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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE AMERICAN LEGION POST 501 WOODBURY, MN

Post 501 Leadership

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

Membership Update

A new membership year has begun. As of today, we have 85 renewals. Based on our renewal goal of 126 our Post is at 67.5% to achieve our membership goal for this year. This is fabulous. The earlier you renew, the more time you'll have to enjoy the full range of benefits that come with a Legion membership.

Remember, it's best not to leave renewal to the last minute. The best way to renew is via www.legion.org.

COMMANDER'S CORNER

August was a very busy month with the Woodbury Lions Golf Tournament, the Joint Veterans picnic, the Woodbury Days parade and having a booth at the Business Fair. It was great to see all of our Post members at these events.

This is the essence of what binds military units and American Legion members together and provides a cohesiveness to organizations. When I spend time with Legion members, at our Post meetings, events or volunteering for Poppy Days, I get reenergized. I hope that you feel the same way.



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Joint VFW/American Legion Annual Picnic

It was wonderful weather for the Joint Annual Veterans picnic put on by the American Legion Post 501 & VFW Post 9024 at Carver Lake Park. Woodbury Mayor Anne Burt & State Representative Amanda Hemmingsen-Jaeger were in attendance. This year we recognized Post members Bruce Nettleton & Mike Zerr for their continuous membership in the American Legion.

Fun and good eating was had by all. Here are some of the pictures from the event.



Eagle Scout Project

Post 501 has developed a strong relationship with the Scouting community in Woodbury. This past month we sponsored an Eagle Scout project with Woodbury Scout Troop 72 to construct patio furniture for Talamore Senior Living Woodbury. Scout Mason Greng's worked with Talamore staff & Post 501 to develop the scope of the project. With that in hand, Mason developed the detailed work plans, list of material, and initial cost of the project. Mason led his Scout team over the course of a month to build three benches and a patio table for the Talamore back patio. The finished furniture was delivered to Talamore Senior Living on 25 August to the delight of Talamore residents and staff members. The benches and table will be used and enjoyed by the residents of Talamore for many years to come.



Poppy Days Sept 2025

The second poppy distribution event will take place from September 12-14, organized by VFW Post 9024. An email was sent out last month to Post volunteers regarding the September schedule sign up. Poppy distribution serves as a significant source of income for both Posts and is used to support veterans, local scholarships, Boys State, and Woodbury charities that promote veterans' care.

Your participation in this fundraising event would be greatly valued. Even dedicating time to one slot would be immensely beneficial. To sign up contact Commander Dolan at 703-851-5416.



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Joint Retiree Appreciation Day

Join us for our Joint Retiree Appreciation Day!

Reconnect with fellow retirees and enjoy a full day of updates, resources, and camaraderie at Treasure Island Resort in Welch, MN on September 27, 2025, from 0730-1630.

Continental breakfast and lunch are included with your registration.

Presentations by: MOAA, VA Healthcare, MN Dept of Fraud, Elder Law, Space-available travel, TRICARE, DFAS, Blue Cross/Blue Shield, MN Assistance Council for Vets, VA Benefits, MN Dept Veteran Affairs.

Exhibitors Include: AMVETS, VFW, VA Burial Benefits, Veteran Service Officers, MN Vets Home, AARP, DAV, Minneapolis VA Medical Center, Fleet Reserve, St. Paul Vet Center, MN Vet Assistance Council, and many more!!

Click the link below for the registration page. Registration ends September 12, 2025 - Unfortunately walk-ins will not be accepted.

Register here: <https://www.raominneapolis.com/rad>

Woodbury Days 2025

Woodbury American Legion Post 501 and Woodbury VFW Post 9024 along with cadets from Woodbury AFJROTC and Civil Air Patrol led the Woodbury Day's Grand Parade. We mustered at Bailey Elementary School for the shuttle to Red Rock Elementary to lead this year's parade. Great job to the cadets and our Joint Color Guard.

In addition to being part of the parade on the Post 501 had a booth at the business fair. We had a lot of people stop by to find out what we do in the Woodbury community. We even signed up 1 new member and talked to a number of potential members to be part of our Post. Our Spinning Wheel was a great hit with the kids that visited our booth.

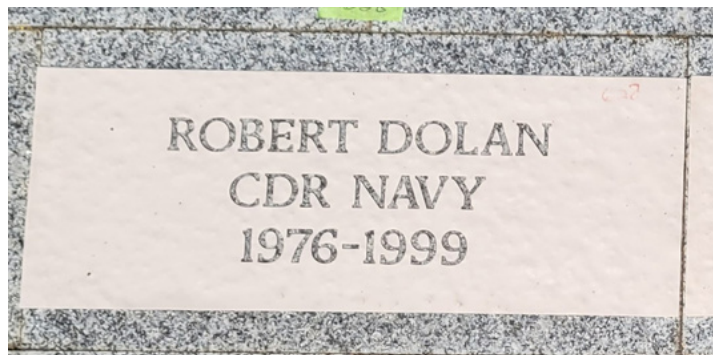
Enjoy the pictures from Woodbury Days.



VETERAN MEMORIAL PAVER

The Woodbury Veterans Memorial was developed to commemorate the sacrifices our military men & women made to make this world safe, secure, and free. This memorial stands as a testament to all those that have served our great country! You can play a part in keeping this memorial vital to the Woodbury community and the veteran in your life with a personalized legacy paver. This statement piece says “We will NOT forget” by etching it in stone. What a great way to honor the service of a loved one, your own service, employees and first responders.

Each stone is professionally etched with the veteran’s name, branch of service, period of service, and any significant medals. An engraved stone paver can be purchased at <https://woodburylions.org/memorial>. It makes a great Christmas or birthday gift.



Upcoming Events

- **12-14 September – Poppy Days**
- **25 September – Woodbury Post 501 Monthly Meeting:** The Post’s September meeting will be held at the Woodbury City Hall in the Ash North (main floor) conference room at 6:30 pm.
- **23 October - Woodbury Post 501 Monthly Meeting:** The Post’s Oct meeting will be held at the Woodbury City Hall in the Ash North (main floor) conference room at 6:30 pm.

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This Month in History – 9/11 Remembrance:

This year marks the 22th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks on U.S. soil. It is a time to remember the courage of so many firefighters, paramedics, New York policemen and New York's Port Authority Officers that sacrificed their lives to save others, and a time to honor the memory of all those who perished at Shanksville, Pennsylvania, the Pentagon and the Twin Towers.

The morning of September 11, 2001 remains one of the most pivotal points in American history. The events of 9/11 are forever etched in the minds of anyone old enough to remember the day. Those who were on the East Coast recall that it was a brilliant, clear morning. Then, at 8:46 a.m., American Airlines Flight 11 crashed into the North Tower of the World Trade Center in New York City. In a meticulously planned attack, terrorists hijacked four airliners. They flew three of the planes into buildings: the Twin Towers of the World Trade Center in New York and the Pentagon in Arlington, Virginia. They crashed the fourth plane in rural Pennsylvania. The attacks killed 2,976 people and injured thousands more. Today, many first responders are still dealing with adverse health effects from working in toxic conditions.

Let us keep the valiant people who died in these attacks in your thoughts and prayers on this day.



**With Honor & Gratitude
We Remember**



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