



## **Woodbury American Legion**

**-----The Fighting 501<sup>st</sup>-----**

### **Post 501 Membership Meeting, 26 June 2025**

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

#### **Previous Meeting's Minutes**

-- Meeting minutes from 24 April were reviewed with motion, second made to approve minutes as submitted.

#### **Financial Report**

-- Post 501 financial report (June), referencing checking account balance of \$ 17,086.94, savings account balance of \$ 5.00, and certificate of deposit account balance of \$ 11,078.04, with total account balance of \$ 28,169.98 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**

-- Poppy distribution is scheduled 12, 13, and 14 Sept at same six locations as last year. Need volunteers to staff two shifts for three days. Richard Cady is establishing Memorial Day planning committee and planning for Memorial Day 2026 has started. Dean Shepersky, age 97, WWII and Korean War Veteran, member of Post 9024 and Post 501, passed away on 20 June. Many post members attended the visitation/service. Our Post 9024/Post 501 Honor Guard provided casket guards at visitation and fired rifle volley after funeral service.

#### **Communications**

-- Commander Dolan mentioned that June Legionnaire included an article regarding our Eagle Scout of the Year Award. Our award winner will receive Department Award at the Department Convention. Commander Dolan also announced that Post 501 has received National First Place Award (posts less than 130 members), for our post website.

#### **Donation Committee**

-- No donation requests since our last meeting.

## **Unfinished Business**

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### **-- Boys State**

We received thank you messages from the two students (one Woodbury, one St Thomas Academy) we sponsored at Boys State. They will be invited to our August meeting to report on their experiences.

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### **-- Poppy Distribution - 12, 13, & 14 Sept**

We need volunteers to staff two shifts at six locations for three days.

### **-- Eagle Scout Project Suggestions**

In continuing discussion of suggestions for Eagle Scout Projects, it was moved, seconded and approved that we allocate \$ 300.00 to Mason Grengs, Troop 72, for materials needed to construct a bench at Talamore Senior Living. The \$ 300.00 is to cover materials for bench construction, including a Post 501 plaque to be placed on the bench.

### **-- Woodbury Days**

Registration for parade on Sunday (24 August) is in process. Post 501 will have a Woodbury Day booth, as in past years and again will have "give away wheel." Motion, second and discussion resulted in approval to allocate \$ 700.00 to purchase prizes for the wheel, noting that the expenditure will cause us to exceed budget for Woodbury Days budget line item.

## **New Business**

### **-- Legion Baseball**

We are sponsoring three teams (two Woodbury, one East Ridge) providing \$ 750.00 to each school. Games are scheduled in July (1 July at East Ridge, 11, 12, 13 July Gopher Classic and 16 July at Woodbury. Members are encouraged to attend games.

### **-- Legion Department Convention**

Department convention is scheduled 10-12 July in Wilmar. Commander Dolan will be attending. Motion, second, discussion approved post reimbursement of his lodging costs.

### **-- Election of 2025-2026 Post Officers**

Slate of officer candidates was presented and with one candidate per office, candidates were elected by acclamation. Officers for 2025-2026 are Commander, Bob Dolan; Vice Commander, JoAnne Kramer; Finance Officer, Teresa Skinner; Membership Chairman, Bruce Nettleton; Service Officer, Paul Lindahl; Sergeant at Arms, Tim Crear.

## **Announcements**

-- Post audit will be conducted by JoAnne and Teresa on 15 July

-- Woodbury New Resident Welcome Event is scheduled at 5:30PM on 23 October.

-- Veterans Service Office has requested that a representative attend one of our future meetings.

-- Post received a thank you card from Middleton Elementary School regarding visit to their school and visit to the Veterans Memorial the week prior to Memorial Day.

### **-- Closing Ceremonies**



**Meeting adjourned at 7:55PM**

**Next meeting scheduled at 6:30PM on 22 August at City Hall.**

**Respectfully submitted**  
**Paul Lindahl**