

Post 501 Volunteer Work Projects on Clubhouse (updated as of 11/27/2022) *This is a history page of all of the work needed, projected, and/or completed within the history of this Post 501 website, and will be saved here as long as Post 501 remains viable.)*

Keeping our Post 501 facility in excellent condition, in order to serve the veterans and their families, requires substantial effort in fund raising and also need of person power to maintain and fix those items required to keep us properly operating. If you have any skills in housekeeping, construction, electrical, plumbing, painting, and would like to assist our teams for these projects which come up every so often, just let us know of your skills - we could certainly use your input, whether it be an hour of physical labor or a good idea on how to get things done. Do not hesitate to step up if only for an hour of work or a new idea. Share with fellow vets your expertise. Check out the **Commander's Call** in this website, and also the latest Commander's Column in our December 2022 **Severson-Cairns Post 501 Newsletter** for more details.

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KITCHEN UPDATE !!!! The new floor is in ! Looks fantastic !! Our Legionnaires and SAL members are now in the process of placing all the furniture and equipment back into the kitchen where they belong.

A great "shout out" of THANKS goes to those leaders and hard workers who planned, supervised, and worked their butts off to finally put this long time need into reality. Special thanks goes again to our visionary leader Tom S., his supporting staff: Jerry Sc., Jerry Sh., Keith L. and many others, including: George G, Morris S., Tom La., Phil I., Mike R., Allen K., David McD. Great job Legionnaires !

What we really wish now is for all members of Post 501 Legion, the Unit 501 Auxiliary, and Squadron 501 SAL stop in some time within the next month to check it out !













SOME OLDER, COMPLETED PROJECTS ARE LISTED BELOW, JUST TO KEEP YOU UP TO DATE ON WHAT HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED BY VETERANS SUCH AS YOUR SELF. Maybe because of business/family issues, one cannot make the monthly Legion Post 501 on Wednesday evenings. That doesn't mean that you cannot be of service again for vets. Post 501 has a lot of projects in facility upkeep, along with fund raising, so necessary to keep the doors of Post 501 open. Most of these projects are conducted on the weekends. Please go to the CALENDAR tab above for scheduled dates of support needed to keep Post 501 alive and one of the best in the Wisconsin Department.

As a result of the Post 501's Monthly House Committee Membership meeting, 1/30/2021, 2nd Vice Jerry formally announced that the repair of the kitchen fan in the renters facility been completed. Our renter has provided much favored services to local restaurants these past years, and his kitchen needs a very powerful exhaust fan, which quit working last week. Our Post 501 leaders got right on it, and as of today, the new fan has been installed, with a few adjustments needed to be completed on next Monday. Much thanks to the crew who handled this massive replacement: 2nd Vice Jerry, Commander Tom, Finance Officer John and 1st Vice Keith. Great job Legionnaires.

Due to past issues, our Post 501 has had problems with grease coagulating in the sewer pipes. After Madison City found displeasure in this, our Post 501 had to expend substantial funding to install two grease traps, one in our Post 501 kitchen, and the other in our renter's business. Now the issue is keeping the grease traps cleaned out - a constant need to check on a regular basis. Much thanks to the leader's teamwork. Good job 2nd Vice Jerry, and crew.

KITCHEN REMODEL: (COMPLETED IN 2020)

The Post 501 kitchen has made terrific progress to keep up to city food preparation codes. 2nd Vice Jerry has overseen plans and operations for proper progress to fix/remodel our kitchen, which has required some \$ funding, along with human labor. The walls have been washed and painted. The pantry door has been replaced. The new lighting and a drop ceiling has been completed. An exhaust fan has been installed. Much of this work was completed this past April and May. We encourage all members of Post 501 to take a few minutes to stop in and notice the brightly lit kitchen. The major refurbishment project left is new flooring. This flooring project may now happen in early 2022, funding dependent and timing.



Legionnaires Keith and John installing electrical work in Post 501's kitchen under supervision of Cdr. Tom (June 2020).



Three Legionnaires, Keith, Jerry, and John, proudly standing in the updated Post 501 kitchen (June 2020).



Photo showing completed work in Post 501's kitchen. Much brighter to cook in (June 2020).

ROOF REPAIR TO THE PORCH OVERHANG: (completed in 2019)

This was a major project, from the funding stand point. Post 501's overhang above the porch has been repaired!! This labor was provided by contract labor professionals, for about \$7,500.

COMPLETED!! Refinish Post 501 Memorial Sign out front. find contractor, PP > 2-3 to remove for painting/install. Below - proud Post 501 Commander Tom and 2nd Vice Jerry and Aide D'Camp Rich standing by after successful installation of the vibrantly new Post 501 welcome sign. Suspect that is 1st Vice Keith partially hidden to the left of Jerry (click on the photo center to expand the view). He also had a very important part in this project.

Below, Cdr. Tom Stolarczyk standing proud by the newly updated Post 501 sign (6-5-2019)





Post 501 Legionnaires, Keith, Jerry, and Rich, installed the updated Post 501 sign on 6-5-2019.



Legionnaires Bill & Chris Robbins sanding and applying primer to the signposts on May 13, 2019.

> POST 501 VOLUNTEER PROJECTS RECENTLY COMPLETED: (done during 2019-2021)

Construct door to outside for Auxiliary/History room: required by city code. Completed!

Update Kitchen - Ceiling Fan, drop ceiling and lighting, and floor tile: the work here is critical to maintaining our kitchen in a viable condition, and has been successfully completed.

The kitchen badly needs new flooring, and without further funding, this may not happen. It appears that the new flooring will cost in the neighborhood of \$6K > \$7K. We really need for Legionnaires to step up with some dollar contributions, especially if hours of labor are not in one's situation. The new flooring has been deferred, due to cost, until after the other work in the kitchen has been completed. This has taken us into the 2022 fiscal year. More on that to follow.

Install window air conditioner in the Auxiliary/History room. The heating for the cold months appears to be satisfied; now the concern is for a bit of cooling in the summer months. The Auxiliary members meet every month from May through September, the warm days, in which it does get a bit stifling; the current air conditioning in the clubhouse does not extend into what once was an ice cream freezer room. We could use some \$ funding here - say about \$500 or so for the unit. Membership will install. PP > 2/3, 4 hours, (NWD)

Install outside safety lighting, PP > 2-3, 1-2 hours still needed, (WD). Work in progress, almost finished.

Following is a list of projects which have been completed to improve the quality of the Post 501 facilities, used both by fellow legionnaires, and also open to the public. We want to express our fullest appreciation to those folks who put in their time and sweat labor to get these projects completed, especially under the guidance of Legionnaire Rich Ruland, former 2nd Vice, and now Jerry Schultz, our current Post 2nd Vice.

> Pantry (required by city code) now opened up off kitchen. Thanks to the three person wrecking crew (Jerry, Rich and Commander) that got this one done. In addition, we now have a new door to the pantry, with a new ventilated door. Much thanks to Jerry S and his crew for finishing this backbreaking project. The old door was heavy.

> Two new stainless steel central tables along with a back stainless table has been added to the kitchen, replacing the temporary folding tables. The work surface is enhanced, stronger, and easier to keep clean.

> Lights installed in the new drop ceiling in the Auxiliary/History room > COMPLETED ! (Same crew applied excellent knowledge & workmanship to improve the lighting in the remodeled Auxiliary/History room).

> Electrical outlets in History/Auxiliary Room > ALMOST COMPLETED, ONE OR TWO MORE DROP LINES STILL NEEDED !

> A new display cabinet has been added to the west wall of the meeting room, offering items that Legion members can purchase in order to enhance their visible membership participation.<work in progress filling the shelves with Legion mementos.>

> Fence to enhance appearance of west facing north side outside of Post > COMPLETED !

> New steel security door installed on street (east) side of Legion Hall > COMPLETED !

> New door handle on bathroom now installed, so one should no longer get locked in > COMPLETED !

> Install Air Conditioner in renter's workspace > COMPLETED !

> Rebuilt the outside door for the renter's operation > COMPLETED !

Outside painting of building as of 8/08/18, 100% of the painting has been completed. Stop by and check out the great job the Legionnaires have enacted. Building looks great !!





Bill sanding the support beam - 6-19-2018



Mike, Tom, Carl & Bill taking a work break during the painting - 6-11-2019.



Mike & Tom painting, Carl & Bill supervising - 6-11-2018.



Bill, Jerry, Keith & Tom priming west side of Post 501 - 6-5-2018.



Romeo priming north side of Post 501 - 6-6-2018.



Rebecca, Keith & Bill priming east side of Post 501 - 6-6-2018.

Here are some other projects still outstanding, not covered earlier: (still pending 4/2022)

NEEDED : HOURS \$ WORKERS

New Installation Railings/Screens – Prevent animals/trash/trolls from accumulating under the deck	4	funded, PP 2 - 3
Outside Dusk > Dawn Lighting required	2	funded, PP 2 - 3
Porch light needs work – nonfunctional	2	funded, PP 2 -3
Secure pole supporting overhang/lanai	2	funded, PP 2

As you can see, we now have some of the monies needed in hand. We just need your physical help. Let us know if you have the time or inclination to assist in any of these projects: phone post HQ or use the “CONTACT US” page below.

Last ceiling tile installed in Legion Post 501’s Auxiliary/History Room on 11-26-2018. Legionnaires Keith & Jerry assisted our Naval CB’s, Dan & Gene, the prime installers of this new ceiling, along with Rich and Ken. This work has added a final finishing quality touch in the work to make this room an excellent place to learn the history of our Post and the service that our Auxiliary members provide.



Keith & Jerry installing the last new ceiling tile in Post 501’s Auxiliary & History Room. Well done fellas.

Below is a historical photo summary of the work in progress on the Post 501 History Auxiliary Room, which you can now see the results of their labor. Other than the planned drop ceiling with recessed lighting, and a few more electrical outlets, this new room is now serving its purpose of exhibiting the history of the Legion Post 501. Our loyal Auxiliary members gladly now fill the conference table to continue their plans in support of our combined mission.



Jerry preparing the Post 501 History/Auxiliary meeting room wall for painting, 6/29/2017.



Rich setting tiles in the Post 501 History/Auxiliary meeting room, 6/29/2017.



History/Auxiliary meeting room storage cupboards are installed, 7/24/2017.



History/Auxiliary meeting room wainscoting installation in progress, 7/24/2017.



Construction Team sharing ideas, 7/24/2017.



Construction Team, Legionnaires Cdr. Tom Stolarczyk, Bill Robbins, Mike Rhodes, Jerry Schultz, Rich Ruland, 7/31/2017.



Legionnaire Chris Robbins painting photo rails for displaying Auxiliary Unit 501's leadership photos, 8-18-2017.



Finished room, dropped ceiling still needed.



Auxilliary leaders are now recognized.



View towards rear of room



Post 501 history wall



View of entrance, Iwo Jima portrait



Long view towards room front.



Ceiling & lighting is now complete.



View of new ceiling & lighting, looking to the room front.

Fellow Legionnaires, our American Legion Post 501 still needs work on a substantial number of projects, some currently ongoing, to improve the quality of our Post. As you can see by some of the projects already completed, a ton of work has been accomplished, a lot of funding has come in, needed to bring this Post 501 clubhouse up to very useful standards. What is needed now is person power (PP) for some of the remaining projects - that is to say, folks willing to provide of their valuable personal time to roll up their sleeves and get to work in installation. Many of our Legionnaires, due to age or physical abilities, are unable to provide the hours at labor. However, that does not prevent them from becoming highly valued members. Remember - we suggest options - either a "Dollar" or an "Hour". We figure that one hour of physical labor is worth \$10 in cash donations. We are fortunate to have a Legionnaire, Rick, here in Post 501, who has donated the equivalent of 70 hours of labor. In addition, Rick invested, in 2018, an additional 50 hours of labor equivalent to \$. Those funds which Rick so generously provided has and will still allow us to complete some of the financial aspects of the projects listed above. We thank him!

We will continue to update this section of our website in the near term, as further progress ensues. The Legionnaires of Post 501 also want to pay a special thanks to our Auxiliary members who so generously provided, out of their own limited budget, a substantial amount of funding which has allowed this renovation to proceed. What Post 501 still needs now "are hands on deck" for manual labor.

To wrap things up, we just want to say again that some of the work can be done on a weekend, and other projects can be partially completed during workdays. The Post 501 House Committee is responsible for establishing the project dates and times (TBD) and these will be published on this website's calendar as decisions are made.

If you can devote an hour or two of your time, please let us know – use the “**Contact US**” page of this website as a starting point. If you would be willing to assist in any way, just let us know of a day and time that you would be available. If you leave your phone number, we will get back to you as soon as possible for follow up and coordination.

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