

## American Legion Post 102 – July/August 2019 Newsletter

Please read the accompanied flier for the Anoka Veterans Memorial “Walk of Honor” Engraved Granite Paver Campaign in celebrating all who served our country	To help Post #102 save money on postage, please send your <b>new</b> email address to <a href="http://www.anokalegion.org/">http://www.anokalegion.org/</a>	A big thanks to our retired SAL, Aux, and Post Officers who dedicated many years to our Post #102 and its members, and also generously contributed to this newsletter.
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**Donations from Gambling approved by the General Membership during the last 2 months:**

American Legion School awards	2@\$2,000	Anoka County Meals on Wheels	\$200	Assist Needy Veterans and Families	\$1500
American Legion Foundation Fund	\$500	High School Scholarships	\$5,500	MN. Revenue Tax on Gambling	\$15,500
Sponsor Anoka Rotary 5K event	\$250	DAR Fisher House	\$250	U.S. Treasury (Tax and Wagering)	\$1,750
Allied Charities of MN membership	\$275	Anoka Cougars Special Ed Program	\$250	Water and Light Costs	\$6,000
Anoka County Historic Society	\$500	National fire safety council for books	\$200	Emergency Money	\$500
City of Anoka for July 4 events	\$500	Anoka DARE Program	\$200		
Parking Lot Paving Company	\$5,000	Center Point Energy (Gas Costs)	\$1,000		

**Chaplain’s Corner**

“Duty, Honor, Country: Those three hallowed words reverently dictate what you ought to be, what you can be, what you will be. They are your rallying point to build courage when courage seems to fail, to regain faith when there seems to be little cause for faith, to create hope when hope becomes forlorn.” (General MacArthur's Thayer Award Speech -- Duty, Honor, Country (1962))

A big thanks to retiring Chaplain Jim Urban for 3 selfless years of service to our Post #102 and its members. Best wishes, Jim.

**God Bless, Bill Sutherland**



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**Sal Commander’s Comments**

The weather has finally warmed up, the waters on the rivers and is starting to recede, and the docks can finally be put in. The summer car shows have started. They will be held on the first Wednesday of the Month. This is also Prime Rib night for our SAL Wednesdays steak fry. Come and enjoy the Car Show and have a great Dinner. The 101st Minnesota American Legion Convention will be at Willmar on July 11-13. I will be attending the Convention along with other Post Members. The 47th SAL Convention will be held on June 28-30. Those wishing to attend the Convention will need to make arrangements on their own. The Wednesday night Dinners are going great, but we can always use more participation from our Members. If you have any questions about the SAL contact me at the Post or email me at [atts.arellano@yahoo.com](mailto:atts.arellano@yahoo.com)

**SAL Commander Tony Arellano**

American Legion Post #102 / Aux / SAL Calendar				July 2019		
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 Monthly Mtgs 7pm Aux Potluck 6pm Bar Bingo 6:30PM	3	4 <b>Independence Day</b> <b>*Club Closed*</b> 7:00 am Flag Raising - Anoka County Courthouse	5 Grill Cook 5-8PM Meat Raffle 5:30 Bar Bingo 7PM Blood Drive 8-12pm	6
7 Grill Cook 5-8PM Bar Bingo 4PM	8	9 Bar Bingo 6:30PM	10 Bingo at Twin River 2:15pm Car Show 4-8 pm Legion Prime Rib Dinner 5:00 pm Department Legion Convention – Willmar, MN	11 Department Legion Convention – Willmar, MN	12 Grill Cook 5-8PM Meat Raffle 5:30 Bar Bingo 7PM Department Legion Convention – Willmar, MN	13 Post Breakfast 8- 11:30am Department Legion Convention – Willmar, MN
14 Grill Cook 5-8PM Bar Bingo 4PM Post Breakfast 8- 11:30am	15	16 Bar Bingo 6:30PM	17 SAL Dinner 5-7pm	18	19 Grill Cook 5-8PM Meat Raffle 5:30 Bar Bingo 7PM	20 Post Breakfast 8- 11:30am
21 Grill Cook 5-8PM Bar Bingo 4PM Post Breakfast 8- 11:30am	22	23 H&E Mtg 7pm Bar Bingo 6:30PM Flag raising Anoka County Fairgrounds 11:30 am	24 SAL Dinner 5-7pm	25	26 Grill Cook 5-8pm Meat Raffle 5:30 Bar Bingo 7pm	27 <b>Korean War</b> <b>Armistice</b> Post Breakfast 8- 11:30am
28 Grill Cook 5-8PM Bar Bingo 4PM Post Breakfast 8- 11:30am	29	30 Exec Mtg Bar Bingo 6:30PM	31 SAL Dinner 5-7pm			

**Post Commander's Comments**

As I start my third year as your Post Commander it gives me great pleasure to represent our Post in all we do within the community as well as the Minnesota Legion family. I want to extend a Thank You to our out-going Department Commander, Darrel Redepenning who had a great year! I know you will stay active in our post going forward. Our west parking lot has been replaced and you can now drive without losing any parts of your vehicle. As many know, one of our donors had to back out because of a Minnesota Gambling Control Board rule. As I write this, I'm back hoping to raise addition funds so as not to take out a loan to complete payment of our lot. I want to Thank all that have come forward to date with donations. Please keep our post alive with anything you might be able to donate. We have a beautiful building and grounds but it takes more than what we take in at the bar or gambling revenues each month. This past month we needed to replace our bar glass washer \$3K and a grill vent hood exhaust \$4K which was not in the budget. If you get a chance to watch TPT on Aug 18 please watch "We're In This Together". It's a documentary on Veterans and families associated with deployments dating back to Desert Storm talk about how they coped with military deployments from home and overseas. Co-produced with the Anoka County Historical Society. Edward B. Cutter Post #102 was Chartered in 1919, so we are planning a small Birthday party for Sunday, August 25, more information to follow.

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

**In Memoriam**

Carl Hedstrom	43 yr	#102	Korea	USN	5/12/19	Richard Duclos	54 yr	#102	Korea	USA	6/10/19
Alfred Oftedahl	45 yr	#102	Korea	USN	6/20/19	Louis Steinke	28 yr	#102	WWII	USA	6/20/19

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

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**Post Adjutant's Comments**

A hearty welcome to the newest members of Anoka Post 102 USN Veteran of the Vietnam War Melvin Olsen sponsored by Rick Oelschlagel. We hope to see you at future meetings and join us in fellowship during other times of the week. At the recent 10th District Convention the Post received the following: The 10th District Award for 100% membership; Jim Urban received the 10th District Chuck Thorson Memorial award; and the Blood Donor Award. Many thanks to all who helped out for our annual Memorial Day Service. Thanks to Cliff Newman cemetery flags got out and in on the grave markers. All should be receiving your next 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.

**General membership voted in the following new officers for next year:**

Commander	Doug Hookom	Finance Officer	Tim McLaughlin	2 years Board	Ray Turnquist
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice Commander	Jared Sturgill	Historian	Melinda Heikkinen	Housing Corp	David Small
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander	Lori Allert	Chaplain	Sam Orr	Post Adjutant	Gary Munkholm
3 <sup>rd</sup> Vice Commander	Deanna Green	Sgt-at-Arms	Dan Soland	Judge Advocate	Darrel Redepenning
2 years Board	Jim Hays	Housing Corp	Fadi Awaijane		

**Post Adjutant Gary Munkholm**

**Auxiliary President's Comments**

Finally, it's Summer! May was very busy with our Potluck dinner, National President visit, Anoka High scholarships, Poppy Days and Memorial Day. June started with the 10th District Convention in Fridley. Our Unit won program awards for Veteran Affairs and Rehabilitation, Past President's Parley and Public Relations. Girls State will be June 9th thru 15 at Bethel College. 8 Juniors from Anoka High will be attending. Installation of new Legion family officers (including Coon Rapids) will be June 20th at 6pm. Congratulations to our newly elected/appointed Unit officers: President, Lynette Pavin; 1st Vice President(s) Karen Orr & Diane Wolford; 2nd Vice President, Sandy Arellano; Executive Committee, Cathy Newman & Nancy Bever; Sgt. At Arms, Cheryl McLaughlin; Secretary, Jan Reiter; Chaplain, Diane Wolford. Although we don't have meetings in July and August, we will still be very active. Our Unit will help with picnic dinners at Haven 4 Heroes; participate in flag raising ceremonies at the County Courthouse and County Fair; attend the Department convention in Willmar and National Convention in Indianapolis. We are also looking forward to the celebration of our Post's 100th Anniversary to be held on August 25th. We continue to host Bingo at The Estates at Twin River Care Center in Anoka on the 2nd Wednesday at 2:15pm. Please consider helping with this heartwarming activity. If you have not already paid your 2018-2019 dues, please do so right away. Thank you to all of our wonderful members for allowing me to serve as the Unit President these past 2 years.

**Sue Nunnelee, Auxiliary President**