



Kilduff-Wirtanen American Legion Post 74

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

March 2025 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:

27 March at 7:00 PM

February Meeting Minutes

The Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Post Commander Will Collard. 11 members were present, in person or by Zoom, and one 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. Arline d'Arbonne seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

Treasurers Report: Arlene d'Arbonne presented the Treasurer's Report. Expenses reported: \$44.69 to Eversource; and \$100 to the HBHS AP Government class Washington DC trip; totaling \$144.69. Deposits reported: \$309.50 from Hollis VFW for share of heating oil costs. The Monument Fund expenses included: None. Deposits included: \$100 for 1 brick. 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.

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. (Open)
- Gutters on the Post Building: Greg d'Arbonne had a contractor look at the building to get estimates. Estimate was \$3,000 for the gutters. Noted was the method of installation required because of the lack of fascia boards to attach the gutters requiring them to be attached directly to the slate roof 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. (Open)
- Arlene d'Arbonne needs to submit Sister Zore's information and application for membership. Department needs to teach how to input on line. (Open)

- Bruce Moran Memorial Bridge: Remaining work includes rails around the porch and steps down to the yard on the sides. Planned completion for 3 May 2025, weather dependent. (Open)
- Flag Retirement – We have received a large number of flags for retirement. We are having a Flag Retirement 21 Jun 2025. Details will follow. (Open)
- 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. (Open)
- Greg d'Arbonne received a call from the Brookline Town Administrator concerning snow plowing of the American Legion parking. The town will not plow the driveway. Scouts will continue to clear the steps. Greg took the documentation showing the purchase agreement so the town has it in their records. May want to approach the state to make the building a historic site. (Open)
- Tony Fowler solicits points to make about the Constitution and the viewpoints from a Veteran perspective (both current Veterans and possibly of those in the past) to use as the guest speaker for the Memorial Day events. (Open)

Correspondence: Brookline Lions Club donated \$1000 to the post for our continuous support for Veterans and town projects and events. Kerry Spangler will send a thank you note for the donation. We received a thank you card for our donation to the Brookline Volunteer Fire Department Association.

New Business:

- Scouts Spaghetti Dinner scheduled for 30 May.
- Pat Moquin suggested that we may want to consider adding a Poppy Sales location at the liquor store in Brookline. Need to investigate.
- Nominations for officers for the post are due in March for an April vote.

For the Good of The Post:

- Members visited Ernesto at the Premier Rehabilitation Center in Nashua. He had been feeling a bit lonely and we spent some time listening to his stories. He was a Korean era veteran stationed in France.
- Four members attended Horace (Oscar) Demanche's funeral service in Nashua. Flag folding and roll call were performed.
- 6 Members attended Pasquale Cioffi's funeral service and provide flag folding and TAPS.
- 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 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 March 2025, 7:00 PM.

News For & From Members

Calendar of Events

Added/Changed events are highlighted in yellow.

March 2025

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

May 2025

- 18 May – Hollis VFW Monthly Meeting, 7:00 PM, Brookline Legion Hall.
- 22 May – Brookline American Legion Monthly Meeting, 7:00 PM, Brookline Legion Hall.
- 26 Memorial Day events
- 30 May – Scout spaghetti supper

Jun 2025

- 14 June – US Army birthday celebration at Foxboro Stadium.
- 15 June – Hollis VFW Monthly Meeting, 7:00 PM, Brookline Legion Hall.
- 21 June – Flag retirement ceremony. Details to follow.
- 26 June – 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>.

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.

Jeffrey Jew, Scout Troop 260 Scoutmaster presented the Troop 260 Annual Report submitted by Life Scout and Troop 260 Historian Conner Grave.

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