

KILDUFF-WIRTANEN LEGION POST 74



• 38 Main Street •

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December 2019 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:

19 December at 7:00 PM
(please note the change
due to the Christmas
holiday)

November Meeting Minutes

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

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

Minutes: The Minutes of the September 2019 meeting were read. Bruce Moran made a motion that the Minutes be approved as read; seconded by Bob Glover and unanimously approved.

Treasurers Report: The Treasurer's Report was read. The Post received \$892.57 from the Poppy distribution at the Transfer Station; \$85 from dues; \$102.50 from the event at the Church the beginning of September. Expenses over the month were \$26.81 for the Eversource bill. Bruce Moran made a motion that the Treasurers report be accepted as read, pending audit; seconded by Jim Pope and unanimously approved.

Sick Call and Employment:

- Dave Larkin stated he had his first chemo treatment and had 6 radiation treatments so far. He said he is feeling pretty good right now.
- Jim Pope reported that his daughter, Amanda Pope, has had a few interviews with RSA and is hoping this pans out into a job offer.

Old Business:

- Monument Discussion:
 - Jim Pope stated John Weidman had various business-related things that kept him out of the loop lately. Jim also stated John will be getting rotator cuff surgery soon. The members wished John a successful surgery and speedy recovery.
 - Facebook and PayPal for Donations: Commander Collard will review the recent e-mails about the 501.c.3 eligibility of the Post. Greg d'Arbonne will contact the NH American Legion Department headquarters about taxes and any forms from them and national for 501.c.3.
 - Jim Pope made a motion that we table discussion of the naming of the monument to a future meeting; second by Bruce Moran and unanimously approved.
 - GoFundMe Page: Greg d'Arbonne will get this from Amanda Pope.
- Maintenance of the building: Jim Pope stated the electrical connection at the well pump still needs to be fixed. Greg d'Arbonne will contact Mike Chase to ask if Mike can fix this issue. Jim reported the oil tank leak is fixed. Jim stated the south corner of the basement to the back door there is insulated and fixed and no water leaked in during the recent rainstorm. Jim stated they will continue insulating along the back wall of the basement. Greg d'Arbonne stated he is still

working on the new front door. Bob Glover stated he will get a new cover for the flag burning receptacle. Jim stated he treated the receptacle with rust remover to help maintain the receptacle and it needs more. It was stated the back door behind the Adjutants desk needs to be made so it can be locked and opened from outside.

- Bob Glover stated he will put tags on the remaining poppies.

Membership: Justin Adams still owes dues for last year and this year.

Correspondence:

- The Post received a thank you card from the Brookline Community Church for our participation at the 7 September event.

New Business:

- Banners from the 250th Birthday Celebration: The Post is in possession of the banners that had the Post as a sponsor (two telephone pole banners and one parade banner). The members were asked if we should keep them. Commander Collard suggested we keep them for now until we can figure out what to do with them.
- The Selectmen have discussed giving the extra funds from the 250th Parade to the Monument fund. No decision has been made.

- Bob Glover stated Beth Williams and Francis LaFreniere were at the Transfer Station and helped him distribute Poppies.
- Greg d'Arbonne stated he attended the Selectmen Meeting this past Monday. He spoke, along with Peter Cook, to ask for support for an increase in the Veteran Tax Credit for totally and completely disabled Veterans from \$2,000 to \$4,000. Peter started there are only 4 Veterans in town that take this credit, so this is an increase of a total of \$8,000. Greg then briefed the members on the Veteran Tax Credit that the State says Towns can have from zero to \$750. Greg explained that Brookline has a tax credit for eligible Veterans of \$500. There was a lengthy discussion as to whether we should ask for an increase to \$750 when there are 182 Veterans currently getting the tax credit and more may be added when the State allows more eligible veterans. The discussion ended with no recommendation as to whether to increase or stay at \$500.

For the Good of The Post: Bob Glover stated the National Commander is encouraging members to check on members and veterans who may not have social contacts to help prevent suicides.

There being no further business, the closing prayer was said, and the colors retired. The meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM. The next meeting is 19 December at 7 PM.

News For & From Members

VETERANS DAY SERVICE 11/11/19

Hollis AKP DAR cosponsors w/ Hollis VFW. Thank you everyone!





*The Brookline Lions Club Invites You
To Be Our Guest at the
Seniors Holiday Luncheon*

Menu:

Fruit Cup & Sherbet Appetizer
Roast Turkey with Stuffing
Mashed Potatoes & Gravy
Vegetables, Rolls, and Butter
Coffee, Punch & Water
Dessert Cake

When: Saturday, December 14th

Time: 12:00 Noon

Where: Brookline Fire Station
Transportation Available if Needed
Let us know if you need a ride!
Meal delivery is available as well.

Reservations Requested
RSVP by Wednesday, December 11th
Vicki Pope: 673-1660 or pope_vl@yahoo.com

Calendar of Events

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

December:

15 Dec: Hollis VFW Monthly Meeting, 2 PM, Hollis Town Hall

18 Dec: Brookline American Legion Monthly Meeting, 7 PM, Brookline American Legion Hall

January:

19 Jan: Hollis VFW Monthly Meeting, 2 PM, Hollis Town Hall

23 Jan: Brookline American Legion Monthly Meeting, 7 PM, Brookline American Legion Hall

February:

16 Feb: Hollis VFW Monthly Meeting, 2 PM, Hollis Town Hall

27 Feb: Brookline American Legion Monthly Meeting, 7 PM, Brookline American Legion Hall

March:

15 Mar: Hollis VFW Monthly Meeting, 2 PM, Hollis Town Hall

26 Mar: Brookline American Legion Monthly Meeting, 7 PM, Brookline American Legion Hall

April:

19 Apr: Hollis VFW Monthly Meeting, 2 PM, Brookline American Legion Hall

23 Apr: Brookline American Legion Monthly Meeting, 7 PM, Brookline American Legion Hall

May:

17 May: Hollis VFW Monthly Meeting, 2 PM, Brookline American Legion Hall

23 May: VFW and American Legion Poppy distribution at each Transfer Station, 8 AM to 4 PM

25 May: Memorial Day Ceremony at Brookline Town Hall, 9:30 AM

25 May: Memorial Day Ceremony at Hollis Common, 5:00 PM

28 May: Brookline American Legion Monthly Meeting, 7 PM, Brookline American Legion Hall

June:

21 Jun: Hollis VFW Monthly Meeting, 2 PM, Brookline American Legion Hall

25 Jun: 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+webrtn=wr_memberdata+ml=LANSA:XHTML+part=TAL+lang=ENG#legion-org-header), but please renew! Thanks!

News of Interest to Veterans

Gas Discount at the Brookline Gas Station

I try to pass along some good deals when I see them, and I discovered the gas station in Brookline next to the TD Bank has special pricing every Tuesday. Below is the flyer about it and how to register to receive the discount. – Greg

Mondou Automotive Services

Join Our VIP Text Club and **SAVE**

10¢

per gallon of gas
on Tuesdays!

Just text **MONDOU** to **57838**

And stay tuned for future offers!!!!



VFW Post 483 Pearl Harbor Day Ceremony – 8 December

The Nashua VFW Post 483 will be doing the Pearl Harbor Day Ceremony on Sunday, 8 December at 0900 at the Main Street Bridge in Nashua. They will have coffee at the post at 0800 and again after the ceremony. It only lasts about an hour or less.

Wreaths for Boscawen, Saturday, December 14, 2019 at 10:30 AM

Each year, the Blue Star Mothers of New Hampshire sponsors Wreaths for Boscawen. This event is intended to bring the community together to honor the veterans and family members interred at the NH State Veterans Cemetery and throughout the world. Wreaths are sourced locally and paid for through generous donations made by individuals and businesses throughout New Hampshire. Please go to www.bluestarmothersofnh.org/wreaths-for-boscawen to donate/sponsor a wreath.

This event started in 2007 and was inspired by Wreaths Across America, which is a national program where wreaths are sourced through a company in Maine. Over the past several years, we have moved toward sourcing wreaths locally because it is less expensive (\$8 locally versus \$15 through WAA) and it supports NH jobs and economic growth. Starting in 2020, Wreaths for Boscawen will always occur on the first Saturday in December and all wreaths will be sourced locally.

Why we do not do every headstone. We are often asked about placing wreaths on every headstone. While we appreciate this sentiment, we also balance that goal against the approximate \$45,000 cost (which will continually increase) of putting wreaths on each headstone. The Blue Star Mothers and cemetery leadership

made a decision to limit the number of wreaths purchased and placed through this program to between 33% and 50% of all headstones in the cemetery. We made this decision to limit our fundraising in the hopes that our generous donors would also consider contributing to other worthy causes throughout the state (veteran homelessness, mental health awareness and treatment, hunger, Veteran Service Organizations, etc.). Any extra funds from the current year will rollover to start the fundraising for following year's wreaths. We LOVE our wreaths, but we also recognize that they will be collected and disposed of in January. Importantly, we always welcome families and friends to purchase a wreath locally and place it on their loved one's headstone separate from the Wreaths for Boscawen event.

The day of the event. If you have not attended this event personally, we encourage you to do so! It is a beautiful, solemn, enjoyable day to honor our veterans and families. That said, we are always seeking ways to increase safety, efficiency and enjoyment. This year we are going to do things a bit differently. Prior to the event, a small group of volunteers will attach bows and place wreaths in box trucks.

On day of the event, the box trucks with wreaths will be strategically positioned throughout the cemetery. We will have a very brief opening ceremony at 10:30 AM at the Circle of Flags. Participants will then move to any box truck they wish and wait in line to receive wreaths to place on headstones. Wreaths will NOT be handed out until 10:30 AM. In addition, please remember during our Wreaths for Boscawen event to take time to read the names on the headstones to the left and right of where you place the wreath so that we remember ALL those who are interred here.

We will hand out a maximum of two (2) wreaths per person (including children). We want to make sure that as many people as possible have an opportunity to place a wreath. Even if you donate 10 wreaths (which we welcome), we will only hand out wreaths two at a time. After careful placement, you are welcome to return to the line to pick-up two more wreaths. Wreath donations are for the interred veterans and their families, they are not reservations to place a specific number of wreaths. In addition, we cannot guarantee that you can place a wreath on a specific headstone during the event. If you want to place a wreath on a specific headstone, we recommend doing so prior to December 14th or by positioning a person at the headstone before 10:30 AM and having someone else in your group bring you a wreath.

This event is about our community coming together to honor ALL veterans and family members. By placing a wreath on any headstone, you are honoring your friends and loved ones interred at the NH State Veterans Cemetery or at any other location around the world – including those whose remains are lost, MIA, or otherwise scattered. The act itself is the tribute to your loved ones and all of our heroes.

Throughout the event, we will have music playing on the carillon system and refreshments (including warm drinks) available in the maintenance area. In addition, the CSM Stanley and Renate Arnold Veterans Heritage Learning Center will be open for visitors to learn more about the service and sacrifice of our NH veterans. At 12:00 PM at the Circle of Flags, the Civil Air Patrol will conduct a ceremony to honor all branches of service. All are highly encouraged to attend.

Arrive a bit early to allow time to park. Dress warm. We look forward to seeing you on December 14th at 10:30 AM for this awesome event.

Wreaths will be taken down on Saturday, January 11th at 10:30 AM. All are welcome to attend!

NHCares

The New Hampshire Community Veterans Engagement Board (NHCVEB) is made of community leaders working with the VA to ensure New Hampshire veterans are always cared for.

NHCares is an initiative of the NHCVEB to inform, educate and involve New Hampshire communities in understanding and meeting our obligation to those who serve.

Today, NH veterans have a strong network of support and assistance based on a Vet-to-Vet model.

Yet, NH residents are largely uninvolved with or aware of military veteran circumstances, or those of military families.

And NH veterans are aging, with half over 65 years of age, making the Vet-to-Vet model unsustainable in the not too distant future.

NHCares has two main components:

- Collecting, recognizing and celebrating people and groups in our state already going above and beyond for vets
- A series of “Let’s Talk Freedom” events designed to engage with local communities and spark dialogue about the realities and needs of New Hampshire’s veteran community

Making All NH Communities “Veteran Friendly”



[DONATE ONLINE](#)

How to Get Involved

If you would like to help us remember, honor, and support our Veterans you can do so in the following ways:

Donations can also be mailed to:

Liberty House, Inc.
75 W. Baker Street
Manchester, NH 03103

Host an Event

We have many generous organizations that host events for Liberty House such as a 5k and 10K Race; motorcycle runs; golf tournaments; food and clothing drives, etc. If you have plans to host such an event we are always glad to

If you'd like to make a one-time or recurring donation online, please click the Donate button below.

Volunteer

Food and Clothing Support

Our donors enable us to provide for both our residents and other community veterans. We see approximately 150 to 200 Veterans monthly for support. We are ALWAYS looking for volunteers to help sort and organize our food and clothing supplies.

Special Projects

From time to time, we have special projects at Liberty House that need a special touch! From light construction/renovation to IT upgrades, we rely on our great volunteers' help.

Needs Wishlist

Food

We can always use our staples:

Canned Meats (i.e., tuna, chicken, etc.)
Peanut Butter and Jelly
Canned Pastas
Soup

Clothing

Our clothing needs are seasonal, which are:

Warm Weather

Shorts and Pants
Short Sleeve Shirts
Sweatpants
Underwear
Light Coats or Hoodies
Sneakers

Cold Weather

Pants
Long Sleeve Shirts
Sweatpants
Underwear
Winter Coats
Winter Boots

Camping Gear

Tents
Sleeping Bags

Backpacks
Tarps

Gifts Cards

Gifts cards are especially helpful (\$10, \$15, \$20, \$25 amounts work well)

Market Basket
Hannaford
WalMart
Gas Cards
Manchester Transit Authority Bus Passes



Liberty House helps homeless and struggling Veterans by connecting them to available resources and providing a safe, substance-free transitional house.

New Disability Claims Tool Tutorial Videos

This new self-service tool dramatically simplifies the process of submitting disability claims. The platform help Veterans provide clear and complete information which speeds up the adjudication time for Veterans to receive a

claims decision. Watch a video on this topic at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dPuBrD-0niU&list=PLt_058CfeU2oqhqilcbbYPgWPOY5fucl- and learn more at <https://www.blogs.va.gov/Vantage/68101/new-video-series-teaches-veterans-file-disability-claims-online/>.

TRICARE Costs and Fees 2020

To see the brochure with an overview of most costs and fees for TRICARE programs including TRICARE for Life, go to: https://images.magnetmail.net/images/clients/AUSA/attach/Tricare_Costs_Sheet_2020.pdf and visit www.tricare.mil/costs and www.tricare.mil/planfinder for additional information.



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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

Something to look forward to?

This is what we who are aged 70 or 80 years plus, can look forward to. This is something that happened at an assisted living center.

The people who lived there had small apartments, but they all ate at a central cafeteria. One morning one of the residents didn't show up for breakfast so my wife went upstairs and knocked on his door to see if everything was OK. She could hear him through the door and he said that he was running late and would be down shortly, so she went back to the dining area.

An hour later he still hadn't arrived, so she went back up towards his room, but found him on the stairs. He was coming down the stairs but was having a hard time. He had a death grip on the handrail and seemed to have trouble getting his legs to work right.

She told him she was going to call an ambulance, but he told her no, he wasn't in any pain and just wanted to have his breakfast. So, she helped him the rest of the way down the stairs and he had his breakfast.

When he tried to return to his room, he was completely unable to get up even the first stair step, so they called an ambulance for him.

A couple of hours later she called the hospital to see how he was doing. The receptionist there said he was fine, he just had both of his legs in one side of his boxer shorts.

I'm sending this to my children so that they don't sell the house before they know all the facts.

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