

# KILDUFF-WIRTANEN LEGION POST 74



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## April 2017 Newsletter

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.  
If you wish to join or have questions about the American Legion, please call one of the Post Officers.

### **Next Meeting:**

**27 April at 7:00 PM**

### **March Meeting Minutes**

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by Commander Dave Larkin. 8 members present and no guests.

Colors advanced, prayer offered, POW/MIA empty chair recognized, prayers offered for those lost and unaccounted for and the Preamble recited.

**Membership:** Nothing to report.

**Minutes:** Minutes of the February 2017 meeting were read. Bruce Moran made a motion that the Minutes be approved as read; seconded by Will Collard and unanimously approved.

**Treasurers Report:** The Treasurer's Report was read. Bob Glover reported the Post did not receive any income and paid \$31.70 for the electric bill. Bruce Moran made a motion that the Treasurer's Report be approved as read; seconded by Will Collard and unanimously approved.

### **Sick Call and Employment:**

- Barry Reinbold was unable to attend the meeting as he had oral surgery earlier that day.
- Commander Larkin reported his wife, Sandi, will be going to the doctor for some follow-up examinations after a recent visit.

### **Old Business:**

- Greg d'Arbonne stated he will get with Jerry Farwell to put the solar light on the flag pole.

- Bob Glover made a motion that the Adjutant develop a slate of Officers to be voted on at the April meeting; seconded by Greg d'Arbonne and unanimously approved. Greg will publish the slate in the April newsletter.
- Will Collard briefed the members on the spaghetti dinner that will be held in May. They are developing a sponsor donation sheet. Members are asked to solicit friends and businesses to sponsor ads on the placemat for the dinner.
- Bruce Moran said the initiative for the flags in the schools is still not finished. The members discussed how the ceiling height for each school needs to be known; the flags placement needs to be coordinated with each school Principal; and what is the best way to post the colors in each school. Bob Glover stated he will speak to the School Superintendent to get him onboard and to ask his help with the Principals and what does the school have already in place.

### **New Business:**

- Repairs to the Post Building: Greg d'Arbonne briefed the members that Bill Graham and Greg met with Tad Putney, the Brookline Town Administrator. Tad stated there is a new insurance company for the Town and they inspected all the Town buildings. The Post Building had a few very easily fixed issues, with cracked windows being the major repair needed and some electrical outlet repair needed. Greg will list the "gigs" in the newsletter so we can seek advice on how to address these. Bob Glover stated he attended the District 2 Meeting. He stated the District Commander and representatives will visit the Post at the 23 March meeting. Greg d'Arbonne stated

Bob can do the Installation of Officers in May or June as Bob is a District Officer.

- Memorial Day 2017: Bob Glover stated he ordered the Poppies for the Saturday before Memorial Day. Bill Graham will need to order the wreaths and be prepared to provide sound equipment for the ceremony if needed. Greg d'Arbonne will write the script and bring it to the April meeting for review. Jim Pope will contact the Brookline Band Director to see if they are available for the ceremony. There was discussion about how to get the word out to the citizens of Brookline about the ceremony and the Facebook site was probably the best way to do this as well as the mobile sign by the old Ambulance Bays

**Correspondence:** Nothing received.

### **For the Good of The Post:**

- Bruce Moran reported on the very nice memorial service for June Glover, Bob Glover's wife. Bob thanked all who attended.
- Del Porter stated he checked out the Legion Hall and the toilet does not seem to be flushing properly and is discoloring so he will look for something to clean toilet and to get it to flush better. He also said the oil tank was empty and he coordinated with Bob Glover to get it filled.

There being no further business, the closing prayer was said and the colors retired. The meeting adjourned at 8:26 PM. The next meeting is 27 April at 7 PM.

## **News For & From Members**

### **Veterans at the Middle School**

Another wonderful event! Everyone had a great time and the students were very appreciative of us coming in to talk to them. Thank you to everyone who could participate.

### **We Will Have Post Officer Elections in April**

At our next meeting in April we will hold elections for Post Officer positions. If you wish to become a Post Officer, please contact the Post Commander ASAP. The current slate of Officers is as follows:

- Commander: Dave Larkin
- 1st Vice: Will Collard
- 2nd Vice: Bill Graham
- Treasurer: Bob Glover
- Chaplain: Bruce Moran

- Sergeant at Arms: Jim Pope
- Historian: Del Porter
- Service Officer: Bob Glover
- Adjutant: Greg d'Arbonne

### **Boy Scout Spaghetti Dinner to Support Our Post, 6 May**

The Boy Scouts are holding a fund-raiser for our American Legion Post and we need everyone's cooperation to make this successful.

In conjunction with the Brookline Boy Scout Troop, whom our Post sponsors, we will hold a Spaghetti Supper on 6 May at the Brookline Community Church (across from Town Hall). There will be two seatings for the event; one at 5 PM and one at 6:30 PM.

Below is the poster that gives you the details of the event. Please tell your friends and family about this event. If you want a ticket (and please do), call (603)533-6524 or email [troop260fundraiser@gmail.com](mailto:troop260fundraiser@gmail.com). Please do this as soon as you can as we need to keep an accurate count of who is attending and when.

Please get the word out on this event as it is a benefit for our Post. The Boy Scouts are putting a lot of effort into helping us and we are most grateful for their work. Let's show our support by getting our friends and family out to help them!



Brookline Boy Scout TROOP 260  
Cordially invites you to  
Our first annual

# SPAGHETTI SUPPER

All Proceeds to Kilduff-Wirtanen  
American Legion Post #74

Tickets: \$10-Adults,  
\$5 kids under 12 & seniors,  
Kids under 2 free

Saturday May 6, 2017  
Seatings at 5:00 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.

At Brookline Community Church  
2 Main St.



To reserve tickets,  
call (603)533-6524 or email  
troop260fundraiser@gmail.com

### **Passing of Sheryl Neisner's Father**

It is with sadness that we report the passing of Sheryl Neisner's father and father-in-law of Clint Scritchfield. He was a Veteran, as well. Our condolences to Sheryl and Clint and their family.

### **Please Make Sure You Renew ASAP**

If you are a member who pays 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.members.legion.org/CGI-BIN/lansaweb?webapp=MYLRENEW+webtrn=wr\\_memberdata+ml=LANSA:XHTML+part=TAL+lang=ENG#legion-org-header](https://www.members.legion.org/CGI-BIN/lansaweb?webapp=MYLRENEW+webtrn=wr_memberdata+ml=LANSA:XHTML+part=TAL+lang=ENG#legion-org-header)), but please renew! Thanks!

## **News of Interest to Veterans**

### **SB3 Voter Reform Bill**

*From the State Veterans Advisory Committee (SVAC) from former State Rep Robert Clegg:* Someone is telling active duty veterans that NH bill SB3 would cause them to lose their right to vote in NH. Nothing could be further from the truth. I know you have a large email list. If you would assure the community that NH Senator Regina Birdsell would never steal the rights of a veteran it would be greatly appreciated.

And for me please forward the names of anyone who tells a veteran or active duty service personnel that NH SB 3 was done to eliminate voting rights for those who serve or served. It's time to remove the mask from those who think military folks are to be used for political purposes.

### **Veterans Appreciation Day, 29 April, in Hudson**

On Saturday, 29 April, the Hudson Fish and Game and the Hudson VFW will be having their annual Veterans Appreciation Day for all Veterans and their Family. There will be fun and games, indoor shooting, fishing in the fish pond and plenty of food and best of all, the cost is ZERO, free for everyone.

### **Home Run for Heroes Featuring Big Papi, David Ortiz!**

Going to miss watching Big Papi slug out a home run next season? Want to wish him well in his retirement? You can - IN PERSON! And proceeds go to benefit our NH military families and veterans. All for less than you would spend to take the family for a game at Fenway!

Home Run for Heroes featuring Big Papi himself, recently retired Red Sox designated hitter David Ortiz, takes place on Friday, April 21 at the Courtyard Marriott in Nashua. Proceeds will benefit the Chaplain's Emergency Relief Fund, which provides New Hampshire military families with emergency needs primarily in the areas of rent, mortgage, utilities and medical bills.

Attendees will have the opportunity to have their photo taken with David Ortiz, as well as receive an autographed photo, and ask David questions about his years with the Red Sox. A silent and live auction will take place, with hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar. This is an event not to be missed!

Date/Time: Friday, April 21, 2017, 5:30 PM Doors Open, Cash Bar & Appetizers, 6:30-8:30 PM Event

Location: Courtyard Marriott, 2200 Southwood Drive, Nashua NH 03063

Fees/Admission: \$195 Adult Ticket; \$100 Child Ticket (age 7 to age 15)

Contact Information: Souhegan Valley Chamber of Commerce, POC: [beth.boggis@souhegan.net](mailto:beth.boggis@souhegan.net)

To register: <http://www.souhegan.net/events/details/home-run-for-heroes-featuring-big-papi-david-ortiz-615>

### **Ground Breaking Ceremony for NH Gold Star Families Project**

Ground Breaking Ceremony for NH Gold Star Families Project, Sunday April 23rd @ 10:30 AM, New Hampshire State Veteran's Cemetery, 110 Daniel Webster Highway, Boscawen, N.H. 03303. Medal of Honor Recipient Hershel Woody Williams will be joining the NH Gold Star Families.

**NH'S GOLD STAR FAMILIES**  
 ★ MEMORIAL MONUMENT FUNDRAISER PROJECT ★

**DONATE ALL DURING APRIL!**

All too often the one group that gets forgotten during memorial services are our **GOLD STAR FAMILIES**. They stand as a stark reminder that our freedom isn't free and tell the tales of those who have fallen.

We are excited to support the **NH'S GOLD STAR FAMILIES MEMORIAL MONUMENT FUNDRAISER PROJECT** and help honor those families.

**Come in and help us show support, and ask any of our Team members for more details.**

**When?** • April 1st - April 30th

**How to Help?** • Purchase one of our STAR TARGETS  
 • Participate on our Shooting Competition  
 • Or round up your total when you check out.

**Team MANCHESTER FIRING LINE**  
 Premier Indoor Shooting Range  
 2540 Brown Avenue - Manchester, NH 03103  
 603-668-9015 • www.gunsnh.com

*Thank You for Your Support!*

This event is dedicated in honor of USMC Corporal Michael Ouellette, Navy Cross Recipient, beloved brother or our own team member Alan Ouellette

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COMING TO UNH DURHAM  
 May 4-8, 2017

**THE MOVING WALL**™

Join UNH's commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War.

For more information or to volunteer, call (603) 862-0643 or visit [www.unh.edu/veterans](http://www.unh.edu/veterans)

**SERVICE CREDIT UNION**  
 ★★★★★

**Operation "Black Hills Cabin"**

Operation Black Hills Cabin is now taking applications for the 2017 season, and has a few weeks open at this time. Their season is from Memorial weekend thru the end of September. If you are a combat injured veteran from OEF/OIF/OND, and are interested in a week in the beautiful Black Hills of South Dakota to reconnect with your immediate family in a quiet and peaceful setting, at little or no charge to the family, please check out their website at [www.operationblackhillscabin.org](http://www.operationblackhillscabin.org). All completed applications are considered on a first come, first served basis.

We ask you to share this wonderful opportunity with the heroes in your state. If you have any questions ---- please feel free to contact Mr. Zimmerman (605-593-7781).

## **Points To Ponder**

*The views expressed in the following article were 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*

### **Retired Marine**

While golfing, an elderly, retired Marine accidentally overturned his golf cart late one afternoon. A very attractive, young, female golfer, who lives in a villa on the golf course, heard the noise and called out, "Are you OK?"

"I'm OK, thanks," he replied, as he pulled himself out of the twisted cart.

She said, "Come up to my villa, rest a while, and I'll help you get the cart up later."

The old guy noticed her silky bathrobe was partially open, revealing what appeared to be a very nice figure. "That's mighty nice of you," he answered, "but I don't think my wife would like it."

"Oh, come on now!" she insisted.

She was so pretty, and very, very persuasive. He was weak. "Well, OK," he finally agreed.

After a couple of Scotch and sodas, he thanked her and said, "I feel a lot better now. But I know my wife is going to be really upset. So, I'd better go now."

"Don't be silly!" she said with a smile, letting her robe fall slightly more open. "Stay for a while. Your wife won't know anything. By the way, where is she?"

He replied, "Still under the cart, I suppose."

### **Post Officers**

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