



Kilduff-Wirtanen American Legion Post 74

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March 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=a1g1aVdna0djMjRFYThIQUIVb1grdz09>

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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:

28 March at 7:00 PM

February Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by Commander Will Collard. 9 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 Jim Pope and unanimously approved.

Treasurers Report: The Treasurer's Report was read. The Post received a donation of \$1,000 from the Brookline Lions Club for the brick pathway to the Monument and \$34 from the Department of NH for dues. Disbursements were \$32.69 for Eversource and \$837.43 to Lorden Oil for heating oil. Bruce Moran made a motion that the Treasurers Report be accepted as read, pending audit; seconded by Chris Lussier and unanimously approved. There is money in the fund for the Monument of which the base and the brick sidewalk need to be purchased.

Membership: Tony Fowler wants to transfer his membership to our Post.

Sick Call and Employment:

- The members expressed their condolences to George Robinson at the recent death of his nephew's wife from Pancreatic cancer.
- Greg d'Arbonne stated his father is now in hospice care and is resting at home.
- Greg d'Arbonne stated Bob Delia's son, Terry Delia, passed away recently.

Correspondence: The Post received a request from the Brookline Fire Department for a donation as they have done in the past. Jim Pope made a motion that the Post donates \$100 to the Brookline Fire Department; seconded by Pat Moquin and unanimously approved. to report.

Old Business:

- Gutters on the Post Building: Greg d'Arbonne will ask Aaron Crandlemere what he would charge for this work.
- Bricks for the Monument Walkway: Greg d'Arbonne made a motion that the Post purchase 700 bricks, of which 85 will be sent to the engraving company; seconded by Chris Lussier and unanimously approved. Bob Glover will purchase the bricks and coordinate with Greg and the engravers for delivery.
- Greg d'Arbonne made a motion that the Post put the most recent year streamers on the

Legion flag, and the older streamers be put on a rope or string and displayed in the Legion Hall; seconded by Chris Lussier and unanimously approved.

- Pat Moquin will develop a survey to ask members what types of activities they would participate in and what the Post should do better.

New Business:

- The 8th Graders at the Middle School will be going to DC and will invite Veterans to speak to them prior to the trip. More details to come.
- Jim Pope stated the Brookline Lions Club is looking for organizations or projects that need some financial assistance. Commander Collard mentioned the flagpole at the high school football field may need repair and said he would check and get back to Jim on that.
- The members are reminded that Post Officer elections are held in April. Nominations will

be taken until the April Meeting. Currently, the flowing members are willing to serve in these positions, but if anyone wants to be in any of these positions, please contact Greg d'Arbonne:

- Commander: Will Collard
- 1st Vice Commander: Pat Moquin
- 2nd Vice Commander: Chris Lussier
- Treasurer/Finance Officer: Robert Glover
- Adjutant: Kerry Spangler
- Historian: Arlene d'Arbonne
- Sergeant at Arms: Jim Pope

For the Good of The Post:

- The Post members supported the funeral service for Post member Ronald Simard. The family was very appreciative of the support.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM. The next meeting is 28 March 2024.

News For & From Members

Veterans in the 8th Grade Classrooms 5 April

On Friday, 5 April, the Hollis-Brookline Middle School will hold its annual Veterans with the 8th Grade Class program where the Veterans talk to the 8th Graders before they go on their trip to Washington, DC. This is a great program where the students get to ask us Veterans various questions about our time in the military. The questions are wide ranging but generally focus on what we ate and what did we do while we were in the military. Your service does not have to be extra-ordinary or only wartime experience; the students want to know what we all did. It is also a great chance for you to connect with students that you may not normally meet. A great program for the students and the Veterans alike. The school asks that you arrive at the Middle School by 8:30 AM. We will speak to the students from 9 to 9:55, then, 10 to 10:55, then, lunch (provided) with the students from 11 to 11:30.

"Please be prepared to give a brief overview of who you are and where you served. Any memorabilia you have is of particular interest to the students and we encourage you to bring such items of interest to share with them. Students have prepared questions and are being encouraged to ask additional questions in response to your overview. Confirmation of your attendance would be greatly appreciated. Please call 324-5997 X 3055 or email our Senior Secretary Alexandra Harvey at alexandra.harvey@sau41.org to let us know whether you will join us or not. Again, thank you for your service and thank you for your support of our 8th grade students. We look forward to seeing you!"

Calendar of Events

Added/Changed events are highlighted in yellow.

March

- 12 Mar: Brookline and Hollis Town Election Day, 7 AM to 7 PM

- 13 Mar: Brookline Town Meeting, 7 PM, Captain Samuel Douglass Academy
- 14 Mar: Hollis School Annual Meeting, 7 PM, Hollis-Brookline Middle School
- 16 Mar: Hollis Town Meeting, 9 AM, Hollis-Brookline High School
- 17 March: Hollis VFW Monthly Meeting, 7:00 PM, Brookline Legion Hall.
- 19 Mar: Hollis-Brookline Coop Annual Meeting, 6:30 PM, Hollis Brookline High School
- 27 March: Veterans in the Classroom with the 8th Graders at the Middle School
- 28 March: Brookline American Legion Monthly Meeting

April

- 5 April: Veterans with the 8th Graders, 8:30 AM, Hollis-Brookline Middle School.
- 21 April: Hollis VFW Monthly Meeting, 7:00 PM, Brookline Legion Hall.
- 25 April: Brookline American Legion Monthly Meeting

May

- 19 May: Hollis VFW Monthly Meeting, 7:00 PM, Brookline Legion Hall
- 23 May: Brookline American Legion Monthly Meeting
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- 25 May: VFW and American Legion Poppy distribution at each Transfer Station, 8 AM to 4 PM
- 25 May: Replace all US flags in the Brookline cemeteries, 9 to 11 AM
- 27 May, 9:00 AM Coffee with a Vet, then 9:30 AM, Memorial Day Ceremony. All in front of the Brookline Town Hall
- 27 May, 4:30 PM, wreath laying at Memorial Park, then march to Hollis Common for the Memorial Day Ceremony on the Hollis Town Common

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). 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>.

VA to Expand Healthcare Eligibility on March 5, 2024

VA has announced that they are expanding healthcare eligibility to all veterans who served in the Vietnam War, the Gulf War, Iraq, Afghanistan, or any other combat zone after 9/11/2001. Originally, the PACT Act called for a phased in approach, but at the direction of President Biden, VA has instead opened this expanded eligibility to VA Healthcare effective March 5, 2024.

Please encourage any eligible veterans to enroll in VA healthcare; they can do so online at <https://www.va.gov/health-care/apply/application/introduction>, by phone at 877-222-8387, or by visiting a local VA medical facility.

For more information please review VA's official statement here: <https://news.va.gov/press-room/veteran-toxins-hazards-serving-eligible-va/>

Additionally, Task and Purpose released a story on this expansion, you can read it here: <https://taskandpurpose.com/military-life/veteran-affairs-expands-healthcare-access/>



**In Commemoration
of the end of the
Vietnam War**

Welcome Home

**If you served between 1955-1975, or are the widow of a Veteran who
served during this time period, or a Gold Star Family Member
of a Vietnam Veteran ...**

Join us

**for a special ceremony
on Thursday, March 28
10 a.m. to Noon**

Manchester Vet Center

**1461 Hooksett Road, Suite B7
(Back of the building)
Hooksett, NH 03106**

Please register with the  no later than March 25th

Email: William.Connery@va.gov or call (603) 782-6947

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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

Laugh Along

Seen during a conference: For anyone who has children and doesn't know it, there is a day care on the 1st floor.

Notice in a farmer's field: The farmer allows walkers to cross the field for free, but the bull charges.

Message on a leaflet: If you cannot read, this leaflet will tell you how to get lessons.

On a repair shop door: We can repair anything. (Please knock hard on the door - the bell doesn't work.)

HEADLINES: Police Begin Campaign to Run Down Jaywalkers

Juvenile Court to Try Shooting Defendant

War Dims Hope for Peace

If Strike Isn't Settled Quickly, It May Last Awhile

Cold Wave Linked to Temperatures

Red Tape Holds Up New Bridge

New Study of Obesity Looks for Larger Test Group

Kids Make Nutritious Snacks

Local High School Dropouts Cut in Half

Hospitals are Sued by 7 Foot Doctors

Something To Lighten and Brighten Your Day

"Due to my time alone, I finished three books yesterday. And believe me, that's a lot of coloring.

What did our parents do to kill boredom before the internet? I asked my 26 brothers and sisters, and they didn't know either.

I tried donating blood today. NEVER AGAIN! Too many stupid questions: Who's blood is it? Where did you get it from? Why is it in a bucket?

There's nothing scarier than that split second when you lose your balance in the shower and you think, "They are going to find me naked."

Today, I melted an ice cube with my mind just by staring at it. It took a lot longer than I thought it would.

Struggling to get your wife's attention? Just sit down and look comfortable.

Just sold my homing pigeon on eBay for the 22nd time.

I grew up with Steve Jobs, Johnny Cash and Bob Hope. Now there's no jobs, no cash, and no hope. Please don't let anything happen to Kevin Bacon.

Shout-out to everyone who can still remember their childhood phone number but can't remember the password they created yesterday. You are my people.

One minute you're young and fun. The next, you're turning down the stereo in your car to see better.

Think you're old and you will be old. Think you are young, and you will be delusional.

When I offer to wash your back in the shower, all you have to say is 'yes' or 'no'. Not all this "Who are you and how did you get in here?" nonsense.

Not in jail, not in a mental hospital, not in a grave—I'd say I'm having a good day.

Enjoy your day and look forward to waking up tomorrow!"

People say 60 is the new
40. The cop who just
pulled me over didn't
agree.

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