



Hollis VFW

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Serving Hollis and Brookline

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The Hollis VFW meets the third Sunday of each month.

Meetings in April through September are at the American Legion Hall, 38 Main Street, Brookline, NH and begin at 7 PM.

Meetings from October through March are at the Hollis Town Hall, 7 Monument Square, Hollis, NH and begin at 2 PM.

If you wish to join or have questions about the VFW, please call one of the Post Officers.

Next Meeting: 9 April, 7 PM, at the American Legion Hall in Brookline

March Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 2:26 PM by Commander Russ Norris. 10 members and 15 guests present.

Membership Applications: Nothing to report.

Old Business:

- Commander Norris reported on the results of the Patriots Pen and High School Teacher of the Year Awards. The Post's nominees for each of these won at the District level and will go on for competition at the State level.

New Business:

- The Post recognized and thanked Mike Reed for his service as he recently returned from a deployment to the Horn of Africa in support of military operations in the area.

- The presented Penny Arsenault with a certificate of appreciation for her many years of service to our community and to the Veterans in the Classroom program at the Middle School.

For the Good of the Post:

- Bruce Moran made a motion that the remainder of the meeting be suspended so the attendees could participate in the Potluck Luncheon; seconded by Andy Seremeth and unanimously approved.

The meeting adjourned at 2:40 PM. The next meeting will be 9 April at 7 PM at the American Legion Hall in Brookline.



Commander's Comments

Congratulations Post 11373! Our Middle School and High School Smart/ Mahar Teacher of the Year nominees **WON AT THE STATE COMPETITION!** This is a ringing endorsement of the SAU 41 educational system as well as the patriotic environment our Post fosters within the community. You all should feel pride in all your hard work, volunteerism, and partnerships with our administrators, educators and students.

Post elections are at hand. Make sure your voice is heard! Please mark your calendars for the Post meeting on 16 April 2017. Make your mark in the lives of our veterans; run for an office!

As my time as Commander is winding down, I really want to thank all of you for taking time to support our veterans and their families. There is a true need for patriotic leadership across our country and your VFW is leading the way. If you haven't done so recently, go the VFW national homepage and catch-up on our national priorities and engagement (www.vfw.org).

Make sure to check the General Orders for our Department Commander's comments. The Department's membership Task Force is in full swing addressing our Department membership woes. If you know of a qualified veteran, bring them to a meeting. We need to get out and recruit for our VFW. COOTIE's!!!! Yep- I'm a Cootie...wanna know, just ask!

Please go to the VFW Department of New Hampshire calendar at <http://nhvfw.org/calendar/> for the most current state events.

Semper Fi- Russ.

Future Post meetings:

9 April 2017, 7 PM @ the Brookline Legion Hall – change due to Easter Sunday on our normal meeting date.

21 May 2017, 7 PM @ the Brookline Legion Hall

18 June 2017, 7 PM @ the Brookline Legion Hall

16 July 2017, 7 PM @ the Brookline Legion Hall

20 August 2017, 7 PM @ the Brookline Legion Hall

17 September 2017, 7 PM @ the Brookline Legion Hall

15 October 2017, 2 PM @ the Hollis Town Hall

19 November 2017, 2 PM @ the Hollis Town Hall

17 December 2017, 2 PM @ the Hollis Town Hall

District 6 has announced the meeting schedule: * Post Commander (or other Post Officer in his absence) **MUST attend. 7 May 2017** – Hudson Post at 1000.

News For & From Members

Veterans at the Middle School

Another wonderful event! Everyone had a great time and the students were very appreciative of us coming in to talk to them. Thank you to everyone who could participate.

We Will Have Post Officer Elections in April

At our next meeting in April we will hold elections for Post Officer positions. If you wish to become a Post Officer, please contact the Post Commander ASAP. The current slate of Officers is as follows:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Commander: George Robinson• Senior Vice: Open• Junior Vice: Open• Quartermaster: Chris Lussier• Chaplain: Bruce Moran• Judge Advocate: Mark Glidden | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Surgeon: Jim Kelly• Trustee 1: Bob Smith• Trustee 2: Andy Seremeth• Trustee 3: Don Hurt• Adjutant: Greg d'Arbonne• Service Officer: Bruce Moran |
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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.vfw.org/OMS/QuickRenew.aspx>), but please renew! Thanks!

News of Interest to Veterans

SB3 Voter Reform Bill

From the State Veterans Advisory Committee (SVAC) from former State Rep Robert Clegg: Someone is telling active duty veterans that NH bill SB3 would cause them to lose their right to vote in NH. Nothing could be further from the truth. I know you have a large email list. If you would assure the community that NH Senator Regina Birdsell would never steal the rights of a veteran it would be greatly appreciated.

And for me please forward the names of anyone who tells a veteran or active duty service personnel that NH SB 3 was done to eliminate voting rights for those who serve or served. It's time to remove the mask from those who think military folks are to be used for political purposes.

Thanks for any help eliminating the idea NH Senator Birdsell would harm the community she is part of.

Veterans Appreciation Day, 20 April, in Hudson

On Saturday, 29 April, the Hudson Fish and Game and the Hudson VFW will be having their annual Veterans Appreciation Day for all Veterans and their Family. There will be fun and games, indoor shooting, fishing in the fish pond and plenty of food and best of all, the cost is ZERO, free for everyone.

Ground Breaking Ceremony for NH Gold Star Families Project

Ground Breaking Ceremony for NH Gold Star Families Project, Sunday April 23rd @ 10:30 AM, New Hampshire State Veteran's Cemetery, 110 Daniel Webster Highway, Boscawen, N.H. 03303. Medal of Honor Recipient Hershel Woody Williams will be joining the NH Gold Star Families.



NH'S GOLD STAR FAMILIES
★ MEMORIAL MONUMENT FUNDRAISER PROJECT ★

DONATE ALL DURING APRIL!

All too often the one group that gets forgotten during memorial services are our **GOLD STAR FAMILIES**. They stand as a stark reminder that our freedom isn't free and tell the tales of those who have fallen.

We are excited to support the **NH'S GOLD STAR FAMILIES MEMORIAL MONUMENT FUNDRAISER PROJECT** and help honor those families.

Come in and help us show support, and ask any of our Team members for more details.

When? • April 1st - April 30th

How to Help? • Purchase one of our STAR TARGETS
• Participate on our Shooting Competition
• Or round up your total when you check out.

This event is dedicated in honor of USMC Corporal Michael Ouellette, Navy Cross Recipient, beloved brother or our own team member Alan Ouellette

Team MANCHESTER FIRING LINE 

Premier Indoor Shooting Range
2540 Brown Avenue - Manchester, NH 03103
603-688-9915 • www.gunsnh.com

Thank You for Your Support!

Home Run for Heroes Featuring Big Papi, David Ortiz!

Going to miss watching Big Papi slug out a home run next season? Want to wish him well in his retirement? You can - IN PERSON! And proceeds go to benefit our NH military families and veterans. All for less than you would spend to take the family for a game at Fenway!

Home Run for Heroes featuring Big Papi himself, recently retired Red Sox designated hitter David Ortiz, takes place on Friday, April 21 at the Courtyard Marriot in Nashua. Proceeds will benefit the Chaplain's Emergency Relief Fund, which provides New Hampshire military families with emergency needs primarily in the areas of rent, mortgage, utilities and medical bills.

Attendees will have the opportunity to have their photo taken with David Ortiz, as well as receive an autographed photo, and ask David questions about his years with the Red Sox. A silent and live auction will take place, with hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar. This is an event not to be missed!

Date/Time: Friday, April 21, 2017, 5:30 PM Doors Open, Cash Bar & Appetizers, 6:30-8:30 PM Event

Location: Courtyard Marriott, 2200 Southwood Drive, Nashua NH 03063

Fees/Admission: \$195 Adult Ticket; \$100 Child Ticket (age 7 to age 15)

Contact Information: Souhegan Valley Chamber of Commerce, POC: beth.boggis@souhegan.net

To register: <http://www.souhegan.net/events/details/home-run-for-heroes-featuring-big-papi-david-ortiz-615>



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THE MOVING WALL™

COMING TO UNH DURHAM
May 4-8, 2017

Join UNH's commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War.
For more information or to volunteer, call (603) 862-0643 or visit www.unh.edu/veterans



Operation "Black Hills Cabin"

Operation Black Hills Cabin is now taking applications for the 2017 season, and has a few weeks open at this time. Their season is from Memorial weekend thru the end of September. If you are a combat injured veteran from OEF/OIF/OND, and are interested in a week in the beautiful Black Hills of South Dakota to reconnect with your immediate family in a quiet and peaceful setting, at little or no charge to the family, please check out their website at www.operationblackhillscabin.org. All completed applications are considered on a first come, first served basis.

We ask you to share this wonderful opportunity with the heroes in your state. If you have any questions --- please feel free to contact Mr. Zimmerman (605-593-7781).

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

Retired Marine

While golfing, an elderly, retired Marine accidentally overturned his golf cart late one afternoon. A very attractive, young, female golfer, who lives in a villa on the golf course, heard the noise and called out, "Are you OK?"

"I'm OK, thanks," he replied, as he pulled himself out of the twisted cart.

She said, "Come up to my villa, rest a while, and I'll help you get the cart up later."

The old guy noticed her silky bathrobe was partially open, revealing what appeared to be a very nice figure. "That's mighty nice of you," he answered, "but I don't think my wife would like it."

"Oh, come on now!" she insisted.

She was so pretty, and very, very persuasive. He was weak. "Well, OK," he finally agreed.

After a couple of Scotch and sodas, he thanked her and said, "I feel a lot better now. But I know my wife is going to be really upset. So, I'd better go now."

"Don't be silly!" she said with a smile, letting her robe fall slightly more open. "Stay for a while. Your wife won't know anything. By the way, where is she?"

He replied, "Still under the cart, I suppose."

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