



Kilduff-Wirtanen American Legion Post 74

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May 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.
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Next Meeting:

25 May at 7:00 PM

April Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by Post Commander Will Collard. 9 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 Pat Moquin and unanimously approved.

Treasurers Report: The Treasurer's Report was read. The Post received \$325.98 from the Hollis VFW for the flags our Post purchased for them. Disbursements for the Post were \$46.63 to Eversource. 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 fell and suffered a Traumatic Brain Injury

(TBI). He is getting better but is currently in an assisted living facility.

- Greg d'Arbonne stated his 93+ year old father fell and broke his leg. Greg and his siblings will be sharing time taking care of their parents.
- Post members asked how Harold Ryder is doing. We will reach out to him.

Membership: Justin Adams needs to pay his dues.

Correspondence: Bob Glover stated the Post received a letter from the Legion Riders saying thank you to the American Legion for their support.

Old Business:

- Spaghetti Dinner, 13 May:
 - Bruce Moran, Pat Moquin, Jim Pope, Amanda Pope, Vicki Pope, and Bob Glover all volunteer to help with the dinner. Greg d'Arbonne will ask when they need to be at the Community Church.
 - Greg d'Arbonne will e-mail the members how they can purchase tickets.
- Bob Glover stated the cost of a PO Box at the Post Office doubled and he recommends we just get a mailbox and put it out in front of the Legion building. Greg d'Arbonne made a motion that the Post purchase a mailbox, post, and concrete and install it in front of our building; seconded by Bruce Moran and

unanimously approved. Bob will ask the Post Office where they recommend for the placement of the mailbox.

- The flagpole in front of the Post needs to be repaired. Bill Graham will contact Jerry Farwell to help bring the pole down. We need to replace the upper pulley wheel and paint the pole and replace the solar light on top of the pole. It is recommended we do this closer to summer for the warmer weather.
- Post Elections: Bruce Moran made a motion that the Adjutant cast one vote for the slate of Officers presented at the meeting; seconded by Bob Smith and unanimously approved. Greg d'Arbonne cast one vote to elect the following slate of Officers for the fiscal year 2023 – 2024:
 - Commander = Will Collard
 - First Vice Cdr = Harold Ryder
 - Second Vice Cdr = Pat Moquin
 - Treasurer = Robret Glover
 - Chaplain = Bruce Moran
 - Historian = Arlene d'Arbonne
 - Adjutant = Greg d'Arbonne
 - Sergeant at Arms = Jim Pope

New Business:

- Memorial Day Activities:
 - Greg d'Arbonne will coordinate with the schools as to when they want Veterans to attend.
 - Brookline Cemeteries and flag replacement on the graves, 27 May:
 - Bob Glover and Bill Graham will take 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 will order the wreaths this coming week.
 - The Monument is ready to be put in place. Jim Pope and Bill Graham will try to contact Jerry Farwell and ask that he put the concrete base in immediately so the Monument can be put in place by the Memorial Day Ceremony. If that is done, we will dedicate the Monument at the ceremony. If not, we will do the dedication on the 4th of July. If the Monument is not ready by Memorial Day, we will bring the model of the Monument to the Town Hall for the ceremony.
 - 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 4:30 PM at the Common in Hollis. All are invited to attend.
- Brookline 4th of July Parade:
 - 4th of July Parade: We will form up at 9:30 AM at the intersection of Rt 130 and South Main Street, at the north end of the cemetery. The uniform will be a Legion or Veteran hat, white short sleeve shirt (button down or golf shirt style), dark pants and comfortable walking shoes. No tie or jacket as it will be hot, and we need to stay comfortable.
 - After the parade, the Legion will lead the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance, the National Anthem, the reading of the Declaration of Independence, and the Preamble to the Constitution.

For the Good of The Post:

- The Historical Society of Brookline will hold a “Barn Sale” on 29 April.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM and the installation of the officers was conducted. The next meeting is 25 May 2023.

News For & From Members

Memorial Day Activities – 26 through 29 May

Memorial Day is 29 May. Highlights of our activities are listed here. Your participation is greatly appreciated. Please watch the local papers for times for other events at the schools and in the community.

- Friday, 26 May:
 - 9:00 AM, Captain Samuel Douglass Academy, Brookline: Memorial Day Ceremony
 - Hollis Upper Elementary School:
 - 12:15 to 1:15: Story Hour with Veterans and the Students. If you would like to spend time with the students, please contact Greg d’Arbonne so he can tell the school.
 - 1:15 to 1:45: Lunch
 - 1:45 PM: Memorial Day Ceremony
- Saturday, 27 May, 8 AM to 4 PM = Poppy Distribution at the Hollis Transfer Station: We will pass out Poppies at the Transfer Station. An hour of your time is requested. Current Poppy Distribution Schedule is as follows:

○ 8 to 10 AM = Bob Glover and Pat Moquin	○ 12 to 2 PM = Arlene and Greg d’Arbonne
○ 10 AM to 12 PM = Pat Moquin	○ 2 to 4 PM = Jim Pope and Bobby Canada
- Monday, 29 May, Memorial Day: Preferred dress for the ceremonies in Brookline and Hollis is a blue blazer, blue or grey slacks, white shirt, cap, tie optional.
 - 9:30 AM, Brookline Town Hall = Brookline will hold their Memorial Day ceremony in front of the Brookline Town Hall. The public, especially Veterans, are invited to attend.
 - 4:30 PM, Hollis Town Common = Hollis will hold their Memorial Day ceremony at the Hollis Town Common. Those who are in town and will participate should plan on meeting on the Common by 4:30 PM. All Veterans are invited to attend.

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

Added/Changed events are highlighted in yellow.

May

- 21 May: Hollis VFW Monthly Meeting, 7 PM, Brookline Legion Hall
- 25 May: Brookline American Legion Monthly Meeting
- 26 May, 9:00 AM: Memorial Day Ceremony at Captain Samuel Douglass Academy
- 26 May, 12:15, Veteran Hour with the students, then 1:15 to 1:45 lunch, and then 1:45 PM: Memorial Day Ceremony at Hollis Upper Elementary School
- 27 May: VFW and American Legion Poppy distribution at each Transfer Station, 8 AM to 4 PM
- 29 May, 9:00 AM Coffee with a Vet, then 9:30 AM, Memorial Day Ceremony. All in front of the Brookline Town Hall
- 29 May, 4:30 PM, wreath laying at Memorial Park, then march to Hollis Common for the Memorial Day Ceremony on the Hollis Town Common

June

- 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: 4th 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

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!

News of Interest to Veterans

New Entrance to VA Manchester Medical Center

For those who visit the Manchester VA Medical Center, the new MOUNTAIN Entrance is now officially open. This is the entrance, at the far-left end of the building, as you enter the front parking lot, that leads directly into Primary Care. There are VA greeters at the top of the stairs to assist you if needed. This entrance has a handicap ramp and an elevator inside the main doors which will take you from ground level to the first floor right outside of Primary Care. (if needed).

Ace Hardware Honors Fallen Heroes with 1 Million American Flags

Ace to give away 1 million American flags for Memorial Day tributes

OAK BROOK, Ill., (May 15, 2023) – Ace Hardware is collaborating with the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) once again this year to honor the brave men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country by giving away 1 million American flags nationwide on Saturday, May 27, 2023.

Consumers who visit a participating Ace store on May 27th will receive a free 8” x 12” American flag.* A second flag will be donated to a local VFW Post to be used for marking and honoring veterans’ graves this Memorial Day.”

Ace is proud to be a part of this nationwide effort to distribute flags to...help honor our fallen heroes on Memorial Day,” said Kim Lefko, Chief Marketing Officer, Ace Hardware. “With Ace stores easily accessible to millions of Americans, we wanted to step up and provide a way for our customers, and our store owners and associates, to pay tribute to our military men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country.”

Last year, over 500,000 American flags were given away to customers at Ace stores nationwide.

“The American flag giveaway aligns with Ace Hardware’s long history of supporting veterans nationwide,” added Lefko. “Ace’s very name is a commemoration of the “flying aces,” the courageous fighter pilots from World War I. Ace’s patriotism continues through the support of its veteran retailers, and the sincere appreciation for all the veterans and active-duty military who work in Ace stores, distribution centers, and its corporate offices.”

*Flags will be available at participating Ace stores while quantities last. Limit one 8” x 12” flag per customer. No purchase necessary.

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.

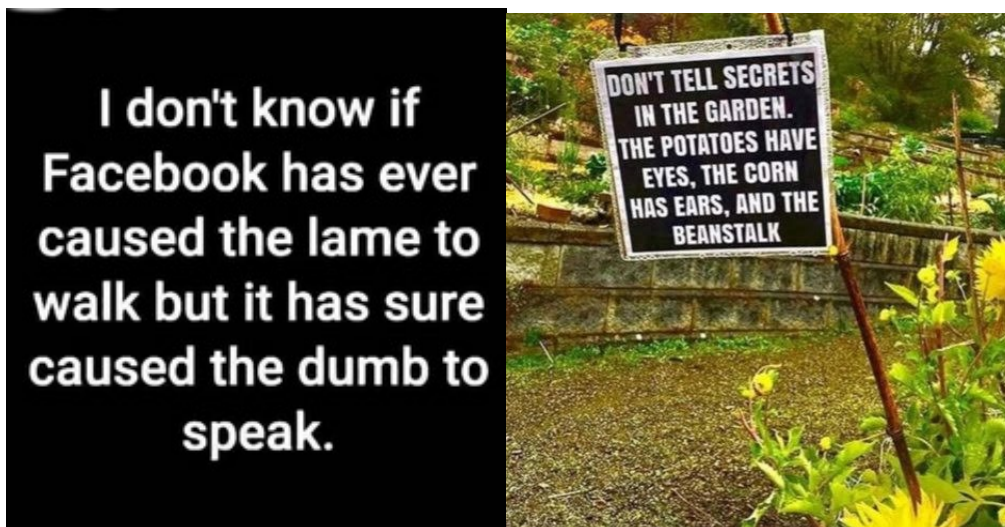
Please take a few minutes to enter your name and military, etc. bio info (whatever you'd like to share). OR enter a family member who is/was a veteran or a friend. Here's the link to Veteran Bio Input Form: <https://www.vhlc.org/stories-of-service-station/veteran-bio-form>.

NH State Veterans Cemetery Upcoming Events

- Place Flags for Memorial Day - Thursday, May 25th @ 1:00 PM. All are invited to participate.
- Memorial Day Weekend - NHSVC and NHVCA staff will be at the cemetery on Saturday, Sunday, and Monday of Memorial Day weekend from 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM. The VHLC will be open, and staff will be available to answer questions.
- Memorial Day Ceremony sponsored by the American Legion- Tuesday, May 30th @ 11:00 AM
- Planting Event - Thursday, June 1st @ 11:00 AM. Bring your garden gloves and shovels to help refurbish our many gardens with flowers and plants left at graves over the Memorial Day holiday. As a reminder, potted plants (no larger than 10" in diameter) are allowed on graves from May 20th through May 31st.
- Remove Flags from Graves - Thursday, June 1st @ 1:00 PM. All are invited to attend.

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 teacher told me not
to worry about spelling
because in the future
there will be autocorrect
And for that I am
eternally grapefruit.

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