

American Legion Post #102 –March/April 2021 Newsletter

Veteran's Crisis Line 1 (800) 273-8255

Chaplain's Corner

Isaiah 53:5 – “But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed.” Remember Jesus this Easter season.

Celebrate the 102nd Birthday of the American Legion

Join us at Post 102 on Saturday, March 13, between 1-4 p.m. for cake and ice cream. At 2:00 the Post will recognize their 50-year members and the Auxiliary will recognize members for their continuous years of membership (e.g., 20, 25, 30 etc.). The Post and Unit membership chair will contact you ahead of that date regarding your years of membership.

Karen Orr, Auxiliary

Free Dinner for Legion, SAL, Auxiliary Members, and Spouses * Thursday, March 4th * 5:00 PM until gone

First Come - First Served * Come Early and Have a Few Drinks and Talk with Some Members!!!

Chicken Pot Pie, Side Salad, and Warm Bread

Must Register in Advance at the Bar * Food Provided by Post Member Jay Mitchell (Realtor/RG Realty #763-233-1569)

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Sal Commander's Comments

Well, we are into one of the coldest weather spells Minnesota has experience in a number of years. We are Minnesota's, we can make it through. Things have been moving on at the Post. Again, this year We hosted the Snowmobile Rally at the Post. We had a good crowd stop in, and they stayed all afternoon.

The SAL is having our monthly meetings again, and it would really be nice to see more of our Members at the Meeting on the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 P.M.

Till then stay healthy, wear your mask, wash your hands, and keep a safe distance.

SAL Commander Tony Arellano

Auxiliary President's Comments

Greetings 2021.

Meetings will still be held each month as long as the Post is open. Not sure: call me at 763-354-8027 for information. First Tuesday at 7:00 pm. Plans are underway for the "Birthday Dinner". It will be on Saturday, March 13th. It will be a birthday party and ice cream social from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm. Informal dress with a program at 2:00 pm for those who will receive membership recognition. Come and enjoy some cupcakes, ice cream, coffee and visiting with other members. Social distancing and masks are required. There will be no charge to this event.

The White Elephant Auction at the March meeting has been postponed. More information later.

If you have not paid your 2021 dues, please do so as soon as possible.

Election of officers are coming in May.

Year-end reports are due in April.

Again, any questions, please call me.

Lynette Pavin, Auxiliary President 2020-2021

American Legion Group	Dues \$
Post #102	\$40.00
Sons of the American Legion (SAL)	\$25.00
SAL – Dual Membership	\$15.00
SAL – Junior Membership	\$10.00
Auxiliary (Aux)	\$30.00
Aux – Junior Membership	\$6.00
American Legion Riders	\$15.00

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS Continuing Every Month (Unless Notified)

- Legion members will meet in the Commanders Hall for more space
- Auxiliary members will meet in the Presidents Hall
- SAL members will meet in the meeting room

Post Commander's Comments

We are asking all who enter the Post for any meeting or other events including a refreshment at the bar to please wear a mask until you have ordered your drink and are seated. Per MN Governor's Executive Order 20-81.

We started having our Post General Membership meeting in February. We now meet in the Commanders Hall upstairs. We ask all to wear a mask and we have plenty of room to have everyone spaced a distance apart from each other. Hope to see more members at future meeting to discuss and have input on issues pertaining to our Post.

We have not started serving food from the kitchen but are considering it. The SAL has also been looking into starting a Wednesday night dinner, more to come.

The Anoka Legion would like to invite all its Legion, SAL and Auxiliary members to a Free chicken pot pie, side salad and warm bread dinner. It is Thursday, March 4th, 5pm until gone, (first come-first served). Come early and have a few drinks and talk with some members. Sponsored by Jay Mitchell Post Member, Realtor/RG Realty #763-233-1569.

Must register in advance at the Bar!

We will not be having a American Legion Birthday dinner this year, instead we will be having a Legion Birthday cake and ice cream gathering from 1 – 4pm on Saturday, March 13th.

Allison Buesseler, of Minnesota Centershots Post 102, received the highest score in the Precision discipline for the State of Minnesota and is considered the State Champion in The American Legion Junior Shooting Sports National Postal Tournament. We would also like to recognize that Team **Minnesota Centershots Post 102** received the highest score in the Precision discipline for the State of Minnesota and is considered the Team State Champion in The American Legion Junior Shooting Sports National Postal Tournament.

Thanks, stay safe and have an enjoyable late winter – early spring,

Doug Hookom - Commander - Edward B. Cutter Post#102

Post Adjutant's Comments

A hearty welcome to the newest members of Anoka Post 102 US Army Korean War Veteran Charles Beck sponsored by Doug Hookom, US Navy current hostilities Veteran Jacklyn Davidon sponsored by Lori Allert, and US Army Vietnam Veteran Clyde Markon sponsored by Doug Hookom. We hope to see you at future meetings and join us in fellowship during other times of the week.

We still have about 40 members who have not renewed their dues towards our membership goal of 698. 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. 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.

The general membership approved the upgrade of the club's camera and security system. It will involve adding new cameras and replacing the old ones. The General Membership approved paying the registration fees for our woman's softball team.

With the new eligibility dates passed by Congress just about all Veterans can join a Legion Post. This is a great opportunity for all of you to ask friends, neighbors, or relatives to join our Legion Post or one near them. Applications are at the bar if you need one.

Post Adjutant, Gary Munkholm

Gambling manager, Rick Oelschlager, presented the following list of donations during the last 2 months which were approved by the General Membership:

Veterans on the Lake	\$250	Special Olympics MN	\$200	MN Revenue Gambling tax	\$5,500
River Trail Learning Center	\$100	Anoka Civil Air Patrol	\$250	Assist needy Vets/Families	\$1,500
Silver Bay Veterans Home	\$250	ARC	\$150	City water and light costs	\$4,205
Renew State gambling lic.	\$600	Legion Boys State	\$1,500	Center Point gas costs	\$2,500
Anoka Middle Arts for youth	\$100	MN NG Youth Camp	\$100	Rise	\$150
Anoka Police Safety Camp	\$100	9th District Legion Band	\$200	US tax on wagering	\$1,000
Emergency funds	\$500				

Upcoming Events:

March 2nd – General Membership Meeting 7pm

March 4th - Free Dinner, 5pm until gone

March 13th – Legion Birthday cake & ice cream 1-4pm

March 14th – Daylight Saving time begins

March 20th – First Day of Spring

March 30th – Ex-Board Meeting 7pm

April 2nd – Good Friday

April 4th - Easter

April 6th - General Membership Meeting 7pm

April 27th – Ex-Board Meeting 7pm