



# Kilduff-Wirtanen American Legion Post 74

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• 38 Main Street, Brookline, NH 03033-0761 •  
November 2023 Newsletter

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Kilduff-Wirtanen American Legion Post 74, Brookline, NH meets the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month\* at 38 Main Street Brookline. Meetings begin at 1900 hours (7PM). \*Nov and Dec meeting held 3<sup>rd</sup> 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:**

**16 November at 7:00 PM**

**This is the Third  
Thursday of the Month**

## **October Meeting Minutes**

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by Post 2nd Vice Commander Pat Moquin. 8 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 Arlene d'Arbonne and unanimously approved.

**Treasurers Report:** The Treasurer's Report was read. The Post received \$140 from dues. Disbursements were \$19.64 for Eversource. Bob Glover asked that everyone renew their membership as soon as possible. Bruce Moran made a motion that the Treasurers Report be accepted as read, pending audit; seconded by Chris Lussier and unanimously approved.

**Membership:** Bob Glover stated only 18 people have renewed for this year. Greg d'Arbonne will put a reminder in the newsletter for everyone to renew. Bob and Pat Moquin will also call members who have not yet renewed. Bob Barnes had asked if his renewal had been sent forward since his check had not been cashed yet, and Bob Glover stated the Legion headquarters at the State has it and should be cashing it soon. Everyone is reminded that you can renew your membership via cash, check, or online, whichever is easiest for you, but please do this as soon as you can if you have not already done so.

## **Sick Call and Employment:**

- Greg d'Arbonne stated his father is now back at home with Greg's mother.

**Correspondence:** Nothing to report.

## **Old Business:**

- Monument:
  - The foundation has been delayed due to the constant wet weather and will be delayed until Spring 2024.
  - Bricks for the pathway: A&B Masonry in Manchester offers bricks with a 20% discount. Based on the dimensions of the pathway and Monument, they estimated 650 bricks will be needed.
  - The placement of the verbiage on the column will start at 10 inches below the Seal of the Army.

- The members discussed that we need to start thinking about a dedication ceremony sometime around Memorial Day
- Greg d'Arbonne will send to John Weidman the information needed for adding William Quigley's name to the Korea/Vietnam Monument.
- Veterans Day: The schedule with the schools and the ceremony in Hollis are all set and published in the newsletter. Poppies will be distributed at the Brookline Transfer Station on 4 November. The schedule for distribution is:
  - 8 to 10 AM = Bob Glover and Pat Moquin
  - 10 to 12 PM = Greg and Arlene d'Arbonne
  - 12 to 2 PM = Jim Pope and Bobby Canada.
  - 2 to 4 PM = Paul Ricci.

**New Business:**

- Chris Lussier asked if the Post can ask other American Legion Posts to help donate to the

shed being built for the Holiday Card organization. Bob Glover made a motion that our Post donate \$100 toward this building; seconded by Greg d'Arbonne and unanimously approved. Bob Glover and Pat Moquin also stated they would each personally donate \$50 toward this effort. Chris Lussier stated it is very much appreciated by all this working on this project.

**For the Good of The Post:**

- The members discussed that the Post needs to have a new Adjutant learning from Greg d'Arbonne now before Greg's term ends on 30 June. It was discussed that while no one is indispensable, the Post Adjutant is a critical position for communicating with the members and we need a replacement very soon.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:28 PM. The next meeting is 16 November 2023.

**News For & From Members**

**Veterans Day Activities**

Next month we celebrate Veterans Day on 11 November, so we have several activities around the holiday. Some of the schools will have a Veterans Day program. We will hold our ceremony on the 11<sup>th</sup> of November at 11 AM.

- 4 November: we will distribute Poppies at the Hollis Transfer Station. Please consider volunteering an hour of your time to help.
- 8 November: Veterans Day Assembly at the Hollis Lower Elementary School, 9 AM. They would like each Veteran who is attending to call them at (603) 324-5995 and provide your name so they can have a name tag for you and know how many Veterans will be attending.
- 9 November:
  - Veterans Day Assembly at the Middle School, 8 AM.
  - Veterans Day Assembly at the High School, 9:30 AM.
  - Veterans Day Assembly at the Hollis Upper Elementary School. At 1:10 PM lunch will be served. The ceremony will start at 1:45 PM and go to 2:15 PM.
- 11 November at 11 AM at the Community Church in Hollis (next to the Common). The ceremony is planned for outside in the gathering place at the church but if the weather is "nasty," we will hold it inside the Church. "Uniform" for all is our usual Legion hat, blue blazer,

tie, white shirt, and gray slacks. Feel free to wear your military awards and decorations on your jacket. Please dress according to the weather to keep yourself warm.

### **Please Renew Today!**

As you read in the Minutes from the October meeting, only 18 of our 59 members have renewed for this year. As a reminder, our fiscal year runs from 1 July to 30 June. If you have not paid your dues yet, a very easy way to do so is to go online and pay via credit card (link provided on page 4 of this newsletter). If you would like to use a check instead, send the check to our mailbox (listed in the header of the newsletter). Please renew as soon as possible so we can have a viable Veteran organization for our area and to help other Veterans. Thanks!!

### **Please Consider Becoming Our Post Adjutant**

At our October meeting we had a long discussion about our need for someone to step up and take my place as the Adjutant for the Post. I know all of us are very busy in our lives and taking on more work seems daunting. So you understand; I have been the Adjutant/Secretary of our Legion Post for the past 17 + years. Prior to that I was the Post Commander for 3 years. That is 20 years of publishing a newsletter, producing the Minutes, and various other responsibilities. Before I became the Commander, correspondence with members was done purely by Post Office mail and not on a regular basis. Over the years I have moved us to using e-mail and other automated programs to make it easier to correspond and get information out to the membership. Yes, this was a lot of work...initially...but over time, a lot of what I do is "cut and paste" from previous years to the next. As of today, instead of mailing through the Post Office over 60 newsletters, I now only mail through the Post Office 6 newsletters, while our e-mail roster is about 60.

Now, due to family dynamics and other obligations, I can no longer give the attention and time to my duties as the Post Adjutant. After 20 years of dedicated service, I need to step down to allow others to step forward and support our Veteran community. While I am stepping down, I will be available to help and support the Post and the new Adjutant. If you volunteer to be the next Post Adjutant, I will not leave you high and dry.

I ask you to consider what you can do for the Post, and if you can volunteer to be our new Adjutant, I know every member will be greatly appreciative of your decision. Veterans helping Veterans is how we get things done and take care of each other. Thanks.

*Greg*

### **Calendar of Events**

Added/Changed events are highlighted in yellow.

November

- 4 November: Distribute Poppies at the Transfer Stations
- 8 November: Veteran Day Assembly at the Hollis Lower Elementary School, 9 AM.
- 9 November: Veteran Day Assembly at the Middle School, 8 AM.
- 9 November: Veteran Day Assembly at the High School, 9:30 AM.

- 9 November: Veteran Day Assembly at the Hollis Upper Elementary School, 1:10 PM.
- 11 November: Hollis VFW Veterans Day Ceremony, 11 AM, Hollis Community Church.
- 16 November: Brookline American Legion Monthly Meeting
- 19 November: Hollis VFW Monthly Meeting, 7 PM, Brookline Legion Hall.

#### December

- 17 December: Hollis VFW Monthly Meeting, 7 PM, Brookline Legion Hall.
- 19 December: Christmas Caroling, 7 PM, the Hollis Senior Residence.
- 21 December: Brookline American Legion Monthly Meeting.

#### January

- 21 January: Hollis VFW Monthly Meeting, 7 PM, Brookline Legion Hall.
- 25 January: Brookline American Legion Monthly Meeting.

#### February

- 18 February: Hollis VFW Monthly Meeting, 7 PM, Brookline Legion Hall.
- 22 February: Brookline American Legion Monthly Meeting.

#### March

- 17 March: Hollis VFW Monthly Meeting, 7:00 PM, Brookline Legion Hall.
- 27 March: Veterans in the Classroom with the 8<sup>th</sup> Graders at the Middle School
- 28 March: 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://mylegion.org/PersonifyEbusiness/Membership/Renew>. Thanks!

## **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: \_\_\_\_\_

## **News of Interest to Veterans**

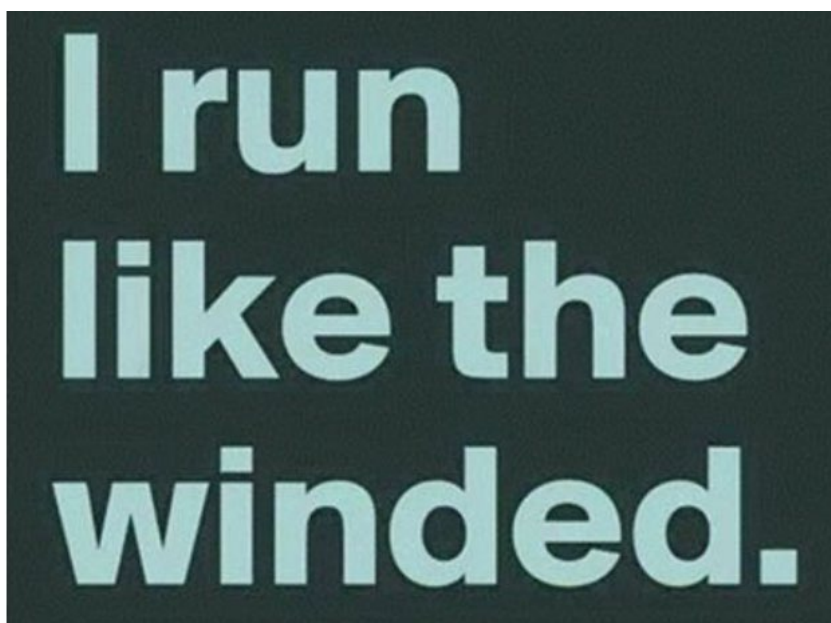
### **Help Build the Veteran Database at the NH Veterans Heritage Learning Center**

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*



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