

# KILDUFF-WIRTANEN LEGION POST 74



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## April 2018 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:**

**26 April at 7:00 PM**

### **March Meeting Minutes**

Meeting called to order at 7:05 PM by Commander Dave Larkin. 10 members present.

Colors advanced, prayers offered, POW/MIA empty chair recognized, and the Preamble recited.

**Membership:** Nothing to report.

**Minutes:** The Minutes of the February 2018 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. The Post did not receive any income. The Post paid \$34.54 to Eversource for the electric bill. Bruce Moran made a motion that the Treasurers report be accepted as read, pending audit; seconded by Will Collard and unanimously approved.

**Sick Call and Employment:** Nothing to report.

### **Old Business:**

- Post Facebook Page: The Post Facebook page got several compliments and the members thanked Will Collard for making the page. A question was asked as to whether children's pictures from school events the Post participates in could be on the page without the permission of the parents. Will said he will check into this, but the general consensus was there is no issue. Members were

asked to provide any pictures from past events, so they could be posted on the page.

- Water at the Legion Hall: Greg d'Arbonne reported Mike Chase is working on the problem with the water pump. It is hoped the pump will be fixed soon so water can be available.
- Resurrecting the "Brookliner": Jim Pope spoke about the town newspaper, the "Brookliner" that he and his wife, Vicky, used to run. He said several people brought up that without a paper it is hard to let people know what is happening in town and when there are events. Jim stated that to re-create the "Brookline" it will take a dedicated team of volunteers who can commit time to the project. Jim and Bill Graham asked if the Legion Post was interested in leading this effort. Jim pointed out that it is a "service" to the Town and if the Legion is all about service, then this would be a way of serving the community. The members discussed this topic at length. One idea that was discussed is asking if the High School would be interested in running a newspaper for both Hollis and Brookline communities, as Hollis no longer has a paper as well. Greg d'Arbonne will speak to the High School Principal about this.

### **New Business:**

- Greg d'Arbonne stated the Post has a discount card for Office Depot and Office Max if anyone needs it.
- Will Collard stated he is doing a "ruck march" for Suicide Awareness if anyone wants to donate.
- Will Collard suggested the Post have an Open House or Social at either Andre's Institute or at the Legion Hall to get people aware of the Post and to recruit new members. He said it would help show the community what the Post does. Bruce

Moran suggested we do a “Coffee with a Vet” event that would provide free coffee and a chance to meet local Veterans. Bill Graham made a motion that the Post hold a “Coffee with a Vet” event on 14 April from 7:30 AM to 9:30 AM; seconded by Will Collard and unanimously approved. Will asked that members of the Post arrive prior to the event so we can setup the Hall for the event.

- Post elections will be held at the April Meeting. Greg d’Arbonne made a motion that the following slate of officers be nominated; seconded by Bruce Moran and unanimously approved:
  - Commander: Dave Larkin
  - 1st Vice Commander: Will Collard
  - 2nd Vice Commander: Harold Ryder
  - Treasurer: Bob Glover
  - Adjutant: Greg d’Arbonne
  - Historian: Bill Graham
  - Sergeant at Arms: Jim Pope
  - Chaplain: Bruce Moran
  - Service Officer: Bob Glover

**Correspondence:** The Post received a flyer about the Fort Devens Museum.

**For the Good of The Post:**

- Dave Larkin stated he played Taps at the burial for Bob Weisman, a WW II Marine and leader in the Nashua business and philanthropic community.
- Bob Glover stated if the Post purchases the graveside flags from the American Legion Store, they are about \$25 less per gross compared to our previous supplier. Greg d’Arbonne made a motion that the Post purchase the graveside American flags from the American Legion Store and that the Post purchase 3 gross of the flags; seconded by Bruce Moran and unanimously approved

There being no further business, the closing prayer was said, and the colors retired. The meeting adjourned at 8:47 PM. The next meeting is 26 April at 7 PM.

## **News For & From Members**

### **Veterans at the Middle School – 12 March**

Thanks to everyone who was able to attend this great event. As always, the students and the veterans enjoyed the time and got a lot out of it. Visit our Facebook page to see pictures from the event.

### **“Coffee or Tea with a Vet” – 14 April, 0730 to 0930**

The Post will host a “Coffee or Tea with a Vet” on 14 April, 0730 to 0930, at the Legion Post in Brookline. Free coffee and tea!! Everyone in the community is invited so bring friends...and potential new members!!

### **Brookline Elementary School Annual Memorial Day Ceremony, Friday, May 25th**

*From the Brookline Elementary Schools who will hold their annual Memorial Day ceremony on Friday, May 25<sup>th</sup> at 9am in the Captain Samuel Douglass Academy (CSDA) Gymnasium. This is a tremendous event and the invitation for this event is below for your information, viewing, and dispersing to other Vets.*

My name is Christina Catino and I am the music, chorus, and orchestra teacher here at Captain Samuel Douglass Academy and I am privileged to be organizing this year's Memorial Day Celebration to honor folks such as yourself! :-)) As always, we wish to cordially invite any of your department members to attend this celebration to be recognized personally by our students, staff, and other community members in this special way. It is a great honor for us to be able to be able to host this celebration!

I have attached our invitation for this event for your information, viewing, and even dispersing, if you'd like! This year's celebration will be Friday, May 25th at 9am in the CSDA Gymnasium! I do have your department rosters from last year, so that we could add them to our list of honorees, but if you have new

members or would like to send an updated roster to me, that would be wonderful! We hope to see as many of you folks there as possible! :-)

It really can't ever be said enough, but thank you so very much for all that you do on a daily basis to keep us all safe and protected! Thank you for your consideration! - Christina Catino, CSDA General Music, Chorus, Orchestra



**THE BROOKLINE SCHOOLS**  
Invite you to their annual  
**MEMORIAL DAY CELEBRATION**  
to  
***THANK, HONOR, AND REMEMBER OUR VETERANS***

**When: Friday May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018  
9:00 AM**

**Where: Captain Samuel Douglass Academy**

Veterans, active military personnel, and those who work in public safety, please sign in at the door!



**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**

**Gold Star Family Memorial Monument - Newsletter**

Thank you to everyone that has joined us recently and has liked and shared our Facebook page (NH Gold Star Families Memorial Project)! Keep it up! We appreciate all your support! We need all the help and exposure we can get! If anyone works for or knows a business that would be interested in partnering with us on this project, please let us know!! Keep checking back as we have some exciting things coming!

We are moving closer to our goals and need the citizens of New Hampshire to help us into the 'end zone'. If you would like to donate (no amount is too small - we are grateful for all that have helped from the \$5.00 to the \$2000.00 - it is all of us working together!!!), please go to the website - <http://hwwmohf.org/manchester-nh.html>. Thank you and may God bless all the families of New Hampshire that have had a service member die in service to our great country. Let them know that we will never forget...to remember is to honor...always.

**New Hampshire State Office of Veterans Services**

Please take the time to visit the New Hampshire State Office of Veterans Services. It has a lot of great information: <https://www.nh.gov/nhveterans/>



# Oral Health Center

*The Easterseals NH Oral Health Center, which opened in 2008 and is sponsored by Northeast Delta Dental, is a full-service, state-of-the-art facility in the heart of Manchester. The Center makes a significant impact because it maintains its focus on serving individuals who are in need of a dental home but do not always have the resources to obtain these services. Last year, the Oral Health Center reached out to our local service members by hosting a Veterans' Appreciation Day, where we provided free dental treatment to more than 50 veterans that totaled \$27,000.*



## This is Jean's Story . . .

Jean Vallee joined the Air Force as a young man in 1973. After receiving an honorable discharge, he went on to work a variety of jobs in and around Manchester. He soon learned that affordable dental insurance was hard to come by so seeing a dentist with any frequency, or at all, was not an option for him.

That is, until recently when the Easterseals NH Oral Health Center sponsored a special Veterans' Appreciation Day on November 10, 2017, where free services would be provided. Jean heard about the opportunity from his Easterseals NH Military & Veterans Services Care Coordinator and she encouraged him to go.

Jean, who had not been to see a dentist in more than 20 years, jumped at the chance. He was dealing with numerous oral health issues and, without insurance, was unable to pay for the care he desperately needed. When Jean showed up for the appreciation day, he was happy to share a waiting room filled with fellow veterans. While waiting to see the dentist, they passed the time trading stories, playing cards, watching movies, and sharing food and drinks. He immediately felt welcome.

On that particular day, Jean enjoyed his first comprehensive exam and cleaning in two decades. The exam also turned up some larger issues that needed to be addressed. At this point, Jean had been working with the VA to obtain dental insurance through Northeast Delta Dental and he was successful in doing so, which has allowed him to get the necessary work done to get his mouth and his smile back in shape.

Since November, Jean has been back to the Easterseals Oral Health Center several times for work that includes a full set of x-rays, a complete upper denture, an extraction, and a lower partial denture. He is wholly grateful for the new dentures, as his previous set had cracked and was not longer wearable.

"You guys are great to help me out here," says Jean. "My smile looks a lot better and I'm feeling good."

At age 63, Jean is feeling like he has a new lease on life. He enjoys working as a crossing guard and as a clerk at a convenience store. His self-esteem has increased and he enjoys smiling again. He knows for certain that Easterseals has provided him with the dental home that was absent for the majority of his adult life. He looks forward to his visits and chatting with the staff.

"I didn't know Easterseals even had a dentist office but now that I know, I would highly recommend it" said Jean. "The services provided are great and the people are very caring."

To learn more about the Oral Health Center: 603.621.3482 | [eastersealsnhoralhealth.org](http://eastersealsnhoralhealth.org)



**FRIDAY, APRIL 20**

Fenway Park • 6 PM • \$10  
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**MEET & GREET AFC CHAMPIONS**  
**SAFETY**  
**DEVIN MCCOURTY**  
**& RUNNING BACK**  
**DION LEWIS**

The Souhegan Valley Chamber of Commerce is proud to partner with New England AFC Champions Devin McCourty and Dion Lewis.

During this fun night you will meet Devin & Dion while raising funds for CERF (Chaplain Emergency Relief Fund) a non-profit organization which provides emergency financial assistance to local active duty military families.

All-Star Tailgate for Troops ticket holders will meet Devin McCourty and Dion Lewis, take photo's and play games with them for Autographed Memorabilia. The evening also includes tailgate fare, Question & Answer session, silent auction, raffles & cash bar

This is a once in a lifetime opportunity to meet two AFC champions and raise money for our active duty military families. Don't forget to wear your best game day gear!











For more information or to buy tickets, visit: [www.souhegan.net](http://www.souhegan.net)

**SATURDAY, APRIL 28, 2018**  
**5:30-8:30PM**  
**CROWNE PLAZA (soon to be known as Doubletree Hilton) NASHUA NH**



to benefit  
**The Chaplain  
 Emergency  
 Relief Fund**



**VIETNAM VETERANS MEMORIAL**  
**THE MOVING WALL**



**COMING TO AMHERST**  
**JULY 19 – JULY 23, 2018**  
**SOUHEGAN HIGH SCHOOL**



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**5K ROAD RACE TO BENEFIT THE MOVING WALL**  
 Friday, June 15, 2018 | Amherst Village  
 For more information contact [Amherstflagday5k@gmail.com](mailto:Amherstflagday5k@gmail.com)



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## Needs Wishlist

### FOOD:

Tuna Fish  
 Canned Meats  
 Peanut Butter  
 Mac N Cheese  
 Tomato Sauce  
 Canned Ravioli  
 Soup

### CLOTHING:

Men's Pants  
 Men's Long Sleeve Shirts  
 Sweatshirts  
 Sweatpants  
 Socks  
 Underwear

### HOMELESS ASSISTANCE:

Tents  
 Tarps  
 Backpacks  
 Sleeping Bags

### MISCELLANEOUS:

Can Openers  
 Reusable Bags  
 Bedding/Towels

## 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*

## Roe vs. Wade

A young Cavalry scout was enrolled in a college history class. The professor teaching the class asked the trooper if he knew about the Roe vs. Wade decision. The trooper pondered the question for a moment and finally answered; "I think that is the decision that George Washington made prior to crossing the Delaware."

## Psychiatrist vs. Bartender

Ever since I was a child, I've always had a fear of someone under my bed at night. So, I went to a shrink and told him: "I've got problems. Every time I go to bed I think there's somebody under it. I'm scared. I think I'm going crazy."

"Just put yourself in my hands for one year, said the shrink. Come talk to me three times a week and we should be able to get rid of those fears."

"How much do you charge?"

"Eighty dollars per visit," replied the doctor.

"I'll sleep on it," I said.

Six months later the doctor met me on the street. "Why didn't you come to see me about those fears you were having?" He asked.

"Well, eighty bucks a visit, three times a week for a year, is \$12,480.00 A bartender cured me for \$10.00. I was so happy to have saved all that money that I went and bought me a new pickup truck."

"Is that so?" With a bit of an attitude he said, "and how, may I ask, did a bartender cure you?"

"He told me to cut the legs off the bed. Ain't nobody under there now."

It's always better to get a second opinion.

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