



Hollis VFW

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The Hollis VFW meets the third Sunday of each month at 7 PM. Meetings are at the American Legion Hall, 38 Main Street, Brookline, NH.

You can also attend via Zoom at: <https://us05web.zoom.us/j/86999020485?pwd=blA2NlZlNmFo5cFhwVHlKUKVWtXMXZz09; Meeting ID = 86999020485; Passcode: q47TDf>, or, by Phone = (646) 558-8656; Meeting ID = 86999020485#.

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

Next Meeting: 23 June

This is a change due to Father's Day being on our regular meeting day.

May Meeting Minutes

Meeting Open Time: 7:00 PM at the Brookline American Legion Hall and via Zoom. 7 members were present.

Minutes: A motion was made by Bruce Moran to dispense with the verbal reading of the Minutes since they were published in the newsletter; seconded by Chris Lussier and unanimously approved.

Quartermaster's Report: The Quartermaster's Report was read. There was one deposit for \$1.06 from Interest. There were several disbursements made for the Shed Project, for a total of \$2,105.98; a disbursement to the Department of New Hampshire for dues for \$9; and a disbursement to the Hollis Transfer Station to dispose of construction waste for \$5. Bruce Moran made a motion that the Quartermaster's report be accepted as read, pending audit; seconded by Bob Smith, and unanimously approved.

Committee Reports:

- Patriots' Pen presentation will be on the 18th of June at 7:30 AM at the Middle School. George Robinson will get the gift cards for the awardees. George stated the theme for the Patriot's Pen and Voice of Democracy for next year have been announced and he will get them to the local schools, to include the Montessori School in Hollis.
- The winner of the High School College Scholarship was given to the school.
- Service Officer: nothing to report.
- George Robinson stated Troop 12 will have five boys receiving their Eagle Rank next month. The ceremony is on 9 June at 2 PM at the Lawrence Barn. Greg d'Arbonne stated Troop 260 in Brookline will have one boy receive his Eagle Rank in August.

Membership: Nothing to report.

Comrade in Distress:

- Jeff Smith stated he had Cataract surgery for one eye, and they will do the other eye in a couple of weeks. He is doing well.
- Greg d'Arbonne stated his Cardio Ablation procedure went well.

Old Business:

- Post Elections: Chris Lussier stated he submitted the Post Election Report, but it is incomplete without a name for the Post Adjutant. He will submit his name as a placeholder, but we need to select someone ASAP.
- Memorial Day 2024 Activities:
 - Greg d'Arbonne will bring the MIA Table items to the Hollis Ceremony.
 - George Robinson will be the Guest Speaker.
 - Chris Lussier made a motion that the Post pay Wayne Letourneau \$150 to run the sound system, and that this be billed to the Town of Hollis as a cost for the ceremony; seconded by Bruce Moran and unanimously approved.
 - Chris Lussier discussed taking care of the Veterans graves at the Beth Abraham Cemetery in Nashua. The Post will meet there as planned and will simply identify Veteran graves so the Post can buy markers at a future date once the number is known.
 - Poppy Distribution Schedule: George Robinson stated he will come during the timeframe to allow Bruce Moran to take a break.

- Shed update: Greg d'Arbonne made a motion that the Post allocate an additional \$2,0000 to cover costs; seconded by Bob Smith and unanimously approved.

Remember National Home: Prayer was said for the National Home and residents.

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

Correspondence: Nothing received.

New Business:

- Chris Lussier stated he and Pat Moquin picked up the handicap ramps from a home in Brookline and the ramps are now behind the Legion Hall for anyone that needs them.
- Ramp for Bruce Moran's House: as of right now, Annmarie is still in rehab. When she comes home, a ramp will allow her to get in and out of the house as needed. Chris Lussier made a motion that the Post expend \$500 to build the ramp; seconded by Bob Smith and unanimously approved.

For the Good of the Order:

- Greg d'Arbonne stated he and Bruce performed as the "4 Vets" for the Tilton Veterans Home and for the Delta Dog fund raiser. Both events were very well received.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM. The next meeting is 7:00 PM, Sunday, 23 June at the Brookline American Legion Hall, Brookline, NH and by Zoom.

News For & From Members

Calendar of Events

Added/Changed events are highlighted in yellow.

June

- 15 June: Brookline American Legion Flag Retirement Ceremony, 10 AM, Legion Hall.
- 23 June: Hollis VFW Monthly Meeting, 7:00 PM, Brookline Legion Hall. (changed due to Father's Day)
- 27 June: Brookline American Legion Monthly Meeting.

July

- 4 July: 4th of July Parade in Brookline, assemble at 9:30 AM at Legion Hall.
- 21 July: Hollis VFW Monthly Meeting, 7:00 PM, Brookline Legion Hall.
- 25 July: Brookline American Legion Monthly Meeting.

August

- 18 August: Hollis VFW Monthly Meeting, 7:00 PM, Brookline Legion Hall.
- 22 August: Brookline American Legion Monthly Meeting.

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!!

News of Interest to Veterans

Help Build the Veteran Database at the NH Veterans Heritage Learning Center

At the NH State Veterans Cemetery is the "Veterans Heritage Learning Center" to help people learn about NH's rich military history. One of the active displays is the Remembrance Station where veterans or family/friends can enter an entry of their military history and other information - as much or little as they want. Photos of people and items can also be added to the entry.

Please take a few minutes to enter your name and military, etc. bio info (whatever you'd like to share). OR enter a family member who is/was a veteran or a friend. Here's the link to Veteran Bio Input Form: <https://www.vhlc.org/stories-of-service-station/veteran-bio-form>.

VFW 125th Anniversary Kickoff

Commanders and Comrades, A momentous occasion is quickly approaching ... on September 29, the VFW will celebrate its 125th anniversary!

This is cause for celebration and one we should all take great pride in as the VFW has remained at the forefront in the fight for veterans for 125 years - making certain those willing to sacrifice everything for our great nation are treated with the respect they have earned for ensuring our freedom.

I'm writing to you today to make you aware of several items related to the VFW 125th Anniversary as your involvement is what will truly make our celebration a success.

- We've developed a host of resources for your use in helping us promote the campaign, maintain consistency across the organization and support those who support us. These resources include a *ceremonial logo and usage guide, various ads, a proclamation, certificate of appreciation, sample press release and more.

**Note: The ceremonial logo should be incorporated into your outreach materials as appropriate. It is not meant to replace the official VFW logo on all material. Please use sound judgement on application opportunities.*

- Further, you will be the catalyst to get your community involved in commemorating the contributions of all veterans and their family members to our country during the VFW 125th Anniversary year, therefore we've also instituted a VFW 125th Anniversary Post Community Program open to ALL Posts.

Please access the resources and information I've referenced by logging into vfw.org and selecting the VFW 125th Anniversary link under Member/Post Resources from the My VFW page. You can also access these items in the Communications & Public Affairs section of Training and Support of vfw.org.

Also coming soon is a new line of special edition anniversary items to the VFW Store. These items will debut onsite and online during the 125th National Convention in Louisville.

The VFW 125th Anniversary campaign will publicly commence on **June 5** with the launch of a website (vfw125.org) dedicated to the campaign and a national press release and will conclude at the close of our 126th national convention. **Please refrain from public display of any promotional assets until June 5.**

There will be more information to come over the next several months regarding special events and other ways we're working to honor this important event.

Thank you for your support in our endeavor to celebrate this important occasion in our organization's history! For questions, please email communications@vfw.org.

Dan West, Adjutant General, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States

VFW 125th Anniversary Kickoff

Comrades, as we head into our Department Convention this weekend I would like to ask a favor of you. I have had some difficulty recruiting a full slate of appointed positions for our next year 2024-2025.

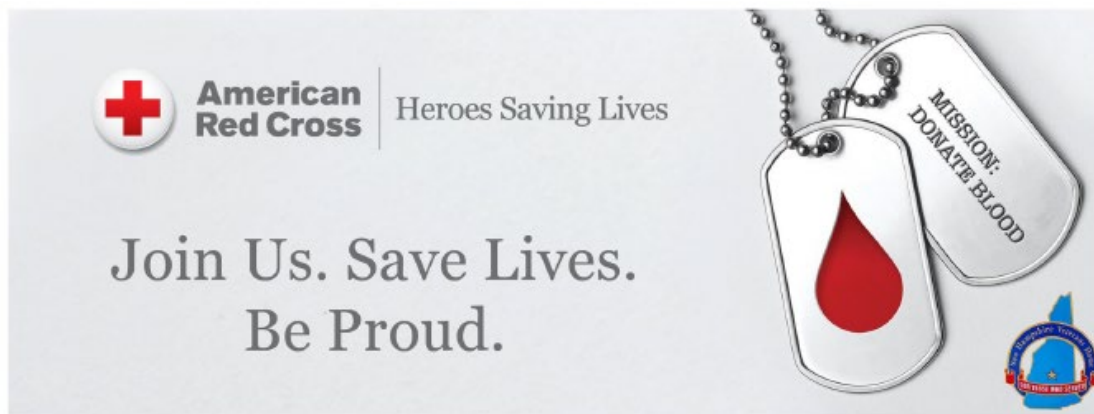
I have been pounding the pavement (and phone and email), for the past 6 months, to recruit the Department Staff. I have fallen short on a number of positions:

- Homeless Veterans
- POW/MIA, Americanism/Loyalty Day
- Fire/EMT/Police Safety Chairman
- Sergeant at Arms

If anyone is interested in the following positions please let me know. If you need additional information on what the positions entails please reach out to me or Adjutant Lloyd. I can be reached at: andrew_corrow@yahoo.com; (603) 397-9267.

Thank you for your consideration of my request.

AJ Corrow, Department Senior Vice Commander



NH Veterans Home Blood Drive

Monday, June 24th

11 AM – 4 PM

NHVVH 'Town Hall' Great Room

Accessible through the entrance via the parking lot
at the corner of Winter Street and Colby Ave., Tilton NH

You are invited to join our veterans and staff at our second annual NHVVH Blood Drive! For your donation, to thank you for helping us save lives, the Red Cross will give you a **\$15 e-gift card** to the merchant of choice!

Appointments are required;

please visit <https://rcblood.org/49x5n0v>

Or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767)

Last year, our (then) Resident Council President, Allan Bailey, asked his NHVVH Council Officers, our veterans and our staff, about holding a Blood Drive here at our Home. We were honored to hold our first Blood Drive in 2023, thanks to Allan's suggestion. Please join us for our second annual event to save lives!

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• July 27 Warner



• Aug 2-4 Bridgewater



• Aug 23-25 Goffstown



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Points To Ponder

The views expressed in the following articles are 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

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