

# KILDUFF-WIRTANEN LEGION POST 74



• 38 Main Street •

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## November 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:

19 November at 7:00 PM

This is a change from our usual day of the month.

### October Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by Post Commander Will Collard. 7 members 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 September 2020 meeting were read. Jim Pope made a motion that the Minutes be accepted as read; seconded by Francis LaFreniere and unanimously approved.

**Treasurers Report:** The Treasurer's Reports was read. The Post received dues for a total of \$69. The Post disbursed funds to Eversource for \$32.57 and for a Post ledger as discussed last month in the amount of \$24.90; total expenses were \$57.47. In the Post's other account for donations is \$100 from a donation toward the Monument. Greg d'Arbonne made a motion that the Treasurers report be accepted as read, pending audit; seconded by Pat Moquin and unanimously approved.

### Sick Call and Employment:

- It was reported that Bobby Canada tripped and fell and broke some ribs. He is resting and doing well.
- Dave Larkin stated his cancer is not curable, but it is manageable. He is also trying to get cataracts fixed. He is also working his disability claim with the VA.
- Pat Moquin's sister died from her terminal brain tumor. The members expressed their condolences to Pat and his family.
- Bob Glover stated he is trying to get an appointment at Massachusetts General Hospital to fix his hip. Greg d'Arbonne offered to contact John Reed of Martin's Point to assist in speeding up Bob's case.

### Old Business:

- Greg d'Arbonne stated if members are looking for a job, please contact him as several businesses tell him they are hiring.
- Monument Discussion:
  - Greg d'Arbonne stated he still owes John Weidman the correct seals of the 6 military services so he can put them on the pillar.
  - Greg d'Arbonne will post information about donating toward the Monument on the Hollis and Brookline Facebook pages and in our Post newsletter. This information will be where to mail a check to donate. Once the Post regains its tax-exempt status, Commander Collard will setup a PayPal and donate button on Facebook to make donating easier. Jim Pope suggested we try to make a video about the Monument and how to donate

and then post it for people to see and donate.

- Taxes for the Post: Greg d'Arbonne stated he called the IRS and the Post's tax-exempt status is still in review and should be done the middle of November.
- Finance Software for Post Finances: Commander Collard will look at the Quicken Home edition for use by the Post.

**Correspondence:** Nothing to report.

### **New Business:**

- The Post will do the Poppy Donation at the Transfer Station on 7 November from 8 AM to 4 PM.
  - The model of the Monument will be moved to the Transfer Station so citizens can learn about the Monument, see what it will look like, and make donations. Post members are asked to help move the model. Meet at the Legon Hall at 7:30 AM on 7 November to help load it onto a truck. Greg d'Arbonne will reprint the Service symbols on the model and will print out papers advertising about the Monument and how to donate.
  - The tentative schedule to hand out the Poppies is as follows but more volunteers are requested for any of the times:

- 8 to 10 AM = Robert Glover and Dave Larkin
- 10 AM to 12 PM = Pat Moquin
- 12 to 2 PM = Arlene and Greg d'Arbonne
- 2 to 4 PM = Jim Pope and Bobby Canada

- Veterans Day Ceremony: the traditional Veterans Day Ceremony will be held at the Fulchino Vineyard on 11 November at 11 AM. Due to the pandemic, only Veterans and members of the DAR will be allowed to attend. Uniform for the ceremony is the usual blue jacket, gray pants, white shirt, tie, and Legion hat.

### **Membership:**

- John Weidman needs to fill out the paperwork needed to become a member as soon as possible.
- Justin Adams owes dues for this year.

**For the Good of The Post:** Dave Larkin stated his e-mail was hacked and he apologizes to anyone who received an e-mail allegedly from him but was from a hacker.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:08 PM. The next meeting is 19 November.

## **News For & From Members**

### **Veterans Day Activities**

Veterans Day is the 11<sup>th</sup> of November. Here are all the activities we will do. Things will be different than the past due to the pandemic, but we will still celebrate the holiday. Here is the schedule of events:

- 7 November, 8 AM to 4 PM: Poppy Distribution at the Brookline Transfer Station (please consider volunteering for a one-hour block of time to help)
- 11 November, 11 AM: Veterans Day Ceremony will be at the Fulchino Vineyard, 187 Pine Hill Rd, Hollis, NH. We are limiting the ceremony to just Veterans and members of the DAR. The ceremony will be recorded and then played on Facebook for others to watch. Please arrive by 10:45. Uniform of the day is Legion hat, blue blazer, white shirt, tie and gray slacks. If you are concerned about contracting COVID-19, please do not feel an obligation to attend. We all understand not everyone can risk be exposed to the virus and we respect your decision to not attend.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the schools will conduct Veterans Day ceremonies with just the children and the teachers. They will record these events and then provide us with a link where we can go to watch the events on the Internet.

## **Inspirational Monument for Brookline Project – We Are Still Seeking Funding**

Our Post has been working hard on creating a Monument to place on the front lawn of the Brookline Town Hall. We are now in the “Fund Raising Phase” of this project. Post member, and master sculptor, John Weidman is constructing the monument to be placed on the front lawn of the Brookline Town Hall. The project will cost approximately \$34,000. Please support our effort with your generous donation, and encourage others to donate, at: Brookline American Legion Post 74, PO Box 761, Brookline, NH 03033-0761.



**Wooden Model of the Monument**

### **Calendar of Events**

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

#### **November:**

- **7 Nov: Poppy distribution at the Hollis and Brookline Transfer Stations, 8 AM to 4 PM**
- 11 Nov: Veterans Day Ceremony, 11 AM, Fulchino Vineyard. Limited to Veterans and DAR only
- 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

**March:**

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

**April:**

- 18 Apr: Hollis VFW Monthly Meeting, 7 PM, Brookline American Legion Hall
- 25 Mar: Brookline American Legion Monthly Meeting, 7 PM, Brookline American Legion Hall

**May:**

- 16 May: Hollis VFW Monthly Meeting, 7 PM, Brookline American Legion Hall
- 27 May: Brookline American Legion Monthly Meeting, 7 PM, Brookline American Legion Hall
- 29 May: Poppy Distribution at the Transfer Stations In Hollis and Brookline
- 31 May: Memorial Day Ceremonies = 9:30 AM in Brookline and 5 PM in Hollis

**Please Make Sure You Renew ASAP**

If you pay annually for your membership, please renew ASAP 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 renew online at [https://www.members.legion.org/CGI-BIN/lansaweb?webapp=MYLRENEW+webtrn=wr\\_memberdata+ml=LANSA:XHTML+part=TAL+lang=ENG#legion-org-header](https://www.members.legion.org/CGI-BIN/lansaweb?webapp=MYLRENEW+webtrn=wr_memberdata+ml=LANSA:XHTML+part=TAL+lang=ENG#legion-org-header). Thanks!

**News of Interest to Veterans**

**Recruiting new NHVCA members**

The New Hampshire Veterans Cemetery Association (NHVCA) has 3 vacancies that need to be filled. They are sorely in need for members with marketing, media and fund-raising skills. Additionally, on 10 December (Thurs) at 2 PM, the NHVCA will have its Annual Meeting. During this meeting they will review the Associations activities during the year.



### **Our Mission:**

The New Hampshire Veterans Cemetery Association is a voluntary non-profit organization which performs the following to enhance the mission of the New Hampshire State Veterans Cemetery:

1. Accepts, manages and expends funding and resources in support of the New Hampshire State Veterans Cemetery.
2. Plans and recommends improvements to infrastructure and operations that benefit the New Hampshire State Veterans Cemetery.
3. Enhances public awareness and appreciation of the value of veterans and their service through outreach, publications and ceremonial events.

### **What we do:**

Since our organization was formed in September of 2000, the following are a few of our accomplishments:

- Designed, raised funds and built the 20 points of NH Military History Walkway
- Commissioned and installed stained glass windows in the Chapel
- Received donated funds for and purchased a 1 ton utility dump truck
- Facilitated and provided funding for the construction of the NH Veterans Heritage Learning Center
- Fundraising and oversight of the design & installation of exhibits for the Veterans Heritage Learning Center
- Conducts public fundraising activities and has become a recipient of the annual State Employees Charitable Campaign and other employee charitable campaigns
- Resourced cemetery staff with a new computer/technology suite
- Resourced a sound abatement design to minimize road noise in the newest cemetery section

### **What we are looking for:**

We are always looking for new board members with a patriotic heart and a desire to serve their community. Skills sets we are looking for include:

Experience with:

Leadership, Finance, Media/Technology, Military History, Education, Marketing, Fund-raising  
And experience with 501 (c) (3) Charitable Organizations

Please feel free to reach out to our President: Maj Gen Gretchen Dunkelberger, USAF Ret at [dunkelberger@comcast.net](mailto:dunkelberger@comcast.net)

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Every year the owners of Fratellos and the Homestead give a free Prime Rib dinner to every Veteran who walks through their doors. This year, because of the pandemic, they aren't able to do this. It's our patriotic duty as Veterans to say THANK YOU by patronizing these establishments on Veterans Day. Sure, we'll have to pay for our meal this year, but remember all of the years they have given back to us! Let's pack the places (within guidelines of course) and make it a night of thank you they will never forget. Call (603) 744-2022 for reservations at the Homestead and (603) 528-2022 for reservations at Fratellos. If they are full for Veterans day already, get takeout or make a reservation for another night that week! Share this out with all of your veteran friends and patronize their establishments all over the state.



# Honor Their Service by Keeping Veterans Warm



**Now through November 13th**

**Manchester VA Voluntary Services Office is  
accepting Donations of new cold weather  
gear weekdays, between 8:00am - 4:30pm**



Goal: ensure that No Veteran is left in the cold without the items that many of us take for granted. **New** winter coats, gloves, hats, socks and scarves will be distributed by VA case managers and providers to Veterans in their care who are in need of additional warmth. This could be a Veteran without a home or a Veteran on a limited income that needs a new, warm coat but can't afford one.

If you are not able to donate new cold weather gear, you can still help by contributing to restock our emergency food pantry for Veterans in Crisis. This pantry was started as a pilot program by one of our High School Seniors who wanted to make a difference in his community and it sure has! The program has been used by Veterans who truly don't know when their next meal will be.

All are welcome to participate, from individuals that provide 1 coat, to organizations that want to provide 5 coats, to corporations who provide 20 coats. All are appreciated! For more information call the Voluntary Service Office at (603) 624-4366, x1852 or e-mail [linda.grant2@va.gov](mailto:linda.grant2@va.gov)



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# Honor Their Service this **VETERANS DAY** by Keeping them Warm with New Winter Weather Coats and Gear

This is Manchester VA Medical Center's fourth annual Coat Drive to help keep Veterans warm this winter season. Your generous donation of **new** winter coats, gloves, hats, socks and scarfs will be provided directly to Veterans in need.

- Who:** All who wish to contribute
- What:** **New** coats (**L, X-Large and XX-Large are most helpful**), gloves, hats, heavy socks and scarfs
- When:** Now thru November 13, 2020  
M-F from 8:30 a.m.—4:00 p.m.
- Where:** **Drop off at the Volunteer Services Office**  
1st Floor, Rm E103, Manchester VA Medical Center
- Why:** To ensure no Veteran is left in the cold this winter season

Not able to donate new cold weather gear? You can still help by contributing to our Emergency Food Pantry for Veterans in Crisis.

High protein packaged pantry items will also be accepted.  
Your donation will make a difference!

For more information call the Voluntary Service Office at  
(603) 624-4366 x 6422 or e-mail: [debra.krinsky2@va.gov](mailto:debra.krinsky2@va.gov)





# VIRTUAL BENEFITS FAIR

FEDERAL BENEFITS OPEN SEASON  
NOVEMBER 9-DECEMBER 14, 2020



The Federal Long Term Care Insurance Program



Greetings:

This fall, we are again hosting our annual Virtual Benefits Fair, which will be available throughout the 2020 Federal Benefits Open Season. The Virtual Benefits Fair is an online health fair that houses 2021 plan information in a single online location, enabling federal employees to browse exhibits, view and download plan brochures, and connect with program representatives via chat. Last year, more than 20,000 people visited the fair.

Participants in this year's event include many Federal Employees Dental and Vision Insurance Program (FEDVIP) carriers, more than 20 Federal Employees Health Benefits (FEHB) Program carriers, and representatives for both the Federal Long Term Care Insurance Program (FLTCIP) and the Federal Flexible Spending Account Program (FSAFEDS).

There will be four live chat dates: November 13, November 20, December 2, and December 9.

## 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*

### **Jewish Comedians**

*Some of us miss the old kind of (Yiddish) humor. Not a single swear word in their comic routines as shown below:*

A car hit an elderly Jewish man. The paramedic says, "Are you comfortable?" The man says, "I make a good living."

I just got back from a pleasure trip. I took my mother-in-law to the airport.

I've been in love with the same woman for 49 years. If my wife finds out, she'll kill me!

Someone stole all my credit cards, but I won't be reporting it. The thief spends less than my wife did. We always hold hands. If I let go, she shops.

My wife and I went to a hotel where we got a waterbed. My wife calls it the Dead Sea. My wife and I revisited the hotel where we spent our wedding night. This time I was the one who stayed in the bathroom and cried.

My wife was at the beauty shop for two hours. That was only for the estimate. She got a mudpack and looked great for two days. Then the mud fell off.

The Doctor gave a man six months to live. The man couldn't pay his bill, so the doctor gave him another six months.

The Doctor called Mrs. Cohen saying, "Mrs. Cohen, your check came back."  
Mrs. Cohen replied, "So did my arthritis!"

Doctor: "You'll live to be 60!" Patient: "I AM 60!" Doctor: "See! What did I tell you?"

A doctor held a stethoscope up to a man's chest. The man asks, "Doc, how do I stand? The doctor says, "That's what puzzles me!"

Patient: "I have a ringing in my ears. " Doctor: "Don't answer!"

A drunk was in front of a judge. The judge says, "You've been brought here for drinking. The drunk says, "Okay, let's get started."

A man called his mother in Florida . "Mom, how are you?"  
"Not too good," said the mother. "I've been very weak."  
The son said, "Why are you so weak?" She said, "Because I haven't eaten in 38 days."  
The son said, "That's terrible. Why haven't you eaten in 38 days?" The mother answered, "Because, I didn't want my mouth to be full in case you should call."

A Jewish man said that when he was growing up, they always had two choices for dinner - Take it or leave it.

A Jewish boy comes home from school and tells his mother he has a part in the play. She asks, "What part is it?"  
The boy says, "I play the part of the Jewish husband."  
The mother scowls and says, "Go back and tell the teacher you want a speaking part"

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