



Kilduff-Wirtanen American Legion Post 74

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• 38 Main Street, Brookline, NH 03033-0761 •
November 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=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.
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Next Meeting:

21 November at 7:00 PM

October Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by Post 1st Vice-Commander Pat Moquin. 15 members were present, in person or by Zoom, and no guests.

Colors advanced, prayers offered, POW/MIA empty chair recognized, Pledge of Allegiance and Preamble recited.

Minutes: A motion was made by Chris Lussier to dispense with the verbal reading of the Minutes since they were published in the newsletter and sent to all the members; seconded by Greg d'Arbonne, and unanimously approved.

Treasurers Report: The Treasurer was not present at the meeting due to surgery. The Treasurer's Report was presented at a later date by Bob Glover to Kerry Spangler. Expenses reported: \$31.50 for National dues, Paint \$54.96, Zoom account \$159.34, \$500 to VFW for Bridge project materials. Deposits reported: \$35 dues. \$49.50 from National online dues. Monument fund: \$2000 was reimbursed to the VFW for the walkway progress payment. Kerry Spangler recommends that the Treasurers Report be accepted, pending audit, as documented during the reading of the minutes at the Nov 21 meeting.

Membership: 2025 membership fees are due. Of note, if the three-year option is selected, member will receive their membership card for one year but the membership system shows the three-year enrollment.

Sick Call and Employment:

- Bob Glover had surgery on his leg having a HALO installed to facilitate repair and healing. He will have the HALO for several months. He is in good spirits and plans on attending meetings by ZOOM until he can get around.
- Bobby Canada's wife is now in assisted living
- Harold Ryder is in rehab for his knee replacement and is wearing a brace.
- Pat Moquin's wife is now ambulatory and is having her knee replaced scheduled for 14 Nov.
- Bruce Moran's wife, Ann Marie is still in a lot of pain.
- Chris Lussier has surgery scheduled 31 Oct on his neck for a benign lymphoma removal. Haircut to follow at a later date.
- Several members continue to visit Steve Kolesnik, WWII Veteran at Premier Rehabilitation. He seems his condition has deteriorated.

Correspondence: Bill from CL Farwell construction for the concrete used for the base of the Brookline Commemorative monument. Eversource electric bill.

Old Business:

Monument:

- Greg d'Arbonne is meeting with Milford Granite to discuss the granite for the walkway. The landscaper has dug the pathway for the bricks installation. We need to either pick up the 750 bricks (650 for the initial pathway; 100 for engraving) or pay \$750 for delivery. Chris Lussier said his trailer could carry the weight of the bricks and a forklift can drive up on the trailer to place the pallets. We will need a forklift to unload them at Town Hall. There seems to be a discrepancy in the preparation work for the walkway with regards to the depth of the base materials. Greg d'Arbonne will meet with the concerned players to determine the path forward. (Editors note: 30 Oct - Scott Leard and Chris Tenaglier agreed to continue the work as is. Prep work should finish 31 Oct. Chris Tenaglier also stated they can pick up the bricks Friday morning, 1 Nov, so they can finish the installation this week).
- Greg d'Arbonne stated that Chris Tenaglier needed a \$2000 progress payment on 25 Oct to continue work. Because the treasurer was not present to provide a check, six VFW Post 11373 members voted and authorized a loan to the American Legion Post 74 of \$2000 to make the progress payment. Greg d'Arbonne made the motion that the VFW loan the American Legion the \$2000 for the progress payment, seconded by Bruce Moran and approved by the VFW quorum members present. VFW Post Quartermaster provided a check for the progress payment. American Legion. Chris Lussier made the motion to authorize American Legion Post 74 to repay the VFW at the earliest opportunity the \$2000 loan, seconded by Bruce Moran and unanimously approved. (Editor's note- Kerry Spangler obtained the check for \$2000 from Bob Glover for the repayment of the loan on 29 Oct and provided the check to the VFW quartermaster on 30 Oct.).
- Chris Lussier completed placing grommets for the Post streamers for better display hanging on a single rope. Greg d'Arbonne made a motion to accept the presentation of

the streamer display, seconded by Bruce Moran, and unanimously approved.

- Gutters on the Post Building: Greg d'Arbonne needs to find a contractor to get estimates.
- Bob Glover needs to submit Sister Zore's information and application for membership.
- ZOOM Account – Receipt provided by Kerry Spangler to the VFW 11373 and American Legion Post 74 for records.
- Bruce Moran Memorial Bridge: Remaining work includes rails around the porch and steps down to the yard on the sides.
- Holiday Card Central: BUILDING COMPLETE! Ribbon cutting ceremony is scheduled for 3 Nov, 22-4 PM.
- Need a list of past deceased members to ensure they are included in the bricks for the walkway. Kerry Spangler has a partial list and is researching to complete the list.

Veterans Day/Week Activities:

- 3 November - Holiday Card Central Ribbon Cutting 1400-1600
- 7 November – Veterans Ceremony at Schools.
 - 0745 to 0815 - Middle School light breakfast for Veterans
 - 0815 to 0915 - Middle School Veterans Day Ceremony
 - 0945 to 1100 - High School Veterans Day Ceremony
 - 1300 to 1330 - Hollis Upper Elementary School lunch (pizza) for Veterans
 - 1330 to 1430 - Hollis Upper Elementary School Veterans Day Ceremony
- 8 November – Veterans Ceremony at Schools.
 - 1300 to 1400 - Hollis Primary School Veterans Day Ceremony
- 9 November – Transfer Stations Poppy sales 0800-1600.
 - Will/Pat – 0800 – 1000
 - Greg Arlene – 1000 – 1200
 - Kerry/Tony Mayfield – 1200 - 1400
 - Pat/Jim – 1400 – 1600

- 9 November – Holiday Card Signing event in Manchester. 4-6 PM.
- 11 November – Veterans Day Ceremony at Hollis Congregational Church 1100.
- 14 November – Eversource Card Sorting at Eversource Headquarters, Manchester.

New Business:

- Flag Retirement – We have received a large number of flags for retirement. We will look at having a Flag Retirement in the spring.
- Treasurer - It was suggested that we establish a backup to Bob Glover to help with finances and check writing. Arlene d'Arbonne

volunteered to assist. Kerry Spangler will discuss with Bob Glover to assess the situation. (Editor's Note: Kerry Spangler talked with Bob Glover about the assistance. He feels he can continue working as Treasurer and will attend the meetings through ZOOM. Kerry Spangler will stop by to get any checks that need to be written as needed.)

For the Good of The Post: nothing noted.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:57 PM. The next meeting is 21 November 2024.

News For & From Members

Calendar of Events

Added/Changed events are highlighted in yellow.

November

- 7 November – Veterans Ceremony at Schools.
 - 0745 to 0815 - Middle School light breakfast for Veterans
 - 0815 to 0915 - Middle School Veterans Day Ceremony
 - 0945 to 1100 - High School Veterans Day Ceremony
 - 1300 to 1330 - Hollis Upper Elementary School lunch (pizza) for Veterans
 - 1330 to 1430 - Hollis Upper Elementary School Veterans Day Ceremony
- 8 November – Veterans Ceremony at Schools.
 - 1300 to 1400 - Hollis Primary School Veterans Day Ceremony
- 9 November - Poppy sales at Brookline Transfer Station 8 am to 4 pm
 - Will/Pat – 0800 – 1000
 - Greg/Arlene – 1000 – 1200
 - Kerry/Tony Mayfield – 1200 - 1400
 - Pat/Jim – 1400 – 1600
- 9 November – Holiday Card Signing event
- 11 November – 1100 ceremony at Hollis Congregational Church.
- 14 November – Holiday card sorting at Eversource in Manchester.
- 17 November – Hollis VFW Monthly Meeting, 7:00 PM, Brookline Legion Hall.
- 21 November – Brookline American Legion Monthly Meeting, 7:00 PM, Brookline Legion Hall.

December

- 15 December - Hollis VFW Monthly Meeting, 7:00 PM, Brookline Legion Hall.
- 19 October – Brookline American Legion Monthly Meeting, 7:00 PM, Brookline Legion Hall.

January

- 15 January - Hollis VFW Monthly Meeting, 7:00 PM, Brookline Legion Hall.
- 19 January – 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.

Elections are right around the corner on 5 November! Make your vote count. Know the issues and candidates that support your vision. DON'T FORGET TO VOTE.

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