



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

Post 501 Membership Meeting, 22 January 2026

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

Previous Meeting's Minutes

-- Meeting minutes from previous membership meeting (18 December) were reviewed with motion, second, and approval of minutes as submitted.

Financial Report

-- Post 501 financial report (December) referencing checking account balance of \$ 17,345.02, savings account balance of \$ 5.00, and certificate of deposit account balance of \$ 11,393.14 with total account balance of \$ 28,743.16 was provided. In addition, January report referencing checking account balance of 17,200.54, savings account balance of \$ 5.00 and certificate of deposit account balance of \$ 11,393.14, with total account balance of \$ 28,598.68 was reported. Both December and January Reports were approved as submitted.

Membership

Currently one hundred nine (109) 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

-- Post 501/Post 9024 Annual Awards Program is scheduled on Thursday, 19 February, at the Green Mill. RSVPs should be submitted to Bob Fritsche, VFW Post 9024. Wall of Thanks yielded \$ 1,772.34 in donations. Post 501 has rounded amount to \$ 2,000.00 such that each of the four identified organizations will receive \$ 500.00. Richard Cady and his Memorial Day Planning Committee continue to meet in planning the event.

Communications

Donation Committee

-- Committee brought forward request to support Math and Science Robotics Team. We have supported the team in previous years and discussion resulted in approval of donation of \$ 500.00 to the robotics team.

-- Unfinished Business

--Annual Post 501/Post 9024 Picnic

Post 501 has reimbursed Post 9024 for half of picnic expenses and half of costs for trailer sign and grill cleaning tool provided to Sheperd of the Valley Church as thank you for use of their trailer and grill for the picnic in August.

-- Awards Program and Banquet

Awards Program and Banquet is scheduled on Thursday, 19 February at the Green Mill. Plans in place for eighty to eighty-five attendees, similar to previous years. Banquet cost is \$ 18.00 per person. Costs to be divided between Post 501 and Post 9024. Gift cards/gift certificates and gift baskets are being solicited for raffle prizes.

-- Eagle Scout of the Year

Post 501 is processing one application. Scout to be recognized at Awards Program on 19 February.

-- Meeting Space

Public Safety Building reconstruction/remodeling, scheduled to start in the spring will require Post 501 to find alternate meeting location.

New Business

-- Veterans Memorial Paver

Post 501 approved the purchase of a paver (\$ 300.00) for Anthony Bender, a firefighter with Woodbury Public Safety. Anthony will be recognized at the awards program.

-- Woodbury Memorial Day Program

Post 501 discussed and agreed to donate \$ 1,000 to help defray cost of the program. Post 9024 has donated \$ 2,000.00 and the planning committee is seeking donations from other sponsors and is applying for Washington County Veterans Service Office stipend that may be available to assist organizations in funding Memorial Day and Veterans Day Programs.

-- Post 501 Financial Budget (2026)

Budget for 2026 was discussed and approved

-- Post 501 Honor Guard Rifles

For some time, Post 501/Post 9024 Honor Guard has been using VFW Post 9024 rifles. Post 501 discussed their seven (7) rifles and storage space for the rifles. Discussion resulted in decision to return Post 501 rifles to the U.S. Army.

-- Boys State

Boys state is scheduled 14-20 June at St John's University, for boys in their junior year of high school. Information should be distributed to schools in 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.

Announcements

-- Commander Dolan mentioned thank you messages from Open Cupboard Emergency Food Shelf and Disabled Veterans Camp for our recent financial donations. The donation to the

Veterans Camp was designated to their 100th Anniversary Celebration, scheduled during Memorial Day weekend.

-- Closing Ceremonies

Meeting adjourned at 7:45PM

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

**Respectfully submitted
Paul Lindahl**