

# KILDUFF-WIRTANEN LEGION POST 74



• 38 Main Street •

PO Box 761 Brookline, NH 03033-0761

## October 2018 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.

### Next Meeting:

**25 October at 7:00 PM**

### **September Meeting Minutes**

Meeting called to order at 7:02 PM by Commander Will Collard. 11 members present and 5 guests; Michelle and Bennet Decoteau, and Darrel Philpot from Boy Scout Troop 260; Pat Moquininc from the Merrimack American Legion Post but lives in Hollis and was invited to attend by Greg d'Arbonne; and Doug Fuller, an American Legion member from Kentucky and is visiting his friend Tom Dougherty, a member of our Post

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

Greg d'Arbonne made a motion that the Post Meeting be suspended to allow the Boy Scout representatives to speak to the Post; seconded by Bruce Moran and unanimously approved.

Michelle and Bennet Decoteau, and Darrel Philpot from Boy Scout Troop 260 spoke to the members of the Post and thanked them for the Post's support to the Boy Scout Troop. They then presented the post with a check for \$758.84 as the Post's share of the donations from the Spaghetti Dinner in June. The Post members thanked the Boy Scout representatives for the Troop's hard work and generosity in helping to run the event.

The Boy Scout representatives left, and the Post meeting resumed.

**Membership:** Nothing to report.

**Minutes:** The Minutes of the August 2018 meeting were read. Bruce Moran made a motion that the Minutes be approved as read; seconded by Del Porter and unanimously approved.

**Treasurers Report:** The Treasurer's Report for August and September were read. Bob Glover reported we received \$2 back from the bank for the fees and they still owe the Post \$4. Dues and the electric bill were paid. In September, the Post received \$35 in dues. Bob stated he will deposit the check from the Boy Scouts this week. Bruce Moran made a motion that the Treasurers report be accepted as read, pending audit; seconded by Del Porter and unanimously approved.

**Sick Call and Employment:** Amanda Pope is looking for a job.

### **Old Business:**

- Bob Glover gave an excellent briefing to the members about his trip to the American Legion National Convention in Minneapolis, MN, and to his Air Force unit reunion in Missouri. The members thanked Bob for his report and for taking the time to attend these events.
- The Post received a \$50 donation from Jeffrey Hollett who requested the use of the Legion Hall yard on 8 September for his wedding.

### **New Business:**

- Patrick Kennedy spoke about fund raising. He stated Anheuser-Busch is willing to hold an event for the Post and in return, the Post would receive 20% of the profits from the event. They could also

provide a gift basket to be raffled. He also stated Fulchino's Winery is willing to hold an event for the American Legion 100th Birthday and the post would get 20% of the profit from that event. Patrick stated the owner of Fulchino's wants to present some gifts to the oldest veterans in attendance as a token of appreciation for their service. Patrick suggested we ask the Hollis VFW to also participate in the event. The members discussed both venues and the events with them, and whether a lunch or dinner would be what we want or just a wine tasting at Fulchino's. The members also discussed having an event on 30 March since that is close to the date of the 100th Birthday of the American legion. It was agreed that more discussion and decisions will be made at the October meeting.

- Flag Retirement Ceremony: The Post will hold the Flag Retirement Ceremony on 27 October. The Lions Club said they would support the event by providing a luncheon after the event. Greg d'Arbonne made a motion that the ceremony start at 11 so it could be close to the lunch time; seconded by Bob Glover and unanimously approved.
- Improvements to the Post facility: Commander Collard stated we need to look at sprucing up and fixing the Post building. Suggestions from the members included solar power, a heat pump, resurfacing the floors, and fixing the stone foundation. Patrick Kennedy suggested we develop a "punch list" and then prioritize from there. Greg d'Arbonne made a motion that the Post develop a punch list at the next meeting; seconded by Bob Glover and unanimously approved.
- Commander Collard stated the meetings for the Brookline 250th Birthday is the second

Wednesday of every month, from 7 to 8:30 PM. All are invited to attend.

- The Historical Society is building a commemorative sidewalk and is asking for donations from individuals and organizations for bricks to be placed in their honor. Greg d'Arbonne made a motion that the Post purchase a brick at a cost of \$250 for this purpose; seconded by Bruce Moran and unanimously approved.
- Greg d'Arbonne stated he will go to the High School to let the Administration know about the Oratorical Contest and ask that they let the students know so they can apply if interested.
- Bob Glover stated that the post can appoint an audit committee within the Post to inspect the finances of the Post as long as none of the committee members is on the Signature Card for the Post checking account. Bob recommended we appoint 3 people. Greg d'Arbonne made a motion that the Post appoint a three-person Audit Committee by the end of the year to inspect the post books; seconded by Bruce Moran and unanimously approved.

**Correspondence:** Nothing received.

**For the Good of The Post:** Greg d'Arbonne briefed the members on how the Boy Scouts are changing to accept girls in the Scouting program. Greg emphasized that the girls will have a separate Troop from the boys but will have the same requirements to attain the same ranks as the boys. As of yet there is no request to form a girl Troop in the area.

There being no further business, the closing prayer was said, and the colors retired. The meeting adjourned at 8:17 PM. The next meeting is 25 October at 7 PM.

## **News For & From Members**

### **Flag Retirement Ceremony, 27 October**

The Brookline American Legion Post will hold a Flag Retirement Ceremony on 27 October at 11 AM at the American Legion Post in Brookline. The Brookline Lions Club will be providing refreshments after the ceremony. If you have any flags that need to be retired, please bring them to the Post on that day. The Post will also have another "Coffee and Tea with a Vet" that morning, before the ceremony.

## Veterans Day Activities

Although October just arrived, before we know it November will be here and with that month comes one of our busiest times; Veterans Day. So far, here is what the schedule looks like:

- 27 October, 11 AM, Flag Retirement Ceremony at the Brookline American Legion Hall: The Brookline American Legion will conduct its annual Flag Retirement Ceremony on 27 October. It is requested that Post members come to the Post at 10 Am to setup for the ceremony, which begins at 11 AM. Dress warmly and prepared to get smoke on your clothes as we retire the worn flags. If you or your neighbors have worn and unserviceable flags that need to be properly disposed of, please bring them to the ceremony. The Post will also have another “Coffee and Tea with a Vet” that morning, before the ceremony.
- 8 November:
  - 8 to 9 AM, Hollis-Brookline Middle School ceremony.
  - 10 to 11 AM, High School Veterans Day ceremony.
- 9 November:
  - 1:30 to 2:30 PM, Hollis Primary Elementary School Veterans Day Ceremony.
- 10 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 out)
- 11 November, **1 PM**: Veterans Day Ceremony at the Hollis Congregational Church. Please arrive at the church by 12:45 to assemble before going in. Please note that it is in the afternoon.

## 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](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

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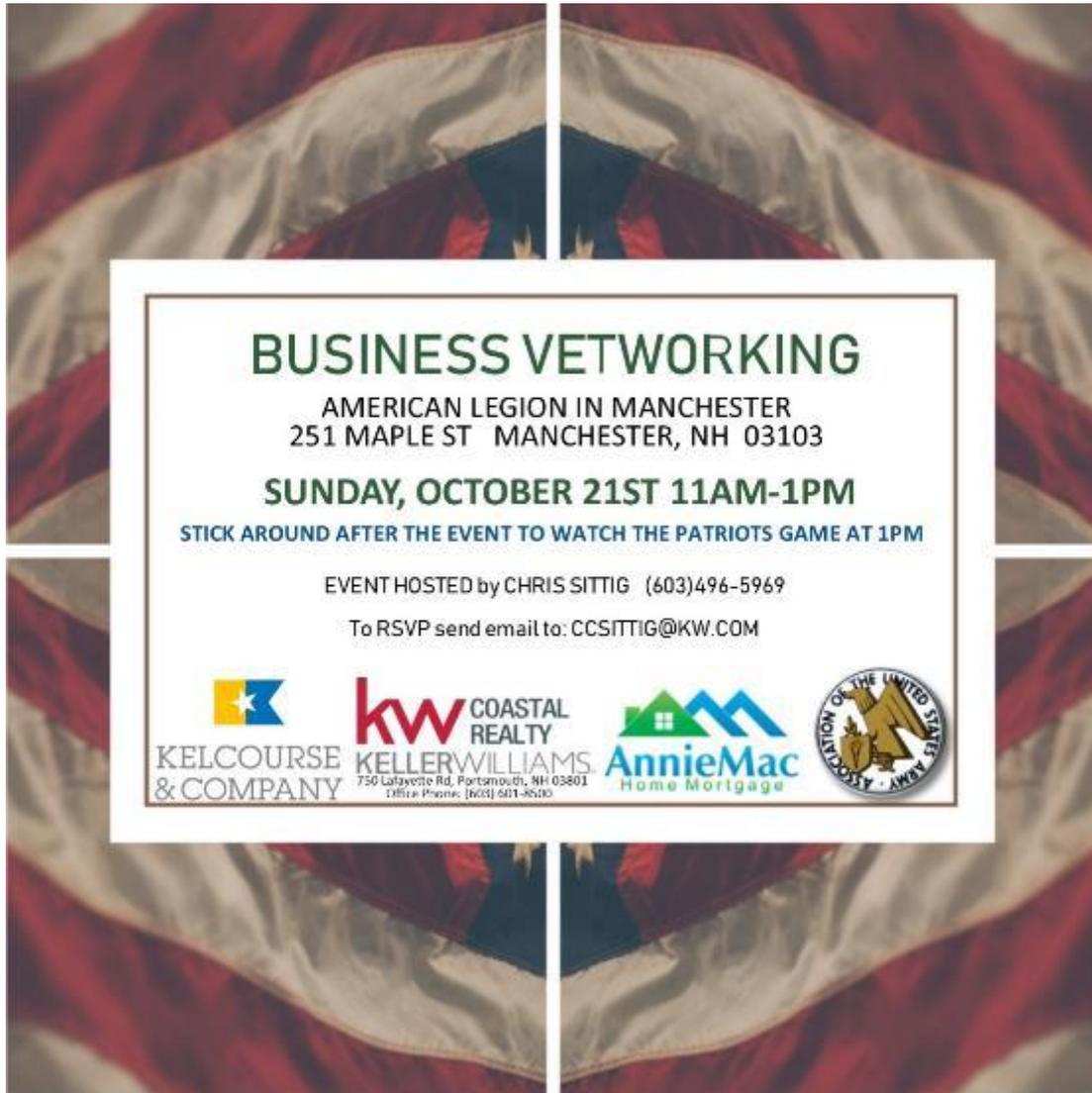
**Saturday, October 20th 12:00 Noon**  
*On beautiful Ogunquit Beach for an event you'll never forget!*

**RUCK FOR OUR FALLEN**  
a military grade ruck event

**Ogunquit Beach - October 20th, 1200 - 1800 hrs**  
**3 Fitness Levels - Something for Everyone!**

**Challenge Other 4, 6 & 8 Person Teams**  
Individual Participation is Always Welcome

**GORUCK**



**BUSINESS VETWORKING**  
AMERICAN LEGION IN MANCHESTER  
251 MAPLE ST MANCHESTER, NH 03103  
**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21ST 11AM-1PM**  
STICK AROUND AFTER THE EVENT TO WATCH THE PATRIOTS GAME AT 1PM

EVENT HOSTED by CHRIS SITTIG (603)496-5969  
To RSVP send email to: CCSITTIG@KW.COM

KELCOURSE & COMPANY  
KELLERWILLIAMS  
750 Lafayette Rd, Portsmouth, NH 03801  
Office Phone: (603) 601-8500  
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**NHTI Veterans Remembrance Ceremony, November 6<sup>th</sup>, 12 to 1 PM**

NHTI invites you to their Veterans Remembrance Ceremony, Tuesday, November 6th from 12:00pm to 1:00pm, with a luncheon to follow. NHTI is located at 31 College Drive in Concord. They will also host a Veterans Fair from 10:00am - 3:00pm that day.

If you have any questions, please contact Liz Pontacoloni, Asst Registrar and Veterans Club Advisor, at [epontacoloni@ccsnh.edu](mailto:epontacoloni@ccsnh.edu) or 603-230-4000 Ext. 4279. The NHTI Veterans Club is a supporter of Honor and Remember and contributor to the Gold Star Family Luncheon and has sponsored Honor and Remember personalized flags over the past many years. It has always been important to them to honor our fallen heroes.

For more information, click here: <http://vetscount.org/nh/events/nashua-sos-gala/>

# Veterans Count Nashua

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## *“An Evening of Honor”*

*Celebrating the Greatest Generation*

# **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3**

**5PM | SKY MEADOW COUNTRY CLUB | NASHUA, NH**



**Join Veterans Count Nashua  
Chapter Members, friends and local  
business owners to honor the brave  
men and women who have served or  
are currently serving our country!**

**Cocktail Reception | Surf & Turf Dinner**

Veterans Count provides critical and timely financial assistance and services when no other resource is available to veterans, service members and their families, to ensure their dignity, health and overall well-being.

We continue to ensure that 90% of every net dollar raised for Veterans Count is spent to provide services and grow resources for NH veterans, service members and their families.

[www.vetscount.org/nh](http://www.vetscount.org/nh)



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## Granite State Veterans Education Expo

*You served. Now let VA serve you!*

**Wednesday, November 7, 2018**

**3:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.**

**Training and Education Room**

**Manchester VA Medical Center**

**718 Smyth Road**

**Manchester, NH 03104**

**[www.Manchester.gov](http://www.Manchester.gov)**

Veterans take advantage of admission representatives from over 15 colleges and universities throughout New Hampshire who will be available to talk about options, pathways to attain a degree or certificate, and networking opportunities to plan/apply/afford your college degree.

Come early and meet with

**\*\*Veteran Benefits Administration Representatives 3-4:30 p.m.\*\***

Learn more about the Post-9/11 GI Bill Benefits: [https://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/post911\\_gibill.asp](https://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/post911_gibill.asp)



**New Hampshire College  
& University Council**

For event information contact Manchester VA Medical Center's  
Office of Public Affairs at [Kristin.Pressly@va.gov](mailto:Kristin.Pressly@va.gov) or (603) 624-4366 x 6779

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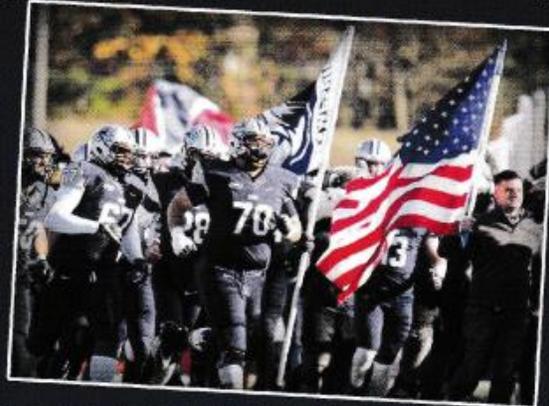
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## **Points To Ponder**

*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*

### **Hitch-hiker**

I picked up a hitch-hiker the other day. He seemed like one of those millennials.

After a few miles he asked me if I wasn't afraid that he might be a serial killer?

I told him that the odds of two serial killers being in the same car was extremely unlikely.

He got out.

### **Post Officers**

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