



# Kilduff-Wirtanen American Legion Post 74

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## August 2023 Newsletter

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=a1g1aVdna0djMjRFYThlQUIVb1grdz09>

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.  
Click here to visit our Facebook Page at: Kilduff-Wirtanen American Legion Post #74 Brookline, NH

### **Next Meeting:**

**24 August at 7:00 PM**

### **July Meeting Minutes**

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by Post Commander Will Collard. 9 members present.

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

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

**Treasurers Report:** The Treasurer's Report was read. The Post received \$245 from dues. Disbursements were \$291.70 for dues and \$27.96 for Eversource. Bruce Moran made a motion that the Treasurers Report be accepted as read, pending audit; seconded by John Weidman and unanimously approved.

### **Sick Call and Employment:**

- John Weidman stated his wife has returned from Ukraine. She was there because her Godson was killed in a traffic accident shortly before returning to the war. The members

expressed their condolences to John's family for their loss.

- Greg d'Arbonne stated his father is not doing well and is still at the rehab center.

**Membership:** Justin Adams has paid his dues from January through December 2023.

**Correspondence:** Nothing to report.

### **Old Business:**

- Monument:
  - The members discussed when we could do a dedication of the Monument once it is erected. John Weidman stated any time is good as it can be erected, and we can hold a formal unveiling any date after that. The members agreed and are looking at some time after Labor Day.
  - The foundation has been delayed due to the constant wet weather.
  - Jim Pope stated he investigated purchasing bricks and having them delivered. He stated engraving costs have increased since last he looked at this issue for the Historical Society.. It is estimated it will be \$21 to \$23 per line. The path from the sidewalk to the Monument is 46 feet and will take approximately 600+ bricks to do the walkway and the border around the Monument. Access will be ADA compliant. The walkway and border will be bordered

- by granite stones like the other monuments in front of Town Hall. It was agreed a landscaper should be hired to make the path and border. Bob Glover stated he will check on a brick company he knows and see what their price is.
- Greg d'Arbonne will create a PowerPoint file with a slide for each brick ordered so each can be reviewed for accuracy.
- Adding Wiliam Quigley's name to the Korea/Vietnam Monument: John Weidman will get this done. Greg d'Arbonne will send him the full name and ask the Town Administrator for the funds to accomplish this.
- Greg d'Arbonne made a motion that we request that the two trees in front of the Post be removed; seconded by Chris Lussier and unanimously approved. Greg will contact the tree removal service.

**New Business:**

- Bob Glover stated he will install the mailbox to the right of the front steps. All agreed this is a good location.
- Greg d'Arbonne stated Post member Justin Adams's grandfather, George Chandler, and an Army Veteran, died, and will be buried at the Brookline South Cemetery on the 4th of August. He asked that those who can attend let him know so we can support the funeral.
- The groundbreaking for the Easterseals facility in Franklin, NH will have their groundbreaking ceremony on 20 September. All Veterans are invited.

**For the Good of The Post:**

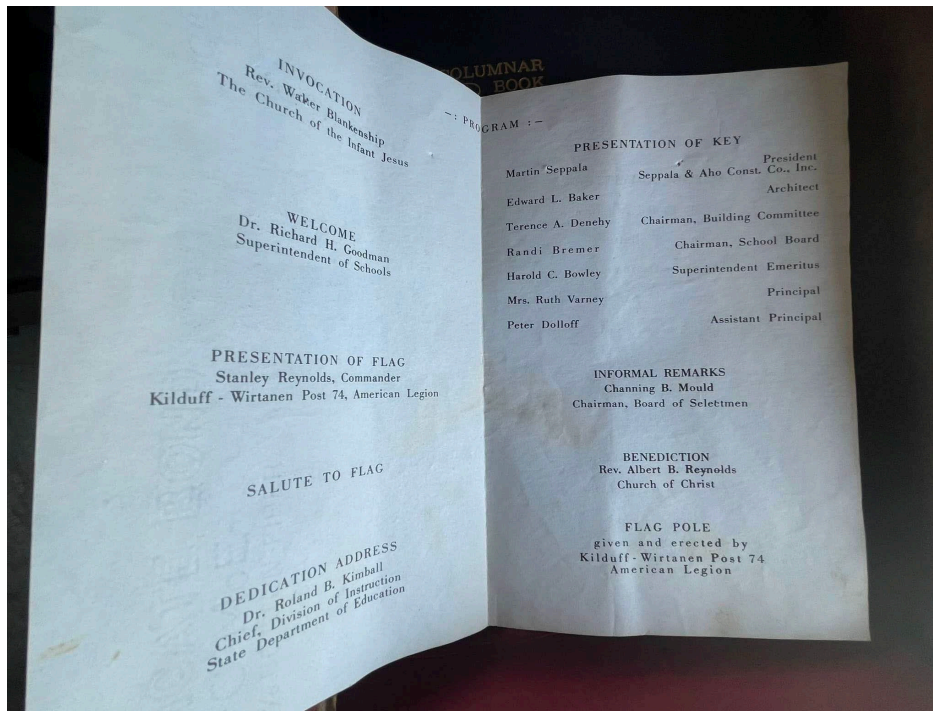
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There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:53 PM. The next meeting is 24 August 2023.

## **News For & From Members**

### **A Bit of Post History and Patriotic Service to Our Community**

Thanks to Lynn Giblin for seeing this posted on the Brookline Facebook page. It's from the dedication ceremony on September 11, 1961, for the opening of the Brookline Elementary School. Our Legion Post donated the flagpole and presented the first flag to fly on the pole.



## **John Weidman Among Those Honored with Governor's Arts Award**

Congratulations to Post member John Weidman for his being honored as a 2023 Governor's Arts Awards recipient! You can read about this award at the Hollis Brookline News Online (<https://hollisbrooklinenewsonline.com/governors-arts-awards-announced-local-sculpturer-john-weidman-among-p6694-187.htm#gsc.tab=0>). Congratulations John!!

### **Calendar of Events**

Added/Changed events are highlighted in yellow.

#### August

- 20 August: Hollis VFW Monthly Meeting, 7 PM, Brookline Legion Hall.
- 24 August: Brookline American Legion Monthly Meeting

#### September

- 8 - 9 September: Hollis Old Home Days
- 17 September: Hollis VFW Monthly Meeting, 7 PM, Brookline Legion Hall.
- 28 September: Brookline American Legion Monthly Meeting

#### October

- 15 October: Hollis VFW Monthly Meeting, 7 PM, Brookline Legion Hall.
- 26 October: Brookline American Legion Monthly Meeting

#### November

- 11 November: Hollis VFW Veterans Day Ceremony, 11 AM, Hollis Community Church.
- 16 November: Brookline American Legion Monthly Meeting
- 19 November: Hollis VFW Monthly Meeting, 7 PM, Brookline Legion Hall.

### **Please Make Sure You Renew ASAP**

If you pay annually for your membership, please renew ASAP 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 renew online at <https://mylegion.org/PersonifyEbusiness/Membership/Renew>. Thanks!

## Pillars of Freedom Brick Donation Form

Please print clearly using capital letters only. (Text will be ALL capital letters when engraved.)

- A maximum of 15 characters per line, and a maximum of 3 lines of text per brick is allowed.
- Spaces, hyphens, and punctuation are considered characters.
- Text will be centered on the brick, top to bottom and left to right.


### Donor Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## **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>.

### **Operation Care for Troops Update**

I am writing to you as Operation Care for Troops (OCT) is preparing for the August Care Package shipment to deployed troops. In August OCT expects to send care packages to 650 to 700 deployed troops. Of those, 294 are deployed NHNG Troops in the middle east and 215 deployed elsewhere. In September OCT will support Harbor Cares "Veterans' Stand Down" with requested items as well as 75 product bags geared to homeless & in-transition Veterans in NH.

Further, OCT is responding to many special requests from units. Recently, a special request from the NH National Guard with care packages filled with Hydration Drink Mix, protein bars and protein snacks.

For Operation Care for Troops to continue, we are in need of funds for shipping care packages (\$21.20 per box) and funds to purchase products. Donations can be mailed to: Operation Care for Troops, PO Box 1604, Nashua, NH 03061

OCT accepts PayPal. Link is:

[https://www.paypal.com/donate?token=7iMiYvxaE4Ypm3nb6AAFr6TTzDbNyI5LC0aSjM0miFZNsi eo5F8e5qVrtnz\\_eboTvXaz0x2O3gVJw\\_CN](https://www.paypal.com/donate?token=7iMiYvxaE4Ypm3nb6AAFr6TTzDbNyI5LC0aSjM0miFZNsi eo5F8e5qVrtnz_eboTvXaz0x2O3gVJw_CN)

Below is a recent thank you from NHNG from OCT's April packing. More thank you's and packing events can be viewed on our FB page: <https://www.facebook.com/OCTNH>

Please contact me with any questions. Thank you for your continued support of OCT and our troops, Deborah Luszey, Operation Care for Troops, 603-321-5541

*Thank you email from NH National Guard from OCT's April packing.*

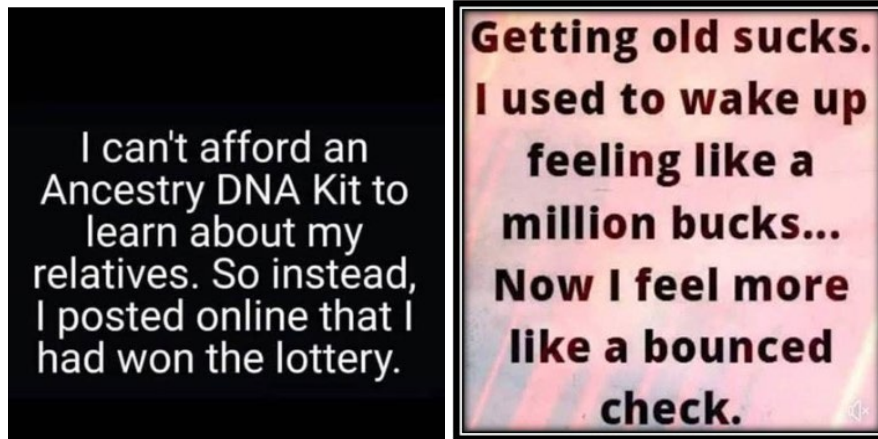
Good morning from Kuwait! We have all received your care packages! We all can't thank you enough for what your team has done. It is an exceptional feeling receiving mail when you're not expecting it!! On top of opening packages to see all the items and treats it was humbling to see the photos of those doing the labor-intensive work of packaging them all!!!!

It was a massive morale boost and was nice to see the SMs go through the packages to see what was inside. 3-197th FAR truly appreciates the time you have given us!

Thank you very much! V/r, SFC Sara R. McPherson, 3-197th FAR FWD".

## **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*



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