



Kilduff-Wirtanen American Legion Post 74

For God and Country

• 38 Main Street, Brookline, NH 03033-0761 •
July 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=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:

25 July at 7:00 PM

June Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by Post Vice Commander Pat Moquin. 11 members were present and no guests.

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 previously submitted by Bob Glover and read by Kerry Spangler. The Post received \$1064.86 from the sale of poppies at the Brookline Transfer Station, \$125.00 from dues, and other for \$48.60. Chris Lussier made a motion that the Treasurers Report be accepted as read, pending audit; seconded by Greg d'Arbonne, and unanimously approved.

Membership: Chris Lussier forwarded the information for a new veteran in the community

named Bob Smith to Greg d'Arbonne who is on a tight budget but would like to join the Post.

Sick Call and Employment:

- Bruce Moran stated that he had fallen from a ladder after a ladder's leg broke causing him to fall to the floor. He also said his wife was getting to a point of being able to walk short distances with a walker but is still in pain. Will Collard delivered an electric scooter for her to use. Chris Lussier discussed the bridge to help facilitate her access to the house. Chris and Kerry are picking up the wood on July 3rd and will begin construction at 8:00 AM on Friday, July 5th
- John Weidman said that he is doing well.
- Bob Smith, Hollis WWII veteran, injured his hip during the USA birthday celebration and is currently in a rehab center in Milford. He is in good spirits and looking forward to participating in the July 4th Parade.
- Bill Hebdon had a kidney tumor removed.

Correspondence: None.

Old Business:

- Memorial Day:
 - The Brookline Memorial Day Ceremony went well. Asking members for inputs on improving the ceremony for 2025.
 - The Post replaced the American flags on the graves at the three cemeteries in Brookline before Memorial Day.
 - Poppy Distribution: The Post raised \$1064.86 from the sale of poppies.
- Survey: Pat Moquin distributed the survey to members asking what they think can be done to help improve the Post and what our Legion Post does for members and the community. As of the meeting, 16 responses have been received. Extending the deadline for response to 6 July.
- Monument:
 - John Weidman indicated the monument should be installed sometime in July. We anticipate having the dedication approximately three weeks later to allow for invitations of dignitaries to be completed and plan the organization of the event. Greg d'Arbonne will draft a press release and send out for review.
 - Greg d'Arbonne will contact Bob Heyer, a photographer, when the dedication date is set.
 - Bricks for the Monument Walkway: Greg d'Arbonne will coordinate with the engraving company about them. Need to send as many as possible in for the first engraving. We have about 80 at this time.
- Chris Lussier is getting grommets for the streamers for better display.
- Gutters on the Post Building: Greg d'Arbonne needs to find a contractor to get estimates.
- Greg d'Arbonne coordinated with Sister Zore's family on the Post paying for Christine Zore's membership. Rich Zore will get the information.

- The Post Flag Retirement Ceremony was done on 15 June at 10 AM with several members and scouts assisting,

New Business:

- Commemorative Sculpture Dedication Ceremony tentative schedule:
 - Invocation
 - Guest Speakers (State officials, department)
 - Dedication
 - Benediction
 - Reception
- ZOOM Meeting Account: Price of Zoom account is \$159.34 per year giving unlimited time for meetings sharable with the VFW. Greg d'Arbonne made the motion to provide half the cost of the Zoom account pending VFW approval for the other half. Motion seconded by Bruce Moran with unanimous approval.
- Chris Lussier discussed the bridge to help facilitate Ann Marie's access to the house. Chris and Kerry are picking up the wood on July 3rd and will begin construction at 8:00 AM on Friday, July 5th. Any assistance will be appreciated.
- Holiday Card Shed: Kerry Spangler's son-in-law is going to visit the shed on 28 June to provide advice on how to fix the issues with the door and window installation. Hopefully, these issues will be easily fixed and allow the inside to be completed making it available for use. Dr. Ben Garber asked if they might be able to start using the building by August because they have numerous cards being shipped in around that time from other areas of the country.
- Bruce Moran discussed American Legion signage in front of the post needing to be repainted. A motion was made by Greg d'Arbonne to allocate \$100.00 to purchase marine paint (Legion Blue and Gold) for painting the sign in front of the building. Motion seconded by Bruce Moran and unanimously approved.

- Need to address adding missing names to monuments.

the graves that were identified for flag placement done prior to Memorial Day.

For the Good of The Post: The VFW approved the purchase of markers for holding flags at the Temple Beth Abraham Cemetery in Nashua. After they come in, we will plan putting them at

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:47 PM. The next meeting is 25 July 2024.

News For & From Members

July 4th Parade Activities

- 9:00 AM: Gather at American Legion Hall; identify Color Guard. Uniform – White Shirt, gray or dark pants and cover.
- 9:30 AM: Parade formation at Pine Grove Cemetery.
- 10:00 AM: Parade start.
- Ceremony and barbeque at the school after the end of parade.

Calendar of Events

Added/Changed events are highlighted in yellow.

July

- 4 July: 4th of July Parade in Brookline, assemble at 9:30 AM at Legion Hall.
- 21 July: Hollis VFW Monthly Meeting, 7:00 PM, Brookline Legion Hall.
- 25 July: Brookline American Legion Monthly Meeting.

August

- TBD: Dedication of the Commemorative Sculpture at Brookline Monument Square.
- TBD: Graveside flag marker installation at Temple Beth Abraham Cemetery in Nashua.
- 18 August: Hollis VFW Monthly Meeting, 7:00 PM, Brookline Legion Hall.
- 22 August: Brookline American Legion Monthly Meeting.

September

- 15 September: Hollis VFW Monthly Meeting, 7:00 PM, Brookline Legion Hall.
- 26 September: Brookline American Legion Monthly Meeting, 7:00 PM, Brookline Legion Hall.

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). 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

This July 4th marks the 248th year of the birth of our Constitutional Republic. Have a safe and happy Independence Day!

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