



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

Post 501 Membership Meeting, 18 December 2025

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

Previous Meeting's Minutes

-- Meeting minutes from previous membership meeting were reviewed with motion, second, and approval of minutes as submitted.

Financial Report

-- Post 501 financial report (December) referencing checking account balance of \$ 19,921.49, savings account balance of \$ 5.00, and certificate of deposit account balance of \$ 11,286.74 with total account balance of \$ 31,213.23 was approved as submitted.

Membership

Currently one hundred five members are paid through 30 June 2026. Department has established our goal at 126 members by the end of the 2025-2026 year.

Service Officer

-- Wall of Thanks project continues through weekend prior to Christmas at the Valley Creek Mall. Toys for Tots collections will be completed prior to Christmas and toys will be forwarded to KARE 11. Post 501 has contributed to Hastings Veterans Home Adopt a Veteran Christmas Program. Post 501/Post 9024 Annual Awards Program is scheduled on Thursday, 19 February, at the Green Mill. Richard Cady and his Memorial Day Planning Committee have met and are proceeding with program planning process.

Communications

-- Vice Commander Kramer indicated there was no correspondence to report.

Donation Committee

-- No donation requests received since last meeting.

Unfinished Business

--Annual August Picnic

Post 501 has reimbursed Post 9024 for half of the August picnic expenses (\$ 113.05) and has agreed to also share cost associated with "thank you" for Sheperd of the Valley Church for use of their trailer and grill for the picnic. Thank you will be a lettered. sign for their trailer and a grill cleaning tool.

New Business

-- Wall of Thanks

Subsequent to discussion, it was agreed that if donations received from Wall of Thanks are less than \$ 2,000.00, the donations will be rounded to \$ 2,000.00 thereby ensuring each recipient organization receives donation of \$ 500.00. Regarding Veterans Camp on Big Marine, the donation of \$ 500.00 will be specified to support the Camp's 100 Year Anniversary Celebration during Memorial Day Weekend.

-- Toys for Tots

Unwrapped toys will be forwarded to KARE 11.

-- Awards Program and Banquet

Awards Program and Banquet is scheduled on Thursday, 19 February at the Green Mill. Awaiting cost proposal from Green Mill.

-- Eagle Scout of the Year

Vice Commander Kramer announced that we have one application.

-- Veterans Memorial Paver

Public Safety Department has identified two (2) first responders that are serving/have served in the military and would be interested in having a paver at the Veteran's Memorial. Post 501 will purchase one paver and Post 9024 will purchase the other paver.

-- Post 501 Financial Budget (2026)

Members conducted preliminary review of 2026 budget

Announcements

Woodbury Public Safety Department reconstruction/renovation will eliminate our post meeting space at City Hall starting in April 2026.

-- Closing Ceremonies

Meeting adjourned at 7:25PM

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

Respectfully submitted

Paul Lindahl