



Woodbury American Legion

-----The Fighting 501st-----

Post 501 Membership Meeting, 27 March 2025

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

Previous Meeting's Minutes

-- Meeting minutes from 27 February were reviewed and approved.

Financial Report

-- Post 501 financial report, referencing checking account balance of \$ 14,454.30, savings account balance of \$ 5.00, and certificate of deposit account balance of \$ 10,956.17, with total account balance of \$ 25,415.47 was approved as submitted.

Membership

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

Service Officer

-- Thank you citations have been prepared and are being distributed to forty plus merchants that provided gift cards/certificates and gift baskets used for raffle prizes (over \$ 3,000.00) at Awards Program and Banquet in February. 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. Poppy distribution is scheduled on 16, 17, 18 May at same six locations as last year. Memorial Day planning committee continues to finalize event plans, reconciling plans consistent with available funding.

Communications

-- Commander Dolan mentioned that two (2) Post 501 pictures were recently published in the Legionnaire, including picture from Woodbury Chamber of Commerce Gala at which Post 501 was recognized as the Outstanding Non-Profit Organization and picture recognizing our Post 501 Eagle Scout Award recipient.

Donation Committee

-- No donation requests received since last month's membership meeting. Math and Science Academy Robotics Team, receiving financial support from Post 501, will be competing in the North Star Regional Competition at the University of Minnesota on 5, 6 April.

Unfinished Business

-- Boys State

Two applications (Brian Votel, St Thomas Academy and Daniel Jian, Woodbury High School) have been received and interviews will be conducted next week.

-- Eagle Scout of the Year

Our Eagle Scout of the Year nominee was selected as first place winner at Department competition and nomination will be forwarded to national competition.

-- Poppy Distribution

May dates are 16, 17, 18 May. We need volunteers to staff two shifts at six locations for three days.

-- Post Project/Event

Discussion continues in identifying a post project/event.

New business

-- Speakers, Prior to Post Meetings

Discussion regarding speakers, prior to meetings surfaced that majority of members in attendance indicated an interest in having speakers prior to meetings, (not every month) if information content is of interest/impact to members and presentations be limited to ten to fifteen minutes.

--Legionville

-- Post 501 is seeking students (age 9-13 years old) to participate in Legionville Summer Camp. Post 501 is interested in sponsoring two (2) students to attend the camp.

Announcements

-- Commander Dolan reported that Post 501 received a letter from Veterans Camp on Big Marine, requesting financial support in their programs to provide camping opportunities to veterans and their families.

-- Closing Ceremonies and Prayer

Meeting adjourned at 7:25PM

Next meeting scheduled at 6:30PM on 24 April at City Hall.

Respectfully submitted
Paul Lindahl