



# Hollis VFW

## December 2018 Newsletter

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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 Dec, 2 pm, Hollis Town Hall***

### **November Meeting Minutes**

Meeting called to order at 2:01 PM by Commander Jonathan Matlock. 7 members and no guests present.

**Membership Applications:** Addressed later in the meeting.

**Minutes:** A motion was made by Chris Lussier to dispense with the verbal reading of the Minutes since they were published in the November newsletter and sent to all the members; seconded by Bruce Moran and unanimously approved with no corrections made to the Minutes.

**Quartermasters Report:** The Quartermasters Report was read. The Post received \$7 from the Department of New Hampshire for two members' dues. Distributions were made in the amount of \$475 as voted on last month to cover all the Annual Donations the Post makes to the Department of New Hampshire, and \$25 to the Hollis Congregational Church for cleanup after the Veterans Day ceremony. Chris stated he will write a check to The Flag Guys for the purchase of the flags and we should be receiving a reimbursement from the Town of Hollis for those flags in the amount of \$400. Chris stated the

total disbursements is \$1,300. Chris stated we have one check still outstanding and that is to the Patriots Pen winner from last year as she has not cashed the check. The Post received \$1,089 in donations during the Poppy Drive and received \$70 in donations in the memory of Bill Carnes. Jim Bélanger made a motion that the Quartermasters report be accepted as read, pending audit; seconded by Bruce Moran and unanimously approved.

#### **Correspondence:**

- The Post received a request for a donation from "Patriot's Paws".
- Chris Lussier requested that any correspondence regarding contributions to the Post in memory of Bill Carnes be scanned and forwarded to him.
- Chris Lussier stated he sent thank you notes to those who donated in Bill Carnes's memory. He sent a thank you note to the Hollis Congregational Church and will send one to the DAR Regent for their help on Veterans Day.

#### **Comrade in Distress:**

- Lenny Perkins, the Derry Post Commander, his mother recently passed away.

- John Rubery, former VFW State Commander, passed away.
- Andy and Loretta Seremeth returned from their vacation, but Loretta broke her ankle and Andy had to go to the hospital as well. The Post wishes them speedy recovery.

**Committee reports:** Nothing to report.

**Old Business:**

- Poppy Drive sign: Chris Lussier made a motion that the Post reimburse Greg d'Arbonne \$39.95 for making the sign used at the transfer Station during the Poppy Drive; seconded by Bruce Moran and unanimously approved.
- Post reports: Greg d'Arbonne stated all Reports were submitted for the Veterans Day activities carried out by the Post.
- Patriots Pen, Voice of Democracy, and Teacher of the Year report: Commander Matlock stated the Post entries for these programs were submitted to District on time.
- Bruce Moran made a motion that the Post reimburse Chris Lussier for the cost of a new canopy like the one he brought to the Poppy Drive that helped protect the members from the elements, not to exceed \$1,000; seconded by Greg d'Arbonne. Chris Lussier stated a replacement will be nowhere near \$1,000 and he will get one soon. The motion passed unanimously.
- Greg d'Arbonne made a motion that Chris Lussier be reimbursed \$21.50 for the purchase of the VFW Podium editions; seconded by Bob Smith and unanimously approved.
- Citizen of the Year: The members discussed candidates for the Hollis Citizen of the Year award that is voted on at the February meeting and presented at the March Town Meeting. Tentative Candidates are:
  - Al Fulchino
  - Laura Landerman-Garber (cards for the troops)
  - Robin Nelson

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

**The prayer was said for the National Home.**

**New Business:**

- Membership: Commander Matlock stated the Post has 51 members and is at 104% of its Membership Goal.
  - Doug Arseneau informed Greg d'Arbonne that he no longer wishes to join the Post. Bob Smith made a motion that the Post reimburse Doug for the dues he paid to join; seconded by Bruce Moran and unanimously approved. Chris Lussier will send a check to Doug.
  - Greg d'Arbonne will send an e-mail to John Watson to ask him to send in his dues.
- Russ Norris stopped by before the meeting to ask that the Post buy Poppies. Greg d'Arbonne made a motion that the Post purchase 1,000 Poppies; seconded by Bob Smith and unanimously approved. Russ had earlier donated for the cost of the Poppies, so the donation will be used to purchase the 1,000 Poppies.
- Greg d'Arbonne made a motion that the Post donate \$50 to the National Commander's Special Project; seconded by Bruce Moran and unanimously approved.
- Chris Lussier requested that we get a second person to be on the Signature Card at the bank. Greg d'Arbonne volunteered to be that person. Chris and Greg will coordinate to make this happen.
- Jim Bélanger stated the Hollis Social Library has bookmarks with a picture of three Veterans on it. Currently they only have pictures from the 18th and 19th Century and would like Veterans from WW I, WW II, the Korean War and the Vietnam Warr. Commander Matlock stated that should be easy as we have those Veterans in our Post. Jim stated he will speak to the Library staff about this. Bruce Moran stated we should table this discussion until the December 2018 meeting.

**For the Good of the Order:**

- Jim Bélanger spoke about the elections; LSR 41 and 42, Veterans Tax Exemptions; and LSR 43, which clarifies total exemption for totally disabled.
- Greg d'Arbonne stated the store, Powell Stone and Gravel (the former New Hampshire Rocks store) gives a 10% discount to Veterans.
- Greg d'Arbonne stated the Brookline American Legion is working on erecting a monument to

- honor Veterans from the Global War on Terror (GWOT). He said more details will be provided in a few months.
  - Chris Lussier stated he saw two Bald Eagles near his home the other day.
  - Commander Matlock provided information for those who want to join the Cooties, A VFW Service organization.
- The meeting adjourned at 3:11 PM. The next meeting is Sunday, 16 December 2018 at 2PM at the Hollis Town Hall.

## **News For & From Members**

### **Passing of Norbert H. Marquis**



*It is with sadness that we report the passing of Post Member Norbert Marquis. The Post offers its condolences to Norbert's family and friends. From his obituary in "The Nashua Telegraph":*

Norbert H. Marquis, age 87, passed away at his home in Nashua on November 27, 2018.

Born on June 26, 1931 in Nashua, he was the son of the late Camille and Rose (Ouellette) Marquis. He was the husband of Claire A. (Morissette) Marquis, with whom he spent many wonderful years of marriage.

Norbert dedicated his life to protecting and serving the city of Nashua with the Nashua Police Department and retired from there after 28 years.

Besides his beloved wife, Norbert is survived by his two daughters, Cynthia Marquis of Derry and Patricia Fribley and her husband Jerome of Brooksville, FL; his brother Raymond Marquis and his wife Pauline of Nashua; his brother-in-law Robert Coutu of Nashua; his 8 grandchildren, 7 great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. He was the dear brother of the late Helen Coutu.

A Visitation will be held for Norbert on Monday, December 3 from 10-11 a.m. at The Church of the Resurrection, 449 Broad St., Nashua. His Funeral Service will follow immediately after in the church at 11 a.m. His burial will be held on Tuesday, December 4 at the New Hampshire Veterans Cemetery in Boscawen, NH at 11 a.m.

### **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**

### **“Operation Care for Troops” Thanks Everyone**

Greetings Everyone!

On behalf of Operation Care for Troops Team I want to thank everyone who volunteered at the Armory or donated supplies or money for postage. Through your hard work Operation Care for Troops managed to ship 1688 packages to our deployed men and women of our Armed Services. Operation Care for Troops has shipped a grand total of 106,937 packages! Without the support of local organizations and people such as yourself, Operation Care for Troops could not fulfill its mission of shipping packages to deployed troops. Thank you everyone!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Recently, we received the dates for next year's events. They are:

March Madness - March 27, 2019 through March 30, 2019

Bare Necessities - August 21, 2019 through August 24, 2019

Holiday Stockings - November 13, 2019 through November 16, 2019

Also, to help raise funds to cover the cost of shipping Operation Care for Troops is collecting used cell phones which are turned into cash! If you or anyone you know has any, we'll be collecting them during these packing so bring them with you!!! And, if you or any of your friends want to sponsor a package please send \$20 to: Operation Care for Troops, PO Box 1604, Nashua, NH 03061

On behalf of the Operation Care of Troops Team we are wishing each and every one of you and your family a Very Happy Holiday Season!

Thanks again and see you All in 2019,

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### **Manchester VA Health Promotion, Disease Prevention, Whole Health Programs**

Check out Manchester VA Medical Center's Health Promotion, Disease Prevention Program  
Healthy Living Newsletter:  
[https://www.manchester.va.gov/documents/November\\_Decemeber\\_Newsletter.pdf](https://www.manchester.va.gov/documents/November_Decemeber_Newsletter.pdf)

Did you know? Whole Health is offering Well-being classes check for offerings here: Well-being  
November Schedule: [https://www.manchester.va.gov/services/Whole\\_Health\\_Center.asp](https://www.manchester.va.gov/services/Whole_Health_Center.asp)



UNITED STATES SENATE COMMITTEE ON  
**VETERANS' AFFAIRS**

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**The VA MISSION Act of 2018**

*The VA Maintaining Internal Systems and Strengthening Integrated Outside Networks (MISSION) Act*

**Streamlines VA's Community Care Programs**

- Consolidates seven VA community care programs into one streamlined program.
- Removes arbitrary 30-day/40-mile barriers to veterans' care in the community.
- Authorizes access to walk-in community clinics for enrolled veterans who have previously used VA healthcare services in the last two years.
- Authorizes local provider agreements to remove bureaucratic red tape and to meet veterans' needs for care in the community.
- Creates standards for timely payment to community care providers.
- Keeps the cost of community care in line with the cost of VA health care to ensure a veteran does not pay more for outside care.
- Requires the VA to monitor the program and report to Congress on the care provided to veterans.
- Requires the secretary to develop an education program to inform veterans and VA providers about veterans' health care options.
- Establishes a program to provide continuing medical education credits for community care providers on treating veterans.
- Requires the VA to establish and submit to Congress a strategy to ensure all VA and community care programs are operating efficiently and effectively based on a number of factors including veterans' satisfaction and access guidelines and quality standards, among others.
- Strengthens the process for VA and partnering health care providers who prescribe opioids to veterans.
- Ensures providers removed or suspended from VA practice do not treat veterans in the community.
- Provides \$5.2 billion for the Veterans Choice Fund.

**Improves VA Healthcare Delivery**

- Removes barriers for VA healthcare professionals to practice telemedicine.
- Provides additional resources for hiring and retention of VA healthcare professionals.
- Strengthens peer-to-peer support for veterans undergoing care for trauma or in rural areas.
- Establishes mobile deployment teams for underserved and rural facilities to provide specialized and routine health care.
- Allows VA to provide transplant procedures on a live donor.
- Allows the VA to modernize assets and infrastructure.

**Expands Caregivers**

- Expands eligibility for VA's Caregiver Program to veterans of all generations.
- Requires VA to implement an information technology system to better support, assess and monitor the program.

**Support for the VA MISSION Act**

**38 veteran and military advocacy organizations** that represent millions of veterans in the United States wrote a letter to the House and Senate in support of the bill.

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## New Hampshire State Plan on Aging Survey



Please help inform the process! Survey responses will be collected from participants across the State and will help guide our efforts in the development of the 2019-2023 NH State Plan on Aging. It should take you about 10-15 minutes to complete the 29 question survey.

**Please take the survey and share it with others!**

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NHSPoASurvey>

For more information, call 1-800-852-3345 x9215

The Survey will close on January 15, 2019

## New Hampshire State Plan on Aging Survey

The NH Department of Health & Human Services, Bureau of Elderly and Adult Services, and the NH State Plan on Aging Planning Committee are developing the State's Plan on Aging. As part of the process, we ask for your input through the State Plan on Aging Survey. This survey is part of a statewide outreach effort to improve our understanding of the needs of people who are aging in NH. By completing the below survey, you will help guide the development of NH's State Plan on Aging!

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NHSPoASurvey>



### **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*

### **Be Aware of Your Surroundings!**

Three drunken privates got into a taxi outside a bar near their military base in Texas. After being told the destination address, the taxi driver, knowing they were drunk, decided to play a joke on the three knuckleheads. The driver started the engine, put the car in gear, immediately stopped and turned the engine off. Then he said, "We have reached your destination." The first private gave him money and the second private said, "Thank you, sir." The third private slapped the driver. The driver was shocked, thinking the third drunk must know what he did. Playing naïve, he asked the third private, "What was that for?" The third private replied, "Control your speed next time. You nearly killed us!"

Two of the greatest qualities  
to have in life are:



**PATIENCE  
and WISDOM**

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