



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

Post 501 Membership Meeting, 26 February 2026

Prior to the meeting, Commander Dolan introduced and recognized Michael Korf, our Post 501 Eagle Scout of the Year. Michael received a plaque and his application will be forwarded to District 3 for district competition.

Meeting called to order, by Commander Dolan, with opening ceremonies at 6:50PM.

Previous Meeting's Minutes

-- Meeting minutes from previous membership meeting (22 January) were reviewed with motion, second, and approval of minutes as submitted.

Financial Report

-- Post 501 financial report (January), referencing checking account balance of \$ 16,644.04, savings account balance of \$ 5.00, and certificate of deposit account balance of \$ 11,393.14 with total account balance of \$ 28,042.18, was presented. In addition, February report, referencing checking account balance of 15,593.98, savings account balance of \$ 5.00 and certificate of deposit account balance of \$ 11,393.14, with total account balance of \$ 26,992.12, was reported. Both January and February Reports were approved as submitted.

Membership

Currently one hundred twelve (112) members are paid through 30 June 2026. Department has established our goal of 126 members by the end of the 2025-2026 year.

Service Officer

-- Annual Awards Program and Banquet in February was attended by eighty people. Expenses have been finalized with cost (after netting raffle ticket sales) of \$ 1,540.00 split between Post 501 and Post 9024. Value of raffle prizes was slightly over \$ 4,000.00. Honor guard members, with American Patriotic Heritage Honor Guard members will participate in posting and retiring colors at New Life Academy Patriotic and Veterans Program on 27 February. Veterans on the Hill is scheduled on 23 April. The May buddy poppy distribution (VFW poppies) is scheduled on 15, 16, 17 May in front of same six merchants as last September. Richard Cady and his Memorial Day Planning Committee continue to meet in finalizing plans for the event.

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Communications

-- No communications to report.

Donation Committee

-- No donation requests to report.

Unfinished Business

-- Awards Program and Banquet

Awards Program and Banquet was held on 19 February with eighty people in attendance.

-- Eagle Scout of the Year

Michael Korf, was recognized as Post 501 Eagle Scout of the Year at Awards Program on 19 February

-- Boys State

Boys state is scheduled 14-20 June at St John's University. Information has been distributed to high schools with student applications to be submitted by 15 March. Interviews of students will be scheduled during last two weeks of March.

-- Legionville Summer Camp

Summer camps scheduled 1 June – 31 July in Brainard, open to boys and girls age 9 - 13 who spend one week at the camp. We typically sponsor two individuals and are seeking candidates.

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New Business

-- Poppy Distribution

May poppy distribution scheduled on 15, 16, 17 May, in front of same six merchants as last September. Commander Dolan reminded that it is important to have information (poppy history, how/where donations are used, information regarding Post 501, QR Codes allowing electronic payment, etc.) available when distributing poppies.

-- Post 501 Membership Meetings

Due to construction/remodeling of Public Safety Facility, our meeting space at City Hall will not be available after our March meeting. Therefore, starting with our April meeting, we will be meeting at Jerrys Food in Woodbury.

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Announcements

-- Commander Dolan mentioned that he would like to expand our Toys for Tots Program this year, possibly with Chamber of Commerce. Further discussions to follow.

-- Closing Ceremonies

Meeting adjourned at 7:45PM

Next meeting scheduled at 6:30PM on 26 March at City Hall.

Respectfully submitted

Paul Lindahl