



# Kilduff-Wirtanen American Legion Post 74

*For God and Country*

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

## February 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:

## 27 February at 7:00 PM

### January Meeting Minutes

The Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Post Commander Will Collard. 13 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. Pat Moquin seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

**Treasurers Report:** Arlene d'Arbonne presented the Treasurer's Report. The General Fund Expenses reported: \$34.91 to Eversource; Oil Delivery \$619.00; \$100 to the Brookline Volunteer Fire Department Association Fund; and 45.20 for new checks totaling \$799.11. Deposits reported: None. The ending balance is \$7109.03. The Monument Fund Expenses include: None. Deposits include: None. Bruce Moran moved that the Treasurer's Report be accepted, pending audit, 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.

### Sick Call and Employment:

- Bobby Canada's wife is still in assisted living.
- Bob Glover looked great at his 90th birthday party.

**Correspondence:** Letter from Hollis Brookline High School for the Advanced Placement requesting donation to take AP Government students to Washington DC.

### Old Business:

- Monument: •Greg d'Arbonne picked up the 100 bricks and took them to Hudson Monuments for engraving (76). Remaining obligations – pay for engraving, pay for bricks, pay for landscaper. Plus need to send the list of deceased members to Hudson Monuments.
- Gutters on the Post Building: Greg d'Arbonne had a contractor look at the building to get estimates. He will send out an estimate to Greg. 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.

- Arlene d'Arbonne needs to submit Sister Zore's information and application for membership. Department needs to teach how to input on line.
- Bruce Moran Memorial Bridge: Remaining work includes rails around the porch and steps down to the yard on the sides.
- Need final list of past deceased members to ensure they are included in the bricks for the walkway. Kerry Spangler will provide the list at the Feb meeting.
- Flag Retirement – We have received a large number of flags for retirement. We will look at having a Flag Retirement in the spring.
- 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.
- Brookline Fire Department donation of \$100 was given for purchase of firefighting supplies and equipment for the department.

### **New Business:**

- Greg d'Arbonne received a call from the Brookline Town Administrator concerning snow plowing of the American Legion parking. The town will plow the driveway will be the last area played. Scouts will continue to clear the steps. Greg took the documentation showing the purchase agreement so the town has it in their records.
- Greg d'Arbonne made a motion to donate \$100 to the Hollis Brookline High School for the Advanced Placement team trip to Washington DC. Chris Lussier seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.
- We need to plan the Flag retirement ceremony. Because of the conflict with the USA 250th event on June 14, Greg made the motion to do it the weekend after on June 21st, seconded by Pat Moquin and unanimously approved.
- Tony Fowler was invited to be the guest speaker for the Hollis Memorial Day Ceremony. He wants to solicit points to make about the Constitution and the viewpoints from a Veteran perspective (both current Veterans and possibly of those in the past). Greg d'Arbonne asked that he also speaks at the Brookline Ceremony. All agreed that his topic is a very good one.

### **For the Good of The Post:**

- June 14th is the USA 250th Birthday. Greg d'Arbonne is leading the organization of the event. He is looking for donations for the event. Tickets for a table will be around \$10,000. This event also kicks off the 7-year Revolutionary war event.
- Bruce Moran, Bob Smith, and Pat Moquin attended the Operation Delta Dogs award from Citizens bank where they received the bank's highest award.
- Members supported the funeral of Eugene Bourgeois in which about 50 Veterans across the state attended.
- Chris Lussier talked about a reunion luncheon he had with members of his flying squadron he served with. It reminded him that Veterans share a unique bond that not many others have. He had not seen many of them for a long time (as long as 35 years)but it seemed they picked up where they last saw each other. It reminded him of the statement that our Hollis WWII Veteran Bob Smith makes about Veterans being a "Band of Brothers."
- 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.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM. The next meeting is 27 February 2025, 7:00 PM.

## **News For & From Members**

### **Calendar of Events**

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

#### 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.

#### March 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.

#### April 2025

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

#### Jun 2025

- 25 June – Flag retirement ceremony. Details to follow.

### **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.

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