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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE AMERICAN LEGION POST 501 WOODBURY, MN

Post 501 Leadership

Commander: Bob Dolan
Vice Commander: JoAnne Kramer
Finance: Bob Wuggazer
Service Officer: Paul Lindahl
Membership: Bruce Nettleton
Sergeant at Arms: Tim Crear
Chaplain: Mike Zerr

Membership Update:

At our August meeting it was reported we had 78 renewals. We received a 133-membership renewal goal for this year. This means we are 58% to goal. For those that have not renewed for the year what are you waiting for?

The sooner you renew the longer you can enjoy all of the benefits that go with a Legion membership. As always, the best way to renew is at www.legion.org.

COMMANDER'S CORNER

August was a very busy month with the Woodbury Lions Golf Tournament, the Joint Veterans picnic, the Woodbury Days parade and having a booth at the Business Fair. It was great to see all of our Post members at these events. This is the essence of what binds military units and American Legion members together and provides a cohesiveness to organizations.

When I spend time with Legion members, at our Post meetings, events or volunteering for Poppy Days, I get reenergized. I hope that you feel the same way.



Woodbury Post 501 Vice Commander JoAnne Kramer & Lions Club member Don Adou manning the check in desk at the Lions Stafford Memorial Golf Tournament.

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Poppy Days Sept 2023

Our second distribution of poppies will be on 8-10 Sept, led by VFW Post 9024. Our schedule has a number of holes that I need to get filled with volunteers. I hope I can count on you to be part of this fund-raising event. If you have not contacted me for a volunteer slot, give me a call at 703-851-5416 or reply to this email. It is a great way to catch up with fellow Legion members and to meet members of the community.



Joint VFW/American Legion Annual Picnic

It was perfect weather for the Joint Annual Veterans picnic put on by the American Legion Post 501 & VFW Post 9024 at Carver Lake Park. Woodbury Mayor Anne Burt, State Senator Nicole Mitchell, & Representative Amanda Hemmingsen-Jaeger were in attendance. Fun and good eating was had by all. Here are some of the pictures from the event.



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Veteran Memorial Pavers

The Woodbury Veterans Memorial was developed to commemorate the sacrifices our military men & women made to make this world safe, secure, and free. This memorial stands as a testament to all those that have served our great country! You can play a part in keeping this memorial vital to the Woodbury community and the veteran in your life with a personalized legacy paver. This statement piece says “We will NOT forget” by etching it in stone. What a great way to honor the service of a loved one, your own service, employees and first responders. Each stone is professionally etched with the veteran’s name, branch of service, period of service, and any significant medals. An engraved stone paver can be purchased at [Lions Veteran's Memorial Paver – Woodbury Lions Club](#).

Woodbury Days

Woodbury American Legion Post 501 and Woodbury VFW Post 9024 along with cadets from Woodbury AFJROTC and Civil Air Patrol led the Woodbury Day's Grand Parade. It was a beautiful day with sunny skies and it wasn't too hot. We mustered at Lake Middle School for the ride to Red Rock Elementary to lead this year's parade. Great job to the cadets and color guard. In addition to being part of the parade on the Post 501 had a booth at the business fair. We had a lot of people stop by to find out what we do in the Woodbury community. A number of people were interested in becoming members and I got a couple of great candidates for this years Eagle Scout of the Year award. Enjoy the pictures from Woodbury Days



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Upcoming Events

- 24 August – Woodbury Post 501 Monthly Meeting: The Post’s August meeting will be held at the Woodbury City Hall in the Ash North (main floor) conference room at 6:30 pm.
- 8-10 September – Poppy Days: Legion Post 501 & VFW Post 9024 will be at various store fronts throughout Woodbury
- 28 September – Woodbury Post 501 Monthly Meeting: The Post’s September meeting will be held at the Woodbury City Hall in the Ash North (main floor) conference room at 6:30 pm.



Post 501 Sergeant at Arms Tim Crear & Post Finance Officer Bob Wuggazer manning the booth at Woodbury Days.

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This Month in History – 9/11 Remembrance

This year marks the 22th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks on U.S. soil. It is a time to remember the courage of so many firefighters, paramedics, New York policemen and New York's Port Authority Officers that sacrificed their lives to save others, and a time to honor the memory of all those who perished at Shanksville, Pennsylvania, the Pentagon and the Twin Towers.

The morning of September 11, 2001 remains one of the most pivotal points in American history. The events of 9/11 are forever etched in the minds of anyone old enough to remember the day. Those who were on the East Coast recall that it was a brilliant, clear morning. Then, at 8:46 a.m., American Airlines Flight 11 crashed into the North Tower of the World Trade Center in New York City. In a meticulously planned attack, terrorists hijacked four airliners. They flew three of the planes into buildings: the twin towers of the World Trade Center in New York and the Pentagon in Arlington, Virginia. They crashed the fourth plane in rural Pennsylvania. The attacks killed 2,976 people and injured thousands more. Today, many first responders are still dealing with adverse health effects from working in toxic conditions.

Do you remember where you were on that day?



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