

# KILDUFF-WIRTANEN LEGION POST 74



• 38 Main Street •

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## September 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:

**27 September at 7:00 PM**

### **August Meeting Minutes**

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by Commander Will Collard. 11 members present.

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

**Membership:** Nothing to report.

**Minutes:** Bruce Moran made a motion that we skip the verbal reading of the Minutes since they were published in the August newsletter and sent to all the members; seconded by Bob Canada and unanimously approved with no corrections made to the Minutes.

**Treasurers Report:** The Treasurer's Report was not read because Bob Glover was attending the American Legion National Convention in Minneapolis.

**Sick Call and Employment:** Amanda Pope is looking for a job. Greg d'Arbonne stated he will contact Jonathan Matlock who works at Optics1 to see if there is a position there.

### **Old Business:**

- Greg d'Arbonne stated he spoke to Jeffrey Hollett who requested the use of the Legion Hall yard adjacent to the Brookline Community Church on 8 September 2018. Greg told Jeffrey he could use the property with a \$25 donation to the Post which Jeffrey agreed to. Jeffrey told Greg he will

have the tent for the wedding reception erected on Friday, 7 September, and taken down on Sunday, 9 September. Greg told him this should not have an impact on any Post activities and, on behalf of the Post and fellow Veterans, he wished him a great day.

- Brookline Birthday Celebration: Jim Pope made a motion that the Post authorize payment to the Brookline Birthday Celebration in the amount of \$1,000 so the Post can be a sponsor at that level; seconded by Harold Ryder and unanimously approved. Jim Pope suggested the Post look at other items to celebrate such as the 100th Anniversary of the forming of the American Legion that is coming up in March 2019; a guest speaker at an event; and the Flag Retirement Ceremony. Jim suggested these are additional "draws" to get a larger audience. Commander Collard suggested we set dates for these as well and announce them to the community such as the dates for the Spaghetti Dinner and "Coffee and Tea with a Vet" after the Memorial Day Ceremony. He stated these would be added to the Brookline Anniversary Calendar. Greg d'Arbonne made a motion that the Post make an official event on 30 March 2019 to celebrate the Centennial of the American Legion; seconded by Bruce Moran and unanimously approved. Bob Canada suggested we check the calendar to make sure there are no conflicts with that date.
- "Coffee with a Veteran", 8 September, 9 to 11 AM: Amanda Pope stated the Brookline Women's Club sign is coordinated to advertise the event. Commander Collard stated he coordinated for advertising on the public access channel. Everyone is encouraged to bring some memorabilia to show to others.

**New Business:** Nothing to report.

**Correspondence:** Nothing received.

**For the Good of The Post:**

- Dave Larkin, Bruce Moran and Greg d'Arbonne attended the funeral for Vahrij Manoukian.

There being no further business, the closing prayer was said, and the colors retired. The meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM. The next meeting is 27 September at 7 PM.

## **News For & From Members**

### **Congratulations to Matt Stoffolano on Attaining the Rank of Eagle!**

Congratulations to Brookline Boy Scout Troop 260 Scout Matt Stoffolano who recently received his Eagle Scout award. Our Post sponsors the Troop and we are very proud of all the boys and what the Troop is doing. This is the second Eagle +Scout for the Troop this year. Bennet Decoteau received his award two months ago. A lot of great things going on in our Town and we are all glad to be a part of making these types of things happen.

### **"Coffee or Tea with a Vet", 8 September, from 9 to 11 AM at the Post**

We host another "Coffee or Tea with a Vet" event and the turnout was great. About 30 Veterans attended along with other members of the community. A great time was had by all!!

### **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**

### **On Track for 100 years**

*By Laura Edwards - July 27, 2018:* 2018 is the first year of the reduction of Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series action at New Hampshire Motor Speedway (NHMS) from two races to one. And since NHMS is the only Cup host in New England, the weekend of July 20-22 provided the only opportunity this year for regional racing fans to see some of their favorites.

That, in turn, provided the perfect opportunity for the American Legion Department of New Hampshire to officially kick off its observance of the organization's 100th anniversary, through a presence at the Loudon track that included PA announcements worked up by Department Historian George Boddie; discounted tickets for Legion Family members; a special recognition on Sunday, during the top-level Cup race; and presentation of the colors on Friday, before the start of the Whelen Modified Tour race.

The department's main goal for the weekend was visibility, and NHMS provided a sympathetic audience. NASCAR is famously enthusiastic about its support for the military. Service-branch hats and shirts were a common sight among fans. The VA New England Healthcare System had its own booth, giving away "Veteran" freebies and helping veterans get connected to their benefits. VISN Outreach Program Manager

Michael McNamara has been coming to the track since 2010; he said his people try to be at every major event in New England, from air shows to gun shows, to capture veterans' attention: "wherever they are, we are." The track is a prime example of going where the action is, as "NASCAR's always been very, very supportive of veterans."

Mike Lopez has been chair of the Department of New Hampshire's centennial committee for two years. He said that when it comes to the department and the centennial, "Our goal is to do everything we can to shine a light on The American Legion, nationally and in New Hampshire." The NHMS weekend was originally the idea of Legionnaire – and state representative – Mike Moffett, who has connections at the track. "For 100,000 people to recognize the Legion – that's big," Lopez added.

The department convention in June featured a "test run" event, a free BBQ. Future plans include the placing of historical plaques at Weirs Beach and in the Manchester hotel where early events were held, and a golf tournament in September. Sales of a coin, and a gun raffle that raised \$12,000, have provided money for centennial events without going to the department. Lopez wants the overall takeaway from these activities to be that the Legion is more than just a social organization, but "doers in the community," which should encourage those eligible to talk to a Legion member and be part of it.

The guard that presented the colors was that of department champion Whiteman-Davidson Post 49 in Northfield. Dating back to 1946 and a five-time national Legion champion, some of the members who went to NHMS are the sons of previous members. As track employees wound them through the interior paths toward the track on motorized vehicles, they passed the legendary Richard Petty coming the other way on another vehicle (he received The American Legion's Good Guy Award during the 2015 national convention in the NASCAR home base of Charlotte).

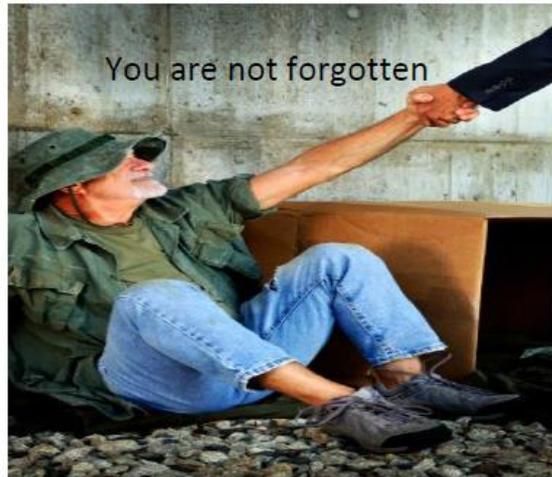
Roy Cilley has been a member for 20 years, and said of guard activities, "It feels pretty good when you're marching, with everyone cheering." Wes Nicholson, a member for eight years, cited the "camaraderie" that comes from handling the colors. Joe Newton, a member for 28 years, feels "the satisfaction of being able to do it for the veterans who can't." He added of the special relationship between NASCAR and those who have served, "the veterans appreciate the drivers for what they do, and the drivers appreciate veterans for what they have done."

John Chase, a member for 21 years, is a race fan. For him, the position of "favorite driver" has traveled from Dale Jarrett to Dale Earnhardt Jr. (both of whom are now retired) to Jimmie Johnson. Presenting the colors is about "remembering the days gone by, being in the military" for him, and "pride and patriotism" for observers. He cited the race body for not involving politics in their activities, pre-race or otherwise – "NASCAR doesn't allow that." As for the centennial kickoff: "for the 100th anniversary, I think it's an honor and a privilege to be asked to present the colors."

### **Volunteer Drivers for 2018 Stand Down Needed**

Comrades, volunteers are needed to drive Veterans to the Stand Down (flyer below). If you can assist, please contact Beth Ann Grady, Homeless Outreach Social Worker with the VA, at: [BethAnn.Grady@va.gov](mailto:BethAnn.Grady@va.gov) or call her at Office: (603)-624-4366 ext 2701 or Cell: (603)-703-2948.

**12<sup>TH</sup> Annual Stand Down for Homeless Veterans**  
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Location: Harbor Homes

77 Northeastern Boulevard, Nashua NH

September 20th, 2018

9am-2pm

Services Include: VA Representation, Food, Clothing, Community Resources, Employment Information and More. For a view of past events: Visit [Utube Harbor Homes Stand Down Andrea Reed 2012](#). Thank you.

For more information call (603)882-3616 and ask for Andrea Reed, by email: [a.reed@nhpartnership.org](mailto:a.reed@nhpartnership.org) or Emily Reisine, Homeless Coordinator Manchester VA at [Emily.Reisine@va.gov](mailto:Emily.Reisine@va.gov) or at 800-892-8384 x 3622



Showers available as well. Bring a towel if you can. We will do our best to have some available.

**The Annual Stand Down for Homeless Veterans is brought to you through the partnership of Harbor Homes, Inc. and Manchester VA along with the collaboration of our community partners.**



Association of United States Army  
Colonel Edward Cross Chapter  
**2018 Networking Golf Tournament**

**Friday, September 21st – Amherst Country Club**

*72 Ponemah Rd, Amherst, NH 03031 (603) 673-9908*

*Registration Table Open 12 pm*

*Shotgun Start – Scramble Format 1:30pm*

*BBQ Dinner Following 6:30 pm*

*Awards for Team Score, Closest to Pin, Long Drive, Putting Contest*



**Funds raised will support the New Hampshire Veterans Heritage Learning Center at the  
New Hampshire Veterans Cemetery in Boscawen, NH**

**and**

**The Colonel Cross Chapter “Adopt-a-Recruit” Program**

*For more information and sponsorship, call or e-mail:*

Dane Rota (603-878-0701) [dane.rota@verizon.net](mailto:dane.rota@verizon.net) or Greg d'Arbonne GDarbo6844@aol.com

Registration Deadline is September 11<sup>th</sup>. Make checks payable to: *COL Cross Chapter AUSA*  
Mail to: AUSA, c/o Greg d'Arbonne, 65 Cleveland Hill Road, Brookline, NH 03033

- Single \_\_\_\_\_ \$100 per person (includes cart, range and BBQ dinner)
- Team \_\_\_\_\_ \$400 per foursome (includes cart, range and BBQ dinner)
- Sponsor \_\_\_\_\_ \$1000 (includes foursome, tee box advertising, cart, range and BBQ dinner)
- BBQ Only (total number attending only for the BBQ) \_\_\_\_\_ \$20 per person
- Contribution to NH Veterans Cemetery with/without golf \_\_\_\_\_

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ *Total Amount Enclosed*

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Affiliation (if any) \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_

Are you with a foursome? If so, who else will be in the foursome? \_\_\_\_\_

**No Tickets Will Be Required; Check-In at the Door**

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**Presentation of Honor and Remember Flag in Memory of LCDR Crosby, 20 Sept.**

*"As an American asked to serve, I was prepared to fight, to be wounded, to be captured and even prepared to die, but I was not prepared to be abandoned." - Former POW Eugene "Red" McDaniel - 1967-1973*

Please join the Northeast POW/MIA Network and New Hampshire Honor and Remember on Thursday, September 20, 2018 ~ @ 6:30pm PM. at Hesky Park, Meredith, New Hampshire for the presentation of the Honor and Remember Flag to Deborah Crosby whose father, LCDR Frederick P. Crosby, Navy pilot, was shot down in the Vietnam War in June 1965. The weekly vigil will follow the flag presentation at 7:00 pm. All are invited to join us.

### **Gold Star Family Memorial Monument Silent Auction and Raffle, 22 Sept**

The Gold Star Family Memorial Monument Project is having a Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser on Saturday, September 22 – 6 to 8 PM at St. Hedwig Church, 180 Orange Street, Manchester, NH. You can purchase tickets for the spaghetti dinner by contacting Angie at adh0629@yahoo.com or 603-491-5256. Tickets are \$15, and payment can be made with cash, check or PayPal Family/Friends only. Also, if you or someone you know would like to donate item(s) for the silent auction and raffle it would be greatly appreciated. They need the information on the items as soon as possible. You can contact Susan Peterson at: [phil413.susan@gmail.com](mailto:phil413.susan@gmail.com) or tel: (603) 548-8787



### **Dedication of the Gold Star Family Memorial Monument, 6 October**

The Gold Star Family Memorial Monument committee will dedicate the Gold Star Family Memorial monument at the New Hampshire Veterans Cemetery on Saturday, October 6 at 1:00 PM. For more details: <https://www.facebook.com/NH-Gold-Star-Families-Memorial-Project-1677717735791759/>

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# Operation Care for Troops

PO Box 1604 ... Nashua, NH 03061

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Next Packing – Holiday Stocking Packing Event

Dates are: November 14, 15, 16, and 17

If you or your organization wishes to help with the Holiday Stockings for the troops, there are several ways:

1. Fill one or more stockings with the items noted below.
2. Donate items used to fill the stockings and/or requested items below. Volunteers will be making stockings.
3. Write cards/letters to the troops. Drawings from younger family members are great too.
4. Knit scarves 4" by 36" for the troops. All colors are fine. However, lighter colors are not as easy to keep clean - navy, dark greens, browns, dark blues, etc. We need about 1200-1500 scarves!
5. Donations to help defray shipping costs. Each package cost \$13.95 to \$16.95 approximately (PayPal on website [www.octnh.org](http://www.octnh.org) or Facebook @OCTNH)

## Items for a stocking in order from toe to top:

Small can of baked beans OR Small flip top canned fruit  
Socks - 2 pair white  
Gum - 1 or 2 packs (placed in snack ziplock or rest of items will have a mint taste)  
Individual packs of tissues - 1  
Individual Drink mix - recommend remove from box & place in snack size ziplock  
Protein Bars/granola bars - 3 in a sandwich ziplock (requested are bars with high protein)  
Ramen Noodles - 1 package (cup will not fit)  
2 individual packages hot cocoa/ 2 individual packages oatmeal; all in a sandwich ziplock  
Dental kit - toothbrush, travel size paste, floss &/or lip balm; all in a quart-size ziplock  
Trail Mix OR Dried Cranberries .... Individual size - 1 to 2  
One of .... Card game; dice game; small notebook with pen; other game; nail clippers

We are planning to pack a homemade scarf with each stocking!

If you fill stockings, OCT needs to receive them by Nov 16th. Bring them to the Nashua Armory, 154 Daniel Webster Highway, Nashua, NH, anytime from 2:30 to 6:30 on Nov 14th thru Nov 16th.

## Other requested Items:

Lotion with Aloe Vera  
Medicated Body Powder (ie Gold Bond)  
Foot Powder (ie Gold Bond, Dr. Scholl's , Odor Eaters)  
Trail Mix/granola - small packages (no more than 5 to 6 oz)  
Sunflower seeds - small packages  
Neck Cooler - Instructions at <http://www.west-point.org/parent/wpp-grad/Coolers.html>

If you have any questions, email us at [deborah@octnh.org](mailto:deborah@octnh.org) or [ted@octnh.org](mailto:ted@octnh.org). To volunteer at our next packing (please wait until Oct 10), contact the volunteer coordinator at [volunteer@octnh.org](mailto:volunteer@octnh.org)

We cannot thank you enough for helping!!

*The Operation Care for Troops Team*

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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*

### **Getting a Job After the Military**

Staff Sgt. (Ret.) Bobby Wilson went to see his old commander to ask for a letter of recommendation. His commander asked Wilson what type of jobs he had performed over the last two years since leaving active duty. Wilson replied, "Well, sir, I am not having much luck with jobs lately: I wasn't suited to be a tailor. The muffler factory was just exhausting. I couldn't cut it as a barber. I didn't have the patience to be a doctor. I wasn't a good fit in the shoe factory even though I put my soul into it. The paper shop folded. Pool maintenance was too draining. I got fired from the cannon factory. And I just couldn't see any future as a historian." The former commander sat in thought for a minute and said, "Did you try getting a job at the M&M's factory?" Wilson replied, "Yes sir, but they fired me for throwing away all the candies that had W's on them."

### **Why Women Rule**

**Women's Revenge:** 'Cash, check or charge?' I asked, after folding items the woman wished to purchase.

As she fumbled for her wallet, I noticed a remote control for a television set in her purse.

'So, do you always carry your TV remote?' I asked.

'No,' she replied, 'but my husband refused to come shopping with me, and I figured this was the most evil thing I could do to him legally.'

**Wife Vs. Husband:** A couple drove down a country road for several miles, not saying a word.

An earlier discussion had led to an argument and neither of them wanted to concede their position.

As they passed a barnyard of mules, goats, and pigs, the husband asked sarcastically, 'Relatives of yours?'

'Yep,' the wife replied, 'in-laws'

**Words:** A husband read an article to his wife about how many words women use a day. 30,000 to a man's 15,000.

The wife replied, 'The reason has to be because we have to repeat everything to men...'

The husband then turned to his wife and asked, 'What?'

**Creation:** A man said to his wife one day, 'I don't know how you can be so stupid and so beautiful all at the same time.'

'The wife responded, 'Allow me to explain. God made me beautiful, so you would be attracted to me; God made me stupid, so I would be attracted to you!'

**Who Does What:** A man and his wife were having an argument about who should brew the coffee each morning.

The wife said, 'You should do it because you get up first, and then we don't have to wait as long to get our coffee.'

The husband said, 'You are in charge of cooking around here and you should do it, because that is your job, and I can just wait for my coffee.'

Wife replies, 'No, you should do it, and besides, it is in the Bible that the man should do the coffee.'

Husband replies, 'I can't believe that, show me'

So, she fetched the Bible, and opened the New Testament and showed him at the top of several pages, that it indeed says... 'HEBREWS'

**The Silent Treatment:** A man and his wife were having some problems at home and were giving each other the silent treatment.

Suddenly, the man realized that the next day, he would need his wife to wake him at 5:00 AM for an early morning business flight.

Not wanting to be the first to break the silence (and LOSE), he wrote on a piece of paper, 'Please wake me at 5:00 AM. He left it where he knew she would find it.

The next morning, the man woke up, only to discover it was 9:00 AM and he had missed his flight.

Furious, he was about to go and see why his wife hadn't wakened him, when he noticed a piece of paper by the bed.

The paper said, 'It is 5:00 AM. Wake up.'

Men are not equipped for these kinds of contests.

*God may have created man before woman, but there is always a rough draft before the masterpiece.*

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