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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE AMERICAN LEGION POST 501 WOODBURY, MN

Commander's Corner

Volunteerism embodies a mindset or philosophy centered on service. It reflects an attitude of giving back to your community, contributing to the betterment of the world around you.

Not only does volunteerism benefit the organization, population, or community being served, but it also brings remarkable advantages to you as a volunteer. As a member of the American Legion, we provide numerous opportunities for involvement, whether it's participating in events or taking on a role as a Post officer.

Volunteering during Poppy Days allows you to connect with fellow veterans and engage with the Woodbury community. I look forward to welcoming some new faces this year!

Post 501 Leadership

Commander: Bob Dolan
Vice Commander: JoAnne Kramer
Finance: Teresa Skinner
Service Officer: Paul Lindahl
Membership: Bruce Nettleton
Sergeant at Arms: Tim Crear
Chaplain: Mike Zerr

Membership Update

As of today, we have 112 renewals for the 2026 membership year. Based on this year's goal of 126 we are at 88.9 %.

Help us to continue our outstanding support to the Woodbury community & veterans by going to www.legion.org to renew your membership today. Remember the membership year runs from 1 July to 30 June, with a 6-month grace period.



Boys State 2026

The Woodbury American Legion Post 501 is looking for candidates from local Woodbury high schools for the 75th Annual American Legion Boys State, taking place June 14–20, 2026, at St. John’s University in Collegeville, Minnesota.

Boys State offers a hands-on learning experience in local and state government, where participants use their school knowledge and guidance from instructors to create and run their own city, county, and state governments. The week focuses on civic leadership, pride in citizenship, understanding our government, and democratic ideals, with activities like political speakers, mock trials, campaigning, elections, and announcing the Boys State Governor and State Constitution Officers.



Applicants must be high school juniors, rank in the upper part of their class, and live in Woodbury, though Woodbury residents attending school elsewhere may also apply through Post 501. Interested junior boys should contact their school guidance counselors, with applications due to Post 501 by April 1, 2026. Selected candidates will be notified by May 1, 2026.

For more information on Boys State, you can go to their web site at:
<http://www.mnboysstate.org/>



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ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET

The American Legion Post 501 & VFW Post 9024 had their annual Joint Awards Banquet at the Green Mill Restaurant on 19 February 2026. This event is the VFW and American Legions way to recognize and celebrate the youth in our community and some of the amazing people in Woodbury that make it a great place for veterans to life. Below are some of the pictures from the night's festivities.



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NEW POST 501 MEETING LOCATION

Starting in April our Post meetings will be moving to Jerry's Foods, located at the corner of Radio Dr and Bailey Rd, for the next 18-24 months. This is due to the construction work on the Public Safety building and the staff moving to temporary spaces in the Woodbury City Hall.

During this time our meeting will be either in conference room 1 or 2. Both conference rooms are located on the second floor of Jerry's. Our meetings will start at the normal time of 6:30 pm. Due to Jerry's proximity to Third Act Brewery, we can adjourn there for a cold one.

AMERICAN LEGION NIGHT AT CHS FIELD

Join the Minnesota American Legion Family on May 22 at CHS Field as we kick off Memorial Day weekend with a heartfelt celebration of baseball and tribute! Witness Commander Linda Dvorak throw the first pitch and enjoy the inspiring presentation of colors by the New Prague Veterans Honor Guard during the performance of the "Star-Spangled Banner."



The Legion has secured a large block of seats along the first base line. You can purchase tickets at mnlegion.org; simply look for the St. Paul Saints Game under the Events tab. I hope to see you there!

Eagle Scout of the Year

Woodbury Post 501 Commander Bob Dolan awarded the Post's Eagle Scout of the Year Award to Michael Korf. Michael is a senior at St Thomas Academy and is in the top 25% of his class. He is very active in the community and the scouting program. Michael led a team in the removal of buckthorn and rehabilitation of a grotto on the St Thomas campus for his Eagle Scout project. Michael plans on being a Naval officer through either the Naval Academy or the NROTC college program. What an impressive young man.



Upcoming Events

- **26 March – Woodbury Post 501 Monthly Meeting:** The Posts March meeting will be held at the Woodbury City Hall in the Ash North (main floor) conference room at 6:30 PM.
- **22 April – Woodbury Post 501 Monthly Meeting:** The Post's April meeting will be held at Jerry's Foods (second floor) conference room 2 at 6:30 pm.
- 15-17 May – Poppy Days
- **27 May – Woodbury Post 501 Monthly Meeting:** The Post's May meeting will be held at Jerry's Foods (second floor) conference room 2 at 6:30 pm.
- **25 May – Memorial Day:** Join us for a Memorial Day program at the Woodbury Veterans Memorial. The event starts at 11 am.

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**THIS MONTH IN HISTORY - NATIONAL VIETNAM WAR
VETERANS DAY**

The Vietnam War Veterans Recognition Act of 2017 established The National Vietnam War Veterans Day to be celebrated each year on March 29. National Vietnam War Veterans Day is a way to thank and honor our nation's Vietnam veterans and their families for their service and sacrifice.



Congress identified five objectives for this Commemoration:

1. To thank and honor veterans of the Vietnam War, including personnel who were held as prisoners of war, or listed as missing in action, for their service and sacrifice on behalf of the United States and to thank and honor the families of these veterans.
2. To highlight the service of the Armed Forces during the Vietnam War and the contributions of federal agencies and governmental and non-governmental organizations that served with, or in support of the Armed Forces.
3. To pay tribute to the contributions made on the home front by the people of the United States during the Vietnam War.
4. To highlight the advances in technology, science, and medicine related to military research conducted during the Vietnam War.
5. To recognize the contributions and sacrifices made by the allies of the United States during the Vietnam War.

Post 501 salutes all of our veterans that served during the Vietnam War.



This activity supports the U.S. military and its veterans; however, it is not officially connected to or endorsed by the U.S. Department of Defense or any of its branches.

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