

American Legion Post #102 – COVID-19 – Special May 2020 letter

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In Memoriam

Dwight D. Goor	41 Year Member	Vietnam	USA	4/1/20
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Edward B. Cutter Post #102 Extends its sympathy to all families and friends.

Sal Commander's Comments

There has been an Executive Board meeting and it was determined all elected positions will remain the same for another year. Memorial Day functions have been canceled. The Legion will put out Flags at the Cemeteries on Friday and picked up on Monday. Everyone please stay safe, and hope to see all of you soon. General membership meetings will resume Tuesday, June 2 as the club opens up June 1st. *The club will follow state mandated guidelines for the June 1st opening.* **SAL Commander Tony Arellano**

Auxiliary President's Comments

Just an update on unit events. No meetings, nursing home bingo, Girl's state, district convention, poppy days, dept. convention, and Memorial Day services at this time. Election of officers postponed; current officers will remain in their positions. Past Presidents/Gold Star/50+ year dinners and President's dinners are on hold. Poppy letters have been mailed; please donate. Please record all badly needed volunteer work you've done: describe what you did, when and how long you did it, where you did it, and with whom you did it. Please pay your dues, our new year starts on July 1st. General membership meetings will resume Tuesday, June 2 as the club opens up June 1st. *The club will follow state mandated guidelines for the June 1st opening.* **Lynette Pavin, Auxiliary President 763-354-8027**

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LEGION MEMBERS FREE MEAL

Monday, June 1st

**Legion member & spouse 5:00PM to 7:00PM
3 tacos and rice meal**

**Help us celebrate the reopening of clubhouse
Food provided by Post member Jay Mitchell/Realtor**

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

Tuesday, June 2, 2020 – 7 pm

- 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

The last time I wrote to all was at the end of February early March. We have certainly witnessed many changes in all our lives over the past 2 plus months, many which none of us have ever experienced. I also wrote a special newsletter in early March in which I wrote: we will not be sending out a May-June newsletter in order to help us control costs with no income to the post.

Well after input from a few members and a donation from a member of our post, Mr. & Mrs. D. Young to fund the cost of the newsletter because of the need to keep members up-to-date on what is going on with our Post, District and Department, we are doing a spring/summer newsletter. Anyone else want to help our Post with any type of donation as we go forward, please contact me or any Executive Board member.

The last time any of us were together was the Legion Birthday Dinner on Saturday, March 14th, and that was with a limited number of attendees. We as a Post made the decision to shut down our Post on Tuesday, March 17. This means we have had no income to the Post or to Gaming. With no income we have decided not to fund any requests for donations and we laid off all employees with the exception of our Manager.

The reason we have our manager still on payroll is the need to come in and clean and sanitize all areas of our club and monitor the Post. I will say that the post has not been this clean or looked as good as it does now as long as I have been a member!!! This might change if the shut-down lasts much longer. We are still opening our doors for the monthly Red Cross Blood donations which means more cleaning. We cancelled our Memorial Day service and encourage you to watch the National Cemetery program on the internet.

A number of our Executive Board members have been into the post helping clean, replacing fluorescent light fixtures with cost saving LED lights in areas with high-usage. We have also added Uniforms next to the Military Flags in the upper area. Still in need of a Coast Guard uniform and hat. Once we are allowed to re-open, we will need to evaluate how we will be able to function as a Post, bar, gaming/bingo, food, (might mean no more free popcorn because of health issues), (SAD)!

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Thanks, and stay safe, **Doug Hookom - Commander - Edward B. Cutter Post#102**