



Kilduff-Wirtanen American Legion Post 74

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December 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=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

Next Meeting:

19 December at 7:00 PM

November Meeting Minutes

The Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Post Commander Will Collard. 10 members were present, in person or by Zoom, and 1 guest.

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

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

Treasurers Report: The Treasurer was not present at the meeting due to continued recovery after surgery. During a visit, Treasurer, Bob Glover stated to Kerry Spangler that he felt it was time to give up the position. Kerry Spangler reviewed the account information comparing the checkbook balances, bank statements, and monthly finance report. This report reflects the information from that review. Expenses reported: \$23.25 to Eversource. Deposits reported: \$35 dues (Bobby Canada). \$1292.99 from Scout Troop 260 for the spaghetti dinner, \$588.00 from Poppy donations at the Brookline Transfer Station, Expenses include: \$200.00 paid to CL

Farwell for the monument base, \$1383.29 for the purchase of the bricks for the walkway, \$3405.00 payment to Earth,s Echo, LLC for brick walkway installation. Deposits included: \$100 Brick for Peter Cook. Bruce Moran moved that the Treasurer's Report be accepted as documented by Kerry Spangler, seconded by Greg d'Arbonne, and unanimously approved.

Membership: Several members have 2025 membership fees due. Please pay 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.

Dean McCullaum filled out an application and dues were paid for him to join the Post.

Sick Call and Employment:

- Bob Glover is waiting to hear how long he has to have the HALO to facilitate repair and healing. He is in good spirits but cannot attend meetings, yet.
- Pat Moquin's wife knee replacement went well.
- Chris Lussier benign lymphoma removal was successful. Haircut to follow at a later date.
- Several members continue to visit Steve Kolesnik, WWII Veteran at Premier Rehabilitation. He was in good spirits on Veteran's Day visit and sing-a-long.
- Bruce Moran has a knee brace and will continue physical therapy through the end of

the year. His wife's, Ann Marie, leg should be healed by the end of the year.

Correspondence: Invoice Earth's Echo, LLC for monument brick walkway installation.

Old Business:

Monument:

- Brookline Public Works Department is satisfied with the installation of the brick walkway. Earth's Echo, LLC will install the engraved bricks in the spring after we receive them. They will also make any repairs needed after the winter. The remaining bill (10%) will be invoiced after they determine what it takes to exchange the engraved bricks for bricks in the walkway. We plan to submit the bricks for engraving in January 2025.
- Kerry Spangler gave the check for \$2000 to the VFW quartermaster on 30 Oct to repay the loan.

Gutters on the Post Building: Greg d'Arbonne needs to find a contractor to get estimates.

Arlene d'Arbonne needs to submit Sister Zore's information and application for membership.

Bruce Moran Memorial Bridge: Remaining work includes rails around the porch and steps down to the yard on the sides.

Need a list of past deceased members to ensure they are included in the bricks for the walkway. Kerry Spangler has a partial list and is researching to complete the list. Will Collard suggested using AI to help complete the list.

November 2nd the ribbon cutting for the Holiday Card Central was a success. Operations are in full swing there. Anyone wishing to volunteer to help with card reviews and sorting, please contact Dr. Laura Landeman-Garber.

Veterans Day/Week activities:

- November 7-8 school ceremonies were awesome. It was an honor to see all the efforts by all grade levels to give Veterans such a wonderful recognition. Many thanks to the Upper and Lower Elementary, Middle School, and High School, students, teachers, and staff for their hard work in putting the

ceremonies together and promoting patriotism throughout the community.

Poppy sales at the Brookline Transfer Station were less than last year, probably because it was a three-day weekend and people may have had other plans than taking their recyclables and trash. Thanks to all the folks who stopped to get poppies.

Veteran's Day Ceremony at the church was a success. Weather was good and DAR did their usual outstanding job putting together the reception following the ceremony.

Flag Retirement – We have received a large number of flags for retirement. We will look at having a Flag Retirement in the spring.

December 14th, The Four Vets and Bob Smith went to Eversource Headquarters to help review, sort and count cards. The Four Vets led the group for the National Anthem, Bob Smith led the group for the Pledge of Allegiance, and the Four Vets sang the 6 service songs to kick off the event.

New Business:

- Pat Moquin suggested the Post investigate participating the casino charitable gaming at the Nashua casinos. Chris Lussier indicated that getting more funds from the charitable gaming would give us a tremendous opportunity to help veterans in our community. Greg d'Arbonne made the motion to work to get the Brookline American Legion Post 74 into the NH charitable organizations list for gaming, seconded by Pat Moquin. 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. It was recommended for our Treasurer and our 1st Vice Commander to work with the VFW Quartermaster on the process to get on the list. The motion was unanimously approved.
- Treasurer – Greg d'Arbonne made a motion that we elect a new Treasurer, Arlene d'Arbonne, seconded by Chris Lussier and unanimously approved. Arlene d'Arbonne was

sworn in as Treasurer by Commander Will Collard.

- Greg d'Arbonne made a motion that Arlene d'Arbonne and Kerry Spangler be added to the signature cards for the Brookline American Legion Post 74 bank accounts, seconded by Pat Moquin, and unanimously approved.

For the Good of The Post:

Race Across Hollis, 8 December – 1300, Stu Jackson will play Taps.

8 Dec, 1500, provide Jewish Honors for Allen Soiffert at the Beth Abraham Cemetery. Nothing noted.

George Robinson shared information from a piece of mail from the Department of the Adjutant as an advertisement for insurance. This was not a sanctioned American Legion correspondence.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM. The next meeting is 19 December 2024.

News For & From Members

Calendar of Events

Added/Changed events are highlighted in yellow.

December

- 8 December – Race Across Hollis – 1300 hours by the Hollis Congregational Church, Hollis; Stewart Jackson to play Taps.
- 8 December – 1500, Temple Beth Abraham Cemetery in Nashua; Jewish Honors for Allen Soiffert.
- 15 December - Hollis VFW Monthly Meeting, 7:00 PM, Brookline Legion Hall.
- 19 October – Brookline American Legion Monthly Meeting, 7:00 PM, Brookline Legion Hall.

January 2025

- 19 January - Hollis VFW Monthly Meeting, 7:00 PM, Brookline Legion Hall.
- 23 January – Brookline American Legion Monthly Meeting, 7:00 PM, Brookline Legion Hall.

February 2025

- 16 February - Hollis VFW Monthly Meeting, 7:00 PM, Brookline Legion Hall.
- 27 February – 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>.



Blood Drive
Pup Tent One Military
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Function Hall
15 Bockes Rd
Hudson, NH 03051

Saturday, November 30, 2024
9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: VFWHudson to schedule an appointment.

Maximize your blood donation. Help more patients.
If you are an eligible type O, B - or A - donor, consider making a Power Red donation.
Red blood cells are the most commonly transfused blood component.

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New Hampshire Smiles Program

for adults (Medicaid)
if eligible

www.dentaquest.com

1-877-248-6684



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U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) benefits

if eligible

www.va.gov/health-care/about-va-health-benefits/dental-care

1-800-698-2411

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Traditional dental insurance

DeltaDentalCoversMe.com

or

VA Dental Insurance Program (VADIP)

www.va.gov/health-care/about-va-health-benefits/dental-care/dental-insurance



Oral health care for Veterans: 7 options

Every Veteran deserves access to the oral health care they need to maintain optimal health. Based on eligibility, Veterans seeking care can take advantage of one of these seven possible options in New Hampshire.

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Dental Lifeline Network's Donated Dental Services Program

<https://dentallifeline.org/new-hampshire>

603-826-6408

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New Hampshire Dental Society - Take Five Veterans program

603-225-5961



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Northeast Delta Dental Veteran Oral Health Care program

if veteran does not qualify through options 1-5

603-223-1300

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New Hampshire community based dental clinics

www.nedelta.com/community-based-dental-clinics



The Arthritis Foundation and NAMI New Hampshire
present:

2024 ARTHRITIS AND THE MILITARY

MANAGING
CHRONIC PAIN
AND MENTAL
HEALTH



Join our upcoming webinar to explore the impact of mental health on chronic pain, with a focus on the experiences of military service members and veterans. Our panel features veterans and experts in rheumatology, complementary medicine, and pain management.



Free to all active service military members,
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December 5, 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm ET

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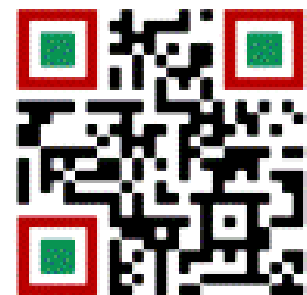


COAT & HOLIDAY GIFT PROJECT

The Coat & Holiday Gift Giving Project provides warm coats for veterans and holiday gifts for the children in their lives, honoring their service with seasonal support and cheer

learn more at Veteransinc.org/events.

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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.

Thanks for singing Happy Birthday to me!!!

Everyone have a Happy and Safe Thanksgiving holiday.

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