



American Legion — Anoka  
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## January/February 2023 Newsletter



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### Post Commander's Comments

Happy New Year! I hope you all had happy and safe holidays.

Our Veterans Day dinner was quite a success with a full house and an enjoyable dinner. A year ago, we began Karaoke. It has really taken off and we just added another night to accommodate the increasing attendance. Please note, with dwindling attendance, we are eliminating our New Year's Day Brunch. We will look for other opportunities to get together as a Legion family.

We will be hosting Mid-Winter Conference on Saturday, January 14th at 9am. Registration will begin at 8am. Our very own Minnesota Centershots are competing in Round 1 of the American Legion match on January 29th at our post. If you're curious, come check them out. In February, we have our District Oratorical Contest on February 18th (at Anoka) and our Department Oratorical Contest on February 25th (at Anoka and Osseo). Please show your support by attending.

Our kitchen is now offering daily specials every day except Wednesday. Also, don't forget, we have our SAL Prime Rib dinners on the 1st Wednesday of each month, and our SAL Steak Dinners on the 3rd Wednesday. Check the attached calendar for actual dates of events.

Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas!

**Jared Sturgill -Commander - Edward B. Cutter Post #102, 2021-2023**

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Our own Post Adjutant, Retired Colonel Lori Allert, addressed students, staff, community members and veterans gathered in the Anoka High school for a Veterans Day Assembly. "One thing I didn't miss while deployed was political ads on TV," Allert said. "As annoying as they can be, freedom to debate and hold political opinions is a privilege we have in this country. In some countries that is a death sentence. This country may not be perfect, but neither is anyone in actuality... Despite the imperfections we have so much to be thankful for in this country."



### **Post Adjutant's Comments**

Greetings fellow Legionnaires!

Post 102 is pleased to welcome TWENTY-EIGHT new Legionnaires to our roster! This is certainly a record for us in recent years and we are delighted announce the following new Post 102 members: Sixteen members have transferred their memberships to us from other city or state-level posts: Richard Kaske, USAF; Patrick Kennedy, USA; Rodney Kowalski, USN; Charles Lehn, USA; Gerald Marinelli, USAF; Wayne Melby, USA; George Fleury, USN; Jerry Gardas, USAF; Gary Hebzynski, USA; Larry Block, USMC; Damian Burkhalter, USAF; James Mulhern, USAF; Marc Ressler, USA; Michael Rudolph, USN; Jon Haaland, USA; and Michael Duerr, USMC. Twelve brand new Legionnaires joined our ranks in the past two months: Thomas Tallackson, USN; Steven Rolland, USMC; Delores Christensen, USA; Wayne Christensen, USCG; Jessica Buckwalter, USN; Israel Aguero-Chavez, USA; Larry Reume, USA; Lee Bosley, USCG; John Larsen, USN; Rebecca Bragg, USN; Jerrold Moen, USN; and Avry Dean, USMC. Welcome comrades!

We hope to see you at our General Membership meetings the first Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the lower-level meeting room.

**Lori Allert, Post Adjutant, Edward B. Cutter Post #102**

### **Auxiliary President's Comments**

Welcome to a new year!

It's been an eventful winter so far. Kathy Zwerdling brought us over 400 apples to bag for 5 Anoka schools. Thank you for coordinating Kathy! Members of the Legion Family (Legion, SAL, and Auxiliary) got together to bag the apples with a little help from a cub scout and his younger brother. We sponsored a volunteer lunch for Toys for Joy and Cathy Newman and Jean LaBorde served the lunch for the volunteers. Thank you, ladies! The New Year's Day Brunch has been canceled due to dwindling attendance. The 10th District Mid-Winter Conference will be on Saturday, January 14th. I hope to see many of you there! The 10th District will be holding a silent auction that day. We have 5 new initiated members! Please join me in welcoming Claudia Wolfe, Patrick Brady, Jean LaBorde, Mary Markasich and Therese Manly! Welcome to Unit 102! I am also honored to share that Unit 102 has given the following donations totaling \$3,550.00 over the past couple of months: Minneapolis VA Medical Center, St. Cloud VA Medical Center, Minnesota Veterans Homes, Dept. Five-Dollar Bill Shower, American Legion Fund for Hospitalized Veterans, 10th District Activity Fund (Mpls. & St. Cloud), MACV Veterans Job Training and Minnesota Stand Down, Veterans Volunteer Transportation Program (MedLink), Christmas Gift Shop, Veterans Rest Camp at Forest Lake, American Legion Auxiliary Hospital Program, National Creative Arts Festival, Magnus Foundation, Brain Science Foundation, Haven for Heroes, Legacy Scholarship Program, Armed Forces Service Center at airport, Ft. Snelling Rifle Squad, Toys for Joy.

Stay safe and stay warm over these winter months!

**Cari Sturgill – Auxiliary President – Edward B. Cutter Post #102, 2021-2023**

### **SAL Commander's Comments**

HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM YOU SAL TEAM!!

We serve a wonderful Rime Rib dinner (along with our regular menu) on the first Wednesday of each month, and on the third Wednesday enjoy our full menu selections, as well as our Chef's special. So join us for the fun and frolic at the club this winter. And as a friendly reminder, all proceeds from our SAL meals provide us the opportunity to give back to the community in a number of ways.

Have a safe and prosperous New Year!

In God And Country!

**Patrick "Chunk" Vevea – SAL Commander – Edward B. Cutter Post #102, 2021-2023**

American Legion Post 102 / Aux / SAL Calendar				January 2023		
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1 New Year's Day</b> 4:00pm Bar Bingo	<b>2 New Year's Day Holiday</b>	<b>3</b> 6:30pm Bar Bingo 7:00pm General Mtgs	<b>4</b> 5:00pm SAL Prime Dinner 7:00pm Karaoke	<b>5</b> 6:30pm Karaoke	<b>6 Epiphany</b> Blood Drive 5:00pm Meat Raffle 7:00pm Bar Bingo	<b>7</b>
<b>8 Baptism of Jesus</b> 4:00pm Bar Bingo	<b>9</b> 7:00pm Winter League Bags - Corn-hole	<b>10</b> 6:30pm Bar Bingo	<b>11</b> 7:00pm Karaoke	<b>12</b> 6:30pm Karaoke	<b>13</b> 5:00pm Meat Raffle 7:00pm Bar Bingo	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> 4:00pm Bar Bingo	<b>16 Martin Luther King Day</b> 7:00pm Winter League Bags - Corn-hole	<b>17</b> 6:30pm Bar Bingo	<b>18</b> 5:00pm SAL Wednesday Dinner (Sautéed Shrimp ) 7:00pm Karaoke 7:00pm ALR Mtg	<b>19</b> 6:30pm Karaoke	<b>20</b> 5:00pm Meat Raffle 7:00pm Bar Bingo	<b>21</b>
<b>22 Chinese New Year</b> 4:00pm Bar Bingo	<b>23</b> 7:00pm Winter League Bags - Corn-hole	<b>24</b> 6:30pm Bar Bingo 7:00pm H&E Mtg	<b>25</b> 7:00pm Karaoke	<b>26</b> 6:30pm Karaoke	<b>27</b> 5:00pm Meat Raffle 7:00pm Bar Bingo	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> 4:00pm Bar Bingo	<b>30</b> 7:00pm Winter League Bags - Corn-hole	<b>31</b> 6:30pm Bar Bingo 7:00pm Exec Mtg				



American Legion Post 102 / Aux / SAL Calendar				February 2023		
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Black History Month</b>			<b>1</b> 5:00pm SAL Prime Dinner 7:00pm Karaoke	<b>2 Candlemas &amp; Groundhog Day</b> 6:30pm Karaoke	<b>3 Four Chaplains Day</b> Blood Drive 5:00pm Meat Raffle 7:00pm Bar Bingo	<b>4 USO Birthday</b>
<b>5</b> 4:00pm Bar Bingo	<b>6</b> 7:00pm Winter League Bags - Corn-hole	<b>7</b> 6:30pm Bar Bingo 7:00pm General Mtgs	<b>8</b> 7:00pm Karaoke	<b>9</b> 6:30pm Karaoke	<b>10</b> 5:00pm Meat Raffle 7:00pm Bar Bingo	<b>11</b>
<b>12 National Salute to Veteran Patients Week</b> 4:00pm Bar Bingo	<b>13</b> 7:00pm Winter League Bags - Corn-hole	<b>14 St. Valentine's Day</b> 6:30pm Bar Bingo	<b>15</b> 5:00pm SAL Steak Dinner 7:00pm Karaoke	<b>16</b> 6:30pm Karaoke	<b>17</b> 5:00pm Meat Raffle 7:00pm Bar Bingo	<b>18</b> <b>10th District Oratorical Contest 8:00am start - Anoka Post 102</b>
<b>19 Coast Guard Reserve Birthday</b> 4:00pm Bar Bingo	<b>20 Washington's Birthday (President's Day)</b> 7:00pm Winter League Bags - Corn-hole	<b>21 Mardi Gras</b> 6:30pm Bar Bingo 7:00pm H&E Mtg	<b>22 Ash Wednesday</b> 7:00pm Karaoke	<b>23</b> 6:30pm Karaoke	<b>24</b> 5:00pm Meat Raffle 7:00pm Bar Bingo	<b>25</b> <b>MN Department Oratorical Contest 8:00am start - Anoka/Osseo American Legions</b>
<b>26</b> 4:00pm Bar Bingo	<b>27</b> 7:00pm Winter League Bags - Corn-hole	<b>28</b> 6:30pm Bar Bingo 7:00pm Exec Mtg				

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**Gambling manager, Jaclyn Davidson, presented the following list of charitable donations during the last 2 months which were approved by the General Membership:**

Toys for Joy	\$600	MN CenterShots	\$2000	Midwest Outdoors (Vet supp)	\$200
River Trail Learning Ctr	\$200	Tee It Up for The Troops	\$100	MN Mil Family Foundation	\$100
MVAHCS (holiday party)	\$200	Anoka Co. Fair Holiday Lights	\$200	Anoka HS Girls Basketball	\$200
STVAHCS (holiday party)	\$200	FT Snelling Mem. Rifle Squad	\$150	Quilts of Valor	\$100
Mpls Vets Home (holiday)	\$200	FT Snelling Nat Cemetery (flags)	\$100	Fish For Life	\$100
Eagle Scout	\$100	Armed Forces Svc Ctr	\$150	Every Third Saturday	\$100

### ***Frequent Events and Leagues at the Post***

#### **Winter League Bags - Cornhole:**

- Mondays

#### **Bar Bingo:**

- Sundays, Tuesdays, and Fridays

#### **Karaoke:**

- Wednesdays and Thursdays

#### **Meat Raffle:**

- Fridays

### ***Scheduled Monthly Meetings at the Post***

#### **First Tuesday:**

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

#### **Second Wednesday:**

- 7:00pm - ALR Mtg

#### **Second from last Tuesday:**

- 7:00pm - H&E Mtg

#### **Last Tuesday:**

- 7:00pm - Executive Board Mtg

### **Post Chaplain's Corner**

Mathew 3:16-17 ; And when Jesus had been baptized he at once came up from the water, and suddenly the heavens opened and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming down on him. And suddenly there was a voice from heaven, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; my favor rests on him.'



**Post Chaplain, Edward B. Cutter Post #102**

### **In Memoriam**

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



Name	Years of Membership	Branch of Service	Legion Post	War Era	DoD
G. David Sayre	2	Army	#102	Vietnam	7/25/22
Howard Zunker	54	Army	#102	Korea	10/31/22