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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: Teresa Skinner
Membership: Bruce Nettleton
Service Officer: Paul Lindahl
Sergeant at Arms: Tim Crear
Chaplain: Mike Zerr

Membership Update

A new membership year has begun. As of today, we have 73 renewals, marking an excellent beginning. We anticipate learning our renewal target for 2025/2026 soon. With your continued support, we're confident we'll surpass it. As usual, the most efficient renewal method is via www.legion.org.

The earlier you renew, the more time you'll have to enjoy the full range of benefits that come with a Legion membership.

Remember, it's best not to leave renewal to the last minute.

COMMANDER'S CORNER

Our aim at the Post is to make a significant impact on Woodbury's veterans, our members, and the community at large.

Last year, we partnered with the Woodbury Public Safety Department, Newport Masonic Lodge, and Woodbury Lions Club providing portable fire suppression units for our Woodbury patrol cars. These units serve as an initial defense against residential or commercial fires, helping to minimize both property damage and loss of life. The local business community has shown tremendous support for this initiative.

If you know if any worthy causes that our Post should be involved with or fun activities, bring it to the next meeting and we can discuss.

Our Legion programs, events and community engagement are not possible without more Post member participation.

We need you!!!



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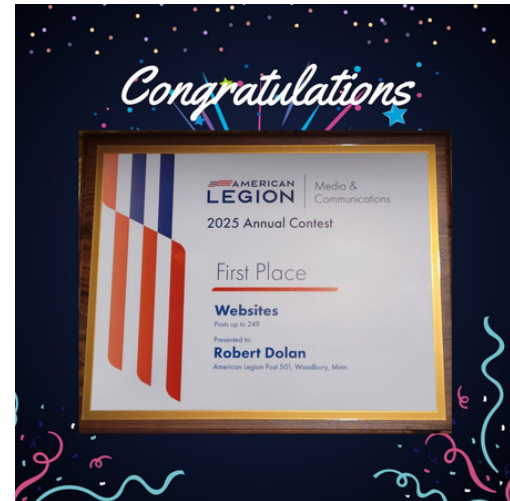
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American Legion Media and Communications Award

I am thrilled to announce that our Post was selected for First Place for our Website by American Legion Media and Communications. Effective external communication is truly the foundation of every organization as it builds trust, engages audiences, and helps organizations achieve their goals.

Our website, americanlegionpost501.org, has enhanced our visibility in Woodbury by keeping the community informed and engaged with our work from Boys State, Legion Baseball, Eagle Scout awards to community-oriented projects.

The website, along with Facebook, and Instagram are crucial for our organization as they allow us to share our success stories, and demonstrate the positive results Post 501 has on veterans, youth organizations and our community.



Eagle Scout of the Year

The American Legion's Eagle Scout of the Year award recognizes outstanding Eagle Scouts who demonstrate exceptional leadership, service, and academic achievement. It gives me great pleasure to announce that our Post's winner, Ryan Kuehn, was selected as the American Legion MN Department winner. Ryan was awarded this honor at this year's Department Convention. Ryan and his crew built the wonderful donation boxes that our post uses at Poppy Days.



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Joint VFW/American Legion Annual Picnic

In giving back to our members, the Woodbury Legion and VFW Posts will be jointly hosting the Annual Veterans Picnic on 19 August, 3:00 to 09:00 pm, at Carver Lake Park. The picnic is **free** and open to Legion & VFW members and their families. If you can bring an appetizer, salad, or dessert to share that would be greatly appreciated. If you plan on attending, I need to know how many people from your household will be at the picnic **as soon as possible**. The picnic organizer needs to get an accurate head count to order enough meat. Hope to see you there.



Poppy Days Sept 2025

Our second distribution of poppies will be on 12-14 Sept, led by VFW Post 9024. Shortly I will be sending an email to Post volunteers for the Sept dates. Poppy distribution is a major source of revenue for both Posts and is used to support veterans, active-duty military personnel and their families with medical and financial needs, local scholarships, Boys State, and Woodbury charities that promote veterans' care.

I hope I can count on you to be part of this fund-raising event.



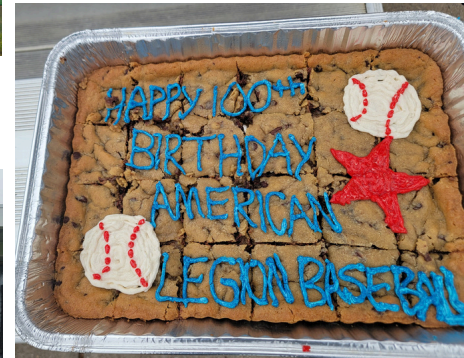
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**Woodbury Legion
Baseball**

In recognition of the 100th anniversary of Legion baseball Post 501 Vice Commander JoAnne Kramer presented a Happy Anniversary baked cookie to the East Ridge & Woodbury teams that the Post sponsors.

The hard-fought game ended 11-6 Woodbury over East Ridge.



Woodbury Days

Join us at Woodbury Days from August 22 to 24, 2025. Woodbury Days is a three-day celebration full of family-friendly fun, designed to unite and honor our wonderful Woodbury community. The event features fantastic entertainment, scrumptious food, and a host of other delightful activities! Alongside participating in the parade on the 24th, Post 501 will once again host a booth at the business fair. Stop by to converse with fellow members and encourage a veteran to join our esteemed organization.

If you're interested in being a part of our booth and enjoying the festivities, please let me know. More information on this year's Woodbury Days can be seen on Home - Woodbury Days.



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VOLUNTEER HOURS

One of the measures that the Posts get recognized each year is the amount of volunteer hours our members serve throughout the year. We normally collect this information from the members that attend our monthly meetings. I know that there are a lot more members that volunteer on a weekly basis that we need to gather information from. If you volunteer at an organization such as, a local charity, youth programs, VA home, etc., send me your hours at the end of each month to woodburypost501@gmail.com or call 703-851-5416.



Upcoming Events

- **11 Aug – Woodbury Lions Golf Tournament:** The Woodbury Lions Golf Tournament in Memory of Dick Stafford will be held on August 11, at Eagle Valley Golf Course.
- **19 Aug – Joint VFW/American Legion Annual Picnic:** In giving back to our members the Woodbury Legion and VFW Posts will be jointly hosting our Joint Veterans Picnic on 19 August, 3:00 to 09:00 pm, at Carver Lake Park. The picnic is free and open to all Legion & VFW members and their families. If you plan on attending let me know as we are trying to get an accurate head count. Hope to see you there.
- **24 Aug – Woodbury Days Parade:** Everyone loves a parade, and your American Legion Post 501 and VFW Post 9024 will be in this year's Woodbury Days parade. If you would like to be part of our float let me know. Like last year the Post will be having a booth at Woodbury Days from 22-24 August. Come by to see your fellow Post members or volunteer to man the booth.
- **28 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.
- **25 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.

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This Month in History – Coast Guard Day – 4 August

Celebrated annually on August 4th, Coast Guard Day commemorates the anniversary of the founding of the U.S. Coast Guard as the Revenue-Marine in 1790. On August 4, 1790 Secretary of the Treasury Alexander Hamilton established the Revenue-Marine to serve as an armed customs enforcement service. In 1894, it was renamed the Revenue Cutter Service. In 1915, it merged with the U.S. Life-Saving Service. Thus the United States Coast Guard was formed.

The Coast Guard is an all-important maritime first responder; “the principal Federal agency responsible for maritime safety, security, and environmental stewardship in U.S. ports and waterways”.

The Coast Guard are one of the five Armed Services of the United States, and the only military branch within the Department of Homeland Security. In addition to its role as an Armed Service, the Coast Guard is a first responder and humanitarian service that provides aid to people in distress or impacted by natural and man-made disasters whether at sea or ashore. The Coast Guard is a member of the Intelligence Community, and is a law enforcement and regulatory agency with broad legal authorities associated with maritime transportation, hazardous materials shipping, bridge administration, oil spill response, pilotage, and vessel construction and operation.

We salute our lone Coast Guard member in Post 501: Dennis Rasmussen.



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