


## American Legion Post 102 – January/February 2019 Newsletter

<p>Please read the accompanied flier for the Anoka Veterans Memorial “Walk of Honor” Engraved Granite Paver Campaign in celebrating all who served our country</p>	<p>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></p>	<p>The change in format of this newsletter is required by the US Postal Service. Our apologies if this has caused any problems for our members.</p>
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<p><b>Chaplain’s Corner</b>          Now that the holidays have past and things have settled down, we look ahead at the new year. This would be a good time to renew our relationship with God. Give Him thanks for all your blessings each and every day. Sometimes we forget what we should be thankful for and concentrate what we don't have. At the end I have never seen a U-Haul follow a hearse.  <b>God Bless, Chaplain Jim Urban</b></p>	
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American Legion Post 102 / Aux / SAL Calendar				January 2019		
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 <b>New Years Day</b> Past Pres. Parley Bake Sale 10am News Years Brunch 10am-1pm	2 Legion General Meeting 7pm SAL Prime Rib Dinner 5-7pm	3	4 Grill Cook 5-8PM Meat Raffle 5:30 Bar Bingo 7PM	5 10th Dist. Mid- Winter Conf. 9am
6 Grill Cook 5-8PM Bar Bingo 4PM Post Breakfast 8- 11:30am	7	8 Aux meeting 7pm Grill Cook 5-8PM Bar Bingo 6:30PM	9 Bingo Twin Rivers 2:15pm SAL Dinner 5-7pm	10	11 Grill Cook 5-8PM Meat Raffle 5:30 Bar Bingo 7PM	12 Post Breakfast 8- 11:30am
13 Grill Cook 5-8PM Bar Bingo 4PM Post Breakfast 8- 11:30am	14	15 Grill Cook 5-8PM Bar Bingo 6:30PM	16 SAL Dinner 5-7pm	17	18 Grill Cook 5-8PM Meat Raffle 5:30 Bar Bingo 7PM	19 Post Breakfast 8- 11:30am
20 Grill Cook 5-8PM Bar Bingo 4PM Post Breakfast 8- 11:30am	21 <b>Martin Luther King Jr. Day</b>	22 H&E Mtg 7PM Grill Cook 5-8PM Bar Bingo 6:30PM Sewing for VA 1pm	23 SAL Dinner 5-7pm	24	25 Grill Cook 5-8PM Meat Raffle 5:30 Bar Bingo 7PM	26 Dist. Snowmobile rally 6pm Lino Lakes Post Breakfast 8- 11:30am
27 Grill Cook 5-8PM Bar Bingo 4PM Post Breakfast 8- 11:30am	28	29 Exec Mtg Grill Cook 5-8PM Bar Bingo 6:30PM	30 SAL Dinner 5-7pm	31		

Donations from Gambling approved by the General Membership during the last 2 months:					
Support Christmas for Needy Families	\$300	Wild Game Dinner	\$500	U.S. Treasury for tax on wagering	\$900
School patrol party	\$350	Snelling rifle squad	\$100	Needy Vets & Families	\$1,500
St. Cloud VA Healthcare for Holiday party	\$200	Armed Forces Svc Ctr	\$100	Center Point Energy for gas costs	\$1,000
MPLS VA Healthcare for Holiday party	\$200	Urns for Veterans	\$500	City Water & Light	\$4,000
MPLS Veteran’s Home	\$100	US Flags for Snelling	\$100	Emergency Money	\$500
Anoka County Fair for Holiday Lights	\$100	MN Tax on Gambling	\$8,000		

<p><b>Sal Commander’s Comments</b>          I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas, and Happy New Years.          December 8th was the Wild Game Lunch, and they had a great turnout. I would like to thank all the SAL members that came and helped out, making it a huge success. January 1st is the New Year’s Day Brunch, free for all Members. Also, the Auxiliary is having their annual Past Presidents Bake Sale. January 5th 2019 the Anoka Legion Family will host the 110th District Mid-Winter Conference starting at 9 A.M. Hope to see a lot of SAL Members, this is very informative and is free to all Anoka Members. I’m asking all SAL Members to keep our Chunk in your prayers, and that he has a full recovery. Last, I hope to see more Members at our monthly meeting, and the Wednesday night dinners.          If you have any questions about the SAL contact me at the Post or email me at <a href="mailto:atts.arellano@yahoo.com">atts.arellano@yahoo.com</a>  <b>SAL Commander Tony Arellano</b></p>
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American Legion Post 102 / Aux / SAL Calendar				February 2019		
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 Post Breakfast 8-11:30am
3 Grill Cook 5-8PM Bar Bingo 4PM Post Breakfast 8-11:30am	4	5 Monthly Mtgs 7pm Grill Cook 5-8PM Bar Bingo 6:30PM	6 SAL Dinner 5-7pm	7	8 Grill Cook 5-8PM Meat Raffle 5:30 Bar Bingo 7PM	9 Post Breakfast 8-11:30am
10 Grill Cook 5-8PM Bar Bingo 4PM Post Breakfast 8-11:30am	11	12 News Mtg 7PM Grill Cook 5-8PM Bar Bingo 6:30PM	13 SAL Dinner 5-7pm Bingo at Twin River 2:15pm	14 <b>Valentine's Day</b>	15 Grill Cook 5-8PM Meat Raffle 5:30 Bar Bingo 7PM	16 Dist. Rally Hopkins 2pm Post Breakfast 8-11:30am
17 Grill Cook 5-8PM Bar Bingo 4PM Post Breakfast 8-11:30am	18 <b>President's Day</b>	19 H&E Mtg 7PM Grill Cook 5-8PM Bar Bingo 6:30PM Sewing for VA 1pm	20 SAL Dinner 5-7pm	21	22 Grill Cook 5-8PM Meat Raffle 5:30 Bar Bingo 7PM	23 Post Breakfast 8-11:30am
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#### Post Commander's Comments

Happy New Year and hope all had a Merry Christmas with safe travels. Tuesday, January 1 we will have our annual New Year's Brunch in the Commanders Hall. We will begin serving at 10am till noon. Please come to your post and enjoy a great brunch and some hospitality with other Anoka post members. On Saturday, Jan. 5th our post will be hosting the Legion District 10 Mid-Winter Conference from 9am until 4pm. We are now serving breakfast on Saturday and Sunday's from 8 - 11:30am. Have enjoyed a few myself and everyone reports that Chef Paul is doing a great job. Starting in January we will be having a Bean Bag tournament every Monday evening beginning at 7pm, in the Commanders Hall. We still need a few more players and subs so stop into the bar and signup. This will be a fun league and give us folks that don't go to a warm location something to do rather than watch TV one night a week for two months. The National Commander Brett P. Reistad will be at our post on Tuesday, March 12, 2019 for dinner. Social hour will begin at 5pm with dinner starting at 6pm. This is an event that does not happen very often so I encourage all to purchase tickets early. Tickets will go on sale in mid to late February.

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

#### Auxiliary President's Comments

I hope you all had a wonderful Holiday season. We will start the New Year off by again hosting the 10th District Mid-Winter Conference on Jan. 5th. I hope many of you will attend. Our first meeting will be January 8th at 7pm. Anoka will be a stop on the annual 10th District Snowmobile Rally on Jan. 26th. Thank you to all who helped bag and deliver the almost 800 apples given to area school staff to acknowledge National Education Week. We were able to make many fleece-tied blankets which were donated to Bags of Love. Also, each veteran attending the Wild Game dinner at the Post on Dec. 8th was given a new stocking hat and scarf made by our members. Hopefully, many of you got to sample the treats offered by our Past Presidents at the bake sale during the New Year's Day brunch on Jan. 1st. Join our Past Presidents for sewing parties for the VA hospital on Jan. 22nd and Feb. 19th at the Post at 1pm. A District Rally will be held in Hopkins on Feb. 16, sponsored by the S.A.L. If you have not already paid your 2018-2019 dues, please do so right away. Remember your membership runs from September to the following August. Our Unit is hosting a Craft and Bake Sale April 12 & 13, 2019. Some tables are still available if you would like to participate. Please contact Cathy Newman. We are always open to new ideas, bring some to our next meeting.

**Sue Nunnelee, Auxiliary President**

#### Post Adjutant's Comments

A hearty welcome to the newest members of Anoka Post 102 USMC Vietnam Veteran Sheriff James Stuart sponsored by Doug Hookom, USA Gulf War Veteran Bret Maidl sponsored by Doug Hookom, USA Gulf War Veteran Clay Wallace sponsored by Doug Hookom, USA Gulf War Veteran Ronald Nebec sponsored by Jim Hays, USMC Gulf War Veteran Joshua Miller sponsored by Paul Lessman, USA Gulf War Veteran Richard Mueller sponsored by Paul Lessman, and USA Vietnam Veteran Jim Buechler sponsored by Frank Menter. We hope to see you at future meetings and join us in fellowship during other times of the week. We had another successful Wild Game Dinner for our shut in Veterans from our VA Hospitals because of the many wild game donations from our members and friends. Many thanks to all of you who helped at the dinner and especially efforts by committee chair Commander Doug Hookom. Our Post is hosting the District Mid-Winter Convention again this year on January 5th and we can use all of your help to make it a remembered experience. Set up is Friday night for the Saturday Mid-Winter. Questions on the event go to conference chair Cliff Newman. Many thanks to Fadi Awajjane for chairing the annual school patrol party held in December. A well-deserved reward for the school safety patrol students. 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.

**Post Adjutant Gary Munkholm**

#### In Memoriam

Alfred Ward	65yr	#102	Korea	10/22/18	Clifford Nutter	54yr	#102	WWII	11/1/18
Marcel Bouley	34yr	#102	Korea	11/2/18	Gerald Nordstrom	1yr	#102	Korea	11/3/18
Art Parvey	12yr	#102	Korea	11/3/18	William Ward	67yr	#102	Korea	12/8/18

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.