American Legion — Anoka
Edward B. Cutter Post #102
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Jan/Feb 2024 Newsletter

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

Post Commander's Comments

Happy New Year! Bidding farewell to 2023 allows us to reflect on the challenges and blessings we experienced. Perhaps one of the biggest challenges we faced as a Post, was the fundraising efforts for a new roof. While we await replacement scheduled April, we are incredibly thankful to our members and supporters for helping to make this a reality. Your support to keep our club operational is greatly appreciated!

On Christmas Eve, our Post offered free meals to on-duty first responders in the Anoka area. Many of us know the challenges of being away from family on the holidays and want to make sure our first responders know we appreciate their sacrifice and service. Although this article is written prior to completion of that event, we hope to serve many uniforms in our Post.

2024 offers opportunities for us to continue serving Veterans and building a strong community. Be sure to check out our entertainment opportunities (music, darts, bags, etc.), our great food, and camaraderie! Our General Membership meetings are the first Tuesday of the month at 1900 hours (7 pm) in the lower level. Hope to see you there!!

Happy Valentines Day!

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

Nov/Dec Lawful Gambling Donations

Total Donations = $4,470

Zach Davis Eagle Scout, Christmas Committee Toys for Joy, MPLS VA Health Care, St. Cloud VA, River Trail Learning—LO Jacob School, Tee It Up for the Troops, Fort Snelling Memorial Rifle Squad, Fort Snelling Natl Cemetery, Armed Forces Svc Center Mid-west Outdoors, MN Military Fam Foundation, Anoka National Guard, Quilts of Valor, Magnus Foundation, Waldorf—Veterans Memorial Park

Utilities	**approx.**	**$10,000**
Taxes	**approx.**	**$25,000**

Fall Bags League
Left pic —1st place for Fall League play

Right pic —Fall League Playoffs
1st – Nate / Jason
2nd—Todd / Nicole
3rd—Chris / Patsy
4th—Kip / Jill

MEMBERSHIP RATES FOR 2023-2024:

AMERICAN LEGION: $40

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

Hope everyone had a great Holiday Season and wishing all a Happy New Year.

As of Dec. 13th, our post is short 113 members of reaching our goal. A reminder that you can pay your dues on line via the National Legion web site www.legion.org, mail them in, or just drop them off with one of the bartenders.

A hearty welcome our newest members of Anoka Post 102:

Larence Boucher—Army
Josh Moshier—Air Force
Gregg Wickland
Megan Smith—Army
Alexander Oswald—Air Force
Jon Wallar—Marines

New Transfers to our Post

Patrick H. Stack—Navy
Thomas C. Schroer—Air Force
Arnold E. Vaplon—Army
William D. Emery—Air Force

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

I hope everyone had a blessed holiday season with family and friends. A New Year is now among us. Let's all make it a successful one. I'd like to wish all our members who have a birthday in January and February a big HAPPY BIRTHDAY! Please join us for our monthly general meetings on January 2nd and February 6th. Congratulations to the Outstanding November Member of the Month Patsy Hall and Outstanding December Member of the Month Sue Nunnelee. We will be stuffing and sewing pillows for the Veterans Hospital on Wednesday, January 17th @ 1:00 pm please feel free to join us. The post's visit with Santa (Patrick, our male Auxiliary member) and Mrs Claus (yours truly) on December 9th was a huge success. A very big THANK YOU to all who helped with the shopping, wrapping gifts, setting up, serving cocoa and cookies and helping with the event. The children really liked their gifts and the parents were very thankful for this event. Thank you Sue, Pasty, Sharon, myself and members of the Coon Rapids Auxiliary ladies on December 6th we made 175 poppies. It was fun once we figured out how to assemble them. Will keep you posted when we meet again to continue making poppies (we need to make 1000).

Donations paid out: Mpls. VA Medical Center, St. Cloud VA Medical Center, Minnesota Veterans Homes (5), Five-Dollar Bill Shower, American Legion Fund for Hospitalized Veterans, 10th District Activity Fund (Mpls, & St. Cloud), Veterans Job Training Program MACV, Veterans Volunteer Transportation Program (Med Link), Christmas Gift Shop, Veterans Rest Camp at Forest Lake, American Legion Auxiliary Hospital Program, Minnesota Stand Down, Haven for Heroes, Brain Science Foundation, St. Cloud VA Recreation Program, Legacy Scholarship Program, Ft. Snelling Rifle Squad, District President, Commander and Jr. President Projects (Iron Springs Ranch). Christmas Committee (Toys for Joy), apples for American Education Week. Donations dollar amount $4,250. The auxiliary also contributed $1,200 to our Post "Raise the Roof" fund.

Please join us at these upcoming events:
January Unit Meeting January 2 dinner will be served @ 6:00 pm meeting @ 7:00 pm
Twin Rivers Bingo January 10th @ 1:00 pm
Mid-Winter/Silent Auction/Jr Auxiliary Fundraiser (free will donation of a variety of desserts during lunch) January 13th @ 9:00 am please sign up at meeting
Pillow stuffing and sewing January 17th @ 1:00 pm
February Unit Meeting February 6th @ 7:00 pm
10th District SAL Sweetheart Rally February 10th @ Princeton social hour begins @ noon, meal @ 1:00 pm with program.
Till next time…

Welcome to our newest members:

Amy Capes **Taava Johnson**

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

January 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 New Year's Eve *4:00pm* BAR BINGO	**1** New Year's Day	**2** *6:30pm* BAR BINGO *7:00pm* General Membership meeting	**3**	**4** *7:00pm* Karaoke	**5** *7:00pm* BAR BINGO *8:00pm* Teezer BLOOD DRIVE (downstairs)	**6** *5:00pm* MEAT RAFFLE *7:00pm* Twilight Zone
7 *4:00pm* BAR BINGO	**8**	**9** *6:30pm* BAR BINGO	**10** *10:00am* Free hair cuts	**11** *7:00pm* Karaoke	**12** *7:00pm* CANCELED - BAR BINGO *7:30pm* Phil Berbig	**13** *8:00am* MID-WINTER CONFERENCE *5:00pm* MEAT RAFFLE *8:00pm* Thomas and James
14 *4:00pm* BAR BINGO	**15** Martin Luther King Day	**16** *6:30pm* BAR BINGO	**17**	**18** *7:00pm* Karaoke	**19** *7:00pm* BAR BINGO *7:00pm* Tailspin	**20** *5:00pm* MEAT RAFFLE *7:00pm* Blind Driver
21 *4:00pm* BAR BINGO	**22**	**23** *6:30pm* BAR BINGO *7:00pm* H&E Meeting	**24**	**25** *7:00pm* Karaoke	**26** *7:00pm* BAR BINGO *7:00pm* Steve and Gary	**27** *5:00pm* MEAT RAFFLE
28 *4:00pm* BAR BINGO	**29**	**30** *6:30pm* BAR BINGO *7:00pm* Executive Board Meeting	**31**	**1** *7:00pm* Karaoke	**2** *7:00pm* BAR BINGO BLOOD DRIVE (downstairs)	**3** *5:00pm* MEAT RAFFLE *7:00pm* Twilight Zone

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11 *4:00pm* BAR BINGO	**12** Lincoln's Birthday	**13** *6:30pm* BAR BINGO	**14** Valentine's Day	**15** *7:00pm* Karaoke	**16** *7:00pm* BAR BINGO *8:00pm* DNR DUO	**17** *5:00pm* MEAT RAFFLE *7:00pm* Jonah and the Whales
18 *4:00pm* BAR BINGO	**19** Presidents' Day	**20** *6:30pm* BAR BINGO *7:00pm* H&E Meeting	**21**	**22** Washington's Birthday *7:00pm* Karaoke	**23** *7:00pm* BAR BINGO *7:00pm* Slippery Steve and Scary Gary	**24** *5:00pm* MEAT RAFFLE *7:00pm* Blind Driver
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TWIN CITIES, MN

Frequent Events and Leagues at the Post

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

Cornhole (Bags)—Winter League:
- **Mondays**

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 (coming soon)**

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

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

Post Chaplain's Corner

The way of a fool seems right to him, but a wise man listens to advice. Proverbs 12:15

Post Chaplain, Edward B. Cutter Post #102

Past Commanders and Past Presidents Christmas Pot Luck

On Dec.14th, 28 out of 34 attended the Dinner, this included spouses. I was pleased with the turn out. Everyone brought a dish or dessert to share. We had a lot of good food! After the meal we sat around and visited with each other. Then we played a game Jan Reiter came up with. After that we had a drawing for the centerpieces that were made by Jan and myself. More visiting, then clean up and everyone went home.

I hope everyone had a good time. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

In Memoriam

Edward B. Cutter Post #102

Extends its sympathy to all Families and Friends.

Name	Years of Member-ship	Branch of Ser-vice	Le-gion Post	War Era	DoD
Mason, Gary	11	Navy	102	Vietnam	06-27-22
Johnson, David O.	32		102	Vietnam	12-05-22
Eickoff, Aloys L.	54		102	Korea	11-04-23