

Woodbury American Legion ----The Fighting 501st----

Post 501 Membership Meeting, 24 April 2025

Meeting called to order, by Commander Dolan, with opening ceremonies at 6:35PM.

Previous Meeting's Minutes

-- Meeting minutes from 27 March were reviewed. With a correction to the financial report (balance of checking account) and typo regarding Scout of the Year, report was approved.

Financial Report

-- Post 501 financial report, referencing checking account balance of \$ 12,923.70, savings account balance of \$ 5.00, and certificate of deposit account balance of \$ 11,078.04, with total account balance of \$ 24,006.74 was approved as submitted.

Membership

Currently one hundred twenty-five members are paid through 30 June 2025. Our goal is to reach 127 members by the end of the 2024-2025 year.

Service Officer

-- Thank you citations have been distributed to forty plus merchants that provided gift cards/certificates and gift baskets used for raffle prizes (over \$ 3,000.00) at Awards Program and Banquet in February. Post 501 members attended Vietnam Veterans Day Program held at the Forest Lake American Legion Post 225 on Sunday, 30 March. Poppy distribution is scheduled on 16, 17, 18 May at same six locations as last year. Memorial Day planning committee continues to finalize event plans, reconciling plans consistent with available funding.

Communications

-- No information regarding communications since our last meeting.

Donation Committee

-- Motion, second and discussion resulted in approval to sponsor a hole (\$ 300.00) at Stafford Memorial Golf Tournament

Unfinished Business

-- Boys State

We will be sponsoring three students to attend Boys State; two from St Thomas Academy and one from Woodbury High School.

-- Poppy Distribution

May dates are 16, 17, 18 May. We need volunteers to staff two shifts at six locations for three days.

-- Legionville

Post 501 is seeking students (age 9-13 years old) to participate in Legionville Summer Camp. Post 501 is interested in sponsoring two (2) students to attend the camp.

New Business

-- Middleton Elementary School Memorial Day

Post members will visit Middleton Elementary School on 20 May to discuss Memorial Day with students in their classroom and students will visit the Veterans Memorial at 10:30AM on 22 May to see Memorial and talk to veterans regarding Memorial Day

-- Flags at Cemeteries (Memorial Day)

Post 501 members will meet at St Johns Cemetery at 9:30, Friday 23 May to place flags on veterans' grave sites at cemeteries in Woodbury.

-- Eagle Scout Program

Scout Troop 72 has requested that we provide ideas regarding potential Eagle Scout Projects

-- Woodbury Days, 22-24 August

Motion made, seconded, discussed and approved to allocate \$ 300.00 to register for a Post 501 booth at Woodbury Days.

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Announcements

- -- JROTC Awards Program scheduled at 6:00PM on 7 May at Woodbury High School
- -- Woodbury High School Awards Program scheduled at 6:00PM on 19 May
- -- Post 501 received a "thank you" from Woodbury Mayor Burt, recognizing the post during Volunteer Week 20-26 April.
- -- Port of Subs, new restaurant in Woodbury is opening 24 April, offering 10% discount to veterans
- -- Woodbury New Resident Welcome Event is scheduled at 5:30PM on 23 October.

-- Closing Ceremonies and Prayer

Meeting adjourned at 7:25PM

Next meeting scheduled at 6:30PM on 22 May at City Hall.

Respectfully submitted

Paul Lindahl