



Kilduff-Wirtanen American Legion Post 74

For God and Country

• 38 Main Street, Brookline, NH 03033-0761 •
October 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=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.

Visit our Facebook Page at: Kilduff-Wirtanen American Legion Post #74 Brookline, NH

Next Meeting:

24 October at 7:00 PM

September Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by Post Commander Will Collard. 12 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: Kerry Spangler read the August meeting minutes. Greg d'Arbonne made a motion that the Treasurers Report be accepted as read, pending audit; seconded by Bruce Moran, and unanimously approved.

Treasurers Report: The Treasurer's Report was presented by Bob Glover. Expenses reported: \$191.43 for commemorative memorial dedication ceremony snacks. \$80 was received from the VFW Post 11373 for half of the Zoom account costs. Monument fund received \$300 for purchase of three bricks. Greg d'Arbonne made a motion that the Treasurers Report be accepted as read, pending audit; seconded by Bruce Moran, and unanimously approved.

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:

- Bruce Moran's wife, Ann Marie's vertebroplasty surgery on her damaged vertebrae. The surgery seems to be working because she is in a lot less pain. Her leg is healing nicely and should be healed by Thanksgiving. They are extremely thankful for the bridge that enables her to attend appointments.
- Bob Glover has an appointment to see what they are doing with his leg. Hoping that they put a pin in it.
- Pat Moquin's wife is having her knee replaced. The wheelchair loaned by the post has been a great help.
- Kerry Spangler's grandson is now 2 months old and doing well. Also, MRIs completed this week showed no major issues in the findings.
- Chris Lussier had a CAT scan on his neck in planning for a benign lymphoma removal. Haircut will follow removal of the lipoma.
- Bobby Canada's wife was taken by ambulance to the hospital and is expected to be there for 3-4 days. She continues to get weaker.
- Several members visited Steve Kolesnik, WWII Veteran at Premier Rehabilitation. He

seems his condition has deteriorated. Greg d'Arbonne asked Steve if he had a copy of his DD214. The only paperwork found was a power of attorney that appeared incomplete. (Follow-up – The financial planner holding the power of attorney has a completed copy of the document.)

Correspondence: Membership renewals for Kathleen Catinia and Barry Reinbold.

Old Business:

- Monument:
 - Dedication ceremony conducted on 22 Sep at 1:00 p.m. in front of Town Hall. Approximately 50 people and VFW/American Legion members attended. Weather was near perfect and the event declared a success.



- Greg d'Arbonne will coordinate the purchase and staging/storage of the bricks. Initial bricks for engraving will be sent to the engraving company. Once known, Jim Pope will coordinate with Earth Echo, LLC for location to store the bricks as well as the installation. Also Earth Echo, LLC needs to work with

Department of Public Works for the landscaping. Also, still need to source the granite for the walkway.

- Greg d'Arbonne will contact Bob Heyer, photographer, for copies of the ceremony pictures.
- Chris Lussier is getting grommets for the Post streamers for better display.
- 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 Meeting Account: Kerry Spangler set up the Zoom Pro account. Cost was \$159.34 per year giving unlimited time for meetings sharable with the VFW. VFW approved funding half the cost for the shared account. Account is installed on the Post laptop and the link information for each of the meetings are the same as before. Chris Lussier made the motion to reimburse Kerry Spangler for the cost of the Zoom account. Motion was seconded by Arlene d'Arbonne and unanimously approved.
- Bruce Moran Memorial Bridge: Remaining work includes rails around the porch and steps down to the yard on the sides.



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- Holiday Card Central: Items remaining are installation of the ladder, the Mini-split heating/air conditioning unit and installation of gutters. Once the Mini-split is installed, a ribbon cutting ceremony will be set up.



- Post Signage Painting: Arlene d'Arbonne finished painting the sign in front of the post. Arlene and provided receipts (\$191.43) to Bob Glover. Sign looks great!



- Pat Moquin reached out to Harold Ryder to help him get to the Post meetings but did not make contact.
- Need a list of past deceased members to ensure they are included in the bricks for the walkway. Greg d'Arbonne and Kerry Spangler will put together a complete list.

New Business:

- Look at establishing a fund for people to donate for helping those who have served or members whose finances prevent doing things like purchasing a brick for the walkway. It was decided to avoid the task of managing a fund and make individual determinations on a case-by-case basis.
- Veteran's Day Ceremony in Hollis at Hollis Congregational Church, November 11th, 11:00 AM. Greg d'Arbonne is Master of Ceremony.
- Veteran's activities at the schools. 7 Nov – Middle School, High School, and HB Middle School. 8 Nov – Lower Elementary School.
- 9 November – Transfer Stations Poppy sales.
- 9 November – Holiday Card Signing event in Manchester. 4-6 PM.
- 14 November – Eversource Card Sorting at Eversource Headquarters, Manchester.

For the Good of The Post: It was noted that the cleaning service performing services at some member's residences has been outstanding and cost effective. Contact Chris Lussier for the cleaning company contact information, if interested.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:54 PM. The next meeting is 24 October 2024.

News For & From Members

Calendar of Events

Added/Changed events are highlighted in yellow.

October

- 20 October – Hollis VFW Monthly Meeting, 7:00 PM, Brookline Legion Hall.
- 24 October – Brookline American Legion Monthly Meeting, 7:00 PM, Brookline Legion Hall.
- 26 October – The Brookline Library 4th Annual Trunk or Treat Halloween event at the RMMS parking lot at 3:00 PM. (Rain date is 27 Oct.) See flyer below.
- Various dates – Flu vaccines at the Manchester VA Medical Center and several Community Based Outpatients Clinics CBOCs. See flyer below.

November

- 7-8 November – Veterans at Schools.
- 9 November – Holiday Card Signing event
- 11 November – 11:00 ceremony at Hollis Congressional 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.

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). 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.**



The poster features a dark blue background with a silhouette of a forest and mountains. At the top left is a circular logo of a building. The text is centered and reads: 'Brookline Public Library Town Departments and Local Businesses' in a light blue font. Below this is the title 'TRUNK-OR-TREAT' in large, white, block letters. Underneath is 'Join Us for Our Fourth Annual Trunk-or-Treat Event' in a smaller white font. The date and time are 'Saturday, October 26th at 3:00 PM' and the rain date is 'Rain Date: Oct. 27th at 3:00 PM • RMMS Parking Lot'. At the bottom, three red pickup trucks are shown from the back, each filled with pumpkins, gourds, and autumn leaves. A jack-o'-lantern is on the ground in front of each truck. A small white asterisk and text '* Not a school sponsored event' are in the bottom left corner.

Brookline Public Library
Town Departments and Local Businesses

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U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
Veterans Health Administration
Manchester Healthcare System

Veterans, it's that time of the year

2024 FLU VACCINE DATES

Manchester VA Medical Center Flu Clinic Dates
Where: 718 Smyth Road, Manchester, NH 03104

- **Drive-thru Clinics** - Open in September
Wednesdays, 8 a.m. to Noon on 09/25, 10/2, 10/09, and 10/16
Building 7, Manchester VAMC
- **Walk-in Clinics** - Thursday, 09/19 from 8 a.m. to Noon
Mountain Entrance, Manchester VAMC
- **Walk-in Clinic** - Thursday, 10/17 from 8 a.m. to Noon
Mountain Entrance, Manchester VAMC
- **Weekend Clinic** - Saturday, 09/21 from 8 a.m. to Noon
Drive-thru, Building 7, Manchester VAMC

**Conway, Portsmouth, Somersworth & Tilton
Community Based Outpatient Clinics (CBOCs)**

- **Flu Vaccine Appointment Clinics** -
Friday, 09/20 and Wednesday, 10/30 from Noon to 3 p.m.
- To schedule your designated time slot at whichever CBOC
you prefer, call (603) 624-4366, ext. 3199.

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