



Kilduff-Wirtanen American Legion Post 74

For God and Country

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

April 2024 Newsletter

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

You can attend via Zoom: <https://us05web.zoom.us/j/6205759325?pwd=a1g1aVdna0djMjRFYThIQUIVb1grdz09>

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.
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Next Meeting:

25 April at 7:00 PM

March Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by Post Adjutant Greg d'Arbonne. 7 members were present and no guests.

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

Minutes: A motion was made by Chris Lussier to dispense with the verbal reading of the Minutes since they were published in the newsletter and sent to all the members; seconded by Bruce Moran and unanimously approved.

Treasurers Report: The Treasurer's Report was read. The Post received \$200 from the Hollis VFW for the utilities. One disbursement of \$32.97 for Eversource. Bruce Moran made a motion that the Treasurers Report be accepted as read, pending audit; seconded by Chris Lussier and unanimously approved.

Membership: Tony Fowler wants to transfer his membership to our Post. Russ Norris needs to pay his dues.

Sick Call and Employment:

- Greg d'Arbonne thanked the Post for supporting his dad's funeral by providing military honors.
- Jim Belanger's daughter, Juli, was diagnosed with ALS. The Post members all expressed their condolences and support to Jim, his daughter, and their entire family at this difficult time.
- Chris Lussier stated Bob Smith went to the hospital with pneumonia and was discharged three days later. Bob then got a severe ear infection and went to the hospital in Portsmouth. With antibiotics his infection started to clear but he had balance problems. Bob is home after staying at the Crestwood Rehab Center in Milford, but he is still having issues hearing and with his ears.

Correspondence: The Post received a letter from the New Hampshire veterans Home stating they are expanding their facility to accommodate more Veterans. The Post received a flyer from the New Hampshire Aviation Museum.

Old Business:

- Monument:
 - Bricks for the Monument Walkway: Bob Glover stated the bricks we were going to purchase are no longer available. We will need to coordinate with the engraving company to see what bricks we should get.

- Bill Graham will contact Jerry Farwell about digging and placing the foundation as soon as the weather permits.
- The streamers on the Legion flag have been whittled down to just the most recent. The older ones are waiting for a cord to attach them for future use.
- Pat Moquin has developed a survey to ask members what types of activities they would participate in and what the Post should do better. This will be reviewed before sending it out to the members.
- Gutters on the Post Building: Greg d'Arbonne will ask Aaron Crandlemere what he would charge for this work.
- Legion and Boy Scout Spaghetti Dinner, 11 May: The Boy Scout Troop Committee asked the Post for assistance with gathering sponsors for the dinner. The Committee initially wanted the Post to oversee this effort. The members discussed the difficulty of doing this and how this should be part of the boys' part of the project since it teaches leadership and responsibility. Greg d'Arbonne will speak to the Committee.
- At the last meeting, Commander Collard mentioned the flagpole at the high school football field may need repair and the Lion's Club may be able to help. Chris Lussier said he will check the flagpole to see its condition.

- Post Elections: at the April meeting the Post will elect Officers for the 2024 – 2025 Fiscal Year. The nominated slate of Officers is:
 - Commander: Will Collard
 - 1st Vice Commander: Pat Moquin
 - 2nd Vice Commander: Chris Lussier
 - Treasurer/Finance Officer: Robert Glover
 - Adjutant: Kerry Spangler
 - Historian: Arlene d'Arbonne
 - Sergeant at Arms: Jim Pope

New Business:

- The Middle School will have their "Veterans in the Classroom" sessions on 5 April.
- Memorial Day:
 - The Post will distribute Poppies the Saturday before Memorial Day and replace the American flags on the graves at the three cemeteries before Memorial Day.
 - The Brookline Ceremony will start at 9:30 Am. Chris Lussier will bring the rifles from the Hollis VFW Post for the ceremony.
 - Details about the ceremony will be discussed at the April Meeting.

For the Good of The Post: Nothing to report.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM. The next meeting is 25 April 2024.

News For & From Members

Legion and Troop 260 Spaghetti Dinner Fund Raiser, 11 May. Please help!

On the 11th of May, our Post and the Brookline Scout Troop 260 will hold our Annual Spaghetti Dinner Fund Raiser. This is an important event for both organizations and we really need everyone's help with this.

The biggest help all of us can provide is sponsorships for the dinner. If you know a business leader in the area, please approach them and ask if they can make a donation and advertise on the meal placemat each attendee at the dinner will receive. Donations do not have to be big. Ads are \$50 and \$75, depending on how big they want them. The most important need, though, is that every Post member ask their business friends if they can give a donation. On the next page gives details of how a donation can be made. The page can be printed out and handed to the business owner to help with soliciting a donation. Please consider helping to this event. Donations will be split between our Post and the Scout Troop. We sponsor the Scout Troop, and it has been a great partnership. Your efforts will certainly be appreciated.



Brookline Boy Scout
Troop 260
Tax Exempt # 02-6012381

Dear Brookline Business,

Brookline Troop 260 is a boy led Boy Scout Troop here in Brookline. We currently have about 15 active youth members in our Troop and are chartered by the Kilduff-Wirtanen American Legion Post #74 in Brookline NH. We are hosting a Spaghetti Supper on May 11, 2024, to support our troop and the Kilduff-Wirtanen American Legion.

Please support the Boy Scouts and Veterans by making a donation to advertise on our event placemat. Placemat ads will be \$50 for a 3.5 x 2 inch ad, and \$75 for a 5 X 3.5 inch ad. The ads need to be collected or sent in by May 1st, 2024.

The mission of the Boy Scouts of America is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law. We love to canoe, hike, camp, and serve in the Brookline community.

The namesakes for the American Legion Post #74, Kilduff and Wirtanen, were Brookline natives who went off to fight in WW I and WW II (respectively) but tragically died and never returned home. The current building for the Kilduff-Wirtanen American Legion Post #74 located at 38 Main Street in Brookline, NH is an old school house owned by the Town of Brookline built around 1896. The Brookline Legion Post maintains the building at minimal to no cost to the Town. We use donation events like these and the annual poppy drive to raise funds to cover maintenance, heating fuel cost, and other projects to better the Legion building. Some of the improvements made by generous donations like yours are new outside storm windows, new heating, new roof, and a wheelchair ramp.

Please consider donating to support these organizations and promote your business. Call us at (603) 715-7377 or email at fundraisertroop260@gmail.com.

Thank you,
The Boys of Troop 260 and the Veterans of Brookline

Scout Oath

On my honor, I will do my best
To do my duty to God and my country
and to obey the Scout Law;
To help other people at all times;
To keep myself physically strong,
mentally awake, and morally straight.

Scout Law

A Scout is trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly,
courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty,
brave, clean, and reverent.

THE AMERICAN LEGION PREAMBLE

"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 100-percent Americanism;
To preserve the memories and incidents of our
associations in the great 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;

Veterans in the 8th Grade Classrooms a Success

On Friday, 5 April, Veterans spoke to the 8th Graders before they went on their trip to Washington, DC. Several Post members attended, and the students and Veterans all enjoyed the event. Thanks to all who participated!

Calendar of Events

Added/Changed events are highlighted in yellow.

April

- 21 April: Hollis VFW Monthly Meeting, 7:00 PM, Brookline Legion Hall.
- 25 April: Brookline American Legion Monthly Meeting

May

- 11 May: Brookline American Legion and Scout Troop 260 Spaghetti Dinner, 5 to 7 PM, Brookline Community Church, Main St., Brookline
- 19 May: Hollis VFW Monthly Meeting, 7:00 PM, Brookline Legion Hall
- 23 May: Brookline American Legion Monthly Meeting
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- 25 May: VFW and American Legion Poppy distribution at each Transfer Station, 8 AM to 4 PM
- 25 May: Replace all US flags in the Brookline cemeteries, 9 to 11 AM
- 27 May, 8:30 AM Coffee with a Vet, then 9:30 AM, Memorial Day Ceremony. All in front of the Brookline Town Hall
- 27 May, 5:00 PM, wreath laying at Memorial Park, then march to Hollis Common for the Memorial Day Ceremony on the Hollis Town Common

June

- 15 June: Brookline American Legion Flag Retirement Ceremony, 10 AM, Legion Hall.
- 23 June: Hollis VFW Monthly Meeting, 7:00 PM, Brookline Legion Hall.
- 27 June: Brookline American Legion Monthly Meeting.

Please Make Sure You Renew 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). 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. – Greg d'Arbonne

Wordsmithing - Really Clever

ARBITRAITOR - - A cook that leaves Arby's to work at McDonald's.

BERNADETTE - - The act of torching a mortgage.

BURGLARIZE - - What a crook sees through.

AVOIDABLE - - What a bullfighter tries to do.

COUNTERFEITER - - Workers who put together kitchen cabinets.

LEFT BANK - - What the bank robbers did when their bag was full of money.

HEROES - - What a man in a boat does.

PARASITES - - What you see from the Eiffel Tower.

PARADOX - - Two physicians.

PHARMACIST - - A helper on a farm.

RELIEF - - What trees do in the spring.

RUBBERNECK - - What you do to relax your wife.

SELFISH - - What the owner of a seafood store does.

SUDAFED - - Brought litigation against a government official.



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