

KILDUFF-WIRTANEN LEGION POST 74



• 38 Main Street •

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August 2018 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.

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

Next Meeting:

23 August at 7:00 PM

July Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by Commander Will Collard. 11 members present and 2 guests, Jim Bishop and Cheryl Corey of the Brookline 250 Anniversary Celebration Committee

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

Membership: Amanda Pope, a Navy Veteran and joined the Legion this evening, was welcomed by the members of the Post.

The meeting was suspended so the guests could speak.

Brookline 250th Anniversary Celebration

Discussion: Jim Bishop gave a presentation about the planned parade on 21 September 2019. He stated the parade should last from about 60 to 90 minutes and will be one of the biggest events in the State in 2019. They are currently looking for sponsors for the parade. Jim stated there will be a Town picnic after the parade and a firework display that evening. There will be a Militia reenactment on the 20th, the night prior to the parade. The Anniversary Committee meets the third Wednesday of the month at the Fire House; Commander Collard attends these meetings. The Committee asks that the Post provide them with events such as the Memorial Day Ceremony and Flag Retirement Ceremony, so they can add these to their

calendar to advertise during the Anniversary Celebration throughout the year.

The meeting reconvened after the presentation by the guests.

Minutes: Greg d'Arbonne made a motion that we skip the verbal reading of the Minutes since they were published in the July newsletter and sent to all the members; seconded by Bruce Moran and unanimously approved with no corrections made to the Minutes.

Treasurers Report: The Treasurer's Report was read. The Post received a \$100 donation from the family of Richard Beaudette, a Veteran the Post rendered Honors to at his funeral and burial. The family also sent a note of thanks to the Post for the "beautiful ceremony (the Post) provided." Bob Glover stated he sent a note of thanks to the family for their donation. Bob Glover also stated the Post received \$245 in dues and \$175 in dues from the State. The Post expenses for the month were \$28.93 to Eversource and \$212 to the State for Dues. Greg d'Arbonne made a motion that the Treasurers Report be accepted as read, pending audit; seconded by Bruce Moran and unanimously approved.

Sick Call and Employment: Greg d'Arbonne stated Harold Ryder was not able to attend today's meeting because he had a medical procedure the other day. The members wished Harold a speedy recovery.

Old Business:

- Bob Glover stated he would be attending the National Convention in Minneapolis.
- Brookline Birthday Celebration: Commander Collard asked Greg d'Arbonne to include the

sponsorship packet in the next newsletter, so the members could review it before the August meeting. Commander Collard stated the sponsorship by the Post will be a topic at the August meeting. Some examples of sponsorship the Post could do are sponsoring a military vehicle group; a banner with the Post's information on it; sponsor the Spartan Drum and Bugle Corps to march in the parade.

- "Coffee with a Veteran", 8 September, 9 to 11 AM: Jim Pope asked if we can get a sign made to advertise this event. Jim stated a sign with letters we can insert so it can be reused for other events is what we need. Greg d'Arbonne asked if anyone knew what the cost for a sign like that would be. Patrick Kennedy stated he would investigate what a sign would cost and get back to everyone on that. Amanda Pope suggested we use the Woman's Club sign as well.

New Business:

- Dave Larkin and Greg d'Arbonne stated they were each contacted by a Vietnam Veteran, Jeffrey Hollett, requesting the use of the Legion Hall yard adjacent to the Brookline Community Church on 8 September 2018. Jeffrey would like to use the grounds as part of the reception for a wedding. Jim Pope made a motion that the Post allow the

use of the property by Jeffrey Hollett and his party, which includes erecting any tents, at the usual fee of \$25 as long as it does not interfere with the Post's "Coffee with a Veteran" event the morning of 8 September; seconded by Patrick Kennedy and unanimously approved. Greg d'Arbonne stated he will let Jeffrey know.

Correspondence: There were varied advertisements from companies.

For the Good of The Post:

- Bob Glover stated Sheryl Neisner and her husband, Clint, who were both members of the Post, moved to Alaska and joined a Post there.
- Dave Larkin stated he went to a Veteran Pinning and the best thing he did was just talk to the Veteran who just wanted to talk to another Veteran.
- Bob Glover stated there will be a Korean War Memorial Ceremony at the New Hampshire Veterans Cemetery tomorrow. He and Francis LaFreniere will attend.

There being no further business, the closing prayer was said, and the colors retired. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM. The next meeting is 23 August at 7 PM.

News For & From Members

Brookline 250th Celebration



The Town of Brookline will be celebrating its 250th Birthday in 2019. Planning for this celebration has already started and Commander Collard is a member of the planning committee representing our Post. From the official Committee literature:

The 250th committee is envisioning a year-long celebration, starting with a New Year's Eve gala on December 31, 2018 to ring in Brookline's 250th. We also have a parade planned for Saturday September 21, 2019, followed by fireworks that night. The theme of the 250th celebration is "Past,

Present, and Future”. Our goal for the year is to have at least 1-2 events happening every month. If you have any questions you can email Sheryl Corey Chairperson of the 250th committee at cecorey@aol.com. Together we can make 2019 the best year of celebrations that this town has ever seen!”

Commander Collard would like the Post to participate in as many events as possible and to be a sponsor to show the Post’s support to the Town and as a way to thank the citizens of the Town for their support of our Post over the many years. Attached to the e-mail this newsletter is being sent on is a list of sponsorship activities for your review. At the next meeting, please come prepared to discuss and what your ideas are for the Post to participate in the celebration. Thanks!

“Coffee or Tea with a Vet”, 8 September, from 9 to 11 AM at the Post

We will host another “Coffee or Tea with a Vet” event. This one will be 8 September, from 9 to 11 AM. The last time we did this a few months ago, everyone had a great time; the coffee and tea were great; and the conversations were wonderful!! Please come to the Legion Hall in Brookline and invite your neighbors. The drinks are free!!

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=LANSAXHTML+part=TAL+lang=ENG#legion-org-header), but please renew! Thanks!

News of Interest to Veterans

Paint Night, 15 August

Please join us for a fun night of creative relaxation and friendship! “Paint Night” will be at the VFW Post 1088, 93 Route 125 Kingston, NH on August 15th, from 7pm to 9pm. Cost is \$25/person. It includes Expert instruction by Steve Pascucci of “Art Made Easely”; 16"x20" Canvas; and all supplies. Cash bar will be available. Call ahead at (603) 642-5510 any day after 2pm to reserve a spot today!

“Armed Forces Appreciation Night” with the Fisher Cats, 16 August

On 16 August, the Fisher Cats will be sponsoring an “Armed Forces Appreciation Night at their stadium in Manchester. This event is being organized by various Veteran related organizations, to include our AUSA Chapter so please “come out to the ballgame!” The game starts at 7 PM and tickets can be purchased online for \$11.25 at: <https://groupmatics.events/event/Armedforcesappreciation>

Manchester VA Medical Center Veterans FREE Farmers Market

Wednesday, August 15, 2018
All Veterans are Welcome
Manchester VA Medical Center
Under the Tents

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Starts at 11:00am and
continues while supplies last!



The Farmers Market will offer fresh fruits & vegetables along with healthy recipes to enjoy. The goal is to support those who are working to improve their health by including fresh produce in their meal plans.

*Honoring America's Veterans by providing exceptional health care
that improves their health and well-being.*

*Contact Debra Krinsky, Voluntary Service Officer, 603-624-4366
x6419 for event information.*



Sunday, September 9 | 9am

Mines Falls | Stellos Stadium Entrance | Nashua, NH

Lace up your sneakers! Grab your friends & family!

Show your support for NH veterans, service members & their families at this patriotic fun run and walk through Mines Falls to benefit Veterans Count.

\$30 per participant

FREE registration for all Veterans

\$20/child (12 and under) | T-shirt included with all \$30 registrations before 8/10/18

www.vetscount.org/nh

Register | Join a Team | Support a Participant



Veterans Count provides critical and timely financial assistance and services when no other resource is available to veterans, service members and their families, to ensure their dignity, health and overall well-being.

We continue to ensure that 90% of every net dollar raised for Veterans Count is spent to provide services and grow resources for NH veterans, service members and their families.

For more information please visit: www.vetscount.org/nh



12TH Annual Stand Down for Homeless Veterans
co-hosted by
Harbor Homes and Manchester VA



Location: Harbor Homes

77 Northeastern Boulevard, Nashua NH

September 20th, 2018

9am-2pm

Services Include: VA Representation, Food, Clothing, Community Resources, Employment Information and More. For a view of past events: Visit [Utube Harbor Homes Stand Down Andrea Reed 2012](#). Thank you.

For more information call (603)882-3616 and ask for Andrea Reed, by email: a.reed@nhpartnership.org or Emily Reisine, Homeless Coordinator Manchester VA at Emily.Reisine@va.gov or at 800-892-8384 x 3622



Showers available as well. Bring a towel if you can. We will do our best to have new available.

The Annual Stand Down for Homeless Veterans is brought to you through the partnership of Harbor Homes, Inc. and Manchester VA along with the collaboration of our community partners.

We are looking for some assistance with transportation of Veterans, so if you have any VSO volunteers who could be part of our network, that would be great.

Thanks very much,

Beth Grady, LCSW, Homeless Outreach Social Worker, Manchester VA Medical Center 718 Smyth Road, Manchester, NH 03104, Office: (603)-624-4366 ext 2701; Cell: (603)-703-2948; Fax: (603)-629-3244



Association of United States Army
Colonel Edward Cross Chapter
2018 Networking Golf Tournament

Friday, September 21st – Amherst Country Club
72 Ponemah Rd, Amherst, NH 03031 (603) 673-9908

Registration Table Open 12 pm
Shotgun Start – Scramble Format 1:30pm
BBQ Dinner Following 6:30 pm

Awards for Team Score, Closest to Pin, Long Drive, Putting Contest



**Funds raised will support the New Hampshire Veterans Heritage Learning Center at the
New Hampshire Veterans Cemetery in Boscawen, NH**

and

The Colonel Cross Chapter “Adopt-a-Recruit” Program

For more information and sponsorship, call or e-mail:

Dane Rota (603-878-0701) dane.rota@verizon.net or Greg d'Arbonne GDarbo6844@aol.com

Registration Deadline is September 11th. Make checks payable to: *COL Cross Chapter AUSA*
Mail to: AUSA, c/o Greg d'Arbonne, 65 Cleveland Hill Road, Brookline, NH 03033

- Single _____ \$100 per person (includes cart, range and BBQ dinner)
- Team _____ \$400 per foursome (includes cart, range and BBQ dinner)
- Sponsor _____ \$1000 (includes foursome, tee box advertising, cart, range and BBQ dinner)
- BBQ Only (total number attending only for the BBQ) _____ \$20 per person
- Contribution to NH Veterans Cemetery with/without golf _____

\$ _____ *Total Amount Enclosed*

Name _____ Affiliation (if any) _____

Email Address _____ Telephone # _____

Are you with a foursome? If so, who else will be in the foursome? _____

No Tickets Will Be Required; Check-In at the Door

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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

"THE END IS NEAR!"

William is the vicar of a Protestant parish on the border of Northern Ireland and Southern Ireland, and Patrick is the priest at the Roman Catholic Church across the road.

One day they are seen together, erecting a sign which reads:

"THE END IS NEAR. TURN YOURSELF AROUND NOW BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE."

As a car speeds past them, the driver leans out his window and yells: "Leave people alone, you religious nutters. We don't need your lectures."

From around the next curve they hear screeching tires and a big splash.

Shaking his head, Father Patrick says: "Dat's da terd one dis mornin'."

"Yaa, William agrees, then adds: "Do ya tink maybe da sign should just say: "BRIDGE CLOSED"?"

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