Show how Post 501 is involved with our community.

Post 501 demonstrates strong community involvement through a variety of programs, events, and outreach activities that support veterans, youth, and the broader Madison area community.

Key Areas of Community Involvement

1. **Veteran Support and Outreach**
    - Regular "Buddy Checks" to maintain contact with members and ensure their well-being.
    - Free brats for veterans on select Saturdays, especially around Veterans Day.
    - Memorial Day and Labor Day grill-outs open to the community, with food and camaraderie for all attendees.
    - Participation in flag etiquette presentations at local facilities, such as Oak Park Place and Catholic Charities Adult Day Center, educating residents and honoring veterans.
2. **Youth and Education Initiatives**
    - Annual scholarships awarded to high school students who demonstrate community service, support for The American Legion, and have a parent who is a Legion member.
    - Support for programs like Badger Boys State and Junior Shooting Sports.
    - Oratorical contests and other youth-focused Americanism activities.
3. **Community Events and Fundraisers**
    - Regular public events such as pancake breakfasts, corned beef and cabbage dinners, and monthly coffee and donuts gatherings.
    - Brats and Burger Drive-Thru events, which serve both as fundraisers and community engagement opportunities.
    - Garage sales and other fundraising activities that benefit both the Post and local residents.
4. **Partnerships and Public Service**
    - Collaboration with organizations like the Forty and Eight for nursing education scholarships.

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- Participation in local military and civic events, such as the 115th Fighter Wing Family Day.
- Hosting and supporting Gold Star Mothers/Families with free meals and recognition.

5. **Historical Preservation and Education**
    - Maintenance of a memorial hall and history/conference room with military memorabilia and displays.
    - Archiving and sharing of local military and Post history with the Wisconsin Veterans Museum.
6. **Inclusivity and Neighborhood Relations**
    - The Post is located in a residential neighborhood and maintains positive relationships with neighbors through open events and community service.
    - The building is owned by the Post, allowing flexibility in hosting meetings, dinners, and group activities for members and the public.

Post 501's motto, "The Action Post," is reflected in its active engagement and service to veterans, youth, and the local community, making it a valued institution in Madison.