



# Kilduff-Wirtanen American Legion Post 74

*For God and Country*

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## June 2023 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=a1g1aVdna0djMjRFYThQUiVb1grdz09>

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.  
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### **Next Meeting:**

**22 June at 7:00 PM**

### **May Meeting Minutes**

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by Post Commander Will Collard. 11 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 Bob Glover and unanimously approved.

**Treasurers Report:** The Treasurer's Report was read. The Post did not receive any funds this month. Disbursements for the Post were \$37.57 to Eversource. At the meeting, the Post received a check from the Hollis VFW for the flags the Post purchased for them; a total of \$325.98. 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:**

- Commander Will Collard stated his father-in-law is now in an assisted living facility.
- Greg d'Arbonne stated his father is still recovering from his broken leg and is now in a rehab center.
- Rita DeClemente, the wife of former Hollis VFW Post member John DeClemente, died the other day.

**Membership:** Justin Adams needs to pay his dues.

**Correspondence:** Nothing to report.

### **Old Business:**

- Spaghetti Dinner, 13 May: All who attended said it went well. Greg d'Arbonne will ask how much was made at the event.
- Bob Glover stated he is waiting for the Milford Post Office to tell him where we should put the street mailbox.
- Jim Pope will ask Darrell Pelletier for a bucket truck so the solar lamp on the top of the flagpole can be replaced.
- Memorial Day Activities:
  - The members reviewed the various events at the schools.
  - Brookline Cemeteries and flag replacement on the graves, 27 May:
    - Bob Glover and Bill Graham took care of the Lakeside Cemetery and the small cemetery along Rt. 13.

- Post members are asked to meet at the South Cemetery (main Cemetery along Main St) at 9 AM. Greg d'Arbonne will bring a battery-operated drill and 5/16" drill bit to extract any flags that get stuck in their holders. Greg will also ask the Boy and Girl Scouts if they want to help.
- Poppy Distribution on Saturday, 27 May, at the Brookline Transfer Station:
  - 8 to 10 AM = Bob Glover and Pat Moquin
  - 10 AM to 12 PM = Pat Moquin
  - 12 to 2 PM = Arlene and Greg d'Arbonne
  - 2 to 4 PM = Jim Pope and Bobby Canada
- Memorial Day Ceremony, 29 May:
  - We will conduct the Brookline Ceremony at 9:30 AM in front of the Town Hall. Members are asked to be there by 9 AM.
  - The uniform for the event is a white shirt, tie, Navy Blue or dark sport coat, gray pants or dark pants, and Legion hat (if they have one).
  - Greg d'Arbonne picked up the wreaths and they are in the Legion Hall.
  - The model of the Monument will go in front of the Town Hall and be at the Transfer Station on Saturday.
  - We will do a "Coffee with a Vet" before the ceremony starting at 8 AM in front of Town Hall.
- The Hollis Memorial Day Ceremony will be on 29 May at 5:00 PM at the Common in Hollis. All are invited to attend.

### **New Business:**

- Flag Retirement Ceremony: Greg d'Arbonne made a motion that we conduct a Flag Retirement Ceremony on 10 June at 10 AM; seconded by Bruce Moran and unanimously approved. Bill Graham suggested we contact the Fire Department about the fire for the ceremony to ensure we can do one.
- Bruce Moran made a motion that the Post remove the two trees directly in front of the

- Post; seconded by John Weidman and unanimously approved. Jim Pope will ask a Darrel Pelletier for a quote.
- John Weidman stated he touched up the stone flag at the South Cemetery as the colors on it had faded over the years.
- Monument issues:
  - John Weidman stated he will contact Jerry Farwell about digging the base for the Monument.
  - Greg d'Arbonne will pass to John Weidman the inscription the Post approved several months ago so John can start that process as well.
  - The members discussed when the Monument should be dedicated. It was decided that if the Monument could be erected by the 4th of July, that would be a good opportunity. Otherwise, we will look at an appropriate date when it is erected.
- Chris Lussier of the Hollis VFW spoke to the members and stated that the Hollis VFW was donating \$30,000 to the Monument and for bricks in honor of Hollis VFW members who have died. The members were very grateful for this generous donation from the Hollis Post. Chris also stated he would assist our Post in working with the local casino that helped the Hollis Post raise money.
  - Greg d'Arbonne made a motion that the Post pay for Chris Lussier's membership in our American Legion Post; seconded by Bruce Moran and unanimously approved.
  - Greg d'Arbonne made a motion that the inscription on the Monument also include Hollis Memorial Post 11373; seconded by John Weidman and unanimously approved.

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

- Bob Glover briefed the members on the recent State Convention. Bob stated Leo Pacquin is the new Department of New Hampshire Commander.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:58 PM. The next meeting is 22 June 2023.

## **News For & From Members**

### **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: \_\_\_\_\_

## Calendar of Events

### June

- 10 June: Brookline American Legion Flag Retirement Ceremony, 10 AM, Legion Hall
- 22 June: Brookline American Legion Monthly Meeting
- 25 Jun: Hollis VFW Monthly Meeting, 7 PM, Brookline Legion Hall – change due to Father's Day on the regular meeting day.

### July

- 4 July: 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade in Brookline, assemble at 9:30 AM at Legion Hall.
- 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

- 17 September: Hollis VFW Monthly Meeting, 7 PM, Brookline Legion Hall.
- 28 September: 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](https://www.members.legion.org/CGI-BIN/lansaweb?webapp=MYLRENEW+webtrn=wr_memberdata+ml=LANSAXHTML+part=TAL+lang=ENG#legion-org-header). Thanks!

## 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>.

## **Phaneuf Funeral Homes & Crematorium Hosting a Free Veterans Benefits Event on June 15th**

U.S. military Veterans are entitled to several death benefits from the Veterans Administration and other Veterans organizations, though some Veterans aren't aware of what they are exactly. That's why we're holding the free On Behalf of a Grateful Nation military veterans benefits event. I appreciate you sharing this news with your organization. It will be held from 10 to 11:30 a.m., Thursday, June 15, Phaneuf Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 243 Hanover Street, Manchester, NH 03104.

I will discuss burial and cremation options for Veterans as well as include benefit information including:

- VA cash benefits for reimbursement of burial expenses
- Burial Plot Allowance
- Military Honors
- Headstone, Marker, and Medallions
- US Flag and Penitential Certificate
- Burial in a Veterans Cemetery (Federal and State)

While this event is free to veterans, their spouses, family members, and other interested parties, preregistration is required. Those interesting in attending can register at <https://phaneuf.net/veterans-benefits-event>.

Thank you for helping us get the word out so veterans can take advantage of all the benefits they are entitled to as they relate to final arrangement. Please feel free to reach out if you have questions or need more information.

Buddy Phaneuf CFSP, CPC, President, Phaneuf Funeral Homes & Crematorium

### **"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.

### **Liberty House Pantry Current Needs**

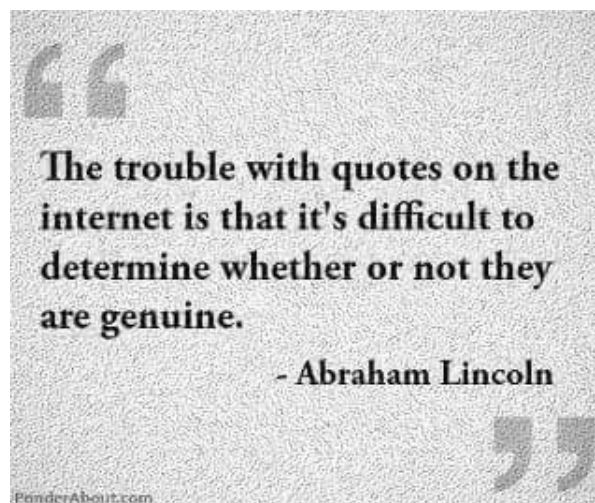
Unfortunately, due to the higher volume of veterans needs, we have gone through our stock very quickly. Below is a copy of our Liberty House pantry needs list. Any help is greatly appreciated.

Thank you, Stephanie Murphy, Office Administrative Assistant, Liberty House, 221 Orange Street, Manchester, NH 03104; 603-669-0761.



## **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*



**A rare photograph of  
my parents  
on their  
way to  
school**



Hundred bucks says there's a coyote under there!



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