



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: 16 August, 7 PM, at Chris Lussier's House,
34 Love Lane, Hollis.***

July Meeting Minutes

Meeting Open Time: 7:05 PM via a Zoom call by Commander Mark Tigert. 8 members and no guests present.

Membership Applications: None. The Warner's, mentioned last month, have not applied as members.

Minutes: A motion was made by Andy Seremeth to dispense with the verbal reading of the Minutes as they were published in the July newsletter; seconded by Chris Lussier and unanimously approved.

Quartermaster's Report: The Quartermaster's Report was read. The Post deposited the donation for the Market Place Seniors items in the amount of \$750 and deposited the Poppy Distribution donations in the amount of \$1,065.76. The Post reimbursed Andy Seremeth for the Patriots Pen Awards in the amount of \$150. Bruce Moran made a motion that the Quartermasters report be accepted as read, pending audit; seconded by Jim Bélanger and unanimously approved. Chris Lussier stated he will reach out to the Trustees to have them sign the Quarterly Report of Audit.

Correspondence: Nothing received.

Comrade in Distress:

- Bob Smith: Chris Lussier stated he spoke to Bob. Bob had fractured his pelvis and got a gash on his head just before last month's meeting. Today, he is back home and sounds good and gets around with a walker. Bob is in good spirits and his head is healed. He says hello to everyone. His phone number is 603-465-2980.
- Greg d'Arbonne briefed about Dave Larkin's situation. Greg made a motion that the Post find someone to take care of the Larkin's lawn and allocate up to \$100 a month to pay for this service; seconded by Chris Lussier and unanimously approved. Paul Ricci stated he will contact Eddie Arnold of Brookline to see if he can do the Larkin's yard.

Committee Reports:

- Service Officer: Hospitals are still restricting visitors due to the virus.

- VOD/PP/Teacher for 2020-2021: Andy Seremeth will send letters to the schools about the programs we run.

Old Business:

- 4th of July: Bruce Moran stated it was a good ceremony in Brookline.
- Chris Lussier stated there is no need to buy new Manuals as voted on last month because the National VFW said there will be a limited run of new manuals and the old manuals will be good for any inspections this year.
- Commander Tigert stated his wife researched the two Hollis citizens listed on the memorial stone found on the Church property and neither of the citizens were KIA so there is no need to put the stone in Memorial Park.

New Business:

- Chris Lussier stated he will renew the Quartermaster Bond to cover the Post as it does every year for \$20,000.

The Post said prayers for the National Home and their residents.

General Orders: As distributed by the Department and District and posted on the Department website.

For the Good of the Order:

- The next meeting will be at Chris Lussier’s house, 34 Love Lane, Hollis, NH. After the meeting we will have a social All members and Veterans in the community are invited.
- The Post needs to send a letter to the Church requesting use of the Church for Veterans Day. Chris Lussier will send the letter.

The meeting adjourned at 7:44 PM. The next meeting is Sunday, 16 August and the meeting will be at Chris Lussier’s house, 34 Love Lane, Hollis.

News For & From Members

Next Meeting Will Be At Chris Lussier’s House and Includes a Social

As a reminder, our meeting on 16 August will be at Chris Lussier’s house, 34 Love Lane, Hollis., beginning at 7 PM. After the meeting, there will be social time with soda and other beverages.

Calendar of Events

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

August:

- 16 Aug: Hollis VFW Monthly Meeting, 7 PM, Chris Lussier’s House, 34 Love Lane, Hollis
- 27 Aug: Brookline American Legion Monthly Meeting, 7 PM, Brookline American Legion Hall

September:

- 20 Sep: Hollis VFW Monthly Meeting, 7 PM, Brookline American Legion Hall
- 24 Sep: Brookline American Legion Monthly Meeting, 7 PM, Brookline American Legion Hall

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:

- 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

Please Make Sure You Renew ASAP

If you pay 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

VA Manchester Virtual Town Hall “Moving Forward Together- Safe Care is Our Mission”, August 13 at Noon

Attention Veterans: VA Manchester invites you to a Virtual Town Hall “Moving Forward Together-Safe Care is Our Mission” on August 13, 2020 at noon. Kevin Forrest, Director, VA Manchester Healthcare System will host the Town Hall and will be supported by our team of clinical and administrative experts.

The Virtual Town Hall will include a brief update on COVID-19, an operational status, what to expect when visiting the medical center and a question and answer session.

Please join us!

To join the Town Hall, click on the link: <http://site-584856.bcvp0rtal.com/>

- Join the meeting on any device with an internet connection.
- The platform works with Internet Explorer, Google Chrome, and Firefox. However, if you are unable to access the platform using one browser, please try another.
- Use the F5 key to refresh your webpage if you are having audio/video issues.
- To ask a question, click Join the Discussion and enter a name and email address, then type your question.

- To enable closed captioning, click on the button on the top of your screen that says “Click for Captions”

Did you also know that VA has tools to help manage your care today as well as in the future.? Tell your team about your needs and preferences for treatment and your health. As a Premium My HealtheVet account holder, you can already view important personal health information. Log in today. Helpful links are located on the left side of this notice. If you have not sent a Secure Message (in My HealtheVet) to your teams, feel free to do so for any routine needs.

ATT Phone Scam

The following was reported by Andy Seremeth: I received a VERY accurate email from ATT stating that they were going to be doing a major system upgrade and our phones (mine and my wife’s) would not be compatible with the new ATT wireless phone system.

The email contained the phone numbers of our cell phones. So, it was beginning to look like a “real” email. The email went on to say that ATT was offering new phones of our choice with trade in, express shipping, etc. etc. This sounded too good to be true. So, I called ATT.

I talked to a very nice service rep who stated they were just starting to get calls on this “new” ATT service. Problem was, they had not heard of it. They asked me if I could forward the email to ATT at their security address. Guess what, the email I received had a “block” on it preventing it being forwarded. To solve the problem and help ATT, I printed the email I got, then scanned it, saved it to a pdf file, and sent to the ATT securing address they gave me.

Bottom line: Those of you have ATT, be on the lookout for such a scam. And I would guess this type of scam can happen to all the wireless businesses (Sprint, etc. etc.)

Job Opportunity - Part Time School Safety Imitative Position Dealing with Youth Preparedness, Nashua NH Area

Below is another Red Cross job posting for a part time School Safety Imitative position dealing with youth preparedness, and out of the Nashua NH area.

External applicants can follow this link to apply:

https://americanredcross.wd1.myworkdayjobs.com/American_Red_Cross_Careers/job/Nashua-NH/Disaster-Preparedness-Coordinator_RC36717

Operation Care for Troops (OCT) Update

Hello Everyone, I hope this finds you all safe and healthy. As most of you are aware, Operation Care for Troops has been impacted by Covid19 with only special request packages shipped to our troops. Fund raising has come to a virtual halt with only a few small grants and regular monthly donations received. The Nashua Armory is not available due to Covid19 which has caused us to rethink the upcoming August packing event. With the restrictions on large gatherings and the non-availability of suitable space to hold a large packing event, the August packing will be completed on a smaller scale performed by the Board of Directors and Core Team Leaders only.

As OCT prepares for the upcoming event, we will be collecting donations and cards & letters on August 1 at the Pelham VFW and on August 11 at the Main Street United Methodist Church in Nashua. At both locations, folks will be outside to allow social distancing. Please wear masks. In addition to needing cards and letters, we have received requests for hand sanitizer from the troops. Hope you can add this to your donations for this packing. See you soon.

Dates of Donation & Card "Drop Off":

- Pelham VFW -August 1; 10 am to 3 pm; 6 Main St, Pelham NH (parking lot) At this location cards will be available for signing!
- Main Street United Methodist Church - August 11; 2 pm to 6pm; Rear parking lot of 154 Main Street, Nashua, NH (side street is Temple Street for parking lot.)

Thank you for your continued support. We are hopefully the November Holiday Packing will be back at the Armory.

Ted Luszey and all of us at Operation Care for Troops.

Veterans CARES Act Funds

The Department of Military Affairs and Veterans Services is committed to all who have served or are currently serving and their Families. This commitment extends well beyond the term of service. The Veterans Service Organization Support and Traditional Services For Veterans Support Programs are instrumental to ensuring organization that support those who served, and their families have the resources they need to help those affected by the Pandemic. The department is proud to administer these programs in support of the organizations that support New Hampshire's Veterans.

- What: Funding will be available through DMAVS and two new CARES Act COVID-19 Relief Support Programs beginning 28 July 2020
 - 1) Veterans Service Organization (VSO) Support Program
 - 2) Traditional Services for Veterans Support Program
- For Who: Applications will be accepted from 501(c)(19) and 501(c)(23) Veterans Services Organizations for the Veterans Service Organization (VSO) Support Program. Applications will be accepted from any organization or business that provides traditional services to Veterans for the Traditional Services for Veterans Support Program.
- Why: This funding is intended to assist organizations and businesses that serve Veterans and experienced significant loss of revenue and/or increased expenses directly related to COVID-19 this year.
- When: Applications will be accepted and processed until 10 August 2020.
- Where to get more info or apply: <https://www.goferr.nh.gov>.

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12 North Broadway Street, Salem, NH 03079

I am a Life Scout from Troop 267 in Salem, New Hampshire, and I am currently working on my Eagle Scout Project. My project is collecting backpacks for foster children from Northern Massachusetts and Southern New Hampshire who are in urgent situations. These foster children usually leave homes where they had traumatic experiences and what few personal items they have are carried in trash bags. These backpacks will be filled with needed clothing and school supplies, such as notebooks, pens, and pencils. Some of these bags will be made for toddlers and their parents, so they will contain things such as diapers, stuffed animals, and bibs. The bags will be distributed through a non-profit organization called Fostering Care which is run by two foster moms.

The items that are necessary for the project are shirts, pants, socks, underwear, notebooks, pens, paper, pencils, pencil sharpeners, toothbrushes, toothpaste, floss, deodorant, stuffed animals, diapers, wipes, bibs, changing mats, baby toys, books for kids age 6-18, and backpacks. In total the project will cost \$7,500 without donations. Any donations of new items you can send to help will be greatly appreciated.

I can be reached using the following contact information:

Email Address: gabebunker@gmail.com

Phone Number: 603-275-9362

Yours in Scouting,
Gabriel Bunker
Junior Assistant Scoutmaster
Troop 267



VA Community Emergency Care Provider Notification

In most instances, Veterans are eligible to receive Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)-authorized emergency care at an in-network facility if VA is notified of the emergent event within 72 hours. Veterans do not need to check with the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) before calling for an ambulance or going to an emergency department. During a medical emergency, VA encourages all Veterans to seek immediate medical attention without delay. It is, however, important for providers to promptly notify VA within 72 hours of a Veteran presenting to the emergency department.

Effective June 8, 2020, VA established a national centralized notification center to simplify the emergency care notification process.

The Emergency Care Centralized Notification Center allows community providers, Veterans and representatives to report instances of a Veteran presenting to a community emergency department. It offers simplified access to VA for care coordination, eligibility determination and payment authorization information. Centralized notification standardizes communication, documentation and collaboration between VA and community providers.

General Information

Providers should report instances of a Veteran presenting to a community emergency department to VA within 72 hours of the start of emergent care. It is important to notify VA within 72 hours because it allows VA to assist in coordinating care or transfer to a VA medical center. This helps ensure that administrative and clinical requirements for VA to pay for the care are met. Failure to report in a timely manner may impact a Veteran's eligibility for VA to cover the cost of emergency treatment. For each notification the treating facility will receive authorization or eligibility information and, if applicable, direction for claim submittal.

Notification Requirements

Providers may use either of the following centralized options to notify VA with details about Veterans receiving emergent care in the community:

1. Email: VHAEmergencyNotification@va.gov
2. Phone: 844-72HRVHA (844-724-7842)

If notification is made to a local VA medical facility, the notification will be referred to centralized intake for action.

Case-specific details are necessary for care coordination and eligibility determinations and will be requested during notification. The person notifying VA should be prepared to supply case specific information detailed in VA Form 10-10143g, Non-VA Hospital Emergency Notification – available online at https://www.va.gov/vaforms/medical/pdf/10-10143g_Non-VA_Hospital_Emergency_Notification_Fill.pdf – when calling or emailing notification. If the person notifying the VA is unable to supply all information, VA will contact the appropriate parties to collect the information.

For additional information, including information about care coordination, eligibility, documentation claims and payment, please visit: www.va.gov/COMMUNITYCARE/providers/info_EmergencyCare.asp.

Resources

VA Form 10-10143g (https://www.va.gov/vaforms/medical/pdf/10-10143g_Non-VA_Hospital_Emergency_Notification_Fill.pdf).



Safety Measures



Park Hours

To those who served our country,
We Are Saying Thank You!



Veteran and 3 Guests Visit for Free!

Reserve Your Tickets Now Limited-Time Offer

Visit through November 11

As a token of our appreciation for those who have served our country, we would like to offer U.S. military veterans and up to 3 guests one complimentary visit to SeaWorld Orlando, SeaWorld San Antonio, or Busch Gardens Tampa Bay through November 11, 2020. **Tickets must be reserved through *ID.me* for verification.**



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up to 4 additional tickets

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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

A Fascinating Piece of History

Very interesting. I bet most people didn't know this. I wish that there was an account of who ordered this and who drafted and approved this surrender plan. Who says that Americans do not have a sense of history and culture?

Why did the US choose a US Navy Iowa-class battleship as the location for Japan's surrender in World War 2 even though they were in Tokyo Bay and could have used a building on land? Pure symbolism. Nothing says "you're utterly defeated" than having to board the enemy's massive battleship in the waters of your own capital city. A naval vessel is considered sovereign territory for the purposes of accepting a surrender. You just don't get that if you borrow a ceremonial space from the host country. In addition, the Navy originally wanted the USS South Dakota to be the surrender site. It was President Truman who changed it to USS Missouri, Missouri being Truman's home state.

The Japanese delegation had to travel across water to the Missouri, which sat at the center of a huge US fleet. It's a bit like those movie scenes where someone enters a big-wig's office, and the big-wig sits silhouetted at the end of a long room, behind a massive desk. The appellant has to walk all the way to that desk along a featureless space, feeling small, exposed, vulnerable and comparatively worthless before the mogul enthroned in dramatic lighting before him. By the time he gets there the great speech he had prepared is reduced to a muttered sentence or two. In addition, the USS Missouri flew the flag of Commodore Perry's 19th century gun-boat diplomacy mission that opened the closeted Edo-era Japan to the world and forced upon them the Meiji restoration which ended the rule of the samurai class. The symbolism here is pretty clear - "this is how we want you to be, and remember what happens to countries that defy us." It was particularly humiliating for a proud country like Japan, and that was entirely the point.

The symbolism of the ceremony was even greater than that. The ship was anchored at the precise latitude/longitude recorded in Perry's log during his 1845 visit, symbolizing the purpose of both visits to open Japan to the West. Perry's original flag was also present, having been flown all the way from the Naval Academy for the ceremony. When the Japanese delegation came aboard, they were forced to use an accommodation way (stairs) situated just forward of turret #1. The freeboard (distance between the ship's deck and the water line) there makes the climb about twice as long as if it had been set up farther aft, where the freeboard of the ship is less.

NOTE: This was even more of an issue for the Japanese surrender party as the senior member, Foreign Affairs Minister Shigemitsu, was crippled by an assassination attempt in 1932, losing his right leg in the process. The #1 and #2 turrets had been traversed about 20 degrees to starboard.

The ostensible reason for this was to get the turret overhangs out of the way to create more room for the ceremony on the starboard veranda deck, but in fact this would have only required traversing turret #2 had it been the real reason. In reality, the turret position also put the gun barrels directly over the heads of the Japanese. They were literally standing "under the gun."

The honor guard of US sailors (side boys) were all hand-picked to be over six feet tall, a further intimidation of the short-statured Japanese. The surrender documents themselves, one copy for the Allies and one for the Japanese contained identical English-language texts, but the Allied copy was bound in good quality leather, while the Japanese copy was bound with light canvas whose stitching looked like it had been done by a drunken tailor using kite string. After the signing ceremony, the Japanese delegation was not invited for tea and cookies; they were shuffled off the ship as an Allied air armada of over 400 aircraft flew overhead as a final reminder that American forces still had the ability to continue fighting should the Japanese have second thoughts on surrender.

And now you know the rest of the story

Fallen War Heroes Buried in Saint Francis Xavier Cemetery in Nashua, NH

This came from American Legion member Kerry Spangler: There are just over 700 soldiers buried in Saint Francis Xavier Cemetery in Nashua, NH. Out of the 700 soldiers, 24 soldiers buried in Saint Francis Xavier Cemetery lost their lives during wartime.

The dots on the map show where the soldiers died. All of the soldiers hail from Nashua, and that is where some are buried, but all 24 are memorialized. Many soldiers died in very close proximity to each other, such as in Vietnam, where 2 soldiers, Robert L. Gardner and Thomas D. Nadeau, appear to have the same point. Zoom in on such locations to see where the soldiers died and how close they were to the other veterans on this map. Click the dots to learn more about the soldiers.

<https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/6734a5d6c0dd467e8493bc3fb89ba24f>

Click on the arcs to gain additional information on the distance between where the soldiers died, and their home city of Nashua, NH. Some arcs curve over the North Pole because the geodesic path between the place of the soldiers death and where they were buried in Nashua is shorter when going over the pole than when going around on lines of latitude.

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