

## American Legion Post 102 – May/June 2019 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 <b>new</b> email address to <a href="http://www.anokalegion.org/">http://www.anokalegion.org/</a>	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.
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**Donations from Gambling approved by the General Membership during the last 2 months:**

American Legion Hospital fund	\$200	Anoka Police Kids Safety Camp	\$100	Emergency Money	\$500
Anoka County first half property taxes	\$8,000	Renew Gambling managers bond	\$100	Needy Vets & Families	\$1,500
ACBC food shelf donation	\$1,000	Franklin Elementary School	\$100	U.S. Treasury for tax on wagering	\$1,400
Veterans Home fishing opener	\$250	Gold Star Family Weekend	\$100	City Water & Lights	\$7,500
9th District Legion Band	\$100	MN Tax on Gambling	\$11,500	Center Point Energy for gas costs	\$2,500

**Chaplain’s Corner**

Whenever I feel anxious or overwhelmed, I remember what HE says in the BIBLE " He will never give us more than we can handle " I know I never walk alone because HE is with me!

**God Bless, Chaplain Jim Urban**



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**Sal Commander’s Comments**

The seasons seems to be coming around, warmer weather is on its way. There has been a lot of activity around the Post this past few weeks, with Post clean up, Wednesday night SAL Dinners, National Commanders visit and Dinner. The Post had good representation at all these events. Once again this year the SAL will award two Scholarships to two Anoka High School senior seeking "Culinary art courses. SAL will also award Scholarships for Boy/Girls State program. April 27, 2019 is State Commander Darrell Redepenning Testimonial, from 4:00 until 9:00 pm hosted by Anoka Post 102. May is Election for SAL Officers. If you would like to run for office please attend the May Meeting The first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm. The car shows will start in May so get your ride ready to display and have some fun. June 1, 2019 is the 10th District Convention, Hosted by the Fridley American Legion Post 303, anyone wanting to attend please contact myself or Cliff Newman. Department Convention July 11, 2019 will be held in Willmar MN. Cliff and I will be attending the Convention. Our Wednesday Dinners are doing well, stop in and have a nice dinner and visit with Post members and friends. If you have any questions about the SAL contact me at the Post or email me at

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**SAL Commander Tony Arellano**

American Legion Post 102 / Aux / SAL Calendar				May 2019		
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 SAL Dinner 5-7pm	2	3 Grill Cook 5-8PM Meat Raffle 5:30 Bar Bingo 7PM	4 Dist. Cmdr/Pres dinner (Fridley) Post Breakfast 8-11:30am
5 Grill Cook 5-8PM Bar Bingo 4PM Post Breakfast 8-11:30am	6	7 Monthly Mtgs 7pm Aux Potluck 6pm Grill Cook 5-8PM Bar Bingo 6:30PM	8 <b>V-E Day</b> SAL Dinner 5-7pm Bingo at Twin River 2:15pm	9	10 Grill Cook 5-8PM Meat Raffle 5:30 Bar Bingo 7PM	11 Post Breakfast 8-11:30am
12 <b>Mother’s Day</b> Grill Cook 5-8PM Bar Bingo 4PM Post Breakfast 8-11:30am	13	14 Grill Cook 5-8PM Bar Bingo 6:30PM	15 SAL Dinner 5-7pm	16 Natl. Pres. at Haven4Heroes 9:00am	17 Poppy Days Grill Cook 5-8PM Meat Raffle 5:30 Bar Bingo 7PM	18 <b>Armed Forces Day</b> Poppy Days Post Breakfast 8-11:30am
19 Grill Cook 5-8PM Bar Bingo 4PM Post Breakfast 8-11:30am	20	21 H&E Mtg 7pm Grill Cook 5-8PM Bar Bingo 6:30PM Sewing for VA 1pm	22 SAL Dinner 5-7pm	23	24 Set out flags 5pm Grill Cook 5-8pm Meat Raffle 5:30 Bar Bingo 7pm	25 Post Breakfast 8-11:30am
26 Grill Cook 5-8PM Bar Bingo 4PM Post Breakfast 8-11:30am	27 <b>Memorial Day</b> Memorial Day 10am	28 Exec Mtg Grill Cook 5-8PM Bar Bingo 6:30PM	29 SAL Dinner 5-7pm	30	31 Dist. Convention Banquet (Fridley) Grill Cook 5-8PM Meat Raffle 5:30 Bar Bingo 7PM	

**Post Commander's Comments**

Spring was here, (writing this looking at 6+ inches of new snow) and now the next season is approaching, road construction! Not only has this been a terrible winter for our city streets with numerous pot-holes but anyone who parks in our west parking lot will find the same conditions. The past 5-6 years a number of post members have been keeping the pot-holes filled. After this past winter it is time to replace the asphalt parking lot. Last summer I begin the process of requesting bids from 4 different paving companies. After reviewing with the City of Anoka street supervisor to ensure we were comparing all things equal, we selected one which I will bring to the executive board at a cost of \$54K. This means we need to raise funds. Over the next month I would like any members to contact myself or anyone on the executive board with ideas on ways to raise funds. Monday, May 27 will be our first Memorial Day at the new Riverfront Memorial Park. Need help setting up at 8am, event starts at 10am, 5pm meet at the post to help remove the flags.

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

**In Memoriam**

Lehwood Lambert Sr.	54yr	#102	WWII	12/27/18	Mervin Hoffer	65yr	#102	Korea	1/10/19
Donald Erickson	52yr	#102	Korea	3/8/19	John W. Brown	26yr	#102	Korea	2/28/19
Nicholas B. DeGroot	47yr	#102	Korea	Unknown					

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.

**American Legion Post 102 / Aux / SAL Calendar**

**June 2019**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 District Convention (Fridley) Post Breakfast 8-11:30am
2 Grill Cook 5-8PM Bar Bingo 4PM Post Breakfast 8-11:30am	3	4 Monthly Mtgs 7pm Grill Cook 5-8PM Bar Bingo 6:30PM	5 Car Show SAL Dinner 5-7pm	6 <b>D-Day</b>	7 Grill Cook 5-8PM Meat Raffle 5:30 Bar Bingo 7PM	8 Post Breakfast 8-11:30am
9 Girls State Grill Cook 5-8PM Bar Bingo 4PM Post Breakfast 8-11:30am	10 Girls State	11 Girls State News Mtg 7PM Grill Cook 5-8PM Bar Bingo 6:30PM	12 Girls State SAL Dinner 5-7pm Bingo at Twin River 2:15pm	13 Girls State	14 <b>Flag Day</b> Girls State Grill Cook 5-8PM Meat Raffle 5:30 Bar Bingo 7PM	15 Girls State Post Breakfast 8-11:30am
16 <b>Father's Day</b> Grill Cook 5-8PM Bar Bingo 4PM Post Breakfast 8-11:30am	17	18 H&E Mtg 7PM Grill Cook 5-8PM Bar Bingo 6:30PM	19 SAL Dinner 5-7pm	20 <b>Installation of 2019-2020 Officers 6pm</b>	21 <b>Summer Begins</b> Grill Cook 5-8PM Meat Raffle 5:30 Bar Bingo 7PM	22 Post Breakfast 8-11:30am
23 Grill Cook 5-8PM Bar Bingo 4PM Post Breakfast 8-11:30am	24	25 <b>Start of Korean War</b> Exec Mtg Grill Cook 5-8PM Bar Bingo 6:30PM	26 SAL Dinner 5-7pm	27	28	29 Post Breakfast 8-11:30am
30 Grill Cook 5-8PM Bar Bingo 4PM Post Breakfast 8-11:30am						

**Post Adjutant's Comments**

A hearty welcome to the newest members of Anoka Post 102 USN Veteran of the Vietnam War Paul Ganser sponsored by Denise Adler, USA Veteran of the Vietnam War Carl Dietz sponsored by Doug Hookom, US Army Veteran Don Carda sponsored by Dan Soland, and US Navy Veteran of the Vietnam War Bryan Rosseau sponsored by Tony Arellano. We hope to see you at future meetings and join us in fellowship during other times of the week. Commander Hookom set up a fund-raising committee to raise funds to replace the West parking lot. Our Post will be hosting our annual Memorial service at the new location in Riverfront Memorial Park next to city hall on Memorial Day at 10:00 am. Bring your lawn chair to the observance and help us honor our fallen Veterans. We will feature as our guest speaker retired Brigadier General Neal Loidolt who is also President and CEO of Minnesota Assistance Council for Veterans. Also featured will be the laying of the wreaths, student recitations and the North Suburban Concert Band. The new location alongside the Rum River offers plenty of room for you and your family to attend. The Post and Auxiliary recently hosted our National Commander and the annual American Legion Birthday dinner. Many thanks to all who helped out with the set up and decorating of the Commanders Hall for the events. It was good to see many of you who attended and help support the Post. 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**

**Auxiliary President's Comments**

Happy Spring! Our May meeting will be May 7<sup>th</sup> and start at 6pm with our annual POTLUCK meal before the meeting. We hope to have some of the County Days participants as our guests. March and April were very busy with our Legion family hosting the National Commander, dinner honoring the 100<sup>th</sup> birthday of the American Legion, the Spring Luncheon and Style show (sponsored by the Coon Rapids Auxiliary), our Craft Show and Bake Sale, County Days and the Department Commanders dinner. Our biggest event in May will be Poppy Days, May 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>. We always need volunteers to help with Poppy distribution on those 2 days. If you have an hour or two to help, please call me for scheduling (763-370-8524). Memorial Day weekend will start on Friday, May 24, when we set out flags on every veteran's grave in 3 local cemeteries. The Memorial Day ceremony will be at the new Riverfront Memorial Park in Anoka on May 27<sup>th</sup>. June 4<sup>th</sup> (7pm) will be our last meeting until September. Girls State will be held at Bethel College, June 9-15. Our Unit/SAL will be sending several Anoka High juniors. Coming up will be the Unit's Presidents dinner or lunch and one hosted by the Past Presidents Parley honoring Gold Star mothers and 50+ year members. If you have not already paid your 2018-2019 dues, please do so right away. Hope to see you soon!

**Sue Nunnelee, Auxiliary President**