

# KILDUFF-WIRTANEN LEGION POST 74



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## May 2020 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.

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

### Next Meeting:

18 May at 7:00 PM – this is earlier than our usual meeting, but we need to discuss Memorial Day.

This will be a “virtual” meeting. We will use telephones and computer. See information in the newsletter.

### April Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:03 PM by Post Commander Will Collard. 6 members present and no guests.

Bob Glover made a motion that we dispense with the opening ritual and the reading of the Minutes as they were published in the newsletter; seconded by Bruce Moran and unanimously approved.

**Minutes:** Bob Glover made a motion that we dispense with the opening ritual and the reading of the Minutes as they were published in the newsletter;

seconded by Bruce Moran and unanimously approved.

**Treasurers Report:** The Treasurer’s Reports was read. The Post received dues and a donation for a total of \$150. The Post disbursed funds to the Department for dues and to Eversource. Bruce Moran made a motion that the Treasurers report be accepted as read, pending audit; seconded by Harold Ryder and unanimously approved. Jim Pope suggested that we postpone audits until restrictions on regular meetings are lifted. Everyone agreed this was the right thing to do.

### **Sick Call and Employment:**

- Dave Larkin is doing well. He will still need some treatment but otherwise feels good.
- Bruce said he had a heart attack last month and is medically quarantined.
- Jim Pope said he talked to Bob Canada who told him he is not allowed to drive the ambulance.

### **Old Business:**

- Monument Discussion: Nothing new to report.
- Maintenance of the building:
  - We are waiting for warmer weather to do more work and cleanup as well.
  - A motion was made by Jim Pope that we purchase an instant on water heater from Lowe’s; seconded by Andy Seremeth and unanimously approved. Greg d’Arbonne will coordinate the purchase with Bob Glover.
  - Online banking: Bob Glover stated all signers must all sign to agree to do this. Greg d’Arbonne will send Bob the phone number for the bank and Bob will setup a meeting.

- Greg d'Arbonne stated he will contact Boy Scout, Antonio Stevens, to coordinate a date and time to get the silverware and flatware in the basement so Antonio can clean them as part of his Community Service project.
- Election of Officers for the 2020 – 2021 Legion Year: Andy Seremeth made a motion that the Adjutant cast one vote for the slate of Officers nominated; seconded by Bruce Moran and unanimously approved. Greg d'Arbonne, in his role as Post Adjutant, cast one vote for all the nominees on the slate to be elected as Officers of the Post for the 2020 – 2021 Legion year. The Officers are:
  - Commander: Will Collard
  - 1st Vice: Harold Ryder
  - 2nd Vice Commander: Pat Moquin
  - Treasurer: Bob Glover
  - Adjutant: Greg d'Arbonne
  - Chaplain: Bruce Moran
  - Historian: open to anyone who wants the position
  - Sergeant at Arms: Jim Pope

**New Business:** Memorial Day: It was agreed that we do not know if we will be able to have a ceremony as we have had in the past. Greg d'Arbonne outlined three options. Jim Pope stated we should plan as if it is a go. It was decided we need to have a Post meeting before Memorial Day with enough time to

plan. Bruce Moran made a motion that the Post hold a meeting on the 18th of May at 7 PM; seconded by Andy Seremeth and unanimously approved. Commander Collard will send a Ring Central number for all to call in by phone or video.

**Membership:** Bob Glover stated Richard Locke paid his dues for this year. Bob said the reason Richard was not on our rolls is that the State had listed him as deceased. Greg d'Arbonne will contact Richard and explain the situation. According to Bob's research, Richard was a member for 13 years up until 2017. Greg will contact Richard and ask that if he paid dues for 2016 through this year, he will be reimbursed.

**Correspondence:** Bob Glover received a shopping card from Costco for the Spaghetti Dinner. This will be saved until a date for the dinner is finalized.

**For the Good of The Post:** Nothing to report.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:13 PM. The next meeting is 18 May to discuss Memorial Day activities, and 28 May for the regular monthly meeting. Both meetings will start at 7 PM. We will use a Ring Central video and telephone capability.

## News For & From Members

### **Congratulations to Rogene and Del Porter on their 75<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary!!!**

On the 5<sup>th</sup> of May, Rogene and Del Porter celebrated their 75<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary!!! What an extraordinary milestone and congratulations to them!! Since a normal celebration could not be done due to the Coronavirus situation, members of the Brookline community organized a drive-by parade to show them we were celebrating with them. Many of our Post members were part of the parade. Congratulations, again, Ro and Del!!! <https://hollisbrooklinenewsonline.com/75th-wedding-anniversary-celebrated!-p398-188.htm>

### **Our Meeting on 18 May will be a "Virtual Meeting. Here's What We Will Do**

We decided to have a meeting on the 18<sup>th</sup> of May because our regular meeting will occur after Memorial and this year, things are different. Since we cannot meet physically due to the COVID-19, we will conduct our meeting via the computer and telephone, whichever is easier for you. We will be using a program called "Ring Central", which is free for you to use. Here is how to participate by phone or computer:

If you prefer to use your phone to participate in the meeting: Dial 1-888-665-7648. When asked for a meeting ID, enter 148 595 6881 and then the # sign.

If you wish to participate via the computer, which will also allow you to use your video capability:

- Click on this link or copy it to your browser (Chrome or Edge)  
<https://meetings.ringcentral.com/j/1485956881>
- It will likely ask you to download the RingCentral program. Do that and follow the onscreen instructions to enter the meeting.

If you have problems with any of this, please call Greg d'Arbonne at 603-672-5830.

### **New Online News Site for Hollis and Brookline**

Dear Brookline Friends, years ago, Hollis and Brookline enjoyed their own town newspapers allowing for the exchange of local information important to each community. Both papers have been gone for years and we have no one acting to collect and share town news. While we are all fond of our towns' rural character, that's not supposed to mean living in silos. A richer community life comes from people being aware of and, consequently, becoming engaged in the events, the people and developments which comprise life in their town.

The Hollis-Brookline Rotary Club decided to bridge this void by creating a digital news resource for our two towns to share: "Hollis Brookline News Online", available free to all.

Because we have no "reporters", the success of this site must rely on news submissions from townspeople, town departments, schools, clubs, groups and businesses. News information, events and posting-ready content and photos may be submitted directly through the news site. Videos may be submitted by email: [news@HBRotary.org](mailto:news@HBRotary.org). There will be no letters to the editor or opinion pieces and content must not be inflammatory or derisive.

We are looking for others in our towns who are interested in becoming more directly involved in this effort and are also exploring support and partnership with the schools (as an on-going learning opportunity).

Although details are yet to be determined, we anticipate space for low-cost business advertising, real estate opportunities and community activities to be available. At some point, printed news pages may be available, but that is a possibility yet to come.

This news resource is created to serve the people of Hollis and Brookline in the highest way, following the tenets of our Rotary Four-Way Test: Is it the truth? Is it fair to all concerned? Will it build goodwill and better friendships? Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

Please join us in making this effort a useful and valued addition to our communities. Contact Juliana Rowland or Peter Webb at [news@HBRotary.org](mailto:news@HBRotary.org) to get involved. Share the word about this new community resource and submit your copy-ready content and photos now. It is a work in progress!

### **Calendar of Events**

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

**May:**

- 17 May: Hollis VFW Monthly Meeting, 7 PM, "Virtual Meeting" (Phone and computer)
- 18 May: Brookline American Legion Meeting to discuss Memorial Day activities, "Virtual Meeting" (Phone and computer)

- 23 May: VFW and American Legion Poppy distribution at each Transfer Station - these will likely be delayed until the 4<sup>th</sup> of July timeframe
- 25 May: Memorial Day Ceremony at Brookline Town Hall, 9:30 AM – standby for alternate ceremony details
- 25 May: Memorial Day Ceremony at Hollis Town Common, 5:00 PM – standby for alternate ceremony detail
- 28 May: Brookline American Legion Monthly Meeting, “Virtual Meeting” (Phone and computer)

### **June:**

- 13 Jun: American Legion “Coffee and Tea with a Vet”, 8 AM, Brookline American Legion Hall
- 13 Jun: American Legion Flag Retirement Ceremony, 10 AM, Brookline American Legion Hall
- 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

### **July:**

- 4 Jul: Brookline 4th of July Parade, 9:30 AM lineup. Reading of the Declaration of Independence and Picnic after the parade.
- 19 Jul: Hollis VFW Monthly Meeting, 7 PM, Brookline American Legion Hall
- 23 Jul: Brookline American Legion Monthly Meeting, 7 PM, Brookline American Legion Hall

### **August:**

- 16 Aug: Hollis VFW Monthly Meeting, 7 PM, Brookline American Legion Hall
- 27 Aug: Brookline American Legion Monthly Meeting, 7 PM, Brookline American Legion Hall

### **September:**

- 12 Sep: Hollis Old Home Days, all day, Nichols Field, Hollis
- 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

## **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](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**

### **Veterans: Call Before Visiting Your VA Facility**

Got a fever, cold, cough or flu-like symptoms? Are you worried that you have a viral illness? The last thing you want to do is get out of the house to see the doctor, exposing yourself (and others) to more potential bugs and viruses.

VA can make it easier and safer to get back to health with virtual care through My HealthVet and the VA Video Connect app on your smartphone, tablet, or computer.

### **Social Workers are a critical part of Team Manchester VA**

MANCHESTER, N.H. – VA Manchester Healthcare System offers a wide array of non-traditional care to solve Veterans challenges and meet their daily needs.

“Social Workers are a critical part of Team Manchester VA. As an organization, we celebrate their professional contribution and realize the value it brings to the overall wellness of the Veterans we serve,” said Kevin Forrest, interim director, VA Manchester Healthcare System. “Social workers are often the ones behind the scenes interacting with our community partners, patients and their loved ones to address needs that are not met through traditional medical care.”

Social workers assist Veterans, family members and caregivers in resolving issues related to housing, finance, mental health, relationships, and physical limitations. They provide care coordination and education and lead quality improvement efforts to identify and advocate for needed resources and services. Social workers also offer help related to advance care planning – naming someone to make healthcare decisions if the patient is unable to do so. During COVID-19, social workers are working on the front lines in many ways. They serve as discharge planners, provide crisis intervention for those who have mental health needs and proactively reach out to our patients who may experience additional risk factors. Social workers are the glue that hold us together.

“During this national pandemic, Social Workers have stepped up to help us build a bridge to a geographically disparate community that would struggle with limited access to care,” Grace Conley, Acting Nurse Executive Manchester VA. “Their collective efforts have made incredible difference and will continue to over the coming months.”

There are many ways VA Manchester Healthcare System social workers can help. You can learn more about what they do at: <https://www.socialwork.va.gov/socialworkers.asp>

If any of these situations apply to you or your family, request a consult by MyHealthVet or call and speak to social worker 800-892-8384 x 3199.

### **NH Veterans Home Letter Collection Form**

During the COVID-19 outbreak, many of our heroes living at the New Hampshire Veterans home do not have the ability to have visitors. As our campaign focuses on helping our community in any way we can, we are collecting letters to deliver to veterans across the state, including the New Hampshire Veterans home, to let them know that we are thinking about them.

Please submit your letter through this website:  
[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfcsbVa8ReDv2ibwCehXZ8uQvTmEHbT15aDOXGI\\_YH56fQPvw/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfcsbVa8ReDv2ibwCehXZ8uQvTmEHbT15aDOXGI_YH56fQPvw/viewform).

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to us at [info@mattmowers.com](mailto:info@mattmowers.com).



**VA**  U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs  
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Milwaukee VA Medical Center

## Caring for and Wearing Cloth Face Masks

Wearing a mask *is not* a replacement for social distancing or washing your hands!  
Non-PPE face masks *protect others from you*, not the other way around!

### General Use

- CDC suggests the use of cloth face masks in public settings where social distancing measures are difficult (*i.e. when you are less than 6 feet from others*).
- Reusable cloth face masks *are not* intended as PPE for direct patient care or when providing care for a COVID-19 patient.

### Putting on a Cloth Face Mask

- Clean hands using an alcohol-based hand rub or soap and water.
- Check the mask for holes or rips.
- Handle the mask by the ties or ear loops. Do not touch the part covering your nose/mouth.
- Remember which side you designate as the “front” of the mask.
- Place the mask on your face. Press the metal nose piece against your nose (*if there is one*).
- Place the ear loops around your ears. Or, tie the top ties high on the back of your head and the bottom securely at the base of your neck.
- Make sure the mask covers your nose and mouth, with the bottom edge under your chin.

### While Wearing a Cloth Face Mask

- Avoid touching the mask. Do not move it on/off your face to your chin, neck, or forehead.
- Any time you touch the front of the mask, clean your hands using an alcohol-based hand rub or soap and water.

### Removing & Storing a Cloth Face Mask

- Clean your hands using an alcohol-based hand rub or soap and water.
- Do not touch the front of the mask, only handle the ties or ear loops.
- Remove the ties or ear loops. While holding the ties or loops, place it into a clean paper bag.
- Clean your hands using an alcohol-based hand rub or soap and water.
- Store the mask in a clean paper bag, closed.

### Sanitizing Cloth Face Masks

- Wash your mask every day after use.
- Clean the mask in a washing machine, using your normal detergent and hot water, then tumble dry on low.
- You can also hand wash the mask wearing dish gloves, using your normal detergent or a mild soap and hot water. Once washed, hang-dry if a dryer is not available.

*\*According to the CDC, detergent and soap are very effective at killing the COVID virus.*

For more information, please visit [www.CDC.gov](http://www.CDC.gov) and search “cloth masks” in the search bar on the upper right corner of the screen.

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## Can You Sew? Patterns for Fabric Masks, Surgical Caps (Can Be Sewn with Or Without Buttons) and Crocheted Ear Savers

Chapter member Patti Fowler shared that she is making Fabric Masks, Surgical Caps and Crocheted Ear Savers for those working with patients in Nursing and Assisted Living facilities and other institutions who need Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) that can be worn for many hours at a time. She has provided these to the New Hampshire Veterans Home in Tilton, The Manchester VA, Catholic Medical Center, Concord Hospital, the Women's Prison and various nursing homes as they all are in need; any such type facility in your area can use these items. There is a great need and I asked Patti if she needed some help. She said the more help the better.

So, to help Patti, and more importantly, all those who need these items, below are the instructions from Patti to make these items. If you do provide them to others, please let them know you are a member of AUSA so folks can be aware of our Chapter. Thanks!

[How to make a Face Mask](https://www.deaconess.com/How-to-make-a-Face-Mask): <https://www.deaconess.com/How-to-make-a-Face-Mask>

Surgical hats, Surgical scrub hats: You will need paper to make the pattern. All measurements are in inches: <https://www.pinterest.com/pin/71705819047923764/>

Quick Crochet Ear Savers - Free Pattern on Moogly: <https://www.mooglyblog.com/quick-crochet-ear-savers/>

### 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*

*Msgr Charles R. Fink, a Roman Catholic Priest of St. Philip Neri's Church in Northport NY., served in Vietnam from March 1969 to March 1970 as a Sergeant in the 199th Light Infantry Brigade. Msgr. Charles Fink reads the poem "Bury Me With Soldiers," which he wrote as a tribute to the U.S. servicemembers who served during the Vietnam War. Today, the poem is read at the funerals of Vietnam War veterans nationwide. Credit: Newsday / J. Conrad Williams Jr.: <https://www.newsday.com/long-island/vietnam-war-poem-priest-long-island-funerals-1.19854723>*

#### **"Bury Me With Soldiers"**

I've played a lot of roles in life; I've met a lot of men.  
I've done some things I'd like to think I wouldn't do again  
And though I'm young, I'm old enough To know someday I'll die.  
And think about what lies beyond, And Besides whom I would lie.

Perhaps it doesn't matter much; Still if I had my choice,

I'd want a grave amongst soldiers when At last death quells my voice  
I'm sick of the hypocrisy Of lectures by the wise  
I'll take the man with all his flaws Who goes, though scared, and dies.

The troops I know were commonplace; They didn't want the war  
They fought because their fathers and Their father's fathers had before.  
They cursed and killed and wept – God knows they're easy to deride –  
But bury me with men like these; They faced the guns and died.

It's funny when you think of it, The way we got along.  
We'd come from different worlds To live in one, where no one belongs  
I didn't even like them all and, I'm sure they'd all agree.  
Yet, I would give my life for them, I hope. Some would for me.

So bury me with soldiers, please Though much maligned they be  
Yes, bury me with soldiers, for I miss their company.  
We will not soon see their like again We've had our fill of war.  
But, bury me with men like them Till someone else does more!

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