



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



Jan/Feb 2026 Newsletter



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

Post Commander's Comments

Happy New Year! I hope everyone enjoyed a wonderful holiday season and had time to relax and recharge with family and friends. While 2025 proved to be a busy and at times unpredictable year, it was also an extremely positive and productive one for Edward B. Cutter Post #102.

Over the past year, our Legion family has accomplished a great deal—from building upgrades and successful fundraising efforts to continued service and support within our community. These achievements would not have been possible without the dedication, time, and teamwork of our members and volunteers. I'm also very encouraged to see increased attendance at recent Legion functions. It's great to witness this level of involvement, and I hope we can continue this momentum moving forward.

As strong as this past year was, my goal is to make 2026 even better. New ideas for events, fundraisers, and holiday activities are always being discussed and refined, and member input is always welcome. Please remember to check our calendar regularly for upcoming events, including Midwinter in January and the Oratorical Contest in February.

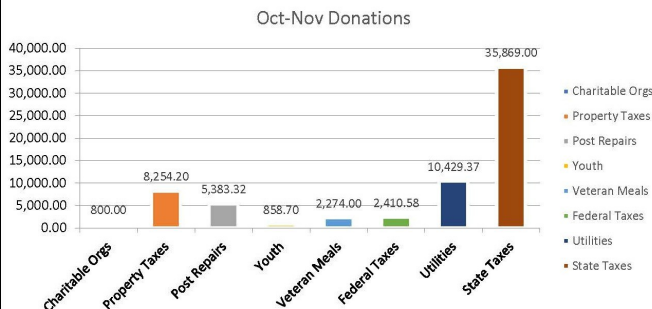
I look forward to seeing our membership continue to grow and thrive at Post 102 throughout the coming year. Thank you all for your continued support and commitment to our Post and our mission.

Semper Fidelis,

Zak Menter – Commander – Edward B. Cutter Post #102, 2025-2026

GAMBLING STATISTICS

Based on the most recent audited months available at the time of publishing.



A message from Cathy Newman—VA&R Chairman Anoka Auxiliary

Thank you to everyone who donated to the VA food pantry Oct-Nov 2025.

We collected 127 items for the VA food pantry.

Another one is starting in January and going through February. Please consider donating. Items must be non-glass and must not be expired. Some examples include: canned fruit, canned meats, canned vegetables, jams, jellies & peanut butter, canned soups, boxed dinners, cereals, instant oatmeal, crackers, rice & cooking oils. Can openers are also being requested. Items will be collected at the Post through February.

MEMBERSHIP RATES FOR 2025-2026:

AMERICAN LEGION: \$50 ** AUXILIARY: \$40 (\$10 FOR JUNIORS)

SAL: \$25 (\$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.

Club hours

Mon-Thu—11am-11pm
Friday—11am-11pm
Saturday—9am—1am
Sunday— 9am-11pm

Kitchen Hours

Mon-Fri—11am-9pm
Sat-Sun —9am-9pm

Post Adjutant's Comments

All should have received your next year's dues notice. 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. Please renew your 2025-2026 membership on-line at Legion.org, by mail to the Anoka Legion, 400 West Main Anoka, MN or better yet – stop into your post for a meal and pay one of the bartenders.

Saturday from 0900-1700 hours members buy your first beer, drink or soda and the second is free.



Please welcome our newest members to Post 102:

**John W. Steinbring – Army // Robert J. Erickson – Air Force // Justin Schei – Army
Nicholas Huspek – Army // Adriana Edlund – Army // Jason W. Tossey - Navy // Mario Morin - Air Force**

New Transfers to our Post:

Todd Zajicek – Army Michael Rebsom – Army Michael Wahl – Army Richard A. Lovik - Army

**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.**

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

Auxiliary President's Comments

Welcome to 2026... Mid-Winter is Saturday, January 17th from 9 am - 3 pm; with a silent auction and bake sale, sign up at the General membership meeting January 6th.

Let me know if you will be donating any items for the silent auction or the bake sale.

Leadership training Tuesday, January 20th @ 7 pm sign up at the meeting. Dates to remember

General membership meetings January 6th/February 3rd @ 7 pm. Bingo January 14th/February 11th.

Jean LaBorde – Auxiliary President – Edward B. Cutter Post #102, 2025-2026

Legion Rider Director Comments

Riders Up!

Join us on Saturday, March 14, for our official Legion Riders Meet & Greet! It's going to be a great night of food, music, and brotherhood as we gear up for the 2026 season.

Also happening that day:

- **2026 Route Reveal:** Get the first look at our Summer Ride Calendar. We'll be unveiling our planned charity runs, state rallies, and local weekend cruises.

- **New Member Drive:** Know a vet who rides? Bring them along! We'll have applications on hand and members ready to talk about what we do.

We need a few extra hands to help with the food station and the welcome desk—reach out to the Director if you can volunteer.

For God and Country, we ride! See you there.

John Waldvogel, Director - Edward B. Cutter Post #102, 2025-2026

Club Manager Comments

Happy New Year, Legion Family! As we enter 2026, Edward B. Cutter Post 102 continues its mission of serving our veterans and the Anoka community. While the winter weather may be cold, the Post is active with meetings, planning sessions, and social nights.

January is a critical month for leadership and planning within the District.

- **10th District Mid-Winter Conference:** Saturday, January 17, from 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM.

These meetings are essential for coordinating our veteran advocacy and community outreach programs for the coming year.

All members of the Legion, Auxiliary, and SAL are encouraged to attend the monthly membership meetings.

- **January Meeting:** Tuesday, January 6, at 7:00 PM
- **February Meeting:** Tuesday, February 3, at 7:00 PM

John Waldvogel, Club Manager—Edward B. Cutter Post #102

January 2026

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Dec 28	29	30	31	Jan 1, 26 New Year's Day 7:00pm Karaoke	2 BLOOD DRIVE (downstairs) 7:00pm BAR BINGO	3
4 4:00pm BAR BINGO	5	6 6:30pm BAR BINGO 7:00pm General Membership meeting	7 5:00pm Closed to Public - Anoka Legion Staff/Members Christmas Party	8 7:00pm Karaoke	9 7:00pm BAR BINGO	10 9:00am Ducks Unlimited 2A Bingo
11 4:00pm BAR BINGO	12	13 6:30pm BAR BINGO	14 6:00pm Anoka Legion Riders General Membership meeting	15 7:00pm Karaoke	16 5:00pm Set up for Mid-Winter Conference 7:00pm CANCELLED - BAR BINGO	17 9:00am 10th District Mid-Winter Conference 7:00pm Kurt Bearinger
18 4:00pm BAR BINGO	19 Martin Luther King Jr. Day	20 5:00pm H&E Meeting 6:30pm BAR BINGO	21	22 7:00pm Karaoke	23 7:00pm BAR BINGO	24 7:00pm My Famous Friends
25 4:00pm BAR BINGO	26	27 6:30pm BAR BINGO 7:00pm Executive Board Meeting	28	29 7:00pm Karaoke	30 7:00pm Steve and Gary 7:00pm BAR BINGO	31

February 2026

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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)—Legion bags:

- Monday evenings

Karaoke:

- 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)

First & Third Wednesday:

- 6:00pm - ALR General Mtg

Second from last Tuesday:

- 5:00pm - H&E Mtg

Last Tuesday:

- 7:00pm - Executive Board Mtg

**Fall League Cornhole winners
Nate & Jason, among other
trophy winners.**



In Memoriam

Edward B. Cutter Post #102

Extends its sympathy to all Families and Friends.

No Members to report.



Post Chaplain's Corner

Each one should use whatever
gift he has received to serve
others, faithfully administering
God's grace in its various forms.

1 Peter 4:10

Sam Orr, Chaplain



Name	Years of Membership	Branch of Service	Legion Post	War Era	DoD
Charles C Christenson	22	Army	102	Vietnam	11 May 2025
James Wolf	7	Army	102	Vietnam	30 Oct 2025
Rita Williams	14	Army	102	G.W.O.T	11 Nov 2025
Stanford Nelson	37	Navy	102	WWII	20 Nov 2025
Ben Shutrop	32	Army	102	Korea	10 Dec 2025