

American Legion Post #102 –July/August 2021 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 new email address to news@anokalegion.org</p>	<p>Take advantage of your Veteran’s health benefits by registering on the VA’s HealthVet website at https://militarybenefits.info/my-healthvet/</p>	<p>Veteran’s Crisis Line 1 (800) 273-8255</p>
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QCTV Community Television <http://qctv.org/qctv-community-programs/>

Quad Cities Community Television is a programming entity managed by the Joint Powers Commission – Quad Cities Cable Communications Commission. The commission is comprised of two commissioners from each of our four member cities. QCTV provides information on city government, local sports, and community activities for the northern Twin Cities suburban cities of Andover, Anoka, Champlin, and Ramsey. The video programming and information is presented via local cable channels 15, 16, 18, and 19 on the cable TV system owned and operated by COMCAST. QCTV was able to launch their first HD channel which you can find on 859!

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Chaplain’s Corner
 HEBREWS 13:16 - “And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.”
 God Bless and enjoy your summer,
Post Chaplain

Retiring Auxiliary President’s Comments
 To all my officers and chairmen for the last two years; thank you for your dedication. My president’s dinner will be on Wed. July 21 at 6pm. It will be in the Commander’s Hall. This is a SAL Dinner night.
 Menu: Steak / Grilled Chicken / Shrimp
 Cost is \$10. Please call me at 763-354-8027 or Jan Reiter at 763-427-3733 so that we can get a count of who is attending.
Lynette Pavin - Auxiliary President - 2019-2021

Auxiliary President’s Comments
 Hello! My name is Cari and I’ll be serving as your new Auxiliary President. I am a newer Auxiliary member; however, I am excited to learn more and work alongside the many wonderful women I have met since joining the Auxiliary. I am married to Jared (the new Commander this year) and as he stated, we have been married for 28 years this August and have 3 children, Mary, Cody and Caitlin and 2 grandsons, Jesse and Jack. I enjoy traveling with my family (usually on hunting trips) as well as camping and being a homebody. I currently work full time at Ameriprise Financial Services as an issue specialist, part time as the assistant gambling manager at the Anoka Legion and I also work summer weekends at a campground in Taylors Falls, MN. I look forward to working with the Anoka Auxiliary in finding ways to continue raising money for those in need and increasing and retaining membership. Congratulations to all the new officers this year! Please keep an eye on the legion calendar for updates to upcoming events.
Cari Sturgill - Auxiliary President - 2021-2022

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)
 Meetings start at 7 PM

- 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

Another installation, a new Commander. Let me introduce myself; I'm Jared Sturgill, member of Anoka Legion Post 102. I have been active in our post for the past few years, attending meetings, becoming the chairperson for the Junior Shooting club, becoming 3rd Vice Commander, 1st Vice Commander and now your Commander. A little information about me: I am married to Cari (for 28 years this August) and we have 3 children, Mary, Caitlin and Cody and 2 grandsons, Jesse and Jack. I served in the US Navy from 1993-1997 stationed on USS Supply AOE-6 as a plank owner, USS Kalamazoo AOR-6 and finally the USS Anzio CG-68. I am an avid outdoorsman and enjoy hunting a variety of species – Elk, Deer, Wild Boar, Antelope, Grouse, Ducks, Geese, Pheasant, Bear and Prairie Dogs. I also enjoy camping and traveling. Congratulations to all the incoming officers this year. I am energized to brainstorm and come up with ideas to increase and retain membership as well as increase POST activity. If you have ideas, thoughts or concerns, please ask me or someone on the Executive Committee. Respectfully, Jared Sturgill, Commander Post 102.

Jared Sturgill - Commander - Edward B. Cutter Post#102 - 2021-2022

Post Adjutant's Comments

A hearty welcome to the newest members of Anoka Post 102 US Navy Veteran Jeremy Salo sponsored by Frank Menter, US Navy Veteran Greg Thorson sponsored by Doug Hookom, US Army Veteran Raymond Phenow sponsored by Doug Hookom, US Navy Gulf War Veteran David Johnson sponsored by Paul Lessen and US Army Veteran Michael Westphail sponsored by Paul Lessen. We hope to see you at future meetings and join us in fellowship during other times of the week.

July 1st starts a new fiscal year for the Legion and you will be receiving 2022 dues reminders until you renew your membership with 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.

The club approved repairing the cracks in the North parking lot and installing internet Wi-Fi in the Presidents Hall.

Officer elections were held in June and we welcome our new Commander Jared Sturgill and his staff to the New Year. New staff includes the following: 1st Vice Lori Allert, 2nd Vice Jay Mitchell, 3rd Vice James Amsler, At Large Fadi Awajane and Cliff Newman, Finance Officer Tim McLaughlin, Chaplin Sam Orr, Sgt-at-Arms Zack Menter. Appointments were Adjutant Gary Munkholm, Staff Judge Advocate Darrel Redepenning, and Post Service Officer Frank Menter.

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.

The Post is sending 13 students to Legionville Camp this summer.

Many thanks to all who helped and attended our annual Memorial Service. The Post has received many compliments on the observance which was held at our new Veterans Memorial.

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.

Gary Munkholm - Post Adjutant - 2021-2022

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

Anoka Fire Dept Color books	\$200	County Special Olympics	\$250	New Security Camera	\$951.50
County Historical Society	\$250	Anoka fireworks donation	\$500	Center Point gas costs	\$3,000
City DARE program	\$250	Anoka ALR Sullivan Ride	\$500	MN Revenue gambling tax	\$22,000
Stepping Stone shelter	\$100	Emergency funds	\$500	City water and light costs	\$3,500
Allied Charities annual renew	\$275	Department CDR project	\$100	Assist needy Vets/Families	\$1,500
ARCC Veterans program	\$250	Local Meals on Wheels	\$200	US tax on wagering	\$3,000
Fisher House	\$250	High School Scholarships	\$9,000		

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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
Roland J. Blanchett	18		#102	Korea	2/8/21	David O. Williams	12	USA	#102	Korea	4/25/21
John C. Maddocks	33	USN	#102	Vietnam	7/13/20	James Ryan	41	USN	#102	Vietnam	2019

Edward B. Cutter Post #102 Extends its sympathy to all families and friends.