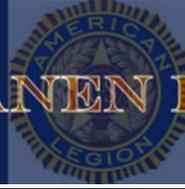


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August 2020 Newsletter

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.

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

Next Meeting:

27 August at 7:00 PM

This will be an in-person meeting.

July Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:06 PM by Post Commander Will Collard. 7 members present and no guests.

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

Minutes: The Minutes of the June 2020 meeting were read. Bob Glover made a motion that the Minutes be accepted as read; seconded by Harold Ryder and unanimously approved.

Treasurers Report: The Treasurer's Reports was read. The Post received \$385 from dues and sent two checks to Department for dues in the amount of \$462.86. Bob Glover stated we have half the members who have paid their dues for the 2020 – 2021 year. Greg d'Arbonne stated we can start electronic banking as all signatures for permission were given to the bank. Harold Ryder made a motion that the Treasurers report be accepted as read, pending audit; seconded by Dave Larkin and unanimously approved.

Sick Call and Employment:

- Dave Larkin stated he is feeling better but is facing more radiation for his cancer.
- Bob Canada stated he spoke to Rogene Porter and she told him Del was under the weather recently but is getting better.
- Greg d'Arbonne stated he is feeling better after his cancer surgery.

Old Business:

- 4th of July Ceremony: Those who attended said it went very well. There were approximately 25 people in the audience and participated. Greg d'Arbonne stated the script and the documents read at the ceremony are in a black notebook in the Commander's desk for future use.
- Bob Glover stated the Post received \$1,034.62 in donations from the Poppy Drive. It is noted that this was one of our largest donations from the Poppy Drives.
- Monument Discussion:
 - Greg d'Arbonne will ask Beth Williams if she knows how to setup a website for donations. He will also ask the Boy Scout Troop if one of the boys can do this as a Service project. Jim Pope stated Amanda Pope has everything ready for the verbiage to put on a donation website except we need to create a link to do so.
 - Greg will put the recommended verbiage to go on the Monument a mentioned in meetings earlier this year in the next newsletter. He will ask for recommendations and then this will be discussed at the July meeting.

- Jim Pope stated that in the process of making the central pillar for the Monument, the pillar cracked so a new one must be made, delaying when it will be ready.
- Maintenance of the building:
 - Jim Pope reported hydraulic cement was in the basement where needed in the joints in the foundation
 - Jim stated that they found a loose stone in the foundation that needs to be fixed.
 - The members discussed that Fall and Winter will be upon us soon and we need to fix the six windows in the basement before then. Greg d'Arbonne made a motion that the post allot no more than \$1,000 to install glass block windows in the basement and a system to mitigate any Radon hazards; seconded by Jim Pope and unanimously approved. Greg will pass along the information about the glass block windows to the other members so they can be purchased ASAP.
 - Jim Pope stated he will donate an old lawnmower he has to the Post. It will be placed behind the building for anyone to cut the grass, they just need to bring fuel as we will not store fuel at the building.
- Flag Disposal Cauldron: It was noted that the cauldron is rusty. The members discussed how to mitigate the rust and was decided that it should be painted after each ceremony with high heat paint (e.g. Rustoleum black grill

paint). Greg d'Arbonne made a motion that the Post purchase this type of paint and repair the Flag Disposal Cauldron ASAP; seconded by Bob Canada and unanimously approved.

New Business:

- The Post will write a letter of thanks to Boy Scout Antonio Stevens for his great work in cleaning the dishes that were in the basement and in cleaning up portions of the basement.

Membership: Bob Glover reminded everyone this is a new fiscal year for the Legion so please make sure you pay your dues ASAP. Bob stated half the current members have renewed at this point.

Correspondence: Nothing received.

For the Good of The Post: Greg d'Arbonne briefed the members on issues with the VA. He will publish the "MyHealthVet" link in the newsletter because this is the best method to contact your Provider at the VA and to order refills for your prescription. He also stated that if you are intersted in the status of your claim to the VA, there is an office in the Norris Cotton Building in Manchester where the VBA office is located. The VBA is the office that adjudicates claims.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:13 PM. The next meeting is 27 August.

News For & From Members

Inscription on the Monument

In the Minutes here and November 2019, here is what was proposed as the inscriptions to put on the Monument our Post is putting together. The Monument has 6 sides to the column. The plan is to have a part of the American Legion Preamble on a panel along with a famous quote that relates to that part of the Preamble. Below you will see the part from the Preamble in the left column and the famous quote in the right column. If you have any opinion on any of these, contact Greg d'Arbonne (603-672-5830 or GDarbo6844@aol.com) before the August meeting:

1. To inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state and nation.

"...ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country."

- 2. To combat the autocracy of both the classes and the masses.
- 3. To make right the master of might

- 4. To promote peace and goodwill on earth.

- 5. To safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice, freedom and democracy

- 6. To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America.

"We the people of the United States, in order to form a more perfect union..."

"Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?"
And I said, "Here am I. Send me!"

"Freedom is not free."

"...we shall pay any price, bear any burden, meet any hardship, support any friend, oppose any foe, in order to assure the survival and the success of liberty.";

"...that this nation shall have a new birth of freedom; and that this government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth."

Additionally, here is a recent picture of the stone that will be cut and polished into the sphere at the top of the Monument:



Calendar of Events

Added/Changed events are **highlighted in yellow**. Please contact me with any questions. Thanks!
– Greg d'

August:

- 16 Aug: Hollis VFW Monthly Meeting, 7 PM, Chris Lussier's House, 34 Love Lane, Hollis
- 27 Aug: Brookline American Legion Monthly Meeting, 7 PM, Brookline American Legion Hall

September:

- 20 Sep: Hollis VFW Monthly Meeting, 7 PM, Brookline American Legion Hall
- 24 Sep: Brookline American Legion Monthly Meeting, 7 PM, Brookline American Legion Hall

October:

- 18 Oct: Hollis VFW Monthly Meeting, 2 PM, Hollis Town Hall
- 22 Oct: Brookline American Legion Monthly Meeting, 7 PM, Brookline American Legion Hall

November:

- 15 Nov: Hollis VFW Monthly Meeting, 2 PM, Hollis Town Hall
- 19 Nov: Brookline American Legion Monthly Meeting, 7 PM, Brookline American Legion Hall

December:

- 17 Dec: Brookline American Legion Monthly Meeting, 7 PM, Brookline American Legion Hall
- 20 Dec: Hollis VFW Monthly Meeting, 2 PM, Hollis Town Hall

January:

- 17 Jan: Hollis VFW Monthly Meeting, 2 PM, Hollis Town Hall
- 28 Jan: Brookline American Legion Monthly Meeting, 7 PM, Brookline American Legion Hall

February:

- 21 Feb: Hollis VFW Monthly Meeting, 2 PM, Hollis Town Hall
- 25 Feb: Brookline American Legion Monthly Meeting, 7 PM, Brookline American Legion Hall

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), but please renew! Thanks!

News of Interest to Veterans

VA Manchester Virtual Town Hall “Moving Forward Together- Safe Care is Our Mission”, August 13 at Noon

Attention Veterans: VA Manchester invites you to a Virtual Town Hall “Moving Forward Together-Safe Care is Our Mission” on August 13, 2020 at noon. Kevin Forrest, Director, VA Manchester Healthcare System will host the Town Hall and will be supported by our team of clinical and administrative experts.

The Virtual Town Hall will include a brief update on COVID-19, an operational status, what to expect when visiting the medical center and a question and answer session.

Please join us!

To join the Town Hall, click on the link: <http://site-584856.bcvp0rtal.com/>

- Join the meeting on any device with an internet connection.
- The platform works with Internet Explorer, Google Chrome, and Firefox. However, if you are unable to access the platform using one browser, please try another.
- Use the F5 key to refresh your webpage if you are having audio/video issues.
- To ask a question, click Join the Discussion and enter a name and email address, then type your question.
- To enable closed captioning, click on the button on the top of your screen that says “Click for Captions”

Did you also know that VA has tools to help manage your care today as well as in the future.? Tell your team about your needs and preferences for treatment and your health. As a Premium My HealthVet account holder, you can already view important personal health information. Log in today. Helpful links are located on the left side of this notice. If you have not sent a Secure Message (in My HealthVet) to your teams, feel free to do so for any routine needs.

ATT Phone Scam

The following was reported by Andy Seremeth: I received a VERY accurate email from ATT stating that they were going to be doing a major system upgrade and our phones (mine and my wife's) would not be compatible with the new ATT wireless phone system.

The email contained the phone numbers of our cell phones. So, it was beginning to look like a “real” email. The email went on to say that ATT was offering new phones of our choice with trade in, express shipping, etc. etc. This sounded too good to be true. So, I called ATT.

I talked to a very nice service rep who stated they were just starting to get calls on this “new” ATT service. Problem was, they had not heard of it. They asked me if I could forward the email to ATT at their security address. Guess what, the email I received had a “block” on it preventing it being forwarded. To solve the problem and help ATT, I printed the email I got, then scanned it, saved it to a pdf file, and sent to the ATT securing address they gave me.

Bottom line: Those of you have ATT, be on the lookout for such a scam. And I would guess this type of scam can happen to all the wireless businesses (Sprint, etc. etc.)

Operation Care for Troops (OCT) Update

Hello Everyone, I hope this finds you all safe and healthy. As most of you are aware, Operation Care for Troops has been impacted by Covid19 with only special request packages shipped to our troops. Fund raising has come to a virtual halt with only a few small grants and regular monthly donations received. The Nashua Armory is not available due to Covid19 which has caused us to rethink the upcoming August packing event. With the restrictions on large gatherings and the non-availability of suitable space to hold a large packing event, the August packing will be completed on a smaller scale performed by the Board of Directors and Core Team Leaders only.

As OCT prepares for the upcoming event, we will be collecting donations and cards & letters on August 1 at the Pelham VFW and on August 11 at the Main Street United Methodist Church in Nashua. At both locations, folks will be outside to allow social distancing. Please wear masks. In addition to needing cards and letters, we have received requests for hand sanitizer from the troops. Hope you can add this to your donations for this packing. See you soon.

Dates of Donation & Card "Drop Off":

- Pelham VFW -August 1; 10 am to 3 pm; 6 Main St, Pelham NH (parking lot) At this location cards will be available for signing!
- Main Street United Methodist Church - August 11; 2 pm to 6pm; Rear parking lot of 154 Main Street, Nashua, NH (side street is Temple Street for parking lot.)

Thank you for your continued support. We are hoping the November Holiday Packing will be back at the Armory.

Veterans CARES Act Funds

The Department of Military Affairs and Veterans Services is committed to all who have served or are currently serving and their Families. This commitment extends well beyond the term of service. The Veterans Service Organization Support and Traditional Services For Veterans Support Programs are instrumental to ensuring organization that support those who served, and their families have the resources they need to help those affected by the Pandemic. The department is proud to administer these programs in support of the organizations that support New Hampshire's Veterans.

- What: Funding will be available through DMAVS and two new CARES Act COVID-19 Relief Support Programs beginning 28 July 2020
 - 1) Veterans Service Organization (VSO) Support Program
 - 2) Traditional Services for Veterans Support Program

- For Who: Applications will be accepted from 501(c)(19) and 501(c)(23) Veterans Services Organizations for the Veterans Service Organization (VSO) Support Program. Applications will be accepted from any organization or business that provides traditional services to Veterans for the Traditional Services for Veterans Support Program.
- Why: This funding is intended to assist organizations and businesses that serve Veterans and experienced significant loss of revenue and/or increased expenses directly related to COVID-19 this year.
- When: Applications will be accepted and processed until 10 August 2020.
- Where to get more info or apply: <https://www.goferr.nh.gov>.



VA Community Emergency Care Provider Notification

In most instances, Veterans are eligible to receive Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)-authorized emergency care at an in-network facility if VA is notified of the emergent event within 72 hours. Veterans do not need to check with the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) before calling for an ambulance or going to an emergency department. During a medical emergency, VA encourages all Veterans to seek immediate medical attention without delay. It is, however, important for providers to promptly notify VA within 72 hours of a Veteran presenting to the emergency department.

Effective June 8, 2020, VA established a national centralized notification center to simplify the emergency care notification process.

The Emergency Care Centralized Notification Center allows community providers, Veterans and representatives to report instances of a Veteran presenting to a community emergency department. It offers simplified access to VA for care coordination, eligibility determination and payment authorization information. Centralized notification standardizes communication, documentation and collaboration between VA and community providers.

General Information

Providers should report instances of a Veteran presenting to a community emergency department to VA within 72 hours of the start of emergent care. It is important to notify VA within 72 hours because it allows VA to assist in coordinating care or transfer to a VA medical center. This helps ensure that administrative and clinical requirements for VA to pay for the care are met. Failure to report in a timely manner may impact a Veteran's eligibility for VA to cover the cost of emergency treatment. For each notification the treating facility will receive authorization or eligibility information and, if applicable, direction for claim submittal.

Notification Requirements

Providers may use either of the following centralized options to notify VA with details about Veterans receiving emergent care in the community:

1. Email: VHAEmergencyNotification@va.gov
2. Phone: 844-72HRVHA (844-724-7842)

If notification is made to a local VA medical facility, the notification will be referred to centralized intake for action.

Case-specific details are necessary for care coordination and eligibility determinations and will be requested during notification. The person notifying VA should be prepared to supply case specific information detailed in VA Form 10-10143g, Non-VA Hospital Emergency Notification – available online at https://www.va.gov/vaforms/medical/pdf/10-10143g_Non-VA_Hospital_Emergency_Notification_Fill.pdf – when calling or emailing notification. If the person notifying the VA is unable to supply all information, VA will contact the appropriate parties to collect the information.

For additional information, including information about care coordination, eligibility, documentation claims and payment, please visit: www.va.gov/COMMUNITYCARE/providers/info_EmergencyCare.asp.

Resources

VA Form 10-10143g (https://www.va.gov/vaforms/medical/pdf/10-10143g_Non-VA_Hospital_Emergency_Notification_Fill.pdf).



Safety Measures



Park Hours

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As a token of our appreciation for those who have served our country, we would like to offer U.S. military veterans and up to 3 guests one complimentary visit to SeaWorld Orlando, SeaWorld San Antonio, or Busch Gardens Tampa Bay through November 11, 2020. **Tickets must be reserved through *ID.me* for verification.**



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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

A Fascinating Piece of History

Very interesting. I bet most people didn't know this. I wish that there was an account of who ordered this and who drafted and approved this surrender plan. Who says that Americans do not have a sense of history and culture?

Why did the US choose a US Navy Iowa-class battleship as the location for Japan's surrender in World War 2 even though they were in Tokyo Bay and could have used a building on land? Pure symbolism. Nothing says "you're utterly defeated" than having to board the enemy's massive battleship in the waters of your own capital city. A naval vessel is considered sovereign territory for the purposes of accepting a surrender. You just don't get that if you borrow a ceremonial space from the host country. In addition, the Navy originally wanted the USS South Dakota to be the surrender site. It was President Truman who changed it to USS Missouri, Missouri being Truman's home state.

The Japanese delegation had to travel across water to the Missouri, which sat at the center of a huge US fleet. It's a bit like those movie scenes where someone enters a big-wig's office, and the big-wig sits silhouetted at the end of a long room, behind a massive desk. The appellant has to walk all the way to that desk along a featureless space, feeling small, exposed, vulnerable and comparatively worthless before the mogul enthroned in dramatic lighting before him. By the time he gets there the great speech he had prepared is reduced to a muttered sentence or two. In addition, the USS Missouri flew the flag of Commodore Perry's 19th century gun-boat diplomacy mission that opened the closeted Edo-era Japan to the world and forced upon them the Meiji restoration which ended the rule of the samurai class. The symbolism here is pretty clear - "this is how we want you to be, and remember what happens to countries that defy us." It was particularly humiliating for a proud country like Japan, and that was entirely the point.

The symbolism of the ceremony was even greater than that. The ship was anchored at the precise latitude/longitude recorded in Perry's log during his 1845 visit, symbolizing the purpose of both visits to open Japan to the West. Perry's original flag was also present, having been flown all the way from the Naval Academy for the ceremony. When the Japanese delegation came aboard, they were forced to use an accommodation way (stairs) situated just forward of turret #1. The freeboard (distance between the ship's deck and the water line) there makes the climb about twice as long as if it had been set up farther aft, where the freeboard of the ship is less.

NOTE: This was even more of an issue for the Japanese surrender party as the senior member, Foreign Affairs Minister Shigemitsu, was crippled by an assassination attempt in 1932, losing his right leg in the process. The #1 and #2 turrets had been traversed about 20 degrees to starboard. The ostensible reason for this was to get the turret overhangs out of the way to create more room for the ceremony on the starboard veranda deck, but in fact this would have only required

traversing turret #2 had it been the real reason. In reality, the turret position also put the gun barrels directly over the heads of the Japanese. They were literally standing "under the gun."

The honor guard of US sailors (side boys) were all hand-picked to be over six feet tall, a further intimidation of the short-statured Japanese. The surrender documents themselves, one copy for the Allies and one for the Japanese contained identical English-language texts, but the Allied copy was bound in good quality leather, while the Japanese copy was bound with light canvas whose stitching looked like it had been done by a drunken tailor using kite string. After the signing ceremony, the Japanese delegation was not invited for tea and cookies; they were shuffled off the ship as an Allied air armada of over 400 aircraft flew overhead as a final reminder that American forces still had the ability to continue fighting should the Japanese have second thoughts on surrender.

And now you know the rest of the story

Fallen War Heroes Buried in Saint Francis Xavier Cemetery in Nashua, NH

This came from Post member Kerry Spangler: There are just over 700 soldiers buried in Saint Francis Xavier Cemetery in Nashua, NH. Out of the 700 soldiers, 24 soldiers buried in Saint Francis Xavier Cemetery lost their lives during wartime.

The dots on the map show where the soldiers died. All of the soldiers hail from Nashua, and that is where some are buried, but all 24 are memorialized. Many soldiers died in very close proximity to each other, such as in Vietnam, where 2 soldiers, Robert L. Gardner and Thomas D. Nadeau, appear to have the same point. Zoom in on such locations to see where the soldiers died and how close they were to the other veterans on this map. Click the dots to learn more about the soldiers.

<https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/6734a5d6c0dd467e8493bc3fb89ba24f>

Click on the arcs to gain additional information on the distance between where the soldiers died, and their home city of Nashua, NH. Some arcs curve over the North Pole because the geodesic path between the place of the soldiers death and where they were buried in Nashua is shorter when going over the pole than when going around on lines of latitude.

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