



Kilduff-Wirtanen American Legion Post 74

For God and Country

• 38 Main Street •
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July 2023 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=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:

27 July at 7:00 PM

June Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by Post Adjutant Greg d'Arbonne. 10 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 Harold Ryder and unanimously approved.

Treasurers Report: The Treasurer's Report was read. Bob Glover stated he purchased for \$43.66 a mailbox and post we can install in front of the Legion Hall for mail delivery to our address. Bruce Moran made a motion that the Post reimburse Bob Glover for the cost of these items; seconded by Jim Pope and unanimously approved. Bruce Moran made a motion that the Treasurers Report be accepted as read, pending audit; seconded by Arlene d'Arbonne and unanimously approved.

Sick Call and Employment:

- Harold Ryder stated his wife has been having medical issues for the last several months. He said she is getting better but it is slow.
- Greg d'Arbonne stated his father is not doing well and is still at the rehab center.

Membership: Justin Adams needs to pay his dues.

Correspondence:

- The Post received a letter from former Post member William Quigley who wrote he is a Korean War Veteran of the Coast Guard, but his name is not listed on the Korean and Vietnam War Memorial at Town Hall. John Weidman said he will look at correcting the memorial and Greg d'Arbonne will ask the Selectboard to fund the needed work.
- The Post received two donations for bricks for the Monument walkway.

Old Business:

- Spaghetti Dinner, 13 May: The Boy Scouts reported they did the best ever with the event and the Post will be receiving a check of about \$1,500.
- The flagpole is now repaired with a new light on top and a new lanyard.
- Memorial Day: The members reviewed the various events and said all was good, but we need more advertising of the event to increase attendance.

- Everyone was reminded about the Brookline Fourth of July parade. Everyone needs to be formed up at 9:30 in the morning.
- Monument:
 - It was announced the Monument is paid for.
 - John Weidman and Jim Pope stated they will look for a company to produce and engrave the bricks.
 - A tree near the site where the Monument will be placed will be taken down before the Monument is installed.
 - John Weidman will contact Jerry Farwell to arrange for the work to install the concrete base. The Post will pay for the installation of the concrete base and the Monument.

New Business:

- The members discussed whether the Post financial accounts should move from TD Bank to the Millyard Bank in Hollis. After much discussion that showed there were no significant advantages or disadvantages, it was decided to leave the accounts where they are at the TD Bank.

For the Good of The Post:

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There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM. The next meeting is 27 July 2023.

News For & From Members

Calendar of Events

Added/Changed events are highlighted in yellow.

July

- 16 July: Hollis VFW Monthly Meeting, 7 PM, Brookline Legion Hall.
- 27 July: Brookline American Legion Monthly Meeting

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

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://www.members.legion.org/CGI-BIN/lansaweb?webapp=MYLRENEW+webtrn=wr_memberdata+ml=LANSAXHTML+part=TAL+lang=ENG#legion-org-header. 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>.

"Freedom Friday" Every Friday at Fisher Cats Games

Buy 1 ticket and get 1 FREE when you show your valid Military ID. Deal is only valid at the box office. Presented By Manchester Firing Line.

Granite State PACT Act Summer VetFest

Join us at the
Manchester VA Medical Center



All who have served, we encourage you to come on
over with your family and friends
for a fun-filled event!



PACT Act
information
and toxic
exposure
screenings



Kid friendly



Live radio
show

And so much
more!



Military
and first
responder
vehicle
exhibition



VA



U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

Veterans Health Administration
Manchester Healthcare System

Stronger Together

Veterans Coalition of New Hampshire

We are excited to formally announce that the Addiction Recovery Coalition of New Hampshire, in partnership with the Partnership for Public Health of NH and the Manchester VA, have launched the Stronger Together Veterans Coalition of New Hampshire. This partnership was formed to address suicide amongst New Hampshire's Veterans and military members.



According to the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs, the Veteran suicide rate in New Hampshire was significantly higher than the national Veteran suicide rate and was significantly higher than the national general population suicide rate.

The Stronger Together Veterans Coalition of New Hampshire has been meeting monthly since February of 2023 and its members range from Veterans, community mental health providers, private practitioners, community members, Peer Recovery Support Workers and volunteers. We meet monthly on the last Monday of the month from 6p-7p at ARCNH, 180 Elm Street, Suite E, Milford, NH 03055.

Join Us



6:00PM - 7:00PM



Last Monday of every Month



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Addiction Recovery Coalition
of New Hampshire
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ARCNH is a registered 501c3 nonprofit organization. The ARCNH Community Recovery Center in Milford, NH provides peer-support to individuals, families and veterans seeking recovery from Substance Use Disorder.

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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. – Greg d'Arbonne



My Living Will

Last night, my kids and I were sitting in the living room and I said to them,

'I never want to live in a vegetative state, dependent on some machine and fluids from a bottle. If that ever happens, just pull the plug.'

They got up, unplugged the computer and threw out my wine!!

The little bastards.

**Geezer
Riches**

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