

KILDUFF-WIRTANEN LEGION POST 74



• 38 Main Street •

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December 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:

20 December at 7:00 PM

**This is a change from the
normal day due to
Christmas**

November Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by Commander Will Collard. 9 members present.

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

Membership: Nothing to report.

Minutes: The Minutes of the October 2018 meeting were read. The Minutes were amended to change “sonotubes” to “construction foam” in the discussion about fixing up the Legion Hall. Bruce Moran made a motion to accept the Minutes as read and amended; seconded by Dave Larkin and unanimously approved.

Treasurers Report: The Treasurer’s Report for November was read. Bob Glover reported we received \$876.35 from the Poppy Drive and the Post received a check from the Department of New Hampshire for dues in the amount of \$921.85. Bob reported the Post spent \$237.65 for flags; \$27.12 to Eversource, and a \$2 Bank Fee. Bruce Moran made a motion that the Treasurers report be accepted as read, pending audit; seconded by Dave Larkin. Patrick

Kennedy stated he had paid Bob \$100 for the flags a few months ago. Bob did not remember that, so he said he would check his records and find out where that money is that Patrick donated. Bob asked the members if we want to look at changing banks as TD Bank is charging us a \$2 fee each month. Jim Pope stated we should be listed as a non-profit and not be charged as a business. Greg d’Arbonne stated he will go to the bank and see how we can get this changed to a no fee account. The Treasurer’s Report was then unanimously approved, pending audit.

Sick Call and Employment: Jim Pope stated Amanda Pope and Chrissie Zore are both looking employment.

Old Business:

- **Punch List for Repairs to the Legion Hall:** It was stated that nothing has been written down. Commander Collard stated we should do this after the meeting.
- **Fund Raisers:** Patrick Kennedy addressed the members and stated maybe a Potluck Lunch/Supper or Spaghetti Dinner would be easier for the Post to do. He stated at this fund raiser, Veterans from throughout the community can be celebrated. Commander Collard stated the Andres Institute is willing to let the Post have an event at that location. Jim Pope stated there is no monument in Town to honor those who served over the past 40 years in the various wars of the United States since the Vietnam War. Jim also stated maybe we can have a joint event with other Veteran organizations and other community organizations to create such a memorial. The members discussed how the Post can do a kickoff fund raiser for the monument as it will take time

to raise the money. Greg d'Arbonne made a motion that the Post begin raising funds beginning 30 March 2019 to erect a monument to honor Veterans who served in the GWOT and have the monument erected by the 100th Birthday of our Post, August 2020; seconded by Bruce Moran. Jim Pope made a motion to amend the motion on the floor to say we begin gathering information on what we want and where to put the monument, coordinating with the Town of Brookline and Andres' Institute for the cost and time to make the monument; seconded by Bob Canada. Greg stated he will talk to Tad Putney at Town Hall and Jim will talk to John Weidman at Andres's Institute. Commander Collard stated he will talk to the 250th Birthday Committee to see what dates are available. It was suggested Big Bear Lodge be used for an event. It was also suggested we create posters to advertise the event. The motion was unanimously approved and the main motion was amended to say "the Post begin gathering information on what the Post wants for a monument to honor those who served over the past 40 years in the various wars and where to put the monument, coordinating with the Town of Brookline and Andres' Institute for the location, the cost, and the time to make the monument with the goal of erecting the monument by the 100th Birthday of our Post, August 2020." The motion was unanimously approved.

- Bruce Moran made a motion that the Post reimburse Greg d'Arbonne \$39.95 for the cost to make the sign for the Poppy Drive; seconded by Mike Chase and unanimously approved.
- Greg d'Arbonne made a motion that the Post purchase 500 Poppies as the post is out of Poppies and in preparation for the Memorial Day Poppy Drive; seconded by Bruce Moran and unanimously approved.

- Bob Glover thanked Post members Arlene d'Arbonne, Ben Perrault and Jim Pope who joined him in volunteering to hand out the Poppies at the Poppy Drive, especially since the weather was so cold. Bob stated it was a very successful drive and the Post collected \$876.35 in donations that day.
- Bob Glover stated the Post should recommend to the Department of New Hampshire the Preamble to the American Legion Constitution should be changed to say more than "...the Great Wars..." Greg d'Arbonne stated he will see the Department Commander and mention this to him.
- Bob Glover stated he attended the American Legion College in Concord and felt it was well worth the time an effort and encouraged others to attend as well.

New Business:

- Volunteers to do the Audit of the Post Finances: Bob Glover stated the Post finances need to be audited, and while the Commander and Treasurer should be present, they cannot audit the books since they are on the Signature Card. It was requested that three volunteers from the Post will be needed. Mike Chase, Patrick Kennedy and Jim Pope volunteered to conduct the audit before February of 2019.

Correspondence: Nothing received.

For the Good of The Post:

- Greg d'Arbonne stated the store, Powell Stone and Gravel (the former New Hampshire Rocks store) gives a 10% discount to Veterans.
- Greg d'Arbonne stated that if any members have any issues with the Manchester VA, please let him know as he sees the Manchester VA Director at least once a month.

News For & From Members

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

“Operation Care for Troops” Thanks Everyone

Greetings Everyone!

On behalf of Operation Care for Troops Team I want to thank everyone who volunteered at the Armory or donated supplies or money for postage. Through your hard work Operation Care for Troops managed to ship 1688 packages to our deployed men and women of our Armed Services. Operation Care for Troops has shipped a grand total of 106,937 packages! Without the support of local organizations and people such as yourself, Operation Care for Troops could not fulfill its mission of shipping packages to deployed troops. Thank you everyone!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Recently, we received the dates for next year's events. They are:

March Madness - March 27, 2019 through March 30, 2019

Bare Necessities - August 21, 2019 through August 24, 2019

Holiday Stockings - November 13, 2019 through November 16, 2019

Also, to help raise funds to cover the cost of shipping Operation Care for Troops is collecting used cell phones which are turned into cash! If you or anyone you know has any, we'll be collecting them during these packing so bring them with you!!! And, if you or any of your friends want to sponsor a package please send \$20 to: Operation Care for Troops, PO Box 1604, Nashua, NH 03061

On behalf of the Operation Care of Troops Team we are wishing each and every one of you and your family a Very Happy Holiday Season!

Thanks again and see you All in 2019,

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Manchester VA Health Promotion, Disease Prevention, Whole Health Programs

Check out Manchester VA Medical Center's Health Promotion, Disease Prevention Program
Healthy Living Newsletter:
[https://www.manchester.va.gov/documents/November Decemeber Newsletter.pdf](https://www.manchester.va.gov/documents/November_Decemeber_Newsletter.pdf)

Did you know? Whole Health is offering Well-being classes check for offerings here: Well-being
November Schedule: https://www.manchester.va.gov/services/Whole_Health_Center.asp



UNITED STATES SENATE COMMITTEE ON
VETERANS' AFFAIRS

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The VA MISSION Act of 2018

The VA Maintaining Internal Systems and Strengthening Integrated Outside Networks (MISSION) Act

Streamlines VA's Community Care Programs

- Consolidates seven VA community care programs into one streamlined program.
- Removes arbitrary 30-day/40-mile barriers to veterans' care in the community.
- Authorizes access to walk-in community clinics for enrolled veterans who have previously used VA healthcare services in the last two years.
- Authorizes local provider agreements to remove bureaucratic red tape and to meet veterans' needs for care in the community.
- Creates standards for timely payment to community care providers.
- Keeps the cost of community care in line with the cost of VA health care to ensure a veteran does not pay more for outside care.
- Requires the VA to monitor the program and report to Congress on the care provided to veterans.
- Requires the secretary to develop an education program to inform veterans and VA providers about veterans' health care options.
- Establishes a program to provide continuing medical education credits for community care providers on treating veterans.
- Requires the VA to establish and submit to Congress a strategy to ensure all VA and community care programs are operating efficiently and effectively based on a number of factors including veterans' satisfaction and access guidelines and quality standards, among others.
- Strengthens the process for VA and partnering health care providers who prescribe opioids to veterans.
- Ensures providers removed or suspended from VA practice do not treat veterans in the community.
- Provides \$5.2 billion for the Veterans Choice Fund.

Improves VA Healthcare Delivery

- Removes barriers for VA healthcare professionals to practice telemedicine.
- Provides additional resources for hiring and retention of VA healthcare professionals.
- Strengthens peer-to-peer support for veterans undergoing care for trauma or in rural areas.
- Establishes mobile deployment teams for underserved and rural facilities to provide specialized and routine health care.
- Allows VA to provide transplant procedures on a live donor.
- Allows the VA to modernize assets and infrastructure.

Expands Caregivers

- Expands eligibility for VA's Caregiver Program to veterans of all generations.
- Requires VA to implement an information technology system to better support, assess and monitor the program.

Support for the VA MISSION Act

38 veteran and military advocacy organizations that represent millions of veterans in the United States wrote a letter to the House and Senate in support of the bill.

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New Hampshire State Plan on Aging Survey



Please help inform the process! Survey responses will be collected from participants across the State and will help guide our efforts in the development of the 2019-2023 NH State Plan on Aging. It should take you about 10-15 minutes to complete the 29 question survey.

Please take the survey and share it with others!

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NHSPoASurvey>

For more information, call 1-800-852-3345 x9215

The Survey will close on January 15, 2019

New Hampshire State Plan on Aging Survey

The NH Department of Health & Human Services, Bureau of Elderly and Adult Services, and the NH State Plan on Aging Planning Committee are developing the State's Plan on Aging. As part of the process, we ask for your input through the State Plan on Aging Survey. This survey is part of a statewide outreach effort to improve our understanding of the needs of people who are aging in NH. By completing the below survey, you will help guide the development of NH's State Plan on Aging!

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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

Be Aware of Your Surroundings!

Three drunken privates got into a taxi outside a bar near their military base in Texas. After being told the destination address, the taxi driver, knowing they were drunk, decided to play a joke on the three knuckleheads. The driver started the engine, put the car in gear, immediately stopped and turned the engine off. Then he said, "We have reached your destination." The first private gave him money and the second private said, "Thank you, sir." The third private slapped the driver. The driver was shocked, thinking the third drunk must know what he did. Playing naïve, he asked the third private, "What was that for?" The third private replied, "Control your speed next time. You nearly killed us!"

Two of the greatest qualities
to have in life are:



**PATIENCE
and WISDOM**

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