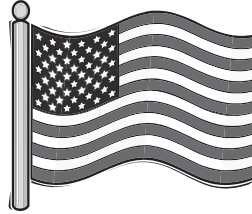




Severson-Cairns Post No. 501



American Legion
American Legion Auxiliary
Sons of the American Legion



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THE ACTION POST

June 2024

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Post Email address
post501@wipost501.org

Visit our Web Page
www.wipost501.com

Special Points of Interest:

Fridays - 7, 14, 21, 28 June

Post Brat & Burger Events
At the East Side Club,
3735 Monona Dr. 4-7PM.

1 June

Brat & Burger Drive Thru Event
At Post, 10AM-4PM.

12 June

Post 501 Meeting, 7 PM.
Installation of Post-Unit-SAL Officers.
Potluck dinner 6PM.

15 June

Brat & Burger Drive Thru Event
At Post, 10AM-4PM.

18 June

40&8 at Post 481 Westport, 7PM.

20 June

Post cards, donuts and coffee,
9-12 AM. Join Us.

27 June

Dane County Meeting,
Post 59 Stoughton
Meeting at 7PM.

28 June

Post Executive meeting, 9 AM.

29 June

Brat & Burger Drive Thru Event
At Post, 10AM-4PM.

6 & 20 July

Post Brat & Burger Events
At Post, 10AM-4PM.

10 July

Post Meeting, 7 PM.

COMMANDER'S COLUMN

Dear Legionnaires.

Well as summer is coming upon us and in May we started our Brat & Burgers at the East Side Club on Friday nights. If you have the time, stop down to their Tiki Bar and get a brat or two.

The next Post Brat & Burger Drive Thru's are June 1, 15 & 29. We do need volunteers to sign up at the Post.

Memorial Day we were at the East Side Club doing our brats and burgers. Thanks to all who helped out with this fundraiser.

Membership, we have 1&1/2 months to get our Post to 100%. We send out transfer letters to about 15 members of the 2930 Department Holding Post and have not received any of them back so if we do not get a response they will become members of our Post.

Membership dues will increase soon. On July 1st all membership dues, including for 2025, increase to \$45. If you have any questions about this increase, please contact the Post and we can explain it to you.

At the Post we have Post 501 caps, windbreakers, jackets, and T-shirts. If you are looking for one of these items, please contact PPC Thomas for these items.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

June is here, may the summer sun shine brightly upon your face. Unit 501 met in May for our regular monthly meeting and had 7 members present. We discussed Unit membership and thanked Betty for all her hard work on membership this year! We discussed upcoming fundraisers and poppy distribution plans. We approved new Unit 501 officers for our 2024-2025 membership year. Our officers for next year will remain the same as this year: President - Rebecca, Vice President - Sonja, Treasurer - Cindy, Chaplin - Betty, and Sgt-At-Arms - Bill. Thank you to all our officers who have chosen to serve again, your continued leadership, guidance, direction, and involvement keep Unit 501 going strong. I am so proud to serve as the President of this great unit, and even more proud of all we do to carry out our ALA mission. Installation of our officers will be on Wednesday, June 12, it will be a 501 Legion Family event. A potluck will begin at 6 PM, followed at 7 PM with the installation of Unit 501 Officers with Past Department President Joyce Endres as our installing officer. We will also take time to remember Unit 501 Past Presidents. Post 501 will follow with officer installation. I look forward to seeing many of you at this 501 Legion Family event.

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Every 3rd Thursday of the month we have free coffee and donuts. It goes from 9:00 AM to noon and everyone is invited. The donuts come from Greenbush bakery.

At our May Post meeting we elected new officers to the Post they will be sworn in at our membership meeting on June 12 at 7:00 PM. We will be having a potluck dinner at 6:00 PM and the Post will provide the meat. Our guests on June 12th will be Department Adjutant Julie Muhle and Past Department President Joyce Endres who will be the installation officers.

Here is the leadership for Post 501 for 2024-2025 year:

Commander - Jerry Scalissi
 1st Vice Cmdr - Phil Ingwell
 2nd Vice Cmdr - Eldon Boehm
 3 rd Vice Cmdr - "AJ" Feucht
 Finance Officer - Keith Lovell
 Chaplain - "AJ" Feucht
 Asst. Chaplain - Ray McCool
 Adjutant/Historian - Morris Sadicario
 Judge Advocates - Jesse Garza and James Boll
 Service Officer - Phil Ingwell Jr.
 Sgt At Arms - Eldon Boehm
 Asst. SSA - John Luttig
 Public Relations - Harvey Phillips
 Executive Committee;
 One Year - Bill Robbins
 Two Years - Paul Reilly
 Three Years - Christine Robbins
 Committees will be filled in the coming Months.

On July 3rd the SAL will be having their meeting at 6:30 PM. Food at 6PM. And on June 29th our SAL and the 40et8 will have a Brat and Hamburger drive thru.

Our next executive meeting is May 31 at 9:00 AM at the Post.

God bless our members. And our troops are serving all over the world.

God bless the United States of America
Jerry Scalissi, Post 501 Commander

CONGRATULATION WINNERS

April Meeting 50/50 - Noel Johnson

Meeting Jacket Raffle - Noel Johnson -
 who gave it to a new member present.

These drawings are meant to encourage attendance at our Post Meetings and events as well as to give something back to those in attendance making participation more fun.

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We decided to do a project, we are crafting home-made washcloths filled with hygiene items to distribute to area homeless veterans. We need your help in collecting supplies to fill in the washcloths. We are looking for: deodorant, shampoo, conditioner, lotion, combs, individually wrapped bars of soap, razors, shaving cream, q-tips, and other hygiene items. Hotel size/sample size items are welcome. Items can be dropped off at Post 501 now until August 9th. Then on August 10th at 10 AM we will be meeting to create these washcloths, feel free to join us in assembling them.

Thank you to all who responded to our May newsletter poppy distribution, while I dont have a final count yet, I know it has been successful, thanks to each of you! More on May poppy distribution events in our next newsletter.

Unit 501 will not have regular meetings in July or August, our next meetings will be on Saturday, September 28 at 10 AM and Saturday, October 26 at 10 AM.

Peace.

Rebecca Lovell, Unit 501 President
 608-513-2725

WASHCLOTHS FOR HOMELESS VETERANS

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AUXILIARY UNIT 501 MEMBERSHIP

As of our May article we have sadly not received any new renewals for 2023-2024. Letters were sent to those 4 remaining with no results. Just a reminder, that as of July 1, 2024, those not renewed will be dropped from membership. We certainly do not want that to happen because all members in our Auxiliary Unit 501 mean much to us in serving our Veterans.

May our Lord be with us to watch over us and to guide us to keep us healthy and safe.

Betty Ingwell, Unit Membership Chair,
 608-422-0100
 5002 Sudbury Way
 Madison, WI 53714

LEGION MEMBERSHIP

We are just a couple of memberships away from making our membership goal of 288. If you have not renewed for 2024, please do it now so we can make 100%. You can mail it, drop it off at the Post or pay it online at www.legion.org. The 2025 renewals will be starting in July, so let's do what we can to finish 2024 by hitting 100%. Thank you all.

If you have a problem paying your dues because of financial or health issues please contact me, we can help. If you have any questions on your membership, contact me at the Post, 608-244-7716.

Jerry Scalissi, Post Membership Chairman

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

We held our Squadron election at the May meeting. Our officers for the next year are:

Commander– Sean Patchin, 1st Vice– Jerry Scalissi, 2nd Vice– Bill Robbins, Adjutant– Paul Newquist, Finance– Keith Lovell, SAA– Eldon Boehm, Chaplain– Jason Schultz.

Installation of officers will be at the joint Post, Unit & SAL installation on June 12, 7PM. Potluck meal at 6PM. Please attend.

Remember the “Sons of the American Legion” membership is open to any male descendant of a Legionnaire. Membership applications are available at the Post or by contacting any Post officer.

Our Brat & Burger fundraiser event is June 29th. We need SAL members to help work it.

The next regular Squadron meeting is **July 3th** at 6:30PM. Food at 6PM.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Post Members, Family and fellow Veterans

Now is the time to reach out to your Post 501 if you are in need of help. Our post stands ready to help those in need. You can contact us by phone, email or letter. We want to hear from you and know that you are okay.

Our most sacred responsibility it is to care for our fellow men and women who served this nation with honor. We share a bond to service that can never be broken.

Harvey Phillips, Public Relations
608-692-2698

Still Serving America

*** LAST CHANCE ***

POST 501 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

**Applications are due to the Post
by July 1st 2024.**

Post 501 has a scholarship available for members of our American Legion Family. These scholarships, up to three (3) per year, in the amount of \$500.00 each and can be renewed each year. Any Legion Family member who is pursuing a fulltime undergraduate or technical training at any accredited educational institution may qualify.

REQUIREMENTS: U.S. citizen or permanent resident, high school senior or graduate, enrolled or to be enrolled at an accredited educational institution. Applicants must be members or sons/daughters, grandchildren/step children of Post 501 American Legion family-Legion, Auxiliary, or Sons of American Legion members.

Applications are due to the Post by July 1st, 2024.

Applications are available at the Post, 105 Dempsey Rd., Madison or call 608-244-7716 and request an application be mailed to you.

Visit Our Website At:

www.wipost501.com

For the latest on Post 501 updates, event information, copies of our newsletters and many great photos.

Our Facebook page is; **American Legion POST 501**
(note the word POST is in all caps).

THIS DAY IN US/MILITARY HISTORY

June 6, 1944 D-Day Invasion.

June 12, 1948 Women's Armed Services Integration Act.

June 14, 1775 Flag Day (commemorates flag adoption in 1777).

June 17, 1998 Statue of Liberty arrives in NY Harbor in 350 pieces.

June 22, 1942 Pledge of Allegiance recognized by Congress.

June 22, 1942 GI Bill signed into law.

June 22, 1868 Arkansas is 1st Confederate state welcomed back into the Union.

June 25, 1950 Korean War began.

June 30, 2008 Post 9/11 GI Bill signed into law.

Morris Sadicario, Post 501 Historian



2024-2025 Post Officers

From left: Keith Lovell, Harvey Phillips, Bill Robbins, Phil Ingwell Jr, Chris Robbins, John Luttig, Jesse Garza, "AJ" Feucht, Morris Sadicario, Eldon Boehm, Paul Reilly, Phil Ingwell Sr., Jerry Scalissi.
 Not pictured: Jim Boll, Ray McCool. Picture by Morris.

IN MEMORIUM
 Post 501 extends its condolences to the families of;

Millard C. Christianson	39 yr. PUFL member
4 November 2021	WWII War Vet
John Hilton	1 Year member
21 February 2022	Vietnam War Vet
W. Carson Mettel	50 yr. PUFL member
29 January 2023	WWII War Vet
Donald C. Campbell	37 yr. PUFL member
14 February 2024	WWII War Vet

May they rest in peace with the thanks of a grateful nation for the services they performed for our Country and The American Legion.

**** BRAT & BURGER EVENTS ****

At Post 501

June 1st, 15th & 29th

Weather Permitting

10 AM - 4 PM.

Mark Your Calendars!

Come join us at our Drive-Thru Service, for Brats, Hamburgers and Hot Dogs.

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Legion 501 Chaplain

United Methodist Church Changes Course ...

This announcement struck my heart strings in a few ways as a United Methodist Church, Certified Lay Minister, and the proud father of an openly gay son. Finally, the United Methodist Church, a denomination which boasts more than eleven million members globally, has long been consumed by a heated debate over whether to allow gay clergy. That conversation just ended. At their latest conference, UMC leadership overwhelmingly voted to strike down their 40-year ban on gay clergy. The decision is being hailed by LGBTQ+ advocates as a massive win and major step forward for equality. The vote appears to signal a new consensus on an issue that nearly tore the Methodist Church apart. Time to work on more important church issues.

The ban on ordaining gay clergy dates back to 1984, when the UMC voted to prohibit “self-avowed practicing homosexuals” from getting ordained as clergy or serving in the church. In recent years, however, members of UMC leadership and many more in the pews sought to soften some of their previous anti-LGBTQ+ rhetoric.

After 40 years, the debate is over. On May 1st, by a vote of 692-51, the United Methodist Church overwhelmingly voted to allow gay clergy, as well as overturning a ban on performing same-sex marriages. It’s a dramatic shift in tone from the last UMC General Conference five years ago, when members voted to tighten restrictions on LGBTQ+ clergy.

But this move hasn't come without consequences. Clearly, some of the more conservative factions saw the writing on the wall; over the past five years, some 7,600 congregations – representing about 25% of UMC membership – left the church.

What happens next? Well, in the words of TV show sensation, Ted Lasso: Be curious, not judgmental... paraphrased from Walt Whitman. I pray that we are not judgmental. Blessings Legionnaires.

For God and Country!

Darrel D. ‘AJ’ Feucht, Post Chaplain

(Paraphrased from Universal Life Church Blog)

Auxiliary 501 Chaplain

When your belief is gone, what your eyes cannot see, signs from heaven show up to remind us that Love Never Dies.

Life without God is like an unsharpened pencil, it has no point, just food for thought in our everyday lives and prayers.

Our prayers and thoughts go out to Christina Lovell who will be having surgery the end of May. Our prayer is for a full recovery for her. Anyone wishing to send her a card, mail to Post 501 with attention to her father Keith Lovell.

I personally wish to thank everyone who responded to our Poppy Fund mailing in May. Those funds go a long way to help our Veterans and the many programs Unit 501 supports.

June is Flag month, please fly Old Glory proudly. On the 14th day of June, we celebrate Flag Day. Wave the flag proudly and remember what it stands for in our country’s history and today. We need every American to show how proud we are of our USA and for those who have served to preserve our safety and freedom. God Bless America and every American citizen.

Be content with what you have, not with what you want.

God of small and big steps, thank you for always walking with us. Thank you for being big enough to hold our questions and doubts. God who never tires or sleeps, thank you for your abiding presence. Beloved Creator, we are the work of your hands. Guide our hands in our service to others. Amen.

Be Happy, Proud, Safe and Joyful.

Betty Ingwell, Unit 501 Chaplain

608-422-0100

Are you getting **THE WEEKLY** update emails?

If not, stay informed, just email the Post at

post501@wipost501.org to signup,

or visit www.wipost501.com and click on

the “add me to THE WEEKLY mailings” link.

American Legion Suicide Awareness

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Veterans Suicide & Crisis Lifeline

Call 988 then Press 1

or Text 838255

**Confidential crisis chat at-
VeteransCrisisLine.net**

MEMBERSHIP DUES

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American Legion Post 501
Membership Chairman
P.O. Box 14255
Madison WI 53708-0255

SAL - \$14.00, mail to:
Sons of the American Legion
P.O. Box 14255
Madison WI 53708-0255

Auxiliary - \$35.00, mail to:
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Post location:
105 Dempsey Road,
Madison WI

Post Phone Number:
608-244-7716

Moving?

Please let us know of your
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at- post501@wipost501.org



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Contact the Post at **608-244-7716** or email us
at post501@wipost501.org of the change.

Post 501 Meeting - **12 June, 7:00PM**
Unit 501 Meeting - **12 June, 7:00PM**
S.A.L. Squadron Meeting - **3 July, 6:30PM.**

BRAT & BURGER EVENTS

June 1st, 15th and 29th.
10AM to 4PM
See page 4 for information.

**We salute our
veterans. Thank you.**



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9 AM till Noon.**

All members, veterans and Active/Reserve/National
Guard service personnel are invited to stop by, if only
for a few minutes just to say "HI !"