



# Kilduff-Wirtanen American Legion Post 74

*For God and Country*

• 38 Main Street, Brookline, NH 03033-0761 •

## April 2025 Newsletter

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Kilduff-Wirtanen American Legion Post 74, Brookline, NH meets the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month\* at 38 Main Street Brookline. Meetings begin at 1900 hours (7PM). \*Nov and Dec meeting held 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday.

You can attend via Zoom: <https://us05web.zoom.us/j/6205759325?pwd=a1g1aVdna0djMjRFYThlQUlVb1grdz09>  
Meeting ID = 6205759325; Passcode: ht3w6Z or,  
One tap mobile = (646) 558-8656; Meeting ID = 6205759325#

If you wish to join or have questions about the American Legion, please call one of the Post Officers.  
Visit our Facebook Page at: Kilduff-Wirtanen American Legion Post #74 Brookline, NH

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### **Next Meeting:**

**24 April at 7:00 PM**

**Voting for Officers at this meeting**

**March Meeting Minutes**

The Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Post Commander Will Collard. 12 members were present, in person or by Zoom, and no guests.

Colors advanced, prayers offered, POW/MIA empty chair recognized, Pledge of Allegiance and Preamble recited.

**Minutes:** Bruce Moran moved to dispense with the verbal reading of the Minutes since they were published in the newsletter and sent to all the members. Dean McCollaum seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

**Treasurers Report:** Arlene d'Arbonne presented the Treasurer's Report. The General Fund Expenses reported: \$41.69 to Eversource; and \$100 to the Aroostock House of Comfort; totaling \$141.69. Deposits reported: \$1000.00 donation from the Brookline Lions Club. The Monument Fund Expenses include: \$194.76 for bricks. Deposits included: \$400 from Bill Graham for 4 bricks. Bruce Moran moved that the Treasurer's Report be accepted, pending audit, seconded by Pat Moquin, and unanimously approved.

**Membership:** Six members have 2025 membership fees due. Kerry Spangler will send an email to each member to notify them of the dues required. Please pay dues as soon as possible. Please note, if the three-year option is selected, the member will receive their membership card for one year but the membership system shows the three-year enrollment.

**Sick Call and Employment:**

- Jeff Smith's wife passed away in California since our last meeting. Many condolences for his loss.
- No word from Bob Glover. Kerry Spangler will check in with him.
- Ernest Anctil, USA Veteran, during Korean Conflict, passed away at Premier Rehabilitation Center. No services will be held. Moment of silence for Ernie.

**Old Business:**

- Monument: Greg d'Arbonne reported that Hudson Monuments is working on engraving the 100 bricks (80). Remaining obligations – pay for engraving, pay for bricks, pay for landscaper. Chris Lussier made a motion that we delay submitting the list of deceased members to Hudson Monuments until after we settle all the payments for the remaining obligations, seconded by Pat Moquin, and unanimously approved. (Open)
- Gutters on the Post Building: Greg d'Arbonne had a contractor provided an

estimate of \$3,000 for the gutters. Noted was the method of installation required because of the lack of fascia boards to attach the gutters requiring them to be attached directly to the slate roof. Of concern is having broken slates from the installation. Recommends pouring the water to the front not the rear of the building. The gutters must be attached to the slate roof. We may need to add some type of French drain or extension to direct the water away from the parking lot. As an alternative, Greg d'Arbonne made a motion to contact the landscaper to get an estimate for installing two dry wells at the back of the property to drain the water away from the building versus installation of gutters, seconded by Bruce Moran, and unanimously approved. (Open)

- Arlene d'Arbonne still needs to submit Sister Zore's information and application for membership. Department needs get Arlene d'Arbonne access to update the membership. Kerry Spangler will update membership details in the American Legion website for those members who have paid. (Editor's Note: a total of 10 updates totaling \$315.00.) (Open)
- Bruce Moran Memorial Bridge: Remaining work includes rails around the porch and steps down to the yard on the sides. Planned completion for 3 May 2025, weather dependent. (Open)
- Flag Retirement – We have received a large number of flags for retirement. We are having a Flag Retirement 21 Jun 2025 at 10:00 am. Details will follow. Post on Facebook. (Open)
- Work to get the Brookline American Legion Post 74 into the NH charitable organizations list for gaming. We have to show how we apply the funds in support of our American Legion mission. It would require us to hire an accountant, pay the associate fees, and register with the NH Attorney General. Treasurer and our 1st Vice Commander will work with the VFW Quartermaster on the process to get on the list. We need to work

with the Department on completing the paperwork. (Open)

- Tony Fowler solicits points to make about the Constitution and the viewpoints from a Veteran perspective (both current Veterans and possibly of those in the past) to use as the guest speaker for the Memorial Day events. He would like inputs for duty, honor, and country from members and the evolution throughout the years in wars and conflicts. (Open)
- Bruce Moran attended the Veterans Count event and there was an auction of paintings by Jim Laurier who has many military-based paintings. Jim gave Bruce four print copies of the paintings that were auctioned. Bruce donated the four prints for display at the Post. The paintings were all based on actual events. Greg d'Arbonne made a motion that we get the prints framed (made by Greg) and displayed in the American Legion Hall, seconded by John Weidman, and unanimously approved. Greg is working on the frames for the prints. (Open)
- Scouts Spaghetti Dinner scheduled for 30 May. Greg d'Arbonne will attend the planning meeting. Need volunteers to help work (clean, cook and prep) the event. Send an email to Greg d'Arbonne to volunteer. (Open)
- Pat Moquin suggested that we may want to consider adding a Poppy Sales location at the liquor store in Brookline. Pat Moquin will investigate.
- Voting for the Post Officers will occur at the April 24th meeting. All current officers have indicated the desire to continue in their positions.
- Memorial Day event – Greg d'Arbonne will draft and send a letter to send to Brookline town to solidify our participation in the Brookline Memorial Day Ceremony. He will get the same number of wreaths.

**Correspondence:** Kerry Spangler sent a thank you note to the Brookline Lions Club for the \$1000 donation to the post for our continuous support for Veterans and town projects and events. We received a flier for the Memorial Day Celebration in Rochester.

**New Business:**

- Veterans in the classroom at Hollis Brookline Middle School on 4 April prior to their trip to Washington DC. If you are going, submit your information to the school. (Open).

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:52 PM. The next meeting is 24 April 2025, 7:00 PM.

**For the Good of The Post:**

Dr. Laura Landeman-Garber's birthday celebration on April 2nd during the Veterans breakfast.

**News For & From Members**

**Calendar of Events**

Added/Changed events are **highlighted in yellow**.

April 2025

- 24 April – Brookline American Legion Monthly Meeting, 7:00 PM, Brookline Legion Hall.
- 27 April – Hollis VFW Monthly Meeting, 7:00 PM, Brookline Legion Hall.

May 2025

- 18 May – Hollis VFW Monthly Meeting, 7:00 PM, Brookline Legion Hall.
- 22 May – Brookline American Legion Monthly Meeting, 7:00 PM, Brookline Legion Hall.
- 26 Memorial Day events
- 30 May – Scout spaghetti supper

Jun 2025

- 14 June – US Army birthday celebration at Foxboro Stadium.
- 15 June – Hollis VFW Monthly Meeting, 7:00 PM, Brookline Legion Hall.
- 21 June – Flag retirement ceremony. Details to follow.
- 26 June – Brookline American Legion Monthly Meeting, 7:00 PM, Brookline Legion Hall.

July 2025

- July 4<sup>th</sup> – Independence Day
- 20 July – Hollis VFW Monthly Meeting, 7:00 PM, Brookline Legion Hall.
- 24 July – Brookline American Legion Monthly Meeting, 7:00 PM, Brookline Legion Hall.

**Please Make Sure You Renew Your Membership ASAP**

If you pay annually for your membership, we ask that you renew as soon as possible so we can meet our numbers for the year now and not have to rush at the end of the year (which is June). There is also now a 3-year option. You can renew at a meeting, or you can renew online (<https://www.vfw.org/OMS/QuickRenew.aspx>), but please renew!!

**News of Interest to Veterans**

**Help Build the Veteran Database at the NH Veterans Heritage Learning Center**

At the NH State Veterans Cemetery is the "Veterans Heritage Learning Center" to help people learn about NH's rich military history. One of the active displays is the Remembrance Station where veterans or family/friends can enter an entry of their military history and other information - as much or little as they want. Photos of people and items can also be added to the entry. Please take a few minutes to enter your name and military, etc. bio info (whatever you'd like to share). OR enter a family member who is/was a veteran or a friend. Here's the link to Veteran Bio Input Form: <https://www.vhlc.org/stories-of-service-station/veteran-bio-form>.

## Points To Ponder

*The views expressed in the following articles are deemed interesting enough by me to include in the newsletter. I take full responsibility and the content does not reflect the opinion of the members of the Post. Please contact me if these articles offend you. – Kerry M. Spangler*

Reach out to your Veteran friends and let them know what we are all about at American Legion Brookline Post 74.

Each Wednesday at the Marketplace Diner in Hollis, 0800, Veterans breakfast. Come one, come all. Good food, good service, great atmosphere to share with fellow veterans.

Voting for Officers at the April 24 2025 meeting.

### Post Officers

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