



Kilduff-Wirtanen American Legion Post 74

For God and Country

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September 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=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.
Click here to visit our Facebook Page at: Kilduff-Wirtanen American Legion Post #74 Brookline, NH

Next Meeting:

28 September at 7:00 PM

August Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by Post 2nd Vice Commander Pat Moquin. 10 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 Arlene d'Arbonne and unanimously approved.

Treasurers Report: The Treasurer's Report was not presented as Bob Glover was having issues with the Zoom connection.

Sick Call and Employment:

- John Weidman stated his wife has returned Andy Seremeth reported that one of his daughters has been diagnosed with stage 4 uterus cancer. He asks that we keep her and the family in your prayers.
- Greg d'Arbonne stated his father will be moving to a New York State Veterans Home

near their house, and his dementia is getting worse.

Membership: Nothing to report.

Correspondence: Nothing to report.

Old Business:

- Monument:
 - John Weidman showed the members what the inscriptions on the Monument will look like. All said it was very good. Greg d'Arbonne made a motion that the verbiage and font to be used be accepted and approved; seconded by Bruce Moran and unanimously approved.
 - The foundation has been delayed due to the constant wet weather.
 - Bricks for the pathway: Greg d'Arbonne showed the members a sample of what the bricks would look like. He will submit the list to the company that will engrave the bricks and ask if we can get a smaller font or something so more letters can fit on a line as there are several bricks that are over the 14-character limit the company asked for. Greg asked if Bob Glover found a company that would sell the un-engraved bricks for less.
- Greg d'Arbonne will send to John Weidman the information needed for adding William Quigley's name to the Korea/Vietnam Monument.

- Greg d'Arbonne will contact Robinson Tree Service to take down the two trees out front and to remove the stumps.

New Business:

- Bob Glover will install the mailbox to the right of the front steps.
- Veterans Day Activities:
- The Middle School and High School will have ceremonies on the morning of 9 November.
- With Veterans Day on Saturday, 11 November, distribution of Poppies will be the Saturday prior.
- Greg d'Arbonne pressed the Boy Scout Troop for the Post's portion of the Spaghetti Dinner proceeds.
- Jim Pope stated John Weidman has a sculpture representing the plight of the POW

and wondered if the Post would want to display this outside the Post building. All agreed it is best to decide after they see the finished sculpture. John Weidman stated the model can be seen at his studio if anyone is interested.

For the Good of The Post:

- John Weidman stated he has published a book called "A Familiar Place" that is available for sale. If anyone is interested, they can reach out to John.. John also stated he is one of three artists that has an art exhibition in Jaffery that runs until 23 September at the Jaffrey Civic Center.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:44 PM. The next meeting is 28 September 2023.

News For & From Members

John Weidman Among Those Honored with Governor's Arts Award

As mentioned in the Minutes, Post member John Weidman will have some of his art creations at an exhibition in Jaffery. Below is part of an article by the Monadnock Ledger-Transcript about the exhibition.

The Jaffrey Civic Center's next art exhibition will be "Pam, John & Andy: Three NH Master Artists."

The exhibit, which features the works of painter Pam Tarbell, sculptor Andy Moerlein and sculptor John Weidman, will take place from Aug. 18 to Sept. 23. There will be a reception on Aug. 17th from 5 to 7 p.m. This collaborative exhibit, organized by Tarbell, is the first time the three have been shown together.

The public is invited and welcome to view this exhibition during the center's open hours of Wednesday through Friday noon to 5 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Calendar of Events

Added/Changed events are highlighted in yellow.

September

- 8 - 9 September: Hollis Old Home Days
- 11 September: Constitution Week Proclamation from the Hollis Board of Selectmen
- 17 September: Hollis VFW Monthly Meeting, 7 PM, Brookline Legion Hall.
- 28 September: Brookline American Legion Monthly Meeting

October

- 15 October: Hollis VFW Monthly Meeting, 7 PM, Brookline Legion Hall.

- 26 October: Brookline American Legion Monthly Meeting

November

- 9 November: Veteran Day Assemblies at the schools. More details next month.
- 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.

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>.

Operation Care for Troops Update

I am writing to you as Operation Care for Troops (OCT) is preparing for the August Care Package shipment to deployed troops. In August OCT expects to send care packages to 650 to 700 deployed troops. Of those, 294 are deployed NHNG Troops in the middle east and 215 deployed elsewhere. In September OCT will support Harbor Cares "Veterans' Stand Down" with requested items as well as 75 product bags geared to homeless & in-transition Veterans in NH.

Further, OCT is responding to many special requests from units. Recently, a special request from the NH National Guard with care packages filled with Hydration Drink Mix, protein bars and protein snacks.

For Operation Care for Troops to continue, we are in need of funds for shipping care packages (\$21.20 per box) and funds to purchase products. Donations can be mailed to: Operation Care for Troops, PO Box 1604, Nashua, NH 03061

OCT accepts PayPal. Link is:

https://www.paypal.com/donate?token=7iMiYvxaE4Ypm3nb6AAFr6TTzDbNyl5LC0aSjM0miFZNsieo5F8e5qVrtnz_eboTvXaz0x2O3gVJw_CN

Below is a recent thank you from NHNG from OCT's April packing. More thank you's and packing events can be viewed on our FB page: <https://www.facebook.com/OCTNH>

Please contact me with any questions. Thank you for your continued support of OCT and our troops, Deborah Luszey, Operation Care for Troops, 603-321-5541

Thank you email from NH National Guard from OCT's April packing.

Good morning from Kuwait! We have all received your care packages! We all can't thank you enough for what your team has done. It is an exceptional feeling receiving mail when you're not expecting it!! On top of opening packages to see all the items and treats it was humbling to see the photos of those doing the labor-intensive work of packaging them all!!!!

It was a massive morale boost and was nice to see the SMs go through the packages to see what was inside. 3-197th FAR truly appreciates the time you have given us!



Free Picnic for NH Veterans and Their Families!

Hudson VFW Post 5791 is hosting its Seventh Annual Veterans Appreciation barbecue for *ALL* NH veterans and their families.

When: Saturday September 16th from 11 AM to 3 PM

Where: Hudson VFW Post 5791, 15 Bockes Rd, Hudson, NH

Open to anyone who has served in any branch of the U.S. military. Active Duty, Reserve, National Guard, Retired, and widows or widowers. You don't have to be a member of the VFW, American Legion or any other veterans' organization to attend.

Bring your spouse, kids, and grandkids.

- **FREE hamburgers, hot dogs, soda and all the fixings**
- **All Veterans who attend will be entered into a drawing for Gift Cards!**
- **Cornhole, horseshoes, bocce**
- **Games and activities for kids**
- **Come meet your fellow veterans**
- **Representatives of VSOs will be there**



Join Us

WOMEN VETERANS' TOWN HALL & HEALTH FAIR

Saturday - September 9, 2023
10:00 a.m. to Noon

Manchester VA Medical Center
Mountain Waiting Room
718 Smyth Road
Manchester, N.H. 03104
Please use the Mountain Entrance



Join our Medical Center Director, Chief of Staff, Women Veterans Program Manager, and facility leadership to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of VA Women's Health Care. We want to answer your questions and listen to your feedback.

Learn more about the programs and services available to you at our Health Fair immediately following the Town Hall. Meet our staff and engage with health care team members invested in your world-class care at the Manchester VA.

RSVP not required. Questions? Contact Tanya Pinter at (603) 624-4366 ext. 2498

VA



U.S. Department
of Veterans Affairs



Cathedral
of the Pines

Join Us! Sept. 10th

1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

\$20. Adults
\$15. Veterans &
Children under 12 yrs.



To Register: www.cathedralofthepines.org/public-events/

A major event to mark the 70th Anniversary of the signing of the Armistice to end the Korean Conflict.

- Unveiling & Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the Captain Thomas Hudner exhibit in our small, but "mighty" museum!
- The son of Captain Hudner will speak about highlights of his father's Congressional Medal of Honor winning service.
- A showing of the movie, "Devotion", based on Captain Hudner's courageous heroics during the Battle of the Chosin Reservoir.
- Popcorn, Candy, & Drinks will be available during the movie!



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*Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States
Department of New Hampshire
invites you to its*

POW/MIA Recognition Day



*Saturday, September 23, 2023 ■ 11:00 a.m.
New Hampshire Veterans Cemetery at Boscaawen*



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Saturday, September 23rd

10am-2pm

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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

GREEN

THE ONLY COLOUR THAT MATTERED

*Speech by Robert (Bob) Elworthy AM
Vietnam Veterans Day Commemoration 2023*

Before we went to Vietnam there was division within the nation about why we were there.

While we were there there was division within the nation about our on going involvement and national service.

On our return there was division within the nation as to how we should be treated.

There were tribes for and against the war, for and against us.

There was no division within our Vietnam war forces, despite our land force being as diverse as it comes, there were no tribes.

We were made up of first nation members, others born here, others born in at least 37 other countries in such far away places as Russia, Poland, South America, The Falkland Islands to name a few, and even two born in German concentration camps. Links to their homelands ran deep, for some English was their second language.

Our soldiers were from all walks of life. Off the land, city slickers, skilled and unskilled, tradies and professionals, early school leavers, highly educated, wise in the ways of the world and the naïve.

They followed different religious beliefs and had different political leanings, differing skin colours, and different accents, some had strange-sounding names that reflected their heritage. They were either conscripted and went happily or begrudgingly to do their duty, or they were professional soldiers wedded to the military. Some were very young, some older.

But it mattered not to all of them, the only thing that mattered was the green of their uniform, worn by all from the private soldier to the generals. In Vietnam we were one tribe. One tribe in purpose, one tribe depending on each other, a one nation tribe, and all of one colour, green.

50 years on, we remain undivided, still drawn together not by race, or heritage but by the green of our uniforms and our shared war experiences.

Vietnam veterans, drawn together by our service in green, the only colour that mattered then, and the only colour that matters now.

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