



**Woodbury American Legion**  
*-----The Fighting 501<sup>st</sup>-----*

**Post 501 Membership Meeting, 18 April 2024**

**Meeting called to order, with opening ceremonies at 6:35PM.**

**Previous Meeting's Minutes**

-- Meeting minutes from January and March membership meetings were reviewed and approved.

**Financial Report**

-- Post financial report, referencing checking account balance of \$ 15,927.87 savings account balance of \$ 5.00, and certificate of deposit account balance of \$ 10,582.69, total account balance of \$ 26,515.56 was approved.

**Membership**

-- Commander Dolan stated that 121 members are paid for this year, with a goal to have 133 members paid by 30 June 2024.

**Service Officer**

-- Veterans Day on the Hill was held on 17 April at the Capitol Rotunda including breakfast at the Armory and walk to the capitol. Program included comments from Governor Walz and legislators representing Veterans Affairs Committees. JROTC Cadet Awards Program is scheduled on 7 May at Woodbury High School. Post 501 will be presenting two (2) awards. Poppy distribution scheduled on 10,11,12 May at same six merchants as last year. Memorial Day Program planning committee continues to meet in discussing and finalizing plans for the event.

**Communications**

- Commander Dolan mentioned that a picture of the attendees at Veterans Day (11 November 2023) gathering at Woodbury Veterans Memorial was included in recent Woodbury Magazine.

**Donation Committee**

-- Subsequent to discussion, motion made, seconded and approved to donate \$ 500.00 to the Veterans Camp on Big Marine. Support for 4<sup>th</sup> Grader Bird House Building Project at Liberty Ridge Elementary School was discussed with decision to defer any action to budget discussion next year.

## **Unfinished Business**

-- Post 501 has received a Boys State nomination from a student at Woodbury High School. We had previously received an application from a student at East Ridge High School. We have one applicant, a student at Woodbury High School, for Girls State.

### **-- Poppy Distribution**

We need volunteers to staff the six locations on 10, 11, 12 May.

### **-- Middleton Elementary School Visit to Woodbury Veterans Memorial**

Commander Dolan and Senior Vice Commander Kramer will be at Middleton Elementary School on 17 May to meet with students to discuss background regarding the Memorial Day holiday. On 23 May (9:00AM/9:30AM) Middleton students will visit the Veterans Memorial. We would like to have members attend the student visit on the 23<sup>rd</sup>, to talk to students regarding their military experience and answer questions.

### **-- Elementary School Student Legionville Summer Camp**

The Camp is scheduled for 9-13 August and requires a registration fee of \$ 500.00 per student. Commander Dolan will obtain additional information, for discussion at a future meeting.

## **New Business**

### **--Woodbury Days**

Woodbury Days is scheduled 23-25 August. Post 501 will staff a booth at the event, at cost of \$ 450.00

### **JROTC Major Petzold Gift**

Motion, second, discussion and approval to purchase a wooden U.S. flag (from Comrade Fritsche) to present to Major Petzold, at the JROTC Award Program. Major Petzold is retiring at the end of the school year. The cost of the flag (\$ 400.00) will be split with VFW Post 9024.

## **Announcements**

-- Commander Dolan announced that Post 501 received \$ 1,000.00 resulting from application submitted in connection with Twin Cities Auto Show's Military Appreciation Program.

-- Post 501 sponsored Math and Science Academy Robotics Team competed at Williams Area, University of Minnesota Campus, receiving 3<sup>rd</sup> place award and placed 1<sup>st</sup> in Spirit Award competition.

-- Next meeting is scheduled at 6:30PM, on 23 May at Woodbury City Hall

## **Closing Ceremonies and Prayer**

**Meeting adjourned at 7:35PM**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Paul Lindahl**