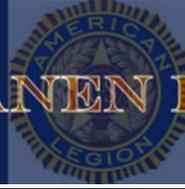


KILDUFF-WIRTANEN LEGION POST 74



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October 2020 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:

22 October at 7:00 PM

September Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by Post Adjutant Greg d'Arbonne. 8 members and 1 guest, John Weidman, present.

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

Minutes: The Minutes of the August 2020 meeting were read. Bruce Moran made a motion that the Minutes be accepted as read; seconded by Bobby Canada and unanimously approved.

Treasurers Report: The Treasurer's Reports was read. The Post received dues for a total of \$78 and a refund of \$31.46 for the maintenance of the building. The Post disbursed funds to the Department of New Hampshire for dues for \$79.50; to John Weidman for \$4,700; and Eversource for \$34.05. Bruce Moran made a motion that the Treasurers report be accepted as read, pending audit; seconded by Bob Canada and unanimously approved.

Sick Call and Employment:

- Dave Larkin stated he is feeling better.
- Pat Moquin's sister has a terminal brain tumor. Pat and his family are working to get his sister moved from Texas to New

Hampshire so she can be near the rest of the family.

Old Business:

- Greg d'Arbonne stated he has been contacted by several businesses saying they are hiring. If you are looking for a job, please contact Greg.
- Monument Discussion:
 - John Weidman stated he is working on the sphere and the pillar will be delivered next week. John stated he needs the correct seals of the 6 military services so he can put them on the pillar. Greg d'Arbonne will get those to John.
 - Jim Pope spoke about the verbiage we will have on the Monument. A discussion among the members ensued and it was decided we will put the 6 Service Seals on the Monument and use the base to add verbiage about the American Legion Post 74 putting the project together.
 - The need to raise money for the Monument is critical. None of the Members present is familiar with the process. Greg d'Arbonne will contact Commander Collard to ask him to get this all setup immediately.
- Maintenance of the building: It was agreed that the work on the building should be suspended until after the Winter now that the basement windows project is completed.
- Taxes for the Post: Greg d'Arbonne stated the Post has paid its taxes.
- Finance Software for Post Finances: Commander Collard sent a message explaining the various options he reviewed,

and he suggested the Post use QuickBooks, which has a monthly fee to use. The members discussed the use of QuickBooks for the Post's finances and felt there must be a solution that does not use a monthly fee. The use of the basic Quicken Home program was recommended to avoid a monthly fee. For the time being, a paper ledger was recommended for use until we can settle on the right computer program. Bruce Moran made a motion that the Post purchase a ledger style book for no more than \$40; seconded by Jim Pope and unanimously approved. Robert Glover stated he will make the purchase.

- Greg d'Arbonne stated the Boy Scouts are meeting at the Legion and are following our checklist for use of the building

Correspondence: Nothing to report.

New Business: Nothing to report.

Membership: A motion was made that the Post pay for John Weidman's membership in the American Legion and our Post for the year. John is an Army Veteran so is fully qualified to be a member. The motion passed unanimously. John thanked the members for this honor.

For the Good of The Post: Greg d'Arbonne spoke about the funeral Greg and Bruce Moran attended of a Navy Veteran whose family asked for Veterans to support the funeral, Bruce, Greg and Chris Lussier of the Hollis VFW attended and sang the Navy song at the graveside. The family was very appreciative of the support.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM. The next meeting is 22 October.

News For & From Members

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:

- 7 November, 8 AM to 4 PM: Poppy Distribution at the Hollis and Brookline Transfer Stations (please consider volunteering for a one-hour block of time to help)
- 9/10 November at the schools: Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the schools are working on a plan for Veterans Day. The November newsletter will go out the beginning of November to give everyone the latest information and so you can arrange your calendar to attend the events at the school. As they say, "Standby for news."
- 11 November, 11 AM: Veterans Day Ceremony will not be at the Hollis Congregational Church. We are still working on where so standby for the November newsletter to see where we have the ceremony. Please arrive by 10:45.

Kent Caldwell Takes Command of DCMA Lockheed Martin in Sunnyvale, CA

Congratulations to Post member Kent Caldwell as the new Commander of Defense Contract Management Agency (DCMA) Lockheed Martin in Sunnyvale, CA! Kent took command of the Lockheed Martin Sunnyvale DCMA on 11 September. This is a tremendous honor and recognition for Kent. Kent is a retired Navy Commander and is now assuming command as a civilian for this organization. To be selected to command is an honor in itself; to be selected as a civilian is even more distinguished. Kent certainly deserves the recognition and we are immensely proud of his achievement. Congratulations Kent!!

Inspirational Monument for Brookline is Project of The American Legion and Sculptor John Weidman

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. Jim Pope wrote the following article about the Monument in the Rotary's Hollis Brookline News Online.

BROOKLINE, NH - The Brookline American Legion Post 74 is working with master sculptor John Weidman to design, construct, and install a new monument to be placed on the front lawn of our town hall. Our preamble includes this phrase: "To inculcate a sense of individual obligation to community, state and nation," and this one as well: "To safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice, freedom and democracy".

The monument is a reminder that the realization of these principles depends on the understanding by we, the people, of our sacred duty to protect and defend our freedoms, and the courage to do our part to ensure we pass this legacy undiminished to future generations.

This new monument is intended to inspire a personal reflection within every person who views it that individual commitment and action is required from every generation and every walk of life if the blessings of liberty are to be enjoyed by our generation and passed on to our posterity.

The hexagonal granite monument will depict bronze insignias of our uniformed services because these represent those who formally take the oath to protect our freedom as described by the Constitution. We know there are others who share the burdens of freedom and these are captured under the Great Seal of the United States.

You can help make this monument dedicated to the pillars of freedom to be written in stone as a rock of all ages. We hope the completed monument will instill in everyone who visits a renewed sense of obligation to community, state, and nation.

The project will cost approximately \$34,000. We currently have received donations of \$1,000.

Please support our effort with your generous donation to: 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'

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:

- 9 Nov: Poppy distribution at the Hollis and Brookline Transfer Stations, 8 AM to 4 PM
- 11 Nov: Veterans Day Ceremony, 11 AM, Hollis Congregational Church
- 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

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. Thanks!

News of Interest to Veterans



Calling All Veterans, Calling All Auxiliary Members to help spread the word.....

**Ask yourself one simple question
Why Should I get a Flu Shot???**

- Flu can be extremely dangerous especially to a population that is 50 and older.
- Folks with chronic medical problems like diabetes, chronic lung disease, asthma, cardiac issues just to name a few.
- Best to talk to your PCP and see if the flu shot is recommended for you. **In the end**, remember this is always a personal choice between you and your doctor.....



Will be available at VA Manchester after Sept. 15th

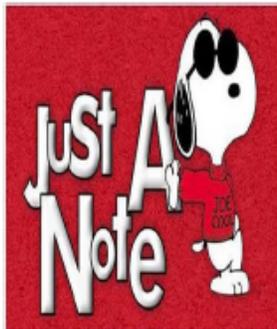
(Please note this date is subject to change please check with your VA PCP before going to VA to get a flu shot, I will share all updates)

**Manchester VA Center Drive Thru Flu Clinics:
(located behind the medical center follow the signs):**

September 29th 8 AM – 4 PM
October 6th 8 AM – 4 PM
October 13th 8 AM – 4 PM
October 20th – 8 AM – 4 PM



Note: Flu Clinics offers quadrivalent, standard dose flu shots only. For "high dose flu shots" please call your PACT team at 603 624-4366 X3199



If you do not want to head up to the VA Manchester, “**just a note**” that I want to also share with you as a Veteran you

- can also go
- to your local **Walgreens**
- present your ID Card
- and receive the standard dose or high dose flu shot at no charge also. Simple as that.



Auxiliary Brothers & Sisters.....



Take a moment and share this information with Veterans at your post or even Veterans out in the community that you may know, the availability of the flu shot and how easy it is to get one!

In this time of dealing with COVID-19 a little dose of “flu prevention” in a “drive by” situation might be just what that Veteran is looking for.

Madeline Dreusicke, Hospital Chairman

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

WHY?

- Is it good if a vacuum really sucks?
- Why is the third hand on the watch called the second hand?
- If a word is misspelled in the dictionary, how would we ever know?
- If Webster wrote the first dictionary, where did he find the words?
- Why do we say something is out of whack? What is a whack?
- Why does "slow down" and "slow up" mean the same thing?
- Why does "fat chance" and "slim chance" mean the same thing?
- Why do "tug" boats push their barges?
- Why do we sing "Take me out to the ball game" when we are already there?

- Why are they called "stands" when they are made for sitting?
- Why is it called "after dark" when it really is "after light"?
- Doesn't "expecting the unexpected" make the unexpected expected?
- Why are a "wise man" and a "wise guy" opposites?
- Why do "overlook" and "oversee" mean opposite things?
- Why is "phonics" not spelled the way it sounds?
- If work is so terrific, why do they have to pay you to do it?
- If all the world is a stage, where is the audience sitting?
- If love is blind, why is lingerie so popular?
- If you are cross-eyed and have dyslexia, can you read all right?
- Why is a bra singular and panties plural?
- Why do you press harder on the buttons of a remote control when you know the batteries are dead?
- Why do we put suits in garment bags and garments in a suitcase?
- How come abbreviated is such a long word?
- Why do we wash bath towels? Aren't we clean when we use them?
- Why doesn't glue stick to the inside of the bottle?
- Why do they call it a TV set when you only have one?
- Christmas - What other time of the year do you sit in front of a dead tree and eat candy out of your socks?
- Why do we drive on a parkway and park on a driveway?
- And my personal favorite...if it is political season, why can't we shoot the Politicians? In deer season we shoot the deer, so...

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