



Yearbook of Severson-Cairns Post 501

May 2025 to April 2026

Commander Jerry Scalissi

The American Legion

Madison, Wisconsin

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Introduction

The American Legion was chartered by Congress in 1919 as a patriotic veteran's organization. Focusing on service to veterans, servicemembers and communities, the Legion evolved from a group of war-weary veterans of World War I into one of the most influential nonprofit groups in the United States. Membership swiftly grew to over 1 million, and local posts sprang up across the country. Today, membership stands at nearly 2 million in more than 13,000 posts worldwide. The posts are organized into 55 departments: one each for the 50 states, along with the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, France, Mexico, and the Philippines. (Legion, 2021)

Over the years, the Legion has influenced considerable social change in America, won hundreds of benefits for veterans and produced many important programs for children and youth.

The American Legion recognizes veterans who served honorably. Veterans are selected to identify Legion Post in addition to the post number. Severson-Cairns Post No. 501 was consolidated from two earlier posts named after these warriors: William Bateman Cairns and Donald C. Severson. William Cairns served on the Mexican border with Brigadier General Pershing and subsequently served in France. He was the first Madison area soldier to be killed in World War I. Donald Severson, also born in Madison, Wisconsin, enlisted in the U.S. Navy and entered the U.S. Marine Corps upon the completion of his Navy service. He served various assignments during the Korean War period. Severson was one of the founders of the Burke Post which requested the post name to be changed to Donald Severson Post No. 501.

This History is dedicated to the members of Post 501, Auxiliary Unit 501, and Sons of The American Legion Squadron 501 who lived and enjoyed these events to the fullest!

Post 501's original motto was "**The Action Post**," and remains so today. Our programs and activities support Veterans, Defense, Youth, Americanism and Communities.

William Bateman Cairns



Figure 1 William Bateman Cairns in France during WW-I

The American Legion Severson-Cairns Post 501 has a proud heritage, formulated from the names of two local servicemen, one of whom died in service to his country in World War I.

The current Post 501 was consolidated from two earlier posts named after these two warriors. American Legion Victory Post 57 was established early on in Madison and named after William Bateman Cairns. He was born in Madison, WI, on June 3rd, 1894, the older of two sons of William B and Dora Cairns. One of his grandfathers, Samuel Gregory Bateman, who was born in 1839, in Orlean, NY, was a veteran of the Civil War.

After attending the University of Wisconsin for two years, where his father was a professor, he was called into military service. In 1916 he was a private in Company G, 1st Wisconsin Infantry, the Madison company of the National Guard. He served on the Mexican Border from June 19, 1916 to January 10, 1917, serving with the forces under Brigadier General Pershing in the pursuit of the Pancho Villa incursions into the border states.

On July 15, 1917, Cairns' unit, Company G, 127th Infantry, 32nd Division was sent to France to reinforce the US forces located in the Gardell sector along the Rhine-Rhone canal near Hagenbach. His unit was later transferred to the Aines-Marne Offensive, conducted near Roncherres. Here he lost his life on July 29, 1918, as a result of a German artillery barrage on the farmhouse in which Cairns was settling his unit down for the engagement. At that time, with a rank of Platoon Sergeant, he was also serving as Acting Platoon Leader.

William B Cairns was the first Madison area soldier killed in World War I. The well-respected Victory Post 57 was named in his honor, the post being made primarily of World War I Veterans. William B. Cairns is buried in Forest Hills Cemetery (Section 21) here in Madison, WI.



Figure 2 Cairns Family grave marker. 5 OCT 23.

Donald C Severson.



Figure 3 Donald C. Severson, U.S. Navy during WW-II.

The second service member for which Post 501 commemorates is Donald C Severson. Born November 10, 1929, he was raised in Madison, the oldest son of Russell and Rose Severson.

Donald enlisted in the U.S. Navy on December 9, 1948, in the Medical Corps. He served in various assignments during the Korean war period. Upon completion of his Navy service, he entered the U.S. Marine Corps, and served in the Caribbean area from 1952-1953, again in the medical corps. He attained the rank of Hospitalman Third Class during this time frame.

Upon discharge from the military, he returned home to Madison, and joined the American Legion at the Burke Post, being one of the original founding members.

Burke Post was chartered in 1953. He worked with the Wisconsin Conservation Department prior to his untimely passing on September 15, 1955. He is buried in Forest Hills Cemetery in Madison, WI. Upon his death, the Burke legion post Legionnaires requested that the Burke Post, named after the location in which it was established, be renamed on October 20, 1955, to be the Donald C Severson American Legion Post 501 to honor him. The Post's motto was "The Action Post" and remains the same motto to this day.

On September 18, 2008, the American Legion Post 57 "Victory Post" was consolidated along with the American Legion Post 501, to be named the current American Legion Severson-Cairns Post 501, located at 105 Dempsey Road, Madison, WI 53714. Post 501 had several iterations in locations - first located on Burke Road, then moved to East Washington Avenue, where the Office Depot is currently situated and then relocated to Lien Road, near the current East Town. Finally, an opportunity to purchase their own clubhouse arose from what was an ice cream factory, located on Dempsey Road, near Woodman's East.

Today, the current members of the American Legion, it's Auxiliary and the Sons of the American Legion, continue to carry on the programs and services established under the leadership of those who, before us, have proudly served and sacrificed in boots for our country. The memorial hall and now the "Post History/Auxiliary Conference room" are filled with post history and military uniformed mannequins. Unit 501, the Legion Post Auxiliary, shares space with an especial display of past Unit President photos. This updated room has drawn numerous

positive comments and is a proud addition to our Post. Our main meeting room has photos of past Post Commanders, stretching back to the early years of the Severson Post. If you are in the area, be sure to stop in and learn about our proud service and history.

The State of Wisconsin has maintained a long tradition of playing significant parts in America's history, in providing soldiers and support personnel. Camp Randall, located at the University of Wisconsin, Madison grounds were used during the Civil War. Fort Winnebago was used as a military hospital during the Blackhawk Wars and the Civil War. Other Wisconsin military installations include the Badger Army Ammunitions Plant, now deactivated, and Camp McCoy. The University of Wisconsin-Madison was established as a land-grant institution in 1866 following The Morrill Act of 1862. The University of Wisconsin-Madison was intended to be "at or near the seat of government."

The members of Severson-Cairns Post No. 501 continue the duties of serving when called and upholding the best traditions of American fighting spirit. Post 501 is located at 105 Dempsey Rd, Madison, Wisconsin 53714, which is in a primarily residential neighborhood. The Post is on good terms with its neighbors and fosters close relationships through activities such as drive-through Brats and Burger sales and contributions to nursing education scholarships (via the Forty and Eight program.)



Figure 4 Post 501 Building

Because Post 501 owns its building, the post has the freedom to pursue American Legion activities as needed. Meetings, dinners, and group activities are held here. Historical items and mementos, such as the Post Everlasting plaques, are on display, along with the pictures of previous post commanders.

[Portions of this history also appear online](#) at:

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Preamble to the Constitution of The American Legion



Figure 5 Preamble to the Constitution of The American Legion

Preamble to the Constitution of The American Legion Auxiliary



PREAMBLE (To its Constitution)

For God and Country we associate ourselves together for the following purposes:

To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America; to maintain law and order; to foster and perpetuate a one hundred percent Americanism; to preserve the memories and incidents of our associations in all wars; to inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state and nation; to combat the autocracy of both the classes and the masses; to make right the master of might; to promote peace and goodwill on earth; to safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice, freedom and democracy; to participate in and contribute to the accomplishment of the aims and purposes of The American Legion; to consecrate and sanctify our association by our devotion to mutual helpfulness.

Figure 6 Preamble to the Constitution of The American Legion Auxiliary

Chapter 1 – Roster of Post Officers

Post 501 Leadership

About one month following their election, the Post Officers were installed on 11 June 2025. Department Adjutant Julie Muhle presided.

Commander	Jerry Scalissi
1 st Vice Commander	Phil Ingwell
2 nd Vice Commander	Harvey Phillips
3 rd Vice Commander	Darrel “AJ” Feucht
Finance Officer	Keith Lovell
Chaplain	AJ Feucht
Asst. Chaplain	Ray McCool
Adjutant/Historian	Morris Sadicario
Judge Advocate	Co-Advocate Jesse Garza Co-Advocate James Boll
Service Officer	Phil Ingwell, Jr.
Sgt. At Arms	Eldon Boehm
Public Relations	Harvey Phillips
Executive Committee	3 Year: Bill Robbins 1 year: Paul Reilly 2 year: Christine Robbins
Finance Committee	3 year: Darrel “AJ” Feucht 3 year: Bill Robbins 2 year: Open 1 year: Open

Commander and Membership Chair: Jerry Scalissi



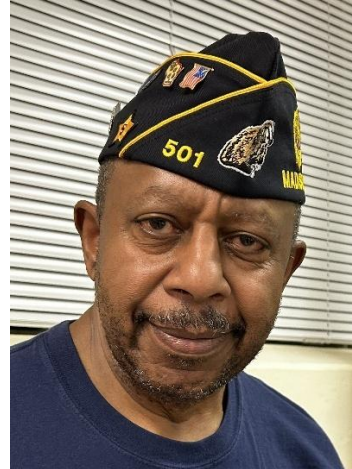
Adjutant and Historian Morris Sadicario



1st Vice Commander Phil Ingwell



2nd Vice Commander and House Committee
Chair: Harvey Phillips



3rd Vice Commander and Chaplain Darrel "AJ"
Feucht



Finance Officer Keith Lovell



Judge Advocate Jesse Garza



Sergeant-at-Arms Eldon Boehm



Executive Committee Member Christine Robbins; Website



Executive Committee Member: Bill Robbins



Finance Committee Member: Paul Reilly



Service Officer, Phil Ingwell, Jr.



Unit 501 Officers

The following positions were reassigned.

Unit President: Rebecca Lovell

Unit Vice President: Sonja Albright

Unit Treasurer: Cindy Huemmer & Sonja Albright (Backup)

Unit Chaplain: Betty Ingwell

Unit Sergeant-At-Arms: Bill Robbins

Unit Asst. Sergeant-At-Arms: Eileen Hardy

Unit Historian: Cindy Huemmer

Unit Secretary (appointed): Cindy Huemmer

Unit Membership Chairperson: Sonja Albright & Betty Ingwell, (Joint)

Unit Executive Committee: Chris Robbins, Sonja Albright, Bill Robbins

Unit 501 President and Post 501 Facebook Chair: Rebecca Lovell





Figure 7 Officers of Unit 501 Auxiliary

Above, from left to right: Sonja Albright, Bill Robbins, Chris Robbins, Eileen Hardy, Betty Ingwell, Rebecca Lovell, Ellie Paulson (deceased), Marge Clark, Cindy Huemmer.

Squadron 501 SAL Leadership

Commander: Jerry Schultz



Finance Officer: Keith Lovell



Chaplain: Paul Newquist

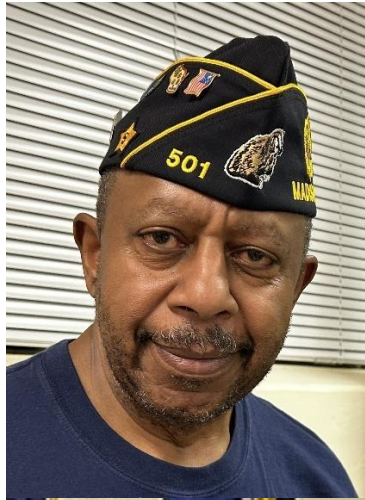
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Finance Committee: Bill Robbins



Chapter 2 – Roster of Legion Chairs

Public Relations Chair, Harvey Phillips



Food Committee Chair, Keith Lovell



Committees

Americanism: Darrel "AJ" Feucht
Badger Boys State: Thomas Stolarczyk
Children and Youth: open
Historian: Morris Sadicario
Honor Flights: open
Junior Shooting Sports: William Robbins
Law and Order: Thomas Stolarczyk
Legislative: Morris Sadicario
Membership: Cdr. Jerry Scalissi
National Security: Thomas Stolarczyk
Oratorical: Thomas Stolarczyk
Poppy Drive: William Robbins
POW/MIA: Thomas Stolarczyk
Sick Call: Cdr. Jerry Scalissi
VA Hospital: Cdr. Jerry Scalissi
Vets Council: Alan Kromanaker
Website: Chris Robbins, Morris Sadicario

Chapter 3 – One Year Post 501 History, 1 May 2025 to 30 April 2026

1 May 2025. Folders containing old documents from the past 20+ years belonging to Bud Mautz were brought to Post 501 by PNC Denise. Over time, several of us will go through the books looking for historical gems. Then, the books will be given to the Wisconsin Veterans Museum for archiving and storage. At first glance, many books cover 3rd District history. Here is an undated book that suggests 1950's.

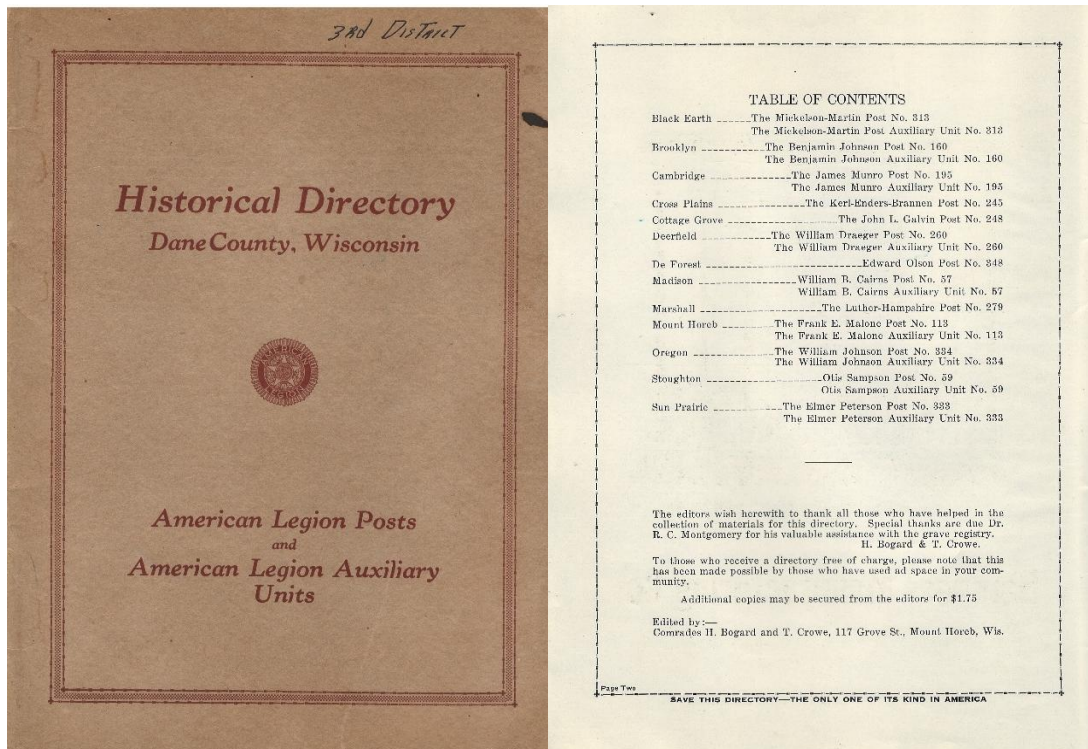


Figure 8 Cover and page six of the Dane County Historical Directory, undated.

3 May 2025. First Post Brats and Burger Drive-Thru in 2025. Our first customer of the season was Ben Stein.



Figure 9 Bennie Stein. 3 MAY 25



Figure 10 New member! Karl Moore. 3 MAY 25.



Figure 11 Gene Call and Wife. 3 May 25.



Figure 12 (l) Ray Boerke, Dick Veloff, Becky Lovell, Tom Stolarczyk, 3 May 25.

3 May 2025. Visitation of William "Bill" Thomas.

Post 501 officer results for 2024-2025 year

- Commander — Jerry Scalissi
- 1st Vice Commander — Phil Ingwell
- 2nd Vice Commander — Eldon Boehm
- 3rd Vice Commander — Darrel “AJ” Feucht
- Finance Officer — Keith Lovell
- Chaplain — Darrel “AJ” Feucht
- Asst Chaplain — Ray McCool
- Adjutant and Historian — Morris Sadicario
- Judge Advocate — Jesse Garza
- Service Officer — Phil Ingwell Jr.
- Sgt. At Arms — Eldon Boehm
- Asst. Sgt. At Arms — John Luttig
- Executive Committee — Christine Robbins, Paul Reilly
- Food Committee: Jerry Schultz

Unit 501 Auxiliary Officers

- President - Rebecca Lovell
- Vice President - Sonja Albright
- Historian - Cindy Huemmer
- Co-Treasurers Cindy Huemmer and Sonja Albright
- Sergeant -At-Arms Bill Robbins
- Secretary (appointed) Cindy Huemmer
- Membership - Betty Ingwell and Sonja Albright
- Representation at Post Executive Meetings by 2 from following members (based upon availability): Sonja Albright, Bill Robbins, Chris Robbins, or Rebecca Lovell.

7 May 2025. Squadron 501 held elections.

Sons of the American Legion Squadron 501 Officers

- Commander: Jerry Scalissi
- 1VC: open (interim, Jerry Scalissi)
- 2VC: open (interim, Keith Lovell)
- Finance Officer: Keith Lovell
- Adjutant: Paul Newquist
- Sergeant at Arms: Eldon Boehm
- Chaplain: Jason Schultz
- Historian: open

14 May 2025. Post 501 and Unit 501 Elections for the 2025-2026 year.

- Commander — Jerry Scalissi
- 1st Vice Commander — Phil Ingwell
- 2nd Vice Commander — Harvey Phillips
- 3rd Vice Commander — Darrel “AJ” Feucht
- Finance Officer — Keith Lovell
- Chaplain — Darrel “AJ” Feucht
- Asst Chaplain — Ray McCool
- Adjutant and Historian — Morris Sadicario
- Judge Advocate — Jesse Garza
- Service Officer — Phil Ingwell Jr.
- Sgt. At Arms — Eldon Boehm
- Asst. Sgt. At Arms — John Luttig
- Executive Committee — Christine Robbins, Paul Reilly
- Food Committee: Keith Lovell, assisted by Jerry Schultz

Unit 501 Auxiliary Officers

- President - Rebecca Lovell
- Vice President - Sonja Albright
- Historian - Cindy Huemmer
- Co-Treasurers Cindy Huemmer and Sonja Albright
- Sergeant -At-Arms Bill Robbins
- Secretary (appointed) Cindy Huemmer
- Membership - Betty Ingwell and Sonja Albright

- Representation at Post Executive Meetings by 2 from following members (based upon availability): Sonja Albright, Bill Robbins, Chris Robbins, or Rebecca Lovell.

17 May 2025 and 19 May 2025. Buddy Checks.

Met in person. David Oates (5 yrs, GW_Terrorism, US Army), at our Brat Drive-thru, May 17th:



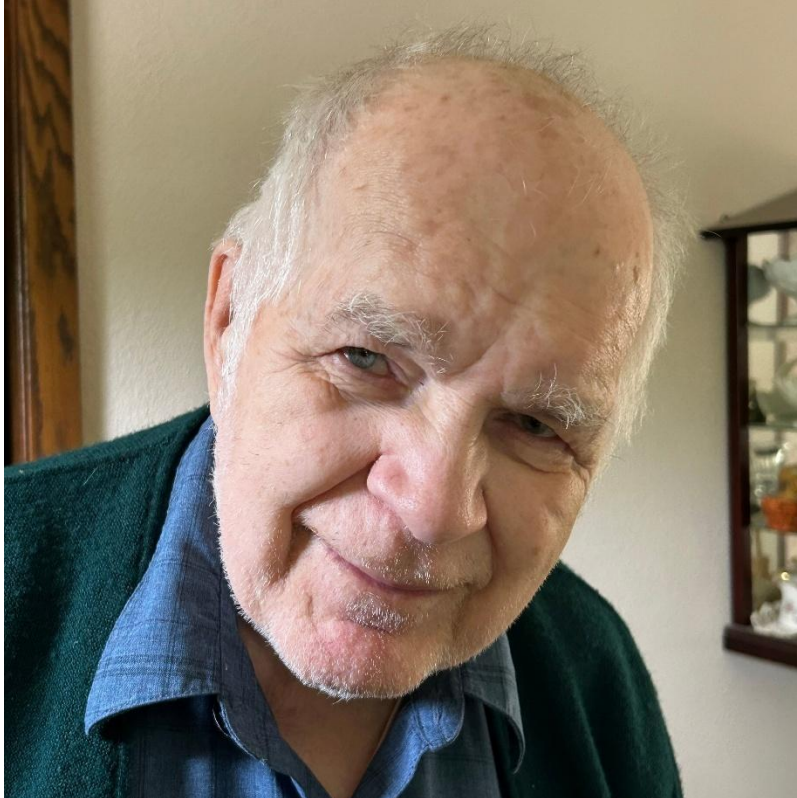
Gary Schultz (10 years, Vietnam, USA), May 19th:



Robert Koppenhaver (2, Vietnam, USA):



Victor Goldbach (10, Korea, USA):



Not home: James Wilk (2 continuous years, Vietnam, USMC), Michael Helser (8, Vietnam, USA), Ronald Hammer (3, Vietnam, USAF), Floyd Spoehr (9, Vietnam, USA), Michael Ely (8, Vietnam, USMC).

26 May 2025. Our Memorial Day Grill-Out at the East Side Club

A great time was had by all. The Dogs, Brats and Burgers were flying off the grill as Keith Lovell calmly kept up with the demand.

We distributed Poppies, too.





Early on, there was still some green showing (above). But it quickly filled up. The JIMMYS played loud and spirited. Below, the lake view was stunning.





(Above) Commander Jerry, 501 member Karl and his wife Elaine were ready for all comers. Below is a closeup of Karl and Elaine.



17 June 2025. Voiture periodic meeting. Post 501 Commander Jerry Scalissi (and Sour Chef de Gare (CdG), Voiture 683) accepted election to the post of Chef de Gare of Voiture 683, Madison. Now that he has the command, CdG Jerry moved to bring the various 683 property, manuals, and historical items to Legion Post 501 for safekeeping. All present at this meeting were unanimous in agreeing.

19 July 2025. The Wisconsin Historian Association held their meeting during the 106th Department Convention in Green Bay, WI.

At this meeting, nominations were solicited for Historian of the year for 2025-2026. Historian Morris Sadicario (2023-2024 award recipient) nominated Charles Konsitzke for his exemplary, often successful, efforts, of retrieving and identifying fallen American soldiers. His is a work of supreme historical significance, as he delves into records, reports and reminiscences to locate the remains.

UW MIA Recovery & Identification Program



UW MIA RECOVERY & IDENTIFICATION PROJECT

3:30 PM-4:30 PM

- ◆ **Special Guest Speaker & Presentation**
- ◆ **OPEN TO THE ENTIRE LEGION FAMILY**

The well-attended 18 January 2025 presentation by Charles Konsitzke of UW-Madison held the audience spellbound by the incredible efforts made by this volunteer group in locating and identifying, and ultimately repatriating, remains of US soldiers. This project is funded entirely by [donations](#). Words fail to adequately describe the dedication of the participants. However, the [MIA RIP website](#) can give you a sense of their efforts and results.

More nominations will be accepted at the next WHA meeting, to be held during the 2026 Midwinter Conference, to be held at the Oneida Casino Hotel, Green Bay, WI, from January 15-18, 2026.



Charles Konsitzke manages the UW Biotech lab when he is not involved with the UW MIA RIP.



The "missing man" table was set up at this presentation in honor of those missing in action. Each [item on this table](#) has significance.

July 23, 2025. The Scholarship Committee awarded four high school student candidates \$500 scholarship each. They are Victoria Boerke, Isabella Garza, Kate Mender, and Lily Sarbacker. The criteria used can be found in Policy #1. They include

- Addressing Four Pillars.
- Participating in Community Service.
- Demonstrating support for The American Legion.
- One of the parents must have been a member of the American Legion.



Figure 13 Isabella Garza receives the Post 501 Scholarship



Figure 14 Virginia Boerke receives the Post 501 Scholarship.



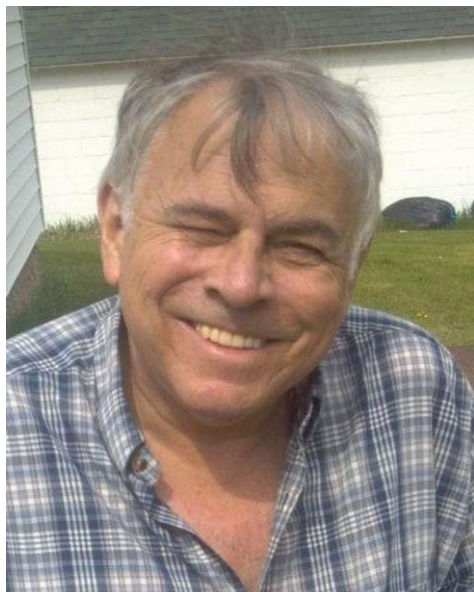
Figure 15 Kate Mender with her Post 501 Scholarship.

July 30, 2025. Major Donald N. Schaefer, February 19, 1933 - July 30, 2025

April 29, 2025. Harvey Phillips replaced the worn flag at Schmidt's Auto.



August 15, 2025. Post 501 member William G. "Bill" Reeve passed away at age 78, on August 15th, 2025.



August 16, 2025. It may seem nice and quiet. But an hour after these photos were taken the thunderstorms rolled in. We had to hustle to get everything inside!



1 September 2025. Labor Day Grill out at the East Side Club.

13 September 2025. 115th Fight Air Wing Family Day.



The Freemasons assisted on the 115th Family Day. From left to right Jesse Garza*, Grand Secretary Michael DeWolf, PGM, Grand Treasurer Paul T. Tourville, PGM, Annie DeWolf, Keith Lovell*, Kelli Tourville, Commander Jerry Scalissi*, Junior Grand Warden Matthew H. Ivens, Phil Ingwell*, Harvey Phillips*, Alan Kromanaker*, District 1 Deputy Danny L. Bourassa, Eldon Boehm*, PGM Thomas W, Sheryl, Rygh. (*=Members of Post 501)



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Figure 16 At Oak Park Place for Flag Etiquette and lunch. November 11, 2025

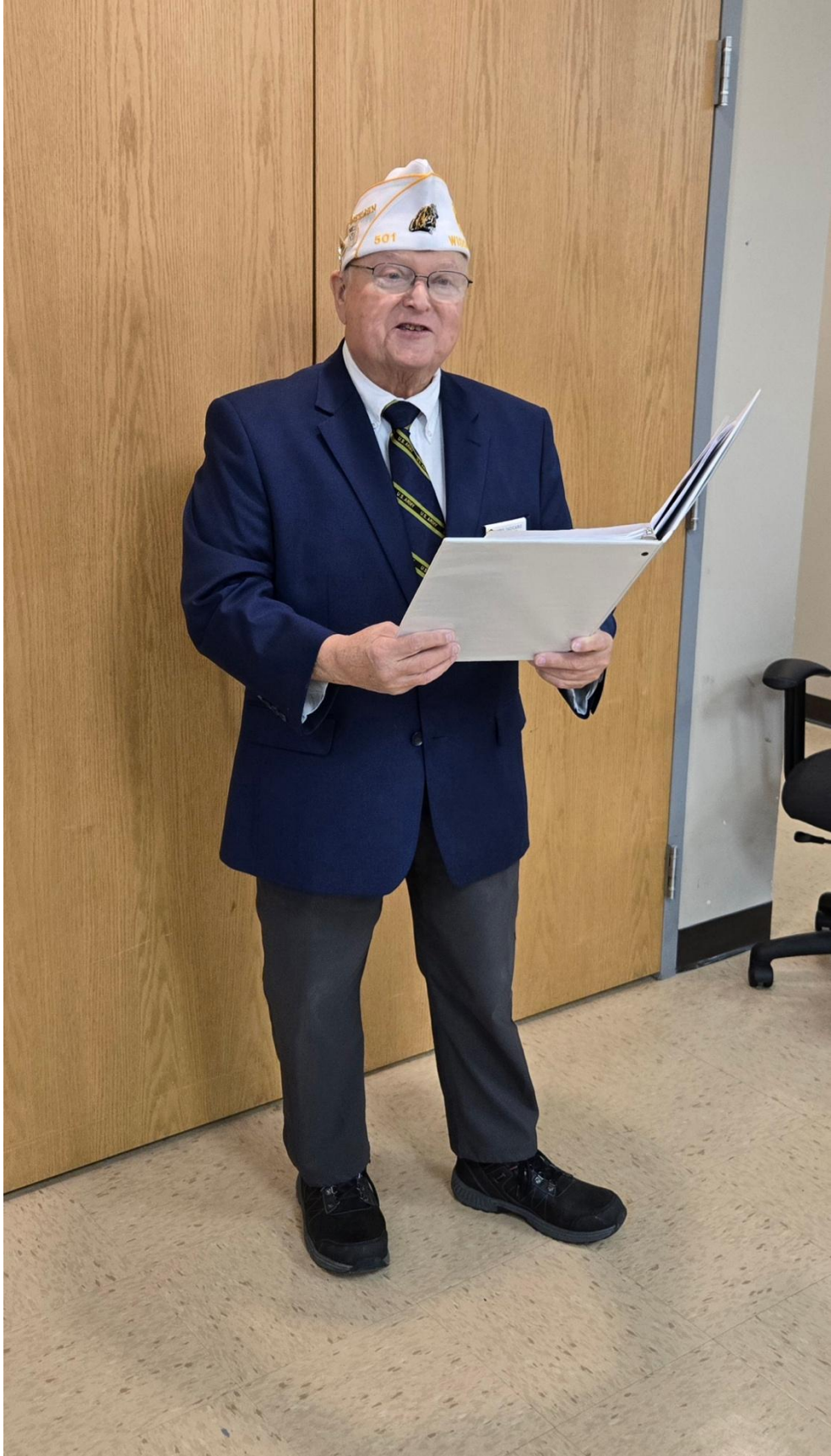
Members of Severson-Cairns Post 501, Madison, WI, prepare for the flag folding and flag etiquette ceremony. Significances of the folds were explained. Veteran residents attended.

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December 22, 2025. Flag Etiquette presentation. Chaplain & 3VC AJ led the flag etiquette presentation at Catholic Charities Adult Day Center, Fen Oak Ct., Madison WI. Assisting him were PPC Tom Stolarczyk and Department Historian Morris Sadicario.











14 January 2026. Miss Teen Wisconsin, Natalie Popp, was the guest speaker at our January Member Meeting. Increasing awareness of veterans and veterans' issues is one of her goals.



Figure 17 Natalie Popp, Miss Teen Wisconsin. At State Capitol.

15-18 January 2026. The Midwinter Conference will take place at the Oneida Hotel and Conference Center in Green Bay from January 15th through 18th.

Buddy Checks

Aeschlimann, Mark	04/10/24
Amundsen, Clark	01/20/25
Anderson, Craig	07/08/24
Anderson, Gary	01/20/25
Barthen, William	11/18/24
Beda, Mark	12/16/24
Benish, Richard	11/18/24
Berg, Gary	01/20/25
Bernstein, Dale	12/16/24
Berrafato, Gabriel	07/08/24
Billings, Stacy	12/16/24
Blang, Dennis	11/18/24
Boerke, Raymond	frequent
Bonnell, John	06/03/24
Braatz, Arthur	08/26/24
Buisker, Raymond	06/03/24
Burhop, Sr, , Carl	08/26/24
Burke, Edward	08/26/24
Burton, James	03/27/25
Buskager, Robert	09/23/24
Caliva, John	10/21/24
Castillo, Romeo	11/21/24
Chille, Gregory	11/18/24
Cortez, David	04/21/25
Dees, David	04/21/25
Donohue, William	03/27/25
Dumbleton, Dale	03/27/25
Durkin, Joseph	03/27/25
Eisch, Roland	12/16/24
Eithun, Leanne	12/16/24
Endicott, George	04/15/24
Esser, Paul	08/26/24
Falkowski, Matthew	04/08/24
Fennel, Aurelious	11/18/24
Feucht, Darrel	frequent
Flemal, James	04/08/24
Franz, Roy	11/20/25
Friedland, Vernon	03/27/25
Garza, Jesus	10/19/24
Gaska, John	04/08/24
Giesecke, Bill	11/18/24
Gilmore, Michael	10/21/24
Glas, Jr, , Raymond	04/21/25
Gontarek, Lawrence	06/03/24
Guastella, Joseph	04/21/25
Haack, Frederick	11/05/24
Hanusa, Glen	08/22/24
Hefty, Burnett	06/03/24
Henke, Gary	frequent

Henrikson, Gerald	frequent
Hinzman, Fredrick	09/23/24
Jacobson, Melvin	04/21/25
Jamieson, Bill	09/23/24
Jorenby, Denny	04/21/25
Juckem, Francis	07/08/24
Kelley, Robert	07/08/24
Klein, Stanley	03/27/25
Krause, William	11/18/24
Kromanaker, Alan	frequent
Kromanaker, Lisa	frequent
Krueger, Steven D	10/21/24
Kumbier, Steven	01/20/25
Lengyel, Randolph	07/08/24
Lightfoot, James	03/27/25
Logan, Paul	09/23/24
Lovell, Keith	frequent
Lustgraaf, Joseph	04/21/25
Macdonald, Donald	04/08/24
Marshall, Stephen	07/08/24
McCool, Ray	08/26/24
McEvelly, Patrick	09/07/24
McWilliams, Peter	04/08/24
Mecum, George	11/18/24
Meyer, Howard	05/20/24
Michaelis, Donald	08/22/24
Moen, Glen	06/03/24
Moen, Samuel	06/03/24
Muehlenkamp, Dale	04/15/24
Murphy, Matthew	05/20/24
Murray, Richard	04/21/25
Nicholls, Donald	10/21/24
Pierce, Larry	08/26/24
Pittman, Eugene	08/26/24
Powers, George	09/23/24
Primus, David	09/23/24
Reeve, William	03/27/25
Richardson, Larry	04/21/25
Ringquist, Wayne	09/23/24
Robbins, Christine	10/19/24
Robbins, William	frequent
Ryder, Ted	04/15/24
Sadicario, Morris	frequent
Schaefer, Donald	06/03/24
Schank, Steve	10/21/24
Schmidt, Harley	04/21/25
Schroeder, Ronald	08/26/24
Sedlmeyer, Leo	01/20/25
Seeley, Tye	01/20/25
Sersch, David	09/23/24
Sheahan, Lawrence	03/27/25
Smerlinski, John	07/08/24
Smith, Craig	09/07/24
Smith, Milton	03/27/25

Steinbeck, Lucien	03/27/25
Stine, Bennie	04/15/24
Stolarczyk, Thomas	frequent
Swan, Gary	08/26/24
Thomas, Jeffrey	05/20/24
Thompson, Darwin	07/08/24
Umberger, Robert	03/27/25
Vang, Thai	12/16/25
Vasant, Karen	10/07/24
Vargas, Joseph	04/15/24
Volbrecht, Roger	09/23/24
Walter, Steven	01/20/25
Warczak, John	08/26/24
Xistris, Thomas	06/03/24
Young, Stephen	01/20/25
Total: 236	

Appendices

Throughout the year, Post 501 conducted fundraisers that simultaneously provided services and value to the East and Northeast Madison area residents. Our fundraisers included breakfasts, dinners and garage sales. Some gatherings open to the public were free, such as Coffee and Donuts monthly on the 3rd Thursday. Post 501 also provided free brats to veterans on a suitable Saturday to coincide with Veterans Day.

1. Pancake and Sausage Flyer.
2. Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner.
3. Volunteer Signup forms, template and post-event.
4. American Legion Mission Impact, both Post 501 and Department groups.
5. "Please renew" postcard.
6. Gold Star Mothers free meal.
7. "I Wany You ..." for American Legion Family flyer.
8. Promotional Post 501 Brochure.

Future improvement plans. Other appendices under consideration for future inclusion in histories are presented below. These appendices will be added as information is accumulated. Conversion from paper to searchable digital forms will be a positive step in preparing post histories.

1. Buddy Checks.
2. A roster of past commanders.
3. A record of past awards and citations.
4. A list of members who served as delegates to national and departmental conventions.
5. A dedicated "Last Bugle" "Post Everlasting" section as opposed to a chronological in-line listing.

Come out and support
American Legion Post 501
with a delicious stack of pancakes,
sausage, juice and coffee!

Pancake Breakfast

FUNDRAISER

SATURDAY, APRIL 5th • 8-11 AM

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PROGRAMS

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Madison, WI 53714



AMERICAN LEGION POST 501 DELICIOUS CORNED BEEF AND CABBAGE DINNER!

Join Us for a Traditional Irish Feast!



SATURDAY, MARCH 8TH AT THE POST, 105 DEMPSEY RD., MADISON
CALL IN YOUR PICKUP ORDERS FROM 12-3 PM TO 608.244.7716
PICKUP AT 3 PM OR DINE IN FROM 3-6 PM (OR UNTIL WE RUN OUT)
ADULTS, \$16, CHILDREN UNDER 10, \$5

Signup Sheet After Event

VOLUNTEER SIGNUP - ESC

PROJECT: Brats & Burgers on the Lake MEETING DATE: 9-2-2024 LABOR DAY

COOKS Keith, Jerry 1 LOCATION: East Side Club

NAME		10-11AM 501-TO- ESC	11AM-2PM ³	2PM-4PM ²	4PM-6PM ²	6PM-END
KEITH (TIL NOON)	8	←	→	←	→	→
JERRY H	8	←				→
JERRY SCA	7	←				→
LINDA SCA	7	←				→
JESSICA cashier	7		←			→
ALISON cashier	7		←			→
MORRIS	5		←	→		→
CINDY H (11-4)	6		←	→		
PAUL R	4			←	→	
LISA K	5		←	→		
ALAN K	5		←	→		
JOHN LUTIG	4		←	→		
ELDON B	8	←				→
TOM S	8	←				→
BILL R [POPPIES]	7		←			→

NOTES: VOL HRS TOTAL 96

Special Hours are due to The Jimmys Labor Day Party that runs from 1PM to 5PM. Gates open at 11 AM, Tiki Bar opens at 12PM. We expect to serve as long as we have food/customers

ALL TASKS ROTATE OR CAN BE ASSIGNED AS NEEDED. Please be flexible.

Not Available:

BECKY L, JERRY H, JESSE G, PHIL I, BETTY F, TOM LAC
RAY BOEKE, DICK V, CHRIS R

8/20 9PM

8/26 11A
3PM

FINAL 9/1 5PM 8/31 3PM

Statistics are gathered from this sheet for planning and posting to the Consolidated Post Report



Mission Impact



THE AMERICAN LEGION IS THE NATION'S LARGEST VETERANS SERVICE ORGANIZATION

45,175 MEMBERS

CAMP AMERICAN LEGION HOSTS

1000+ VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES EACH SEASON AT NO COST TO THEM

100% FUNDED BY OUR GENEROUS DONORS AND GRANTS

LEGION WI SERVICE OFFICE

\$68 MILLION MONTHLY VETERAN COMPENSATION | **\$800 MILLION** EARNED BENEFITS RECEIVED ANNUALLY

46,000+ VETERANS SERVED

3702 VOLUNTEER HOURS | **500** POSTS STATEWIDE
\$133K DONATIONS TOTALING ANNUALLY

7,809 BLOOD DRIVE DONATIONS | **25.5k** AVERAGE ANNUAL VETERAN HOSPITAL VOLUNTEER HOURS



OUR MISSION
“ To provide service to veterans, their families and their communities ”

3rd largest Legion Baseball program in the country
Over 220 Teams with 3900+ players each season

LEGION SOFTBALL

- 30+ teams
- Low registration costs
- Community Based

8,900+ YOUTH REACHED EACH YEAR THROUGH OUR PROGRAMS

- BADGER BOYS STATE
- AL BASEBALL/SOFTBALL
- ORATORICAL
- SCOUTING
- COUNTY YOUTH GOVERNMENT DAY
- JUNIOR SHOOTING SPORTS
- LAW ENFORCEMENT CAREER ACADEMY
- AMERICANISM AND GOVERNMENT TEST

OVER \$34K IN SCHOLARSHIPS ANNUALLY

FOUNDED ON 4 PILLARS

VETERANS DEFENSE AMERICANISM YOUTH

Severson-Cairns Post 501

Post Mission Impact

608-244-7716 – 105 Dempsey Rd. - Madison, Wisconsin

Learn more about our post activities. Visit wipost501.com

<p>OVER 275 MEMBERS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• LEGIONNAIRE POST 501• AUXILIARY UNIT 501• SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION SQUADRON 501	<p>SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS• SPONSORSHIPS FOR BADGER BOYS STATE AND GIRLS STATE• LOCAL YOUTH ACTIVITIES
<p>OUR PROGRAMS INCLUDE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• "BE THE ONE" EVENTS• NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER• D-DAY• VETERANS DAY• MEMORIAL DAY• <u>BRAT AND BURGER FUNDRAISERS</u>	<p>WE DONATE TO:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• BADGER HONOR FLIGHT• SPONSORSHIPS FOR BADGER BOYS STATE AND BADGER GIRLS STATE• LOCAL YOUTH ACTIVITIES

3 APR 2024 (mas)

Please Renew Postcard

Severson-Cairns
American Legion Post 501
105 Dempsey Rd.
Madison WI 53714
phone: 608.244.7716
web: wipost501.com



Won't you please renew?

Dear member, your membership expired! Your renewal continues your association with us, keeps your American Legion benefits and gives us a louder voice in Congress.

Simply point your smartphone camera app at the QR code on the right to start.

Thank You!

Please accept our thanks if you've already renewed.

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Figure 18 Please Renew Postcard

This is a simple, economical encouragement before or after starting a calling campaign. Be sure to add "Address Service Requested." [USPS Postcard Q&A](#).

Gold Star Mothers!



**Andrew L. Chernak,
Designer and Sculptor**

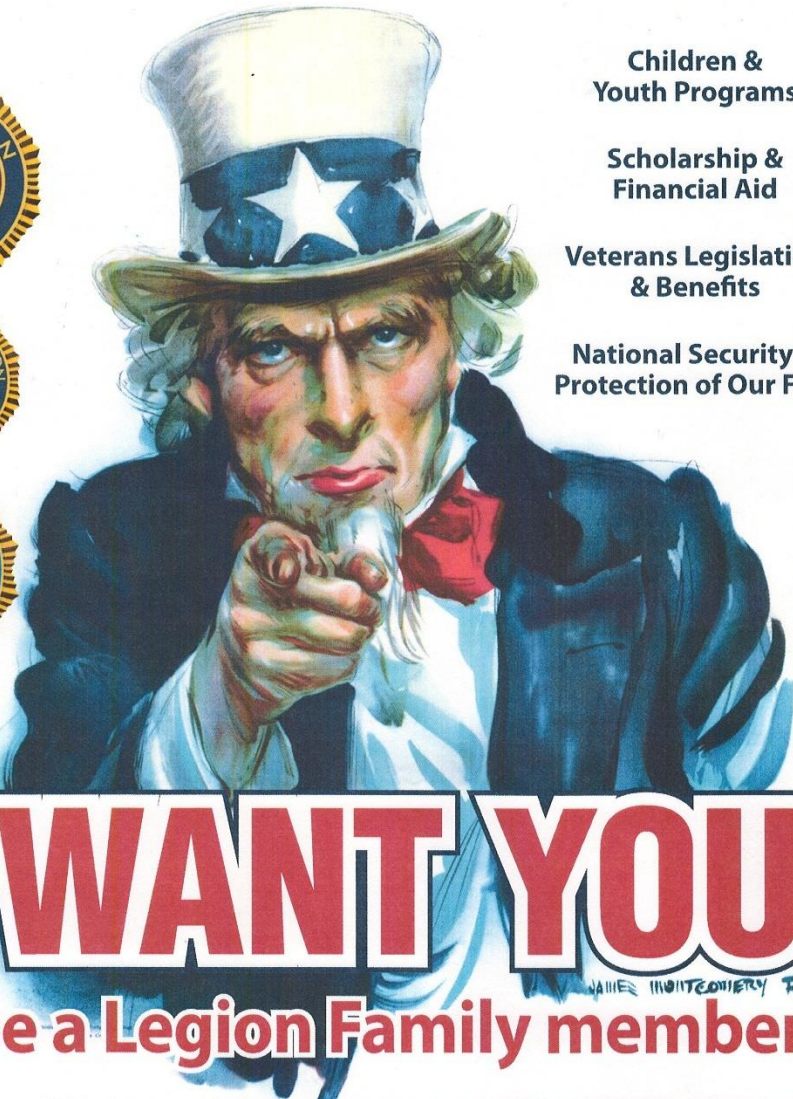
Your meal
is
No Cost!



Please ask us for details.

Figure 19 Our post absorbs the cost for Gold Star Mothers/Families

I want you ... Legion Family



Children & Youth Programs

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Veterans Legislation & Benefits

National Security & Protection of Our Flag

I WANT YOU

to be a Legion Family member

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Severson-Cairns Post 501
Madison, Wisconsin
www.wipost501.com
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Eligibility Dates

World War II – Present
Dec. 7, 1941 – Present*

* if currently serving on active duty today, **you are eligible.**

Promotional Brochure with Membership Application



Veterans Day at the Capitol



Buddy Visits



Student Scholarships



SAL Family Programs



Flag Retirement



Legislative Action

Membership Application

Mail your filled-out form to Severson-Cairns Post 501, Post Adjutant, P O Box 14255, Madison WI 53708-0255. Please enclose your check for \$45 (payable to American Legion Post 501). Include a copy of your DD-214. See you soon!

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____
 State: _____ Zipcode: _____
 Phone: _____
 Email: _____
 Branch: _____ Conflict: _____
 Transferring? From which post # _____
 Membership S: _____

Oath of Eligibility

I certify that I have served federal active duty in the United States Armed Forces since December 7, 1941, have been honorably discharged or I am still serving.

Applicant signature: _____

Today's Date: _____

Severson-Cairns
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The American Legion
Severson-Cairns
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Welcome to
THE ACTION POST!



FOUR PILLARS

We are committed to The American Legion's Pillars of Service.

1. Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation
2. National Security
3. Americanism
4. Education of Children & Youth

OUR ACTIVITIES

- Be the One programs
- VA Hospital visits
- High School Oratorical programs
- Boys and Girls State Citizenship
- Monthly Cribbage, Camaraderie, Coffee and Donuts Thursday
- Veterans Day celebrations
- Memorial Day celebrations
- Salvation Army bellringers
- Blue & Gold Star Mothers & Families
- Flag retirement programs
- Sons of the American Legion Family programs [ALF dog]
- ROTC award programs
- Auxiliary Poppies program
- Brat & Burger fundraisers
- Pancake & Sausage breakfasts
- Buddy Call program ... and more

OUR GOALS

We call ourselves "THE ACTION POST." Our monthly calendar is full of activities for our veterans who serve veterans.

At our post you can find:

- The American Legion
- American Legion Auxiliary
- Sons of the American Legion
- La Société des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux (AKA "40 and 8")
- In-house military museum

Come to one of our meetings and get to know us. We meet monthly every second Wednesday at 7 p.m. Also, please check out our website: WIPOST501.COM.

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Post Commander Jerry Scalissi

Vernon "Skip" Landsness Obituary

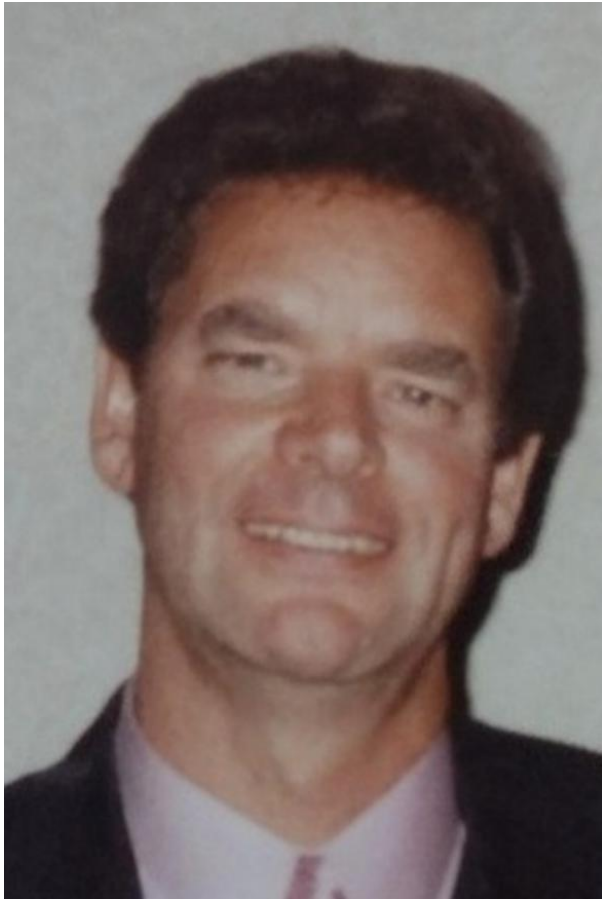


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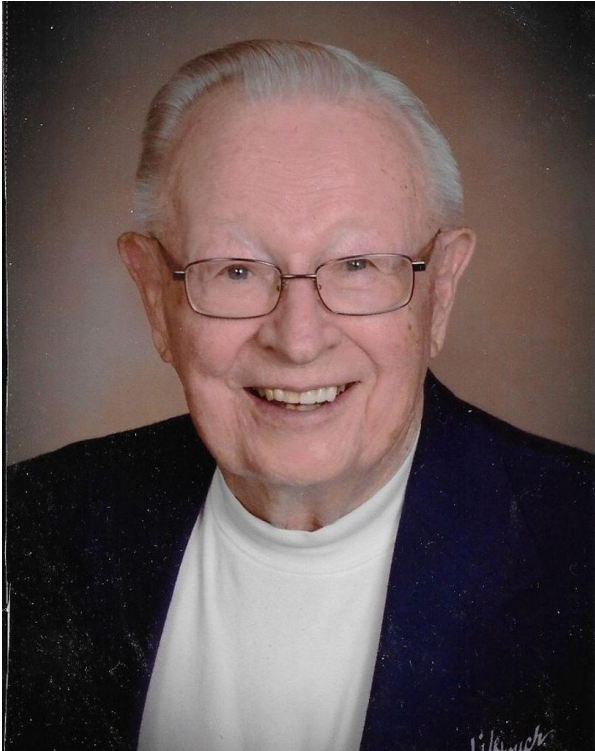
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Last Bugle

Brunner, Kenneth

September 27, 1933 — July 24, 2024



Kenneth C. Brunner (USA, Korea). .

Please click on the photo for his obituary.

John Luttig Obituary



Madison, Wisconsin - **JOHN PATRICK LUTTIG** - (July 19, 1954-October 31, 2024), was born on July 19, 1954 to Ray and Alice Luttig of Beloit, Wisconsin (deceased in 2009). John grew up in Beloit, Wisconsin with a loving Father and Mother, and seven other brothers and sisters. John went to Grade School and Graduated Beloit Catholic High School, Beloit, Wisconsin, 'Class of 1972'. After High School, John joined the U.S. Navy. After his honorable service in the U.S. Navy (more below), John would later go on to receive a Liberal Arts Degree in Fine Arts from the University of Whitewater, in Whitewater, Wisconsin. John was very good in creating aesthetics in his art and loved to explore changing technologies in the art field and digital tech.

John cared for his family as he did his many friends. Friends and family always appreciated his wit and sincerity. John loved his siblings and always made the time to get together with them when the family either had a reunion or gathered for holiday parties. He was especially close to his brothers Tom and Mike, who frequently met up with them to play golf on Sundays. Many years ago, John was briefly married to Elly Peer (deceased in June of 2023). He is survived by his siblings: Michael (& Leslie) Luttig, 76, Bluffton, SC, Mary Tracy (& Ray), 74, South Beloit, IL, Robert (& Kelli) Luttig, 69, Rockton, IL, David (& Diane) Luttig, 67, Greendale, WI, Joan Edmonds (& Michael, deceased), 64, Beloit, WI, Diana Wackershauser (& Kevin), 62, Beloit, WI, Thomas Luttig, 59, Stoughton, WI.

John was a proud U.S. Navy Veteran and respected all American Veterans. He served with the U.S. Navy on active duty from July 1, 1973, to June 1, 1975. After training at USN Great Lakes Naval Training Center, John joined the crew of the Destroyer U.S.S. Blandy (DD-943) based at the USN Base at Norfolk, Virginia, as a Marine Mechanic with a Secret Security Clearance. Nearly his entire naval service was spent at sea with the U.S.S. Blandy, sailing through many oceans to ports-of-call like Rota, Spain, Souda Bay, Crete, and around the Mediterranean Sea. For his service, he was awarded the National Defense Service Medal in 1974. John was proud of his ship and his shipmates. In continuation of his service, John joined the American Legion at Post 501 on the east side of Madison, Wisconsin. He enjoyed sharing Navy and other Post members' stories and participating in events with Post 501, especially the annual December Army/Navy Game. John found more brothers and sisters in life than his immediate family and was happily content visiting Post 501 often.

John followed politics closely and wore his beliefs on his sleeves like a Sailor's rank. He could be shy at times but really opened up when invited and included. His smile was infectious. He was always humble and offered to help when invited.

When it came to sports, John enjoyed all competition. He was a Badger Fan, a Brewers fan & he loved his Green Bay Packers. Many afternoons were spent watching NASCAR races with his brother Tom. John was happy to educate folks; when it came to the Packers and racing. He was a fan's fan and defended his interests well.

John was employed at various skilled professions in Madison ranging from supply logistics to commercial art production. He always appreciated being able to use his design skills.

Later in his employment history, John worked at the VA Hospital in Madison, Wisconsin. Again, I'm still making friends.

John lived on the east side of Madison since the early 1990s. He loved the neighborhoods, the friends he met along the way out walking, and the time spent working on his home.

While it would be impossible to mention all his friends, some of his long friendships were with Greg Smith, now of Lodi, Wisconsin, John Armstrong of Ankeny, Iowa and Paul & Matt Underwood of Mount Horeb & Madison, Wisconsin. John had many friends, too many to mention all. No slight was intended to not mention everyone. For many years, his favorite companion was his cat, Max.

John was a practicing Catholic, and through that, he respected everyone no matter their religion, color or whom they loved. He was quick to put others before himself and was always willing to help. John loved to be included whether it was a decision or an event. A consummate do-it-yourselfer, John was performing home improvement in Madison for over 30 years.

Sadly, John's health over these last years was full of challenges, and he finally succumbed to leave this world and enter God's Kingdom. With friends and family, John peacefully passed away on October 31, 2024, while in Hospice Care at the William S. Middleton VA hospital in Madison. John will be missed by many whose hearts he touched.

A funeral service will be held at St. Dennis Catholic Church, 505 Dempsey Road, Madison, Wisconsin on Monday, July 21 at 10:00am. Immediately following the service, a celebration of John's life will be held at American Legion Post 501, 105 Dempsey Road, Madison, Wisconsin 53714. Family and friends are encouraged to share stories and memories of John. John will be laid to rest with his parents at the Mount Tabor cemetery in Beloit, WI on July 30th at 11am. A Celebration of Life party will also be held in Beloit for his friends that are not able to attend in Madison. Please join us at the cemetery and V.F.W. hall, at 2711 South Afton Road, Beloit, immediately following the cemetery service.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital in John's name.
Rest in Peace John, 'Anchors away. We'll meet again'.

Thomas Luttig

Landsness, Vernon "Skip"

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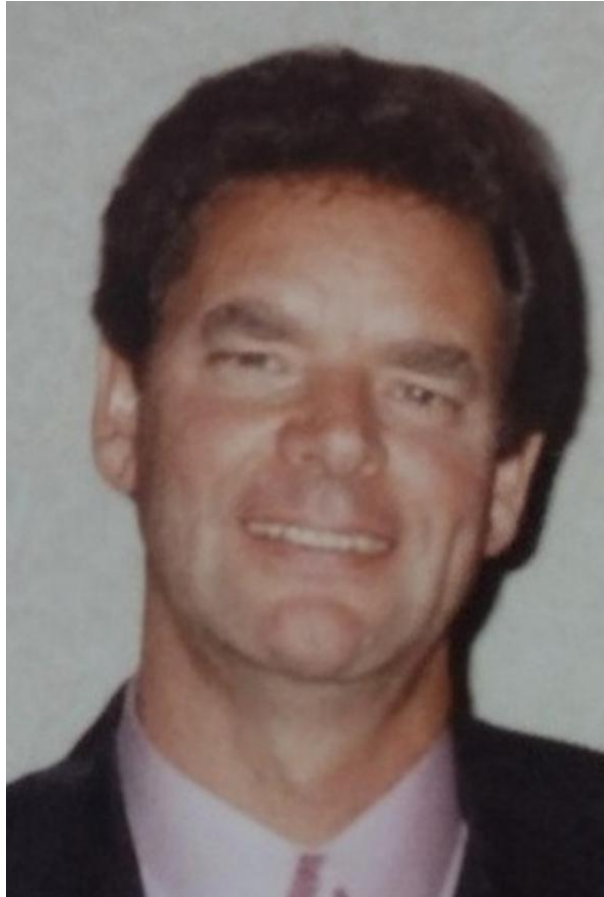


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Paulson, Ellie



Eleanor V. "Ellie" Paulson, Feb. 12, 1933 - April 18, 2023

MONONA - Eleanor V. "Ellie" Paulson, age 90, of Monona, passed away on Tuesday, April 18, 2023, at Heritage Monona. She was born on Feb. 12, 1933, in Richford, Wis., the daughter of Arden and Meta (Manthey) Schatzke.

Eleanor graduated from Westfield High School in 1951. She was united in marriage to Richard Paulson on May 1, 1954, in Neshkoro, Wis.

Ellie worked at Ohmeda in Madison for many years and in retirement had several part-time jobs. She enjoyed volunteering at the Monona Community Center, St. Stephen's Food Pantry and Messiah Lutheran Church.

She was a lifetime member of both the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 501 and VFW Auxiliary No. 7591, as well as a member of the Red Hats and Monona Lionesses. She enjoyed travelling, crafting, bowling and playing cards. She loved spending time with her family, hosting family gatherings and relaxing at their cottage on Lawrence Lake in Westfield, where many friendships were made.

Eleanor is survived by her daughter, Lori Paulson; grandchildren, Deanna Webb (Brad), Sacha Paulson and Kyle Zander (Rachel); great-grandchildren, Cory Paulson (Megan), Tyler Webb (Rayanna), Michaela Paulson, Keira Zander and Eamon Zander; great-great-grandchildren, Ella Paulson, Ava Paulson, Lexa Webb and Brady Webb; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Arden and Meta; husband, Richard; son, Steven Paulson; granddaughter, Lindsey Zander; brothers, Harley, Marvin, Kermit, Kenneth and Harvey Schatzke; sisters, Elaine Helgerson and Arlene Leppin; and special friend, Bob Barr.

A funeral service will be held at MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH, 5202 Cottage Grove Road, Madison, at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, April 26, 2023, with the Rev. Jeff Vanden Heuvel presiding. Burial will be held at Highland Memory Gardens. Visitation will be held at the church from 9:30 a.m. until the time of the service on Wednesday.

Memorials may be gifted in Ellie's name to St. Stephen's Food Pantry in Monona (ststephensmonona.org) and American Legion Post Unit 501 in Madison (madisonlegionpost501.org).

Special thanks to the staff at Heritage Senior Living in Monona and Bristol Hospice Staff for their compassionate care. Online condolences may be made at www.gundersonfh.com.

This obituary did not appear in the 2023 Yearbook. *-editor*

Schaefer, Major Donald N.

February 19, 1933 - July 30, 2025



MADISON - Major Donald N. Schaefer, age 92, died Wednesday, July 30, 2025, because of complications from Parkinson's Disease. He was born to Elmer and Lillian Schaefer on February 19, 1933, in St. Louis, Mo.

Don graduated from Kirkwood High School and went on to attend his beloved St. Louis University. While there, he enrolled in Air Force ROTC and embarked on a distinguished twenty-year military career, (1955-1975), serving as a flight navigator during the Vietnam conflict. During that time, Don also married the love of his life, Air Force Nurse Lt. Colonel Sherry Ann Bean. Following his retirement from active duty, Don picked up employment as a Computer Programmer with WPS, nurtured his hobby as a model railroad enthusiast and became a proud lifetime member of the American Legion.

Don was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Sherry Ann; and brother-in-law, Donald F. Bean. He is survived by his sister, Diane Medcalf.

A funeral service will be held at ST. LUKE'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, 7337 Hubbard Ave., Middleton, at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, August 5, 2025, with Pastor Renee Kiel presiding. Visitation will be held at the church from 10:15 a.m. to the time of the service on Tuesday. Don's burial will be alongside Sherry Ann at Southern Wisconsin Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Union Grove, Wis., at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, it was Don's hope that any memorials be directed to St. Luke's Youth Ministries. [Obituary provided by Gunderson Funeral Home-Middleton.]

Thomas, Willilam "Bill"



Figure 23 William and Susan Thomas. 3 May 25.



Figure 22 William Thomas' military photo ca. 1961



Figure 24 William Thomas Memorial. 3 May 25.



Figure 25 Cdr Jerry, grand-daughter Kelsie Kufahl, Adj Morris.



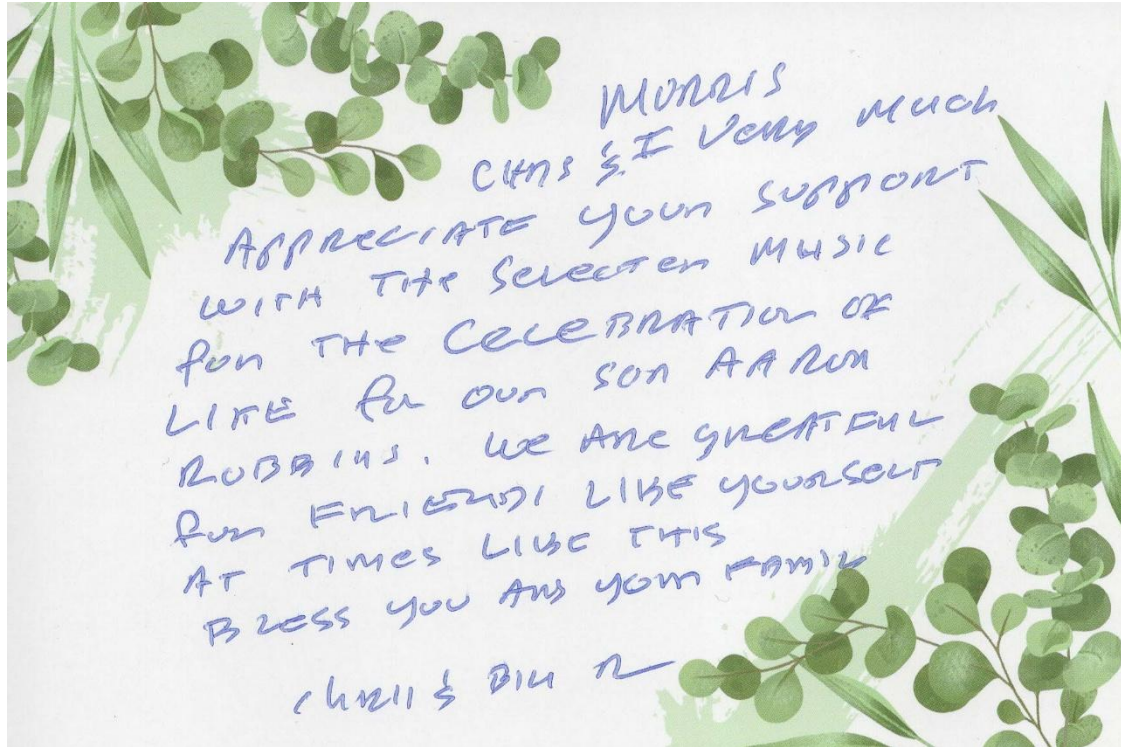
Figure 26 Cdr Jerry, William's son Timothy Thomas, Adj Morris. 3 May 25.



Figure 27 Paula Kufahl (daughter), Kelsie (grand-daughter), Cdr Jerry.

Letters and Cards of Appreciation

"Thank you for your support of the Celebration of Life of Aaron Robbins."

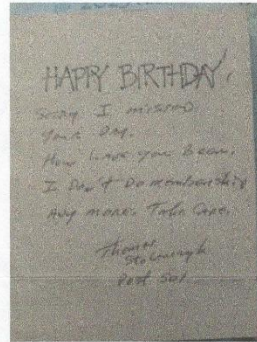


To Tom Stolarczyk: Thanks for remembering my birthday (Eric Breuerman, Post 501 member),
28 JUL 2025.

28 July 25

Greetings Tom and all,

Thank you for the card you mailed me this spring. My apologies for taking so long to respond. If it makes you feel better, you didn't miss my day. My birthday is in August!



This past December, I returned to the United States after spending 27 months serving in the Peace Corps as a Peace Corps volunteer. I lived in the Eastern European country of Montenegro, located on the Adriatic Sea surrounded by Croatia, Bosnia, Serbia, and Albania.

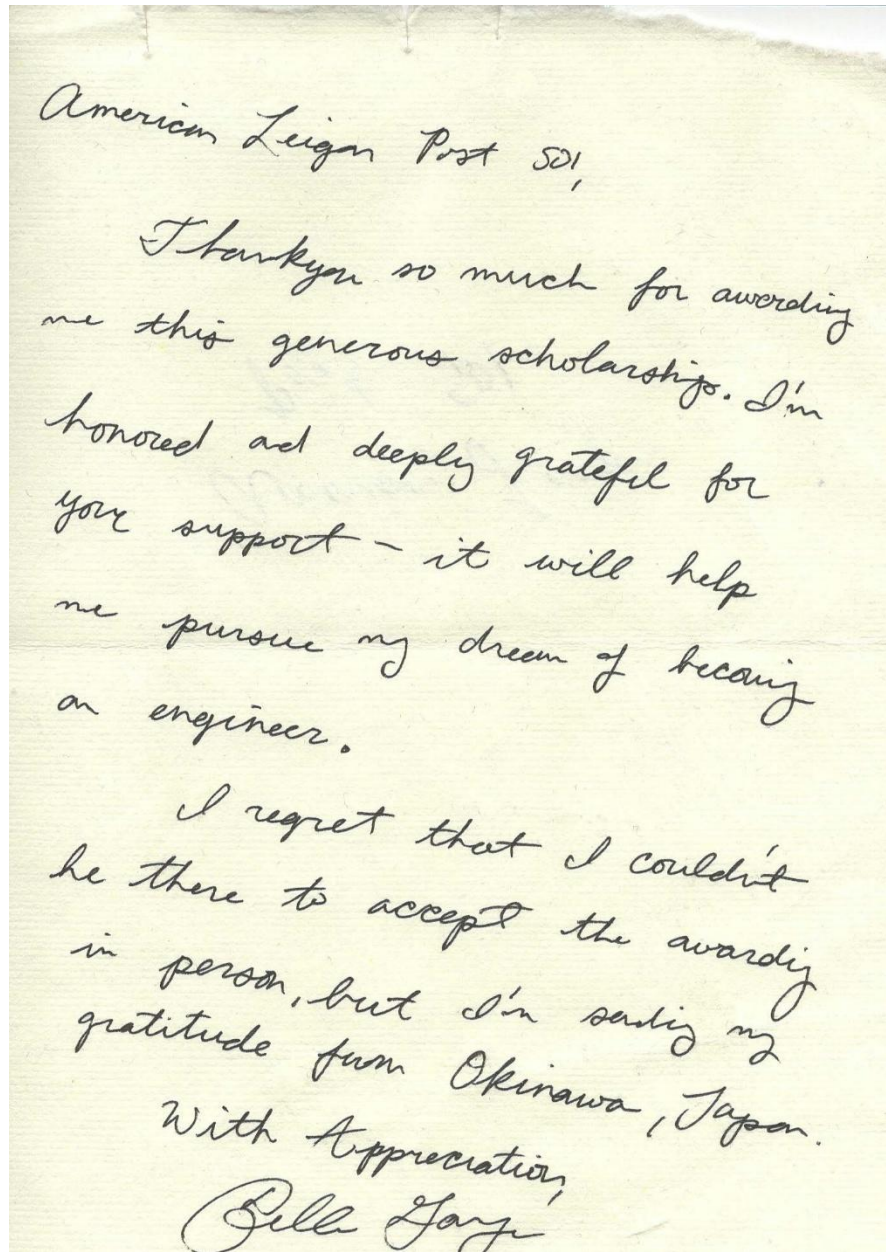
There, I lived in a small rural community along the border and taught English at the elementary school, grades 1 through 9. During that time, I helped start an English-language spelling bee and mentored the 9th graders to publish their first ever class yearbook, among other activities.

My home is now in Wilmington, where my parents and one sister and her family all reside. In the meantime, I have been pursuing a master's degree at the University of North Carolina Wilmington for teaching English as a Second Language. The required classes are finished, and next fall, I will do the teaching internship at an area high school. Then, I will receive the degree and an NC teaching license.

There is a local Legion post here, of course, but it isn't quite the time to transfer the membership yet. I enjoy seeing the news of Post 501. The weekly email is a nice feature.

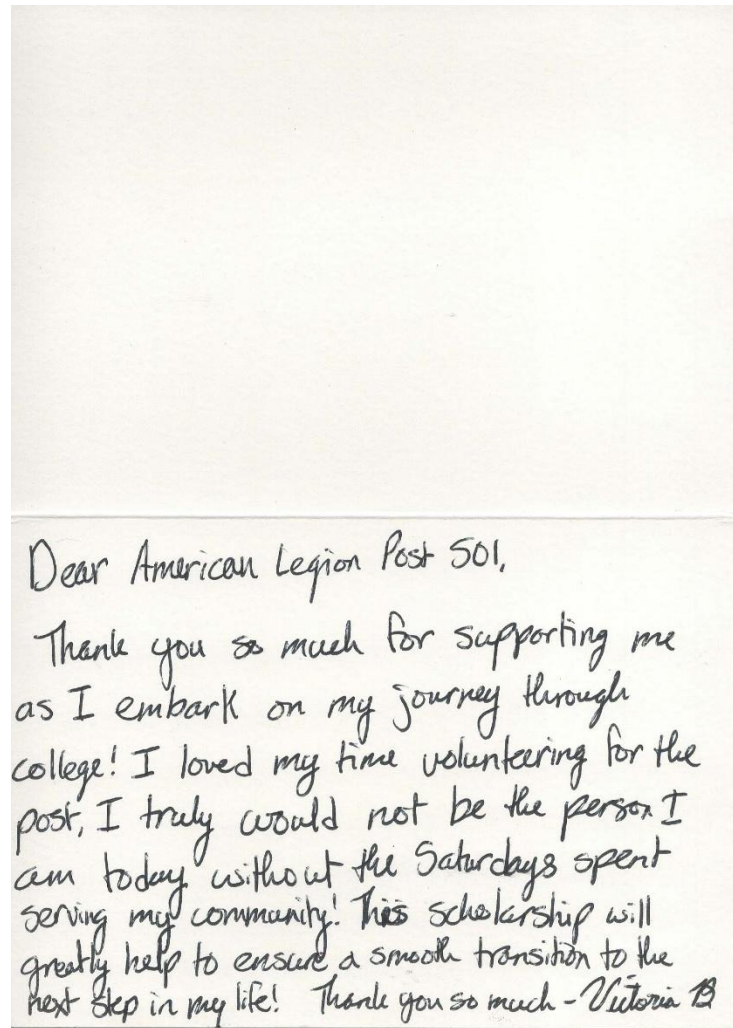
Eric Breuerman

Thank you letter from Isabella ("Bella") Garza written and sent from Okinawa, Japan. AUG 2025.



American Legion Post 501,
Thank you so much for awarding
me this generous scholarship. I'm
honored and deeply grateful for
your support - it will help
me pursue my dream of becoming
an engineer.
I regret that I couldn't
be there to accept the awarding
in person, but I'm sending my
gratitude from Okinawa, Japan.
With Appreciation,
Bella Garza

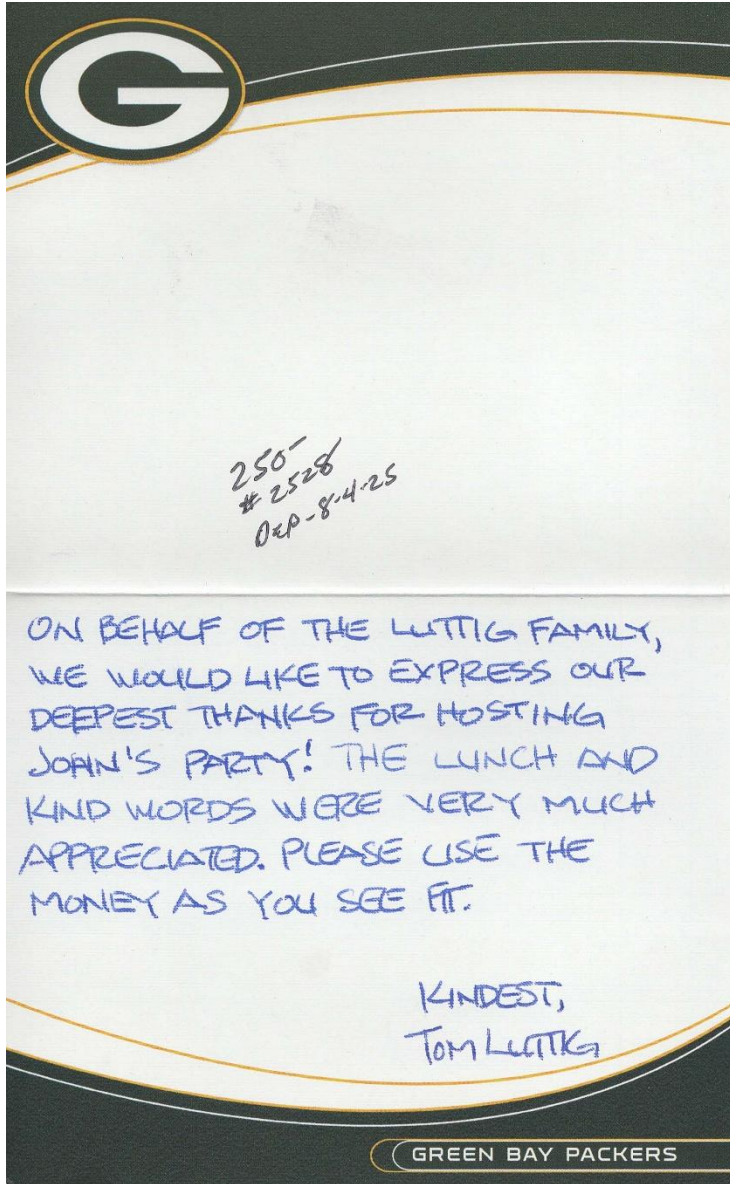
Thank you letter from Victoria Boerke.



Dear American Legion Post 501,

Thank you so much for supporting me as I embark on my journey through college! I loved my time volunteering for the post, I truly would not be the person I am today without the Saturdays spent serving my community! This scholarship will greatly help to ensure a smooth transition to the next step in my life! Thank you so much - Victoria 19

Thank you letter from Luttig Family.



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State of Wisconsin



DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

To All to Whom These Presents Shall Come, Greeting:

I, Kristie Pulvermacher, Administrator, Division of Corporate and Consumer Services, Department of Financial Institutions, do hereby certify that

SEVERSON-CAIRNS, POST NO. 501, THE AMERICAN LEGION OF WISCONSIN

filed a Statement of Intent to Become a corporation organized under the provisions of sec. 188.11 of the Wisconsin Statutes and that its date of organization is November 23, 1960.

I further certify that it appears from the records of this department that said organization continued and now is duly and legally formed, organized and existing by and under the laws of this state.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the Department on August 19, 2025.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kristie Pulvermacher".

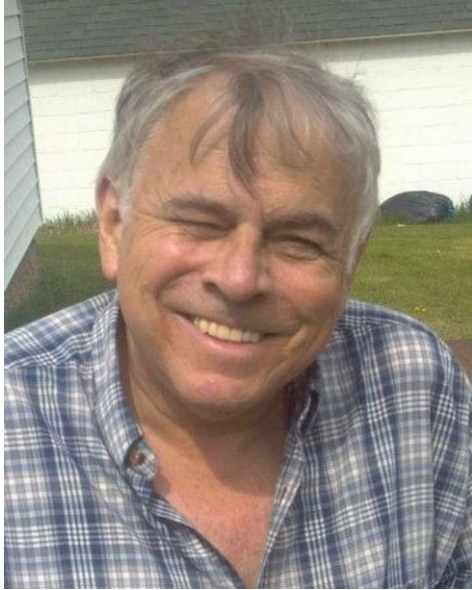
KRISTIE PULVERMACHER, Administrator
Division of Corporate and Consumer Services
Department of Financial Institutions

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Summer Rawfert".

BY: Summer Rawfert

August 15, 2025. Post 501 member William G. “Bill” Reeve passed away at age 78, on August 15th, 2025.

His [obituary](https://www.cressfuneralservice.com/obituaries/william-reeve) is at <https://www.cressfuneralservice.com/obituaries/william-reeve>.



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