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Post 501 Leadership

Commander: Bob Dolan
Vice Commander: JoAnne Kramer
Finance: Teresa Skinner
Service Officer: Paul Lindahl
Membership: Bruce Nettleton
Sergeant at Arms: Stacy Ferguson
Chaplain: Bob Wuggazer

Membership Update

As of today, we have 85 renewals & new members for the 2026 membership year. Based on this year's goal of 121 we are at 70.3 %. We are ahead of the goal of 65% by November, but the renewal rate in the last few months has slowed down.

If you have not renewed your membership do so by going to www.legion.org and get it done. It's fast & easy. Do not wait until the last minute to do it.

Let's finish strong. Let's push together. Let's keep Post 501 moving forward.

Commander's Corner

Veterans contribute to American society in many ways and not just during their time in active duty. Throughout our history, service members have put on their uniforms to protect the values and liberties that this nation was built on. That doesn't stop once the uniform comes off and the veterans' time in active duty has ended. Veterans take the lessons they have learned and the experiences they've gained and continue their service to our nation by strengthening our communities. They become our nation's leaders, scientists and entrepreneurs. It is one of the cornerstones of the American Legion and why many people become members and become active participants in their Posts. The more voices that are heard the better our Post becomes.

Let's see if we can get some new faces in our November meeting.



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WALL OF THANKS

The Wall of Thanks will return to Valley Creek Mall this holiday season, beginning the weekend after Thanksgiving and continuing each weekend through December 19-20. You can find us inside the mall across from Keys Cafe.



Community members are invited to honor a veteran or a loved one currently serving in the military by placing their name on a special placard and attaching it to the Wall of Thanks. Donations made during the event will support local charities and help strengthen the community we proudly serve.

Each name displayed on the wall represents a story of service, sacrifice, and dedication. Together, we can express our gratitude while making a positive impact on the lives of others.

Volunteers are needed throughout the event. If you can donate a few hours of your time, please contact us soon. Your support helps make this meaningful outreach possible and allows us to share the mission of our Post with the greater Woodbury community.

ELECTION DAY - 3 NOVEMBER 2026

The American Legion encourages all Legionnaires to vote in all elections. Legionnaires have traditionally responded to the call and are among the groups of individuals most likely to cast their ballots on Election Day.Every election is important and it gives us a voice in issues that affect their lives. Let's get out there in force this Election Day.



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TOYS FOR TOTS

This marks the fourth year that the American Legion has proudly partnered with Talamore Senior Living and Valley Creek Mall to support the Marine Corps' Toys for Tots program. Each year, our community has stepped up with generosity and heart — and this year, we've taken that momentum even further.

By joining forces with the Woodbury Chamber of Commerce and launching a Christmas in July initiative, we collected toys from local businesses and ignited early excitement for this incredible mission. We are off to a great start, and the spirit of giving is already shining brightly.



As we look ahead, we encourage every member to bring a toy — or several — to our November Post meeting. Let's fill the bins, lift the mission, and show what Post 501 can do when we stand together.

This is our chance to spread joy, honor the Marines who lead this effort, and make Christmas morning brighter for children who need it most.

Let's bring the Christmas spirit in full force this year. Let's make 2026 unforgettable.



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WOODBURY NEWCOMERS EVENT

Post 501 participated in the City of Woodbury's Newcomer event at M Health Fairview Sports Center on 29 October. As part of the city's goal to foster a welcoming community, they have created this event for the city to welcome new residents into our community, share information about the services and resources available from the city, and allow them the chance to learn about what the non-profit organizations in the area have to offer as well. We met a lot of new community members and made new connections with other Woodbury non-profits. It was great fun.



VETERANS DAY EVENTS

- Monday, November 10 2026 Saint Therese Senior Care will be hosting a Veteran's Day Service at 12:00 PM honoring their Veterans at their facility

Tuesday, November 11, 2026 there will be a number of Veterans Day events that will be put on within the Woodbury community:

- The AFJROTC unit will be having a Veterans Day program in the Woodbury High School gym. The program will start at approximately 9:30 AM. Attendees are requested to arrive by 9:00 AM for some refreshments.
- There will be a short presentation at the Woodbury Veterans Memorial at 11:00 AM. In case of rain, it will be held in City Hall. The Ash North room in City Hall has been reserved from 10:30AM-12:30PM in the event of inclement weather.

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Upcoming Events

- **10 Nov - Veteran's Day Service:** Saint Therese Senior Care will be having a special service (30 minutes) to honor our veterans and their families. The service will start at 12PM. All Post members are invited to attend.
- **11 Nov – Veteran Day Events:**
- **Woodbury High School Veterans Day Ceremony:** The program will start at 9:30 AM. People are encouraged to arrive around 9 AM for coffee and refreshments.
- **City of Woodbury:** The ceremony will be at the Woodbury Veterans Memorial at 11:00 AM. in case of rain it will be held in City Hall.
- **18 November – Woodbury Post 501 Monthly Meeting:** The Post's November meeting will be held at Jerry's Foods (second floor) conference room 1 at 6:30 pm
- **17 December – Woodbury Post 501 Monthly Meeting:** The Post's December meeting will be held at Jerry's Foods (second floor) conference room 1 at 6:30 pm

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This Month in History – Veterans Day: 11 November 2026

Veterans Day (originally known as Armistice Day) is a federal holiday in the United States observed annually on November 11, for honoring military veterans of the United States Armed Forces. It coincides with holidays in several countries, including Armistice Day and Remembrance Day, which also occur on the anniversary of the end of World War I. Major hostilities of World War I were formally ended at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918 when the Armistice with Germany went into effect. At the urging of major U.S. veteran organizations, Armistice Day was renamed Veterans Day in 1954.

Veterans Day is distinct from Memorial Day, a U.S. public holiday in May: Veterans Day commemorates the service of all U.S. veterans, while the older Memorial Day, which grew out of Civil War commemorations, specifically honors those who have died while in military service.

We celebrate and honor America's veterans for their patriotism, love of country and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good.



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