

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

Post 501 Membership Meeting, 27 February 2025

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

Previous Meeting's Minutes

-- Meeting minutes from 23 January were reviewed and approved.

Financial Report

-- Post 501 financial report, referencing checking account balance of \$ 16,108.55, savings account balance of \$ 5.00, and certificate of deposit account balance of \$ 10,956.17, with total account balance of \$ 27,069.72 was approved as submitted. Regarding pending expiration of our current certificate of deposit, following a motion, second and discussion, membership approved extending our certificate of deposit for one year.

Membership

Currently one hundred twenty-three (123) members are paid through 30 June 2025. Our goal is to reach 127 members by the end of the 2024-2025 year.

Service Officer

-- Annual Awards Program and Banquet was held on 20 February, attended by eighty people. at the Green Mill Restaurant. Raffle ticket sales were \$ 412.00 with over \$ 3,000.00 in gift cards/certificates and gift baskets provided to attendees. Woodbury Non-Profit Round Table is scheduled on 6 March. Vietnam Veterans Day Program is scheduled at the Forest Lake American Legion Post 225 on Sunday, 30 March. Master of ceremonies is Don Shelby and special guest speaker is Ann Margret. Veterans Day on the Hill is scheduled on 9 April. DAV is providing a bus to the event from Roseville VFW Post 7555.

Communications

-- No communications to report since last meeting.

Donation Committee

-- No donations received since last month's membership meeting. Commander Dolan mentioned correspondence received from Math and Science Academy Robotics Team thanking Post 501 for financial donation. The team will be competing in the North Star Regional Competition at the University of Minnesota on 5, 6 April.

Unfinished Business

-- Boys State

Nominees should be identified by next week. If there are two or less names, Vice Commander Kramer will conduct the judging, if more than two nominees, she will identify a committee to assist in the judging.

-- Poppy Distribution

Poppy distribution dates in May and September have been finalized. May dates are 16, 17, 18 May and September dates of 12, 13, 14 September. Distribution will be at the same six locations as last year.

-- Post Project/Event

After considerable discussion of various projects/events, consensus was that members should continue their individual review of alternative events and discuss further at future meeting

Announcements

- -- Commander Dolan mentioned that he will be meeting Middleton Elementary School 5^{th} grade students on 20 May to discuss Memorial Day and the students will have a "field trip" to the Veterans Memorial on 22 May.
- -- Commander Dolan also mentioned that Vietnam lapel pins, requested through Congressional Representative McCollum will be available at Veterans Service building on 21 March.
- -- Closing Ceremonies and Prayer

Meeting adjourned at 7:45PM

Next meeting scheduled at 6:30PM on 27 March at City Hall.

Respectfully submitted Paul Lindahl