	Take advantage of your Veteran’s health benefits by registering on the VA’s HealtheVet website at <a href="https://militarybenefits.info/my-healthevet/">https://militarybenefits.info/my-healthevet/</a>	<b>Veteran’s Crisis Line</b> <b>1 (800) 273-8255</b>
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Private SNAFU struck last newsletter cycle and many of our members received their mailed newsletter after March 1st. We’re working hard to assure this doesn’t happen again. Our goal is to have each newsletter delivered to our member before the 1st of the new two-month cycle. Thank you for your understanding.

**Chaplain’s Corner**  
 Exodus 20:12– “Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land which the Lord your God gives you.” Remember to pamper your parents, not only on Mother’s and Father’s days, but every day.  
 God Bless,  
**Post Chaplain**

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**Auxiliary President’s Comments**  
 Greetings 2021.  
 The year is coming to an end. Reports completed; Jan has done another wonderful job. Elections of new officers will be at the May meeting. No Pot Luck! The craft/bake sale will be held on October 8th and 9th (Friday through Saturday). More information later. Memorial Day scheduled for Monday, May 31st, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. Installation on Thursday, June 17th, 2021. If you haven’t paid your 2020-2021 dues, please do send them to Sandy A.  
 Again, any questions, please call me.  
**Lynette Pavin, Auxiliary President 2020-2021**

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

Anoka 1 <sup>st</sup> half property tax	\$8,000	Hospitalized Vets	\$200	MN Revenue gambling tax	\$11,500
Anoka Senior Party	\$200	Renew Gambling Mgr. bond	\$100	Assist needy Vets/Families	\$1,500
ACBC food shelf donation	\$1,000	Veteran’s fishing opener	\$250	City water and light costs	\$7,000
MN Gold Star families	\$100	Franklin school PTO	\$100	Center Point gas costs	\$3,000
Haven for Heroes	\$2,000	MN Centershots Jr rifle team	\$1,805		
US tax on wagering	\$1,500	Emergency funds	\$500		

American Legion Group <i>(Membership/Fiscal Year is July 1st – June 30th)</i>	Dues \$ <i>(Based on Membership/Fiscal Year)</i>
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

### Post Commander's Comments

We are serving Heggie's Pizza from the kitchen and are looking into serving bar food on Friday nights. The SAL will be serving Prime Rib starting Wednesday, June 2 during the car show. As of now SAL will be serving Prime Rib for the 4 car shows this summer. No word at this time if it will continue into the fall/winter.

Saturday, May 1st, Haven 4 Heroes will be having a "Ride 4 Hero's" fund raiser. It will start at the Elk River Legion with breakfast for \$7 from 8-10pm. Kickstands up at 10:30am for a ride up US169 around Mille Lacs back south on MN47 ending at appr. 5pm. At approximately 6pm will have two bands, Rook and KYX at the Anoka Legion. Bands will be outside in south parking lot weather permitting – in side if needed. Will have food trucks, silent auction in side. Wristbands are \$10 in advance (available at the bar) and \$15 day of show.

This will be my last article for our Post's Bi-monthly newsletter as your Post Commander. I have enjoyed working with all I have come in contact with over the last 4 years. I hope I have made improvements to our post that will last. Had a couple things I wanted to improve but lack of funds due to COVID placed a halt. You will continue to see me at the post as I still want to be active. It's time for new and younger leaders for our post and the American Legion. Thanks to all who have helped me over the last 4 years, I'll see you at post.

Thanks, stay safe and an enjoy our spring and summer.

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

### Post Adjutant's Comments

A hearty welcome to the newest members of Anoka Post 102 US Air force veteran Matthew Montgomery sponsored by Paul Lessen, US Navy Vietnam War Veteran J. Mark Beisler sponsored by Gary Reimann, US Marine Corps Global War Veteran Jim Mahoney sponsored by Gary Munkholm, US Army Global War Veteran Serra Waters sponsored by Doug Hookom, and US Navy Global War Veteran James Amsler sponsored by Doug Hookom. We hope to see you at future meetings and join us in fellowship during other times of the week.

We still have about 26 members who have not renewed their dues towards our membership goal of 698. 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.

It was good to see that 5 of our Post members represented us at the National Commanders breakfast held at the Osseo Legion Post last month. Many thanks to Auxiliary for holding the American Legion Birthday party with cake and ice cream in March.

With the new eligibility dates passed by Congress just about all Veterans can join a Legion Post. 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 at the bar if you need one.

We welcome the new Vet Center to Anoka on 7th and Main Street. This is a Federal sponsored office which provides a broad range of counseling, outreach, and referral services to combat Veterans and their families. We have 3 Vet Centers in Minnesota with one each in Duluth and St. Paul.

It is important that all of our Post members be registered with VA Hospital system in case you need their services in the future. Call the Minneapolis VA Hospital at 612-467-1100 for help with this.

**Post Adjutant, Gary Munkholm**

### In Memoriam

Name	Years of Membership	Branch of Service	American Legion Post	War Era	Date of Death	Name	Years of Membership	Branch of Service	American Legion Post	War Era	Date of Death
Henry L. Sanchez	46		#102	Korea	7/9/20	Dave K. Hoagland*	52	USAF	#102	WWII	11/20/20
Jerry Weissman	49		#102	Korea	1/24/20	Pat LeBlanc	9	USN	#102	Vietnam	12/12/20
Wayne Buchholz	9	USMC	#102	Vietnam	1/5/21	Herman Ridge	46	USA	#102	Korea	12/15/20
Vernon Paquette	57	USN	#102	WWII	1/9/21	Dale Hesli	58		#102	Korea	12/23/20
Richard Bliss	48	USA	#102	Vietnam	12/6/20	Merle Wells	43	USMC	#102	Korea	2/12/21
Robert E. Jorgenson	30	USA	#102	Vietnam	4/3/20	William P. Sorenson	21	USA	#102	WWII	11/19/19
Kenneth Knoop	44		#102	Korea	4/12/21						

\*Paid Up for Life (PUFL) Member

Edward B. Cutter Post #102 Extends its sympathy to all families and friends. Bibles are provided by the Post to deceased Anoka Post #102 member's families.

### Upcoming Events:

May 1<sup>st</sup> – Haven 4 Heroes Fund raiser at Post 5pm

May 4<sup>th</sup> – General Membership Meeting 7pm

May 9<sup>th</sup> – Mother's Day

May 15<sup>th</sup> – Armed Forces Day

May 25<sup>th</sup> – Executive Board Meeting 7pm

May 31<sup>st</sup> – Memorial Day at Riverfront Memorial Park 10am

June 1<sup>st</sup> - General Membership Meeting 7pm

June 2<sup>nd</sup> – Car Show and SAL Prime Rib dinner 4pm

June 5<sup>th</sup> - 10th District Convention, Osseo 8am

June 14<sup>th</sup> – Flag Day

June 20<sup>th</sup> – Father's Day & Summer Solstice

June 29<sup>th</sup> – Executive Board Meeting 7pm