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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
Membership: Bruce Nettleton
Sergeant at Arms: Tim Crear
Chaplain: Mike Zerr

Membership Update

As of today, we have 125 renewals for the 2025 membership year. Based on this year's goal of 127 we are at 98.4 %. We only need 2 more renewals or new members to get to goal. Let's get this over the finish line.

Go to www.legion.org to renew your membership today. Remember the membership year runs from 1 July to 30 June, with a 6-month grace period.

COMMANDER'S CORNER

Since the Joint Annual Banquet, we have had a lull in activity. However, as we get into May our events & activities will ramp up.

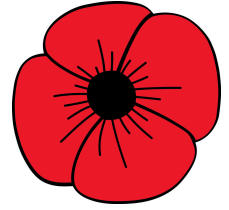
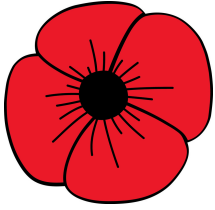
In the coming months we will have the Woodbury AFJROTC Awards Ceremony, conduct our first Poppy Days and our Memorial Day event. We are also working with the Middleton Elementary school on the meaning of Memorial Day & a field trip to the Woodbury Veterans Memorial.

Hopefully you can join the Post in any or all of these activities. It is a great way to connect with your fellow veterans and the Woodbury community.



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Poppy Days 2025

As you have seen in the March Post's newsletter, we will be having our first Poppy Day event for 2025 with the VFW Post 9024 on 16-18 May 2025 from 9am to 5pm each day. We will be at the high traffic retailers (Walmart, Hy-Vee, Sam's Club, Total Wine, Jerry's, & Cub) to maximize the donations that we collect.

As you are aware Poppy Days is the primary revenue generator for our Post. Without the dollars generated by this event we would not survive to carry out the American Legion mission in Woodbury. Last year we were able to grant two High School scholarships, send three candidates to Boys State, support Woodbury Legion baseball, and make donations to Woodbury charities that promote the care of our fellow veterans.

Volunteers have been the backbone of Poppy Days and I wanted to reach out to you to see if you are willing to volunteer your time. You can volunteer for half a day, the full day, either for one day or multiple days. It is essential, we get a sufficient number of our Legionnaires to staff these locations.

Please check your calendars and respond to this email or call me at (703-851-5416), with the date(s) and hours you're willing to serve by **22 April 2025**.

Believe me, it's a very satisfying experience, and a great opportunity to meet people and grow the American Legion footprint in our community.



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Boys State 2025

This year's selections to Boys State are Daniel Gian from Woodbury High School & Ryan Votel from St Thomas Academy. As you know Boys State is a practical learning experience in local and state government and is held on the campus of St. John's University in Collegeville, Minnesota.

I can't wait to hear what they thought of the program.



Eagle Scout of the Year

Post 501 is proud to announce that Ryan Kuehn was selected as the American Legion Minnesota Department Eagle Scout of the Year winner. This award will be presented at the MN American Legion Department Convention in July.

This is the second time that our award winner is going to compete at the National level.

Good luck.



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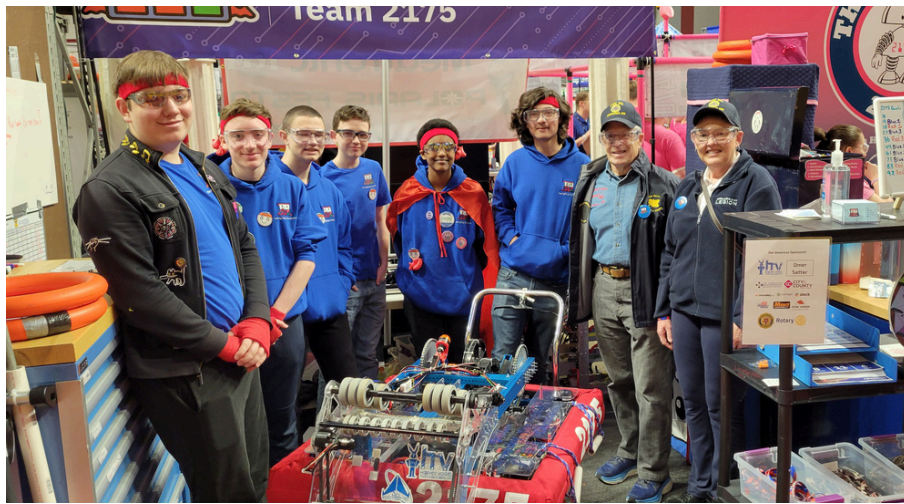
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MATH & SCIENCE ACADEMY (M&SA) ROBOTICS COMPETITION

The FIRST Robotics Competition Team, The Fighting Calculators, from the Math & Science Academy in Woodbury is having their first competition of the season at Mariucci Arena. This is the second year our Post has sponsored their robotics team.

The Fighting Calculators were established in 2007 and made it to the FIRST Robotics World Championship several times and have had many other amazing achievements.

Post 501 will be going to their competition at Mariucci Arena on 5 April at 10am to cheer on the M&SA team. If you want to be part of the cheering section let me know.



Upcoming Events

- **9 April - Veterans Day on the Hill:** State Veterans Service Building
- **24 April – Woodbury Post 501 Monthly Meeting:** The Post's April meeting will be held at the Woodbury City Hall in the Ash North (main floor) conference room at 6:30 pm.
- **16-18 May – Poppy Days**
- **22 May – Woodbury Post 501 Monthly Meeting:** The Post's May meeting will be held at the Woodbury City Hall in the Ash North (main floor) conference room at 6:30 pm.
- **26 May – Memorial Day –** Join us for a Memorial Day program at the Woodbury Veterans Memorial. The event starts at 11am.

VETERANS DAY ON THE HILL 2025

**WHEN:
APRIL 9TH, 2025**

**DAV of MN Presents:
Free Veterans and Supporters Lunch**
(One Block from Capitol at 600 Cedar Street, St. Paul)

Doors Open @ 10:00AM FOR COFFEE

LUNCH PROVIDED

PRESENTATION @ 12:00PM

Veterans March to the Rally @ 1:00pm
(Short Walk from Armory to State Veterans Service Building 20 West
12th St, St. Paul)

**CTF and MACVSO Present:
Rally in the Rotunda 1:30-2:30pm**



**NO MEMBERSHIP IN
ANY ORGANIZATION
REQUIRED.
ALL SUPPORTERS ARE
WELCOME!**



Topics Include:

PASSING A CLEAN
VETERANS OMNIBUS
BILL

INCREASING THE
AMOUNT OF THE
PROPERTY TAX VALUE
EXCLUSION

REDUCED COST
HUNTING AND FISHING
LICENSE FOR DISABLED
VETERAN

Meet Your Lawmaker!!

A MINIBUS RUNNING
FROM THE ARMORY TO
THE CENTENNIAL AND
SENATE OFFICE
BUILDINGS 10-1130.
MAKE YOUR
APPOINTMENTS TO SEE
YOUR LAWMAKERS!



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This Month in History – Month of the Military Child

April is designated as the Month of the Military Child, underscoring the important role military children play in the armed forces community. Sponsored by the Department of Defense Military Community and Family Policy, the Month of the Military Child is a time to applaud military families and their children for the daily sacrifices and the challenges they overcome.

The 2024/2025 school year is the 78th Anniversary of the founding of DoDEA. This year we also celebrate the 36th Anniversary of The Month of the Military Child, which is part of the legacy of former Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger, who established the Defense Department commemoration in 1986.

Throughout the month, DoDEA will encourage schools to plan special events to honor military children and have administrators and principals incorporate this month's themes into their everyday duties and responsibilities. These efforts and special events will stress the importance of providing children with quality services and support to help them succeed in the mobile military lifestyle.



This activity supports the U.S. military and its veterans; however, it is not officially connected to or endorsed by the U.S. Department of Defense or any of its branches.