



Kilduff-Wirtanen American Legion Post 74

For God and Country

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

May 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>

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:

23 May at 7:00 PM

April Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by Post Vice Commander Pat Moquin. 12 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 Kerry Spangler and unanimously approved.

Treasurers Report: The Treasurer's Report was read. The Post received \$200 from the Hollis VFW for the electric bill and \$25.50 from the Department of NH for memberships, for a total of \$225.50. There was one disbursement of \$100 for the donation to the Brookline Fire Department, and one for \$24.57 for the monthly electric bill. Bruce Moran made a motion that the Treasurers Report be accepted as read, pending audit; seconded by Greg d'Arbonne and unanimously approved.

Membership: Tony Fowler is transferring into the Post. The members welcomed him. Russ Norris still needs to pay his dues for the year.

Sick Call and Employment:

- John Weidman is recovering from knee surgery.
- Bruce Moran stated his wife fell down the basement steps at their house and was severely injured. She broke her back, has lacerations on her head and it has affected her heart. Bruce says she is in a lot of pain and has pneumonia as well. Bruce says she is suffering tremendously even with the pain medications. He asks for everyone's prayers for Annmarie and his family during this crisis.
- Bob Glover stated he recently received the flu shot and became extremely sick. He is still recovering from the effects of the shot.
- Greg d'Arbonne stated he will have a cardio ablation on 1 May. He has had this procedure before so expects no complications.

Correspondence: Nothing to report.

Old Business:

- Post Elections: Bruce Moran made a motion that the Post Adjutant cast one vote for the slate of Officers nominated at the March meeting; seconded by Chris Lussier and unanimously approved. Greg d'Arbonne cast one ballot for the slate of Officers nominated at the March meeting. The Officers elected are:

- Commander: Will Collard
- 1st Vice Commander: Pat Moquin
- 2nd Vice Commander: Chris Lussier
- Treasurer/Finance Officer: Robert Glover
- Chaplain: Bruce Moran
- Adjutant: Kerry Spangler
- Historian: Arlene d'Arbonne
- Sergeant at Arms: Jim Pope
- Memorial Day:
 - The Brookline Memorial Day Ceremony will be held Monday, 27 May at 9:30 AM in front of the Brookline Town Hall.
 - Greg d'Arbonne will order the wreaths for the ceremony, ask Rev. Merrill to give the Invocation and Benediction, and contact the Brookline Town Band for their support to the ceremony.
 - Chris Lussier will bring the rifles from the Hollis VFW Post.
 - The Post will replace the American flags on the graves at the three cemeteries in Brookline before Memorial Day. Bob Glover and Bill Graham will go to the Lake Cemetery and the one along Rt 13. On Saturday, 25 May, the American flags on the graves at the South Cemetery will be replaced starting 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 Schedule: The Post will distribute Poppies at the Brookline Transfer Station from 8 AM to 4 PM. The schedule for volunteering is:
 - 8 to 10 AM = Pat Moquin and Bob Glover
 - 10 to 12 Noon = Arlene and Greg d'Arbonne
 - 12 Noon to 2 PM = Kerry Spangler
 - 2 to 4 PM = Jim Pope
 - Bill Graham made a motion that we set up a QR Code so we can accept donations at the Transfer Station; seconded by Greg d'Arbonne and unanimously approved. Bob Glover will coordinate with Arlene d'Arbonne to work with the bank and a Venmo account. Chris Lussier will work on a QR Code.

- Brookline Memorial Day Ceremony will be held Monday, 27 May at 9:30 AM in front of the Brookline Town Hall.
- Refrigerator: Greg d'Arbonne made a motion that we accept the donation of a refrigerator to replace the one in the Legion Hall that no longer works; seconded by Bill Graham and unanimously approved. Pat Moquin and Chris Lussier will arrange to get the new one and dispose of the old one.
- Survey: Pat Moquin designed a survey to go out 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. The survey needs to be reviewed and then sent to all the members. Greg d'Arbonne will get the survey to Will Collard, Chris Lussier and Kerry Spangler for review. After their review, it will be published in the newsletter.
- Monument:
 - It was decided that the dedication of the Monument should be a separate event from Memorial Day or the 4th of July.
 - Bill Graham stated he contacted Gerry Farwell about digging and placing the foundation as soon as the weather permits. The Post will pay for this work. Bill will coordinate with Gerry and John Weidman and the Brookline DPW Director for when and where the base will be dug.
 - Greg d'Arbonne will contact bob Heyer, a photographer, when the dedication date is set.
 - Bricks for the Monument Walkway: Bob Glover showed the members the types of bricks available. Greg d'Arbonne will coordinate with the engraving company about them.
- Chris Lussier showed the members the idea for the streamers as previously discussed.
- Gutters on the Post Building: Greg d'Arbonne will ask Aaron Crandlemere what he would charge for this work.

New Business:

- The Post Flag Retirement Ceremony will be on 15 June at 10 AM. We will have a "Coffee

- with a Vet” at 8 AM that day, prior to the ceremony.
- Greg d’Arbonne made a motion that the Post pay for the membership of Sister Chrissy Zore’s to the Brookline American Legion; seconded by Jim Pope and unanimously

approved. Greg will coordinate with Sister Zore’s family on this.

For the Good of The Post: Nothing to report.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:34 PM. The next meeting is 23 May 2024.

News For & From Members

Legion and Troop 260 Spaghetti Dinner Fund Raiser, 11 May. Please help!

On the 11th of May, our Post and the Brookline Scout Troop 260 will hold our Annual Spaghetti Dinner Fund Raiser. This is an important event for both organizations and we really need everyone’s help with this.

The biggest help all of us can provide is sponsorships for the dinner. If you know a business leader in the area, please approach them and ask if they can donate and advertise on the meal placemat each attendee at the dinner will receive. Donations do not have to be big. Ads are \$50 and \$75, depending on how big they want them. The most important need, though, is that every Post member ask their business friends if they can give a donation. Please consider helping with this event. Donations will be split between our Post and the Scout Troop. We sponsor the Scout Troop, and it has been a great partnership. Your efforts will certainly be appreciated.

Also, come to the dinner on Saturday, 11 May, and bring your friends!!



**Brookline Boy Scout TROOP 260
and
Kilduff-Wirtanen American Legion**

Post #74

Cordially invites you to
Our Seventh Annual

SPAGHETTI SUPPER

All Proceeds to benefit
American Legion Post #74 and Troop 260

Saturday May 11, 2024

5:00-7:30 pm

**at the Brookline Community Church
2 Main Street**

Tickets:
\$10 Adults
\$5 Seniors, Children 12 & under
FREE Children 2 & under
To reserve tickets:
Call: (603) 672-5830 or
Email: fundraisertroop260@gmail.com
Delivery available for Brookline and Hollis



Memorial Day Activities – 24 through 27 May

Memorial Day is 27 May. Highlights of our activities are listed here. Your participation is greatly appreciated. Please watch social media for other events at the schools and the community.

- Friday, 24 May:
 - 9:30 AM, Captain Samuel Douglass Academy, Brookline: Memorial Day Ceremony
 - Hollis Upper Elementary School:
 - 1:00 to 1:45: Lunch with students
 - 1:45 PM: Memorial Day Ceremony
- Saturday, 25 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
- Sunday, 26 May, 1 PM, Beth Abraham Cemetery in Nashua: The Post members will cleanup and take care of the graves at the cemetery where Allan Soifert, a Hollis citizen and Marine killed in Lebanon in 1983, is buried.
- Monday, 27 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.
 - 5:00 PM, Hollis Town Common = Hollis will hold their Memorial Day ceremony at the Hollis Town Common with pre-ceremony activities beginning at 5 PM, followed by the actual ceremony starting shortly before 5:30 PM. Those who plan to attend should meet at the Common by 5 PM. All Veterans are invited to attend.

Calendar of Events

Added/Changed events are highlighted in yellow.

May

- 11 May: Brookline American Legion and Scout Troop 260 Spaghetti Dinner, 5 to 7 PM, Brookline Community Church, Main St., Brookline
- 19 May: Hollis VFW Monthly Meeting, 7:00 PM, Brookline Legion Hall
- 23 May: Brookline American Legion Monthly Meeting

- 25 May: VFW and American Legion Poppy distribution at Transfer Stations, 8 AM to 4 PM
- 25 May: Replace all US flags in the Brookline cemeteries, 9 to 11 AM
- 26 May: Cleanup Veteran graves at the Beth Abraham Cemetery in Nashua, 1 PM
- 27 May, 8:30 AM Coffee with a Vet, then 9:30 AM, Memorial Day Ceremony. All in front of the Brookline Town Hall
- 27 May, 5:15 PM, wreath laying at Memorial Park, then march to Hollis Common for the Memorial Day Ceremony on the Hollis Town Common

June

- 15 June: Brookline American Legion Flag Retirement Ceremony, 10 AM, Legion Hall.
- 23 June: Hollis VFW Monthly Meeting, 7:00 PM, Brookline Legion Hall. (changed due to Father's Day)
- 27 June: Brookline American Legion Monthly Meeting.

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.

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

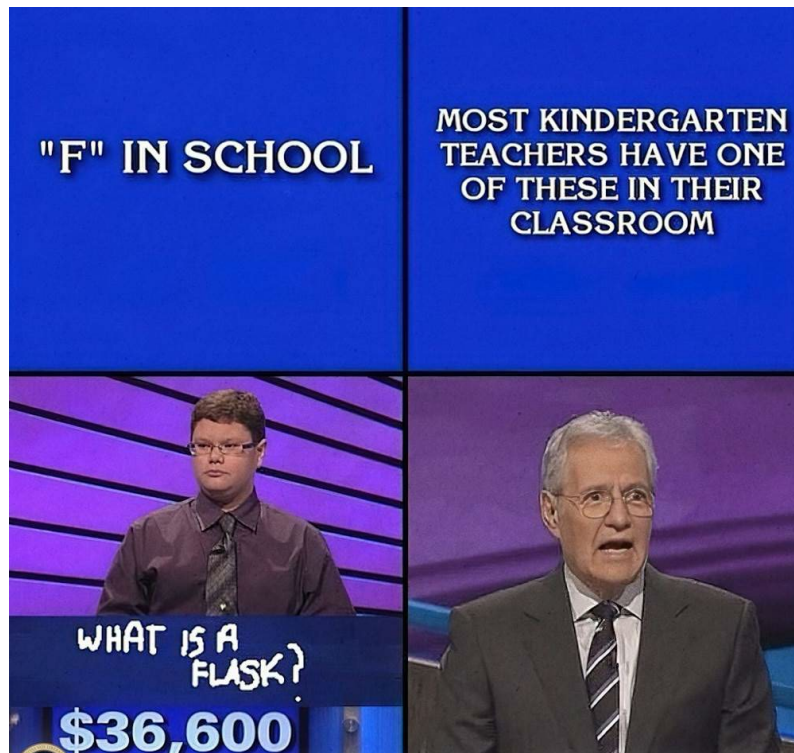
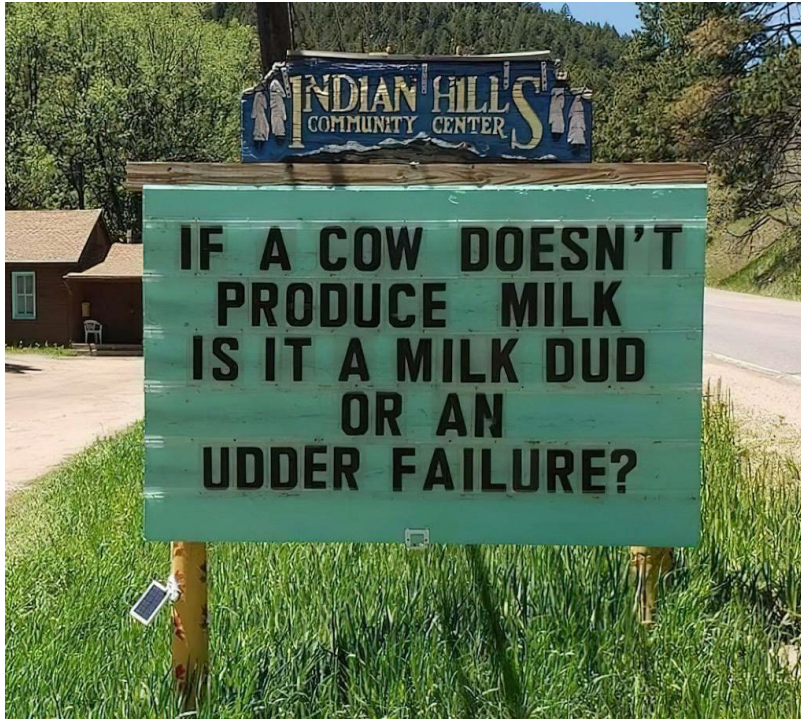
Help Build the Veteran Database at the NH Veterans Heritage Learning Center

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>.

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



**70% OF THE EARTH IS WATER AND
VIRTUALLY NONE OF IT IS CARBONATED**



SO THE EARTH IS, IN FACT, FLAT...

**Q: What do you get if
you divide the
circumference of a
pumpkin by its
diameter?**

**A: Pumpkin π
Sorry. I'll see myself
out.**

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