American Legion — Anoka
Edward B. Cutter Post #102
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https://www.anokalegion.org

May/June 2024 Newsletter

New Veteran's Crisis Line 988, Choose option #1

Post Commander's Comments

Happy Spring and Early Summer! The leafing trees and blooming spring flowers are a prelude to Memorial Day: "In Flanders fields the poppies blow, Between the crosses, row on row…."

Post 102 in conjunction with the City of Anoka, will host the Memorial Day Program on Monday, 27 May at 10:00 a.m. in the Riverfront Memorial Park. Featured speaker is Legionnaire Dennis Berg. Berg is a Vietnam Veteran and former Anoka County Commissioner. Music provided by the No. Suburban Community Band. In case of inclement weather, event will be held at the Anoka Legion.

Post members and their families are invited to help us decorate several hundred Veterans graves in the local cemeteries. We will place flags on Friday evening and collect them on Monday evening. Please meet at the Post at 5 p.m. Your help is appreciated!

Upcoming events in which our Post has roles include, Anoka HS Military Acceptance Day, Anoka HS Scholarship Night, Boys State, Legionville Safety Camps, and District 10 Conference.

Don't forget to put the Classic Car & Bike Shows and the SAL Prime Rib Dinners on your calendars! The first event is Wed, 5 June. Car show starts at 4 p.m. Prime Rib Dinner orders collected at 5 p.m. with serving beginning at 5:30 p.m.

Lori Allert -Commander - Edward B. Cutter Post #102, 2023-2024

Mar/Apr Lawful Gambling Donations

Total Donations = $21,550

9th District Band, MN Teen&Adult Challenge, ACBC Food Shelf, Muskies Inc, Gold Star Family Weekend, 23rd Veteran, AL Foundation Fund 82 & Fund 53, Anoka D.A.R.E. Program, Prospect House, Volunteers of America, Fort Snelling Foundation, Disabled Outdoorsmen Memorial

Utilities	**approx.**	**$9,500**
Taxes	**approx.**	**$36,000**

MEMBERSHIP RATES FOR 2023-2024:

AMERICAN LEGION: $40—INCREASING JULY 1, 2024 TO $50

AUXILIARY: $35 / $10 FOR JUNIORS

SAL: $25 (OR $15 IF DUAL MEMBER)

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS: $50

Membership can be renewed or applied for at the Post. Any staff or member can assist you.

NEW HOURS FOR 2024

Club hours	Kitchen Hours
Mon-Wed—11am-11pm	Mon-Wed—11am-9pm
Thursday—9am-11pm	Thursday—9am-9pm
Fri-Sat—9am—1am	Fri-Sat—9am-10pm
Sunday 9am-11pm	Sunday—9am-9pm

To help Post #102 save money on postage, please send your new email address to http://www.anokalegion.org/.

Post Adjutant's Comments

As of April 21, 2024 our post is at 95% of our goal of 685 – 34 members short.

Just a reminder as of July 1, 2024 dues for our post will increase to $50 for the 2024-2025 year. Dues increase is broken down to National, Department, District and Post 102.
The American Legion organization's national per- capita dues will rise from $18.50 to $23.50 for the 2025 membership year. This $5 increase was approved at the National Convention and would take effect on July 1, 2024.

The Department has announced they will request a $3 per- capita increase immediately following the 2024 Department Convention, July 13, 2024, from $13.75 to $16.75.
Also, in addition, the 10th District is proposing a $1.00 increase that will be voted on at the District Convention June 1, 2024 in Fridley increasing from $3.00 to $4.00.

While dues increase always presents challenges, the funds allow the American Legion to continue serving veterans, military Personnel and youth in communities across America. From advocacy programs to educational scholarships and beyond, these Legion initiatives rely on strong financial support. As the largest veteran's organization in the country, the American Legion's mission remains as vital as ever. We encourage all members to highlight the Legion's accomplishments and reinforce the many reasons why membership matters, even when costs may rise.

By supporting this increase and promoting all the good we do, the American Legion can continue empowering veterans and families for the next hundred years.

REMEMBER, IT'S NOT WHAT YOU PAID TO BECOME A MEMBER, IT'S WHAT YOU PAID TO BECOME ELIGIBLE.

Please welcome our newest members to Post 102:

Benjamin J. Drake – Air Force Zachariah J. Phillips – Marines Zachery Muth – Air Force
Arturo (John) Baca – Navy Jesse S. Olson – Marines Gary Sandeen – Air Force

New Transfers to our Post

John H. Matsen – Navy Douglas R. Boxeth – Air Force

We hope to see you at our General membership meetings the first Tuesday of every month and at the Post for fellowship throughout the month.

Edward B. Cutter Post 102 - Post Adjutant – Doug Hookom

Auxiliary President's Comments

Surely April showers will bring May flowers… A big HAPPY BIRTHDAY to our May and June members! Please join us for our monthly general meetings on May 7th Potluck dinner at 6 pm and June 4th. Congratulations to the Outstanding March Member of the Month Donna Redepenning, and Outstanding April Member of the Month Kathy Zwerdling. I hope everyone who came to the Birthday Dinner enjoyed themselves. Great turn out for Veterans Day on the Hill.

Donations paid out in March and April: Department Commander/President/Jr. President projects, National Child Welfare Foundation, Fisher House, Legionville, Anoka County Campership for handicapped child, ACBC, Impact Services (Meals on Wheels), Registration for five girls for Girls State. Total donation amount $2,850

Please welcome our newest members!

Holly Seavey Christine Ehlen Michelle Schintgen Donette Marano
Angela Lindsholm Haley Drake LeeAnn Ross

Jean LaBorde – Auxiliary President – Edward B. Cutter Post #102, 2023-2024

Legion Rider Director Comments

We are currently at 30 riders and growing strong. Please join us to support the following rides with the Anoka Legion Riders.

May 18—Haven for Heroes ride Sept 7—Raise the Roof ride

John Waldvogel, Director

May 2024

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June 2024

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Apr 28	29	30	May 1 First Day of Asian Pacific American Heritage Month 7:00pm Karaoke	2 7:00pm Karaoke	3 BLOOD DRIVE (downstairs) 7:00pm BAR BINGO 7:30pm Kurt Bearinger - One Man Band	4 8:00pm My famous friends
5 Cinco de Mayo 4:00pm BAR BINGO	6	7 6:30pm BAR BINGO 7:00pm General Membership meeting	8 7:00pm Karaoke	9 7:00pm Karaoke	10 7:00pm Tailspin 7:00pm BAR BINGO	11 9:00am MAGNUS RIDE 7:30pm Elephant In The Room
12 Mother's Day 4:00pm BAR BINGO	13	14 6:30pm BAR BINGO	15 7:00pm Karaoke	16 7:00pm Karaoke	17 7:00pm Tailspin 7:00pm BAR BINGO	18 9:00am Haven for Heroes ride 7:00pm Jonah and the Whales
19 4:00pm BAR BINGO	20	21 5:00pm H&E Meeting 6:30pm BAR BINGO	22 7:00pm Karaoke	23 7:00pm Karaoke	24 7:00pm BAR BINGO 8:00pm Flying Train wreck	25
26 4:00pm BAR BINGO	27 Memorial Day 10:00am Memorial Day Program - Riverfront Memorial Park	28 6:30pm BAR BINGO 7:00pm Executive Board Meeting	29 7:00pm Karaoke	30 7:00pm Karaoke	31 7:00pm BAR BINGO 7:30pm Digger Hicks band	Jun 1

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

NON-PROFIT ORG.
US POSTAGE PAID
PERMIT #4190
TWIN CITIES, MN

Frequent Events and Leagues at the Post

Bar Bingo:
- **Sundays, Tuesdays, and Fridays**

Cornhole (Bags)—Summer Fun bags:
- **Mondays (until Sept. 9th)**

Karaoke:
- **Wednesdays 7pm-11pm**
- **Thursdays 7pm-11pm**

Scheduled Monthly Meetings/Events at the Post

First Tuesday:
- **7:00pm - Post, SAL, and Auxiliary General Mtgs**

First Friday:
- **Blood Drive (Downstairs)**

Second Wednesday:
- **7:00pm - ALR Mtg (coming soon)**

Second from last Tuesday:
- **5:00pm - H&E Mtg**

Last Tuesday:
- **7:00pm - Executive Board Mtg**

Post Chaplain's Corner

Whoever of you loves life and desires to see many good days, keep your tongue from evil and your lips from speaking lies. Turn from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it. Psalm 34:12-14

Cornhole Winter League Season 10 Results

League Champs (Undefeated) - Nate & Daragh

Eager Beaver goes to Jay (Eight 4 baggers)

Skunk Award—Tom & Lou

Playoffs

1st—Chris & Joe

2nd—Tony & Jay

3rd—Nate & Daragh

4th—Patsy & Lyn

In Memoriam

Edward B. Cutter Post #102

Extends its sympathy to all Families and Friends.

Name	Years of Member-ship	Branch of Service	Legion Post	War Era	DoD
Clayton Lasher	5	USMC	102	Korean	Feb. 25, 2024