American Legion — Anoka
Edward B. Cutter Post #102
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Sept/Oct 2023 Newsletter

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

Post Commander's Comments

RAISE THE ROOF! This is the theme of our urgent fundraising campaign to keep a roof over our heads at the Post. Following a couple of heavy wind and hailstorms this summer and water pouring through an air-conditioning vent into the commander's hall, a roof inspection revealed good news and bad news. The good news is our insurance will cover most of the cost of the hail damage to our shingles, soffits, facia, and gutters (we are responsible for the $5,000 deductible). The bad news is the flat roof is so badly deteriorated that it must be replaced ASAP.

At the writing of this article, we are collecting bids from several construction companies. Complicating the estimate process is the great unknown of the aged underlying structure's condition. However, we have been advised that the cost may well be in the ballpark of **$100K**. Hence our urgent Raise the Roof campaign! Kicking off the event on Friday, 15 September, is an outdoor concert with Jonah and the Whales followed by a Bike Ride, Silent Auction, and Spaghetti feed Saturday, 16 September.

Please come support us and spread the word! We NEED volunteers to help staff these events as well as cash donations to literally keep a roof over our heads!

"RAISE THE ROOF!"

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

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

DID YOU KNOW?

In the past fiscal year, our Post contributed more than 3,000 volunteer hours and $37,110 in charitable donations to the following categories:

Veterans $6,800

Defense $400

Youth $19,400

Community $5,685

Americanism $4,825

Post Improvements $22,480

Property tax & Utilities for the Post $72,140

Gambling taxes paid:

Federal $13,769

State $220,768

Post Adjutant's Comments

Many thanks to the Anoka American Legion family who attended the Anoka County Fair opening ceremonies this past July. We have busy months coming up. In September we have our final Car Show for 2023 on September 6th as well as the SAL Prime Rib dinner. On Saturday, Sept. 16 the "Raise the Roof" campaign will take place. Please read our Commanders report on this issue.

October brings us our annual month of Anoka Halloween Festivities. The Saturday of the Halloween

parade, Sat. Oct. 28th is our busiest day of the year. We need help setting-up and taking down the Flag float plus addition help in the bar helping all. This is a fun time with lots of camaraderie.

All should be receiving your 2023-2024 Legion dues notice. 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. Be sure to pay your dues before October 19th to attend the free Early Bird Dinner.

We welcome our newest members of Anoka Post 102:

Branden Berg-Army
Brandan Berglund-Army/Marines
Jared Lane-Army
Doug Oswald-Air Force
Jacqueline Szeega-Navy
James L. Thompson-Army
Dustin W. LaBorde-Marines

We hope to see you at future meetings and join us in fellowship during other times of the week.

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

Auxiliary President's Comments

Summer is coming to a close - fall is in the air (maybe). I also want to extend an invite to all our members to also join us. I'd like to wish all our members who have a birthday in September and October a big HAPPY BIRTHDAY! The flag raising ceremony at the Anoka County Fair was quite impressive. Our legion family did a great job.

Please join us at these upcoming events:

Bake/Craft sale October 6th and 7th (hopefully you can provide goodies for the bake sale).

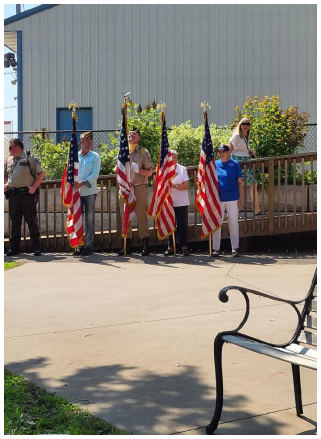
Early Bird dinner October 19th. (If you haven't renewed your dues please do so).

Halloween October 28th, this will be a very busy day at the post and we need volunteers, if you can help please let us know. I will be joining Commander Lori on the float for the big parade down Main Street. Lori and I are working on our wave, come see if we do it right!

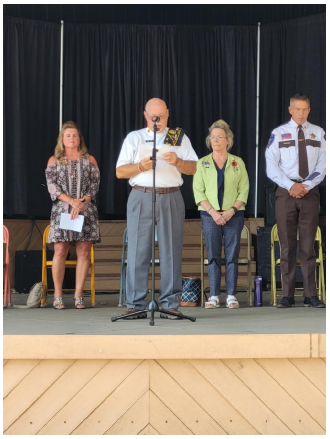
Welcome to our newest members—Vanessa and Jill.

Please join us September 5th for our regular monthly meeting at 7 pm.

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



Flag raising at the Anoka County Fair



American Legion Post 102 / Aux / SAL Calendar			September 2023			
Sunday	**Monday**	**Tuesday**	**Wednesday**	**Thursday**	**Friday**	**Saturday**
					1 BLOOD DRIVE (downstairs) 7pm Hitchville 7pm Bar Bingo	2 5pm Meat Raffle
3 4pm Bar Bingo	**4 Labor Day**	5 6pm Halloween Committee mtg 6:30pm Bar Bingo 7pm General Membership Mtg	6 4pm Classic Car Show 5pm SAL Prime Rib Dinner	7 7pm Karaoke	8 7pm Bar Bingo 7:30 Kurt Bearinger Music	9 5pm Meat Raffle 8pm Wally & Daughter
10 4pm Bar Bingo	11	12 6:30pm Bar Bingo	13	14 7pm Karaoke	**15 1st Day of Hispanic Heritage Month** 5pm RAISE THE ROOF! Kick of Party 5pm Silent Auction 7pm Bar Bingo 7:30pm Jonah & the Whales	16 RAISE THE ROOF! Event 9am Silent Auction 11am Kickstands Up! 5pm Meat Raffle
17 4pm Bar Bingo	18 7pm Fall Bags League	19 6:30pm Bar Bingo 7pm H&E Mtg	20 5pm SAL Wednesday Night Steak Dinner	21 7pm Karaoke	22 7pm Bar Bingo 8pm My Famous Friends	23 5pm Meat Raffle 7:30pm Thomas & James
24 4pm Bar Bingo	25 7pm Fall Bags League	26 6:30pm Bar Bingo 7pm Exec Board Mtg	27	28 7pm Karaoke	29 7pm Bar Bingo 7pm Slippery Steve & Scary Gary	30 5pm Meat Raffle

American Legion Post 102 / Aux / SAL Calendar			October 2023			
Sunday	**Monday**	**Tuesday**	**Wednesday**	**Thursday**	**Friday**	**Saturday**
1 4pm Bar Bingo	2 7pm Fall Bags League	3 6:30pm Bar Bingo 7pm General Membership Mtg	4 5pm SAL Prime Rib Dinner	5 7pm Karaoke	6 12-7 Craft Fair & Bake Sale BLOOD DRIVE (downstairs) 7pm Bar Bingo	7 9-4 Craft Fair & Bake Sale 5pm Meat Raffle 7:30pm Pirates, Guitars and Beachfront Bars
8 4pm Bar Bingo	**9 Columbus Day** **Indigenous People's Day** 7pm Fall Bags League	10 6:30pm Bar Bingo	11	12 7pm Karaoke	13 7pm Bar Bingo 7:30pm Kurt Bearinger Music	14 5pm Meat Raffle 8pm Smoke and Whiskey
15 4pm Bar Bingo	16 5:30pm Halloween Bingo	17 6:30pm Bar Bingo	18 5pm SAL Wed Night Steak Dinner	19 6pm Early Bird Dinner 7pm Karaoke	20 7pm Bar Bingo 8pm Tailspin	21 5pm Meat Raffle 8pm Blind Driver
22 4pm Bar Bingo	23 5:30pm Halloween Bingo	24 6:30pm Bar Bingo 7pm H&E Mtg	25	26 7pm Karaoke	27 7pm Bar Bingo 7pm Slippery Steve & Scary Gary	28 1pm Grande Day Parade 5pm Meat Raffle
29 4pm Bar Bingo	30 7pm Fall Bags League	**31 Halloween** 6:30pm Bar Bingo 7pm Exec Board Mtg				

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Frequent Events and Leagues at the Post

Fall Bags League - Cornhole:
- **Mondays—through December.**

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

Karaoke:
- **Thursdays**

Meat Raffle:
- **Saturdays**

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 (not currently active)**

Second from last Tuesday:
- **7:00pm - H&E Mtg**

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

Post Chaplain's Corner

Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Galatians 6:9

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
Loren Stender	46	USN	#102	Vietnam	22 May 2023
Herman Talle	54	USMC	#102	Korea	Mar 2023
Willis Redepenning	55	USA	#102	Korea	17 Jul 2023
Richard Hankins	11	USA	#102	Vietnam	16 Oct 2022
Arthur Goebel	62	USA	#102	WWII	18 Jul 2023
Thomas J O'Connell Jr	12	USAF	#102	Korea	03 Feb 2023
Eugene C. Stevens	44	Unk	#102	Vietnam	26 Sep 2022
Leroy "Lee" Donais	6	USAF	#102	Vietnam	21 Jul 2023
Terry O'Bjerk	26	USA	#102	Vietnam	04 Feb 2023
William "Bill" Sutherland	16	USA	#102	Lebanon	15 Jul 2023