American Legion — Anoka
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Jan/Feb 2025 Newsletter

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

Post Commander's Comments

Recently, my husband Johannes and I had the opportunity to take an 80th anniversary tour of the Battle of the Bulge. Traversing some of the same narrow winding roadways and bridges and exploring foxholes and fighting positions interspersed in dense woods in addition to experiencing cold damp, snowy/rainy and foggy weather, made me deeply appreciate the challenges those Soldiers endured. Their sacrifices were evident as we walked among the rows of crosses at two American cemeteries. Bastogne, Belgium storefronts had US flags and thank-you signs for our aid in liberation. Their population has not forgotten and remains appreciative! Their youth are more knowledgeable and appreciative of the battle sacrifice than many US children.

The American Legion has a strong commitment to promoting Americanism and patriotism in our schools and communities. Your membership is key to supporting this endeavor! America must never forget.

As we enter a new year, please consider how you can help our Post grow and flourish in our mission. Invite other Veterans to join. America needs us and the Legion needs YOU!

May you have a blessed New Year!

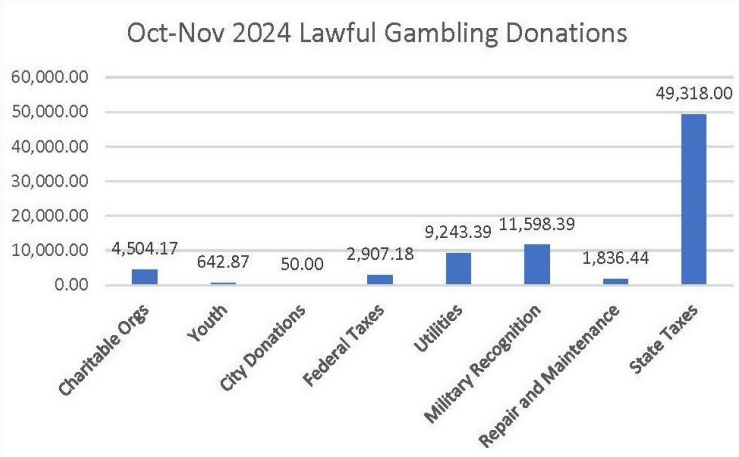
Meeting our mission requires solid income from our club and charitable gambling operations.

Please come out and support your club – our food is delicious and camaraderie can't be beat!!

Anoka Legion is THE place to BE!

Lori Allert -Commander - Edward B. Cutter Post #102, 2024-2025

GAMBLING STATISTICS



MEMBERSHIP RATES FOR 2024-2025:

AMERICAN LEGION: $50

AUXILIARY: $35 / $10 FOR JUNIORS

SAL: $25 (OR $15 IF DUAL MEMBER)

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS: $50

HOURS FOR 2025

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

As of Dec. 1, 2024 our post is at 75% of our goal – 169 members short. You can pay your dues on line at "mylegion.org", mail to the Post @ 400 West Main or drop them off at the bar. 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.

Saturday from 0900-1700 hours for members buy your first beer/drink and the second is free.

Please welcome our newest members to Post 102:

Frank G. Smith – Marines **Ja Dyn Nehmann – Army** **Chris Mortinsen – Army**
Barbara A Sobaski – Air Force **Lori J Schoonover - Army**

New Transfers to our Post:

Douglas K. Messerli – Navy **Joel Sobaski – Air Force**
Patrick A Voss – Marines **Gary Lee Nelson - 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

The holidays are behind us and so is 2024. Hopefully it was a good year for everyone. Great turn out for Veterans Dinner. We were honored to have the 10th District President Bethany Dickert, guest speaker 10th District Commander Kristy Janigo, and 10th District Legion Rider Commander Dan Freund. Our first Designer Purse Bingo was held on November 16th, it was well attended and we made over $9,000. I want to thank the Legion Riders and our Auxiliary volunteers, Santa, our bingo caller, for all their help. I also want to thank our Purse committee. They worked very hard on this project for a year and half and did a great job! Looking forward to more in 2025. Santa and Mrs Claus paid a visit on December 7th, we had 39 kiddos who received a special gift, cookies and hot chocolate. On December 19th, Cliff and Cathy Newman and myself hosted lunch for all the volunteers at the Christmas Committee (Toys for Joy). I want to thank Texas Roadhouse and Frito Lay for their donations of pulled pork and assorted chips. Mid Winter is fast approaching (January 11th, 2025 at the post) please attend. It's a great time to mingle with the mighty 10th District family. Total Donations paid out in November and December $3,042.00.

Dates to remember: January 7th/February 4th General Membership meetings 7 pm, January 11th Mid Winter 9 am, January 8th Senior Center Bingo 1:30 pm, February 8th Legion Riders Meet and Greet at the Post 4 pm.

Please welcome our newest members to Unit 102:

Andrea Sieberlich **Helen Jelinek** **Kristen Smith** **Cynthia Gjerde**
Diane Carlson **Stephanie Rowell** **Nicole Pilman**

Jean LaBorde – Auxiliary President – Edward B. Cutter Post #102, 2024-2025

Legion Rider Director Comments

Riding season is done for the winter. The Legion Riders will use this time to plan events for the upcoming season. Please keep an eye on the Post 102 Calendar for upcoming events starting as early as March 2025. Please come out and support us.

John Waldvogel, Director - Edward B. Cutter Post #102, 2024-2025

Club Manager Comments

Stop on in for a bite to eat, play some darts, test your luck with pull tabs, check out one of the bands, try some Karaoke or just meet up with friends or family and enjoy some time together. Check our social media for upcoming events. Give the Legion a call if you have catering or event planning needs. We are happy to help and proceeds from our catering and event planning help us stay in business, and that helps our community and veterans in need.

January 2025

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Dec 29	30	31	Jan 1, 25 New Year's Day 6:00pm Anoka Legion Riders general meeting 7:00pm Karaoke	2 7:00pm Karaoke	3 BLOOD DRIVE (downstairs) 7:00pm BAR BINGO 8:00pm Thomas and James	4 11:00am Bingo for Boomsticks 8:00pm DNR Duo
5 4:00pm BAR BINGO	6	7 6:30pm BAR BINGO 7:00pm General Membership meeting	8 7:00pm Karaoke	9 7:00pm Karaoke	10 7:00pm Tailspin 7:00pm BAR BINGO CANCELLED FOR MID-WINTER SET UP	11 9:00am 2025 District Mid-Winter Conference 7:00pm Kurt Bearinger
12 4:00pm BAR BINGO	13	14 6:30pm BAR BINGO	15 6:00pm Anoka Legion Riders meeting 7:00pm Karaoke	16 7:00pm Karaoke	17 7:00pm BAR BINGO 8:00pm Side of Sarcasm	18 9:00am Pet Rescue Garage Sale 7:00pm Blind Driver
19 4:00pm BAR BINGO	20 Martin Luther King Jr. Day	21 5:00pm H&E Meeting 6:30pm BAR BINGO	22 7:00pm Karaoke	23 7:00pm Karaoke	24 7:00pm BAR BINGO 8:00pm My Famous Friends	25 7:00pm Amnesiaks
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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:
- **Wednesdays 7pm-11pm**
- **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**

Post Chaplain's Corner

Be strong and courageous.
Do not be terrified;
do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go.

Joshua. 1:9

Sam Orr, Post 102 Chaplain

In Memoriam

Edward B. Cutter Post #102

Extends its sympathy to all Families and Friends.

Name	Years of Member-ship	Branch of Service	Legion Post	War Era	DoD
Thomas C. Pearson	80	Navy	102	WWII	22 May 2024
Robert J. Paterson	33	Marines	102	WWII	28 Nov 2024
August "Duke" Grosslein Jr.	73	Coast Guard	102	WWII	19 Dec 2024
Richard B. Rand	52	Army	102	Korea	24 Dec 2024
Vernon B. Lieser	26	Army	102	Vietnam	05 Sept 2024

2025 DISTRICT MID-WINTER CONFERENCE - JANUARY 11TH - 9AM - ANOKA AMERICAN LEGION

Morning session includes our 4 pillar reports and project presentations for our district leadership team.

Afternoon session for Legion, Auxiliary and SAL. Riders session starts at 4 PM.

Please pass onto all family members.