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

Post 501 Membership Meeting, 24 September 2026

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

Previous Meeting's Minutes
-- Meeting minutes from membership meetings (23 July and 27 August) were reviewed and approved as submitted.

Financial Report
-- Post 501 financial report (September) referencing checking account balance of $ 18,515.70, savings account balance of $ 5.00, and certificate of deposit account balance of $ 11,534.45 with total account balance of $ 30,055.15, was approved as presented.

Membership
Seventy-nine (79) members are paid through 30 June 2027. Seventeen are "paid for life" members. Membership goal for the year is to reach 121 members.

Service Officer
-- Successful September poppy distribution was conducted on 11, 12, 13 September. We were not able to be at Total Wine, but did distribute for the first time at Texas Roadhouse. We were short staffing and unable to be at Hy-Vee on Sunday. Kim Family Annual Korean War Veterans Appreciation Picnic is scheduled at Long Lake Regional Park in New Brighton on 26 September. Our Post 9024/Post 501 color guard has been asked to participate in opening ceremonies. Woodbury New Resident Welcome Event is scheduled 4:30PM – 7:00PM at M Health Fairview Field House on 29 October. Oakdale/Lake Elmo/Maplewood Prayer Breakfast and Veterans Recognition is scheduled on 5 November at Inwood Oaks. Post 501/Post 9024 color guard has been asked to participate in posting colors during opening ceremonies. No information has been received regarding Veterans Day programs at high schools or Veterans Memorial.

Communications
Commander Dolan and his wife Pat have met with Woodbury News Net editor, discussing additional ways Post 501 can gain visibility and promote our organization in the community.

Donation Committee
-- Motion, second, discussion and approval to donate $ 1,000.00 to Woodbury High School Air Force JROTC

Unfinished Business
-- Tim Crear Recognition/Remembrance
Post 501/Post 9024 memorial paver remembering member Tim Crear has been installed at the Veterans Memorial.

New Business
--- Post 501/Post 9024 Picnic
Post 9024 has received damage deposit ($ 250.00) from City of Woodbury. Registration, to be split with Post 501 was $ 200.00 and Post 9024 determining if there are other expenses (soft drinks, beer, supplies, etc.) from either post that should be included in final cost to be split. As in past years, Frank and Eileen (members of Post 9024) donated the meat and have declined any compensation.
-- Table Cover
Commander Dolan mentioned need for a new "American Legion" table cover. Motion, second, and discussion resulted in approval to purchase a new table cover, at cost not-to-exceed $ 200.00.
-- Wall of Thanks
Wall of Thanks Project will be conducted weekends between Thanksgiving and Christmas. Volunteers will be needed to staff the table on Saturday and Sunday on those weekends.

Announcements
-- Commander Dolan stated that Math and Science Academy new building grand opening is scheduled at 9 :00AM on 3 October.
-- Commander Dolan mentioned invitation to St Thomas Ball on 13 November.

-- Closing Ceremonies

Meeting adjourned at 7:30PM

Next meeting scheduled at 6:30PM on 22 October at Jerrys Foods.

Respectfully submitted
Paul Lindahl