



Hollis VFW

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Serving Hollis and Brookline

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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: 19 November

Veterans Day Activities

4 November: Distribute Poppies at the Transfer Station

8 November: Veteran Day Assembly at the Hollis Lower Elementary School, 9 AM.

9 November: Veteran Day Assembly at the Middle School, 8 AM.

9 November: Veteran Day Assembly at the High School, 9:30 AM.

9 November: Veteran Day Assembly at the Hollis Upper Elementary School, 1:10 PM.

11 November: Hollis VFW Veterans Day Ceremony, 11 AM, Hollis Community Church.

October Meeting Minutes

Meeting Open Time: 7:30 PM at the Brookline American Legion Hall and via Zoom. 7 members were present and no guests.

Minutes: A motion was made by Bruce Moran to dispense with the verbal reading of the Minutes from the September meeting as they were published in the newsletter; seconded by Andy Seremeth and unanimously approved.

Quartermaster's Report: The Quartermaster's Report was read. The Post received \$152.62 in EFTs from National, \$92 deposited from donations at Old Home Days, and \$3.16 in bank interest, for a total of \$247.78. There were two disbursements: \$6,000 donation to Operation Delta Dog, and \$2,000 to Veterans Count. Andy Seremeth made a motion that the Quartermaster's report be accepted as read, pending audit; seconded by Bruce Moran and unanimously approved. Greg d'Arbonne made a motion that the Post pay the \$95 renewal of the domain name and site hosting for the Hollis VFW web site. The VFW share is \$95 annually and, therefore, please consider this a bill for that amount.

Membership: Greg d'Arbonne made a motion that the Post accept Stewart Jackson's application to be a member of the Post; seconded by Andy Seremeth and unanimously accepted. Everyone welcomes Stewart as a member of the Post.

Correspondence: The Post received a thank you letter from Operation Delta Dog for our donation to their organization. They have invited Post members to attend the graduation of their Veterans and their dogs in November.

Committee Reports: Nothing to report.

Old Business:

- Veterans Day Activities:
 - 4 November: The Post will distribute Poppies at the Hollis Transfer Station. The schedule of volunteers is:

- 0800 – 1000: Bruce Moran and Chris Lussier
- 1000 – 1230: Mark Tigert, Mark Andrews, Don Ryder, and Bruce Moran
- 1230 – 1500: Bruce Moran, Chris Lussier, and Mark Andrews
- 8 November: Veterans Day Assembly at the Hollis Lower Elementary School, 9 AM.
- 9 November:
 - Veterans Day Assembly at the Middle School, 8 AM.
 - Veterans Day Assembly at the High School, 9:30 AM.
 - Veterans Day Assembly at the Hollis Upper Elementary School. At 1:10 PM lunch will be served. The ceremony will start at 1:45 PM and goes to 2:15 PM.
- 11 November at 11 AM at the Community Church in Hollis:
 - The ceremony is planned for outside in the gathering place at the church but if the weather is "nasty," we will hold it inside the Church.
 - Chris Lussier will be the MC.
 - Greg d'Arbonne will create the programs to hand out to the audience.
 - Post members are requested to show up by 1030 so we can setup for the ceremony.
 - Mark Tigert will ask the local Scout Troops to assist with setup and tear down.
 - Chris Lussier made a motion that the Post give \$25 to John Balfour, the Church Custodian, for his work in cleaning up after the ceremony; seconded by Bruce Moran and unanimously approved.
 - Rev. Rasmussen will give the Invocation and Post Chaplain Bruce Moran will give the Benediction.
 - Commander Tigert will ask Chief Hoebeke to be the Guest Speaker.

- Bruce Moran will recite the poem, “My Name is Old Glory.”
- The “4 Vets” will sing the National Anthem and the Service Songs.
- The Post still needs to do an After-Action Review about Memorial Day.
- On 19 December starting at 7 PM, Troop 12 will conduct Caroling at the Hollis Senior Residence. The Post will participate with the Troop.

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.

New Business: Nothing to report.

Comrade in Distress:

- Andy Seremeth reported his daughter is undergoing treatment for her cancer and

asks everyone for their prayers for her and her family.

- Greg d’Arbonne stated his father will be moving back home next week.
- Chris Lussier stated his father was diagnosed recently with Vitamin B12 deficiency and this was causing serious health issues. He also had Lyme Disease which compounded his problems. He is now getting the treatments he needs.

For the Good of the Order:

- Andy Seremeth spoke about the “Million Veteran Project” (MVP) and encouraged others to participate.

The meeting adjourned at 8:28 PM. The next meeting is 7:00 PM, Sunday, 19 November at the Brookline American Legion Hall, Brookline, NH and by Zoom.

News For & From Members

Veterans Day Activities

Next month we celebrate Veterans Day on 11 November, so we have several activities around the holiday. Some of the schools will have a Veterans Day program. We will hold our ceremony on the 11th of November at 11 AM.

- 4 November: we will distribute Poppies at the Hollis Transfer Station. Please consider volunteering an hour of your time to help.
- 8 November: Veterans Day Assembly at the Hollis Lower Elementary School, 9 AM. They would like each Veteran who is attending to call them at (603) 324-5995 and provide your name so they can have a name tag for you and know how many Veterans will be attending.
- 9 November:
 - Veterans Day Assembly at the Middle School, 8 AM.
 - Veterans Day Assembly at the High School, 9:30 AM.
 - Veterans Day Assembly at the Hollis Upper Elementary School. At 1:10 PM lunch will be served. The ceremony will start at 1:45 PM and go to 2:15 PM.
- 11 November at 11 AM at the Community Church in Hollis (next to the Common). The ceremony is planned for outside in the gathering place at the church but if the weather is “nasty,” we will hold it inside the Church. “Uniform” for all is our usual VFW hat, blue blazer, tie, white shirt, and gray slacks. Feel free to wear your military awards and decorations on your jacket. Please dress according to the weather to keep yourself warm.

Calendar of Events

Added/Changed events are highlighted in yellow.

November

- 4 November: Distribute Poppies at the Transfer Stations
- 8 November: Veteran Day Assembly at the Hollis Lower Elementary School, 9 AM.
- 9 November: Veteran Day Assembly at the Middle School, 8 AM.
- 9 November: Veteran Day Assembly at the High School, 9:30 AM.
- 9 November: Veteran Day Assembly at the Hollis Upper Elementary School, 1:10 PM.
- 11 November: Hollis VFW Veterans Day Ceremony, 11 AM, Hollis Community Church.
- 16 November: Brookline American Legion Monthly Meeting
- 19 November: Hollis VFW Monthly Meeting, 7 PM, Brookline Legion Hall.

December

- 17 December: Hollis VFW Monthly Meeting, 7 PM, Brookline Legion Hall.
- 19 December: Christmas Caroling, 7 PM, the Hollis Senior Residence.
- 21 December: Brookline American Legion Monthly Meeting.

January

- 21 January: Hollis VFW Monthly Meeting, 7 PM, Brookline Legion Hall.
- 25 January: Brookline American Legion Monthly Meeting.

February

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

March

- 17 March: Hollis VFW Monthly Meeting, 7:00 PM, Brookline Legion Hall.
- 27 March: Veterans in the Classroom with the 8th Graders at the Middle School
- 28 March: 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

Thanksgiving Dinner Basket 2023



1 gift card to Market Basket for 12-16lb turkey

- 2 cans of turkey gravy**
- 1 box instant potatoes**
- 2 cans of vegetables**
- 1 box stuffing mix**
- 2 cans cranberry sauce**
- 1 can coffee (small size)**
- 2 cans of fruit cocktail/fruit**

In these difficult times, some struggle more than others. This is the time when we come together to help our Veterans and their families celebrate Thanksgiving with a special sponsored dinner basket including.....



A fresh pie and 6 and/or 12 pack of rolls will be added to each basket day of delivery to family! Each basket is filled based on family size.

Also, seasonal napkins and small paper dessert plates for the pie!



If you would like to sponsor a basket for a Veteran and their family, please let me know. I am in the process of making up a sponsor list as I wait to see how many baskets need to be assembled.



AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, IF INTERESTED, PLEASE BRING IT UP AS YOUR NEXT MEETING!

Questions: Please reach out to Madeline Dreusicke, Hospital Chairman at madelinelavfw@aol.com or Cell 603 508-0843 .

TO SPONSOR A BASKET/BASKETS:
Deadline to Sponsor 11/15/23

\$50.00 check made out to Madeline Dreusicke
Mail to Madeline Dreusicke
2 Chagnon Lane
Pelham, N.H. 03076
Ref line: Thanksgiving Baskets

Sponsored by: how you would like it worded!

If you have any questions, please contact Madeline Dreusicke at 603 508-0843.

Madeline Dreusicke, Chairman
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Help Build the Veteran Database at the NH Veterans Heritage Learning Center

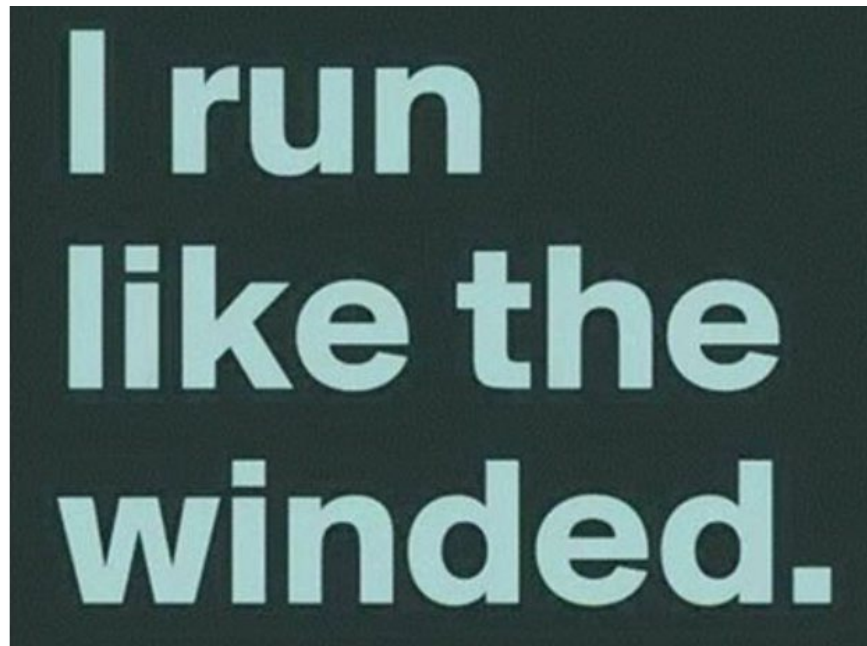
At the NH State Veterans Cemetery is the "Veterans Heritage Learning Center" to help people learn about NH's rich military history. One of the active displays is the Remembrance Station

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>.

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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