



Hollis VFW

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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: 21 Oct, 2 pm, Hollis Town Hall

November Veterans Day Activities: 8, 9, 10 and 11 November.

Events are listed in the newsletter.

Note: Veterans Day is on a Sunday; Ceremony will be at 1 PM

September Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:02 PM by Commander Jonathan Matlock. 9 members and 2 guests, Commander Richard Tripp, District 6 Commander, and Leonard Perkins, District 6 Junior Vice Commander and Derry Post 1617 Commander present.

Membership Applications: Mark Andrews and Tony Garcia were both vetted and approved for membership in the VFW. The Post members voted and approved their membership in our Post.

Minutes: A motion was made by Jim Bélanger to skip the verbal reading of the Minutes since they were published in the September newsletter and sent to all the members; seconded by Chris Lussier and

unanimously approved with no corrections made to the Minutes.

Quartermasters Report: The Quartermasters Report was read. Chris Lussier reported there were no deposits this past month. He stated we collected \$72 in donations at Old Home Days and that will be deposited soon. There was one disbursement, for \$31.50, to reimburse Chris for his payment of membership dues via his personal credit card; this was approved at the August meeting. Greg d'Arbonne made a motion that the Quartermasters report be accepted as read, pending audit; seconded by Jim Bélanger and unanimously approved.

Correspondence: The Post received a letter of thanks from the Home For Our Troops program, thanking the Post for our donation of \$500.

Comrade in Distress:

- George Robinson reported that his Mother-in-law had a stroke and is in the hospital. He asks that if anyone has experience with taking care of loved ones with stroke and the assisted living options for them, he could use any advice as she will have to be moved to one any time now. Greg d'Arbonne told George there may be resources through the Veterans Count/Easterseals of NH connections we have.
- Jim Bélanger stated his brother, Lawrence Bélanger, has a medical condition effecting his brain that has left him unable to speak.

Committee reports: Nothing to report.

- George Robinson reported the Teacher of the Year nominations are due in about 6 weeks. He asked if we should give special consideration to the Brookline Teachers since they did not have any nominations last year and all our Post nominees were from the Hollis School system. Greg d'Arbonne and Mark Andrews, residents of Brookline, stated we should make sure the Brookline Schools know about this program, but no special consideration should be made; if they choose not to nominate anyone that is their prerogative.
- Greg d'Arbonne asked the District Commander about the Patriots Pen Program and if there was anything special we should consider this year. Commander Tripp stated if we get our entries to them in time, whether by mail or e-mail, is fine.
- Commander Matlock stated no new members were signed up at Old Home Days.
- George Robinson stated there is a Boy Scout from Troop 12 who is making a container that used flags can be placed in at the Transfer Station in Hollis. George stated he does not know when the project will be completed.

Old Business:

- Hollis Old Home Days: Commander Matlock stated no new members were signed up at Old Home Days.

- Replacement Flags for the Town of Hollis telephone poles: Jim Bélanger stated he spoke to the Hollis Selectmen about how the flags on the telephone poles during the Memorial Day and 4th of July time period came about. He then told them the VFW Post is willing to donate \$400 to buy replacement flags for the ones no longer serviceable, if the Town of Hollis would also expend \$400 as a matching cost. The Selectmen voted to appropriate \$400 to match the VFW Post donation. The Hollis Fire Chief will figure out how many flags are needs and let the Post and the Selectmen know. Greg d'Arbonne made a motion that the Post spend \$400 from the Relief Fund for the purchase of replacement flags for the Town of Hollis to be used on the telephone poles during patriotic holiday seasons; seconded by Bruce Moran and unanimously approved. Jim stated he will get the information about how many flags and their cost at the next meeting.
- George Robinson stated there is a Boy Scout from Troop 12 who is making a container that used flags can be placed in at the Transfer Station in Hollis. George stated he does not know when the project will be completed.

General Orders: Commander Matlock stated the General Orders will be emailed out. Greg d'Arbonne stated he will put the link to the New Hampshire VFW website, where the General Orders are as well, in the next newsletter. *Here is the link:* <http://vfwnh.org/di/vfw/v2/default.asp?pid=45373>

The prayer was said for the National Home.

New Business:

- Membership for Bill Carnes: Jim Bélanger made a motion that the Post pay for Bill Carnes annual dues for this year as he is in an assisted living home and suffering from dementia, and that the Post reimburse Chris Lussier in the amount of \$31.50 for him to accomplish this via his personal credit card; seconded by Greg d'Arbonne and unanimously approved.
- Hollis Apple Fest, 7 October: Commander Matlock asked that anyone who attends, please wear your VFW hat so we can advertise that we are in the community and attract any new members.

- Speaker for the Veterans Day program at the High School: Commander Matlock stated he spoke to Post member, Dr. Jim Kelly, and Jim has accepted the invitation to be the Speaker. The event is at 10 AM on the 8th of November.
- Renewal of Post Website: Greg d'Arbonne made a motion that the Post reimburse Jim Bélanger \$90 for the renewal of the Post website; seconded by Bruce Moran and unanimously approved.

For the Good of the Order:

- The following events were mentioned to the members:
 - Military Appreciation Day at Apple Hill Farm in Concord, September 23, 2018.
 - Veterans Count "SOS Gala Dinner", 3 November in Nashua
 - The Marine Corps Birthday Luncheon, 12 November
 - Veteran Appreciation Day at UNH Football Game, 10 November
- Join the Cooties: Commander Matlock encourages members to join the Cooties. To be a member, you must have held or currently hold an elected officer position within the VFW.
- Everyone who participated in the funeral for Vahrij Manoukian commented that the Post gave great support and the family was very grateful to the Post.
- Chris Lussier stated ne marched in the Milford Labor Day Parade. He said there was only one

member of the Milford VFW Post in the Parade, their Quartermaster.

- George Robinson stated he and Post member Mark Tigert raised the American flag on Mount Osceola with Boy Scout Troop 12 in remembrance of all those lost on 9/11 2001.
- Chris Lussier stated he thinks it would be great for the Post to hold another social as we did last month and is willing to have it at his house.

Comments by the District Commander, Richard Tripp:

- The Post had its annual inspection prior to the meeting. All was well.
- There is a program called "Trees For Troops" that is trying to get Christmas Trees to the Troops. Cost is \$23 per tree.
- The next Honor Flight out of Manchester will be 23 September. Please come to the airport to greet these Veterans when they arrive at the airport and when they return that evening.
- When the Post makes its Annual Donations, please indicate the amount in each category.
- The next District Meeting is 4 November, at the Hudson Post.
- Please keep looking for new members so our VFW will be viable, vibrant and relevant.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM. The next meeting is Sunday, 21 October 2018 at 2PM at the Hollis Town Hall.

News For & From Members

Flag Retirement Ceremony, 27 October

The Brookline American Legion Post will hold a Flag Retirement Ceremony on 27 October at 11 AM at the American Legion Post in Brookline. The Brookline Lions Club will be providing refreshments after the ceremony. If you have any flags that need to be retired, please bring them to the Post on that day. The Post will also have another "Coffee and Tea with a Vet" that morning, before the ceremony.

Veterans Day Activities

Although October just arrived, before we know it November will be here and with that month comes one of our busiest times; Veterans Day. So far, here is what the schedule looks like:

- 27 October, 11 AM, Flag Retirement Ceremony at the Brookline American Legion Hall: The Brookline American Legion will conduct its annual Flag Retirement Ceremony on 27 October. It is requested that Post members come to the Post at 10 Am to setup for the ceremony, which begins at 11 AM. Dress warmly and prepared to get smoke on your clothes as we retire the worn flags. If you or your neighbors have worn and unserviceable flags that need to be properly disposed of, please bring them to the

ceremony. The Post will also have another “Coffee and Tea with a Vet” that morning, before the ceremony.

- 8 November:
 - 8 to 9 AM, Hollis-Brookline Middle School ceremony.
 - 10 to 11 AM, High School Veterans Day ceremony.
- 9 November:
 - 1:30 to 2:30 PM, Hollis Primary Elementary School Veterans Day Ceremony.
- 10 November, 8 AM to 4 PM: Poppy Distribution at the Hollis Transfer Station (please consider volunteering for a one-hour block of time to help out)
- 11 November, **1 PM**: Veterans Day Ceremony at the Hollis Congregational Church. Please arrive at the church by 12:45 to assemble before going in. Please note that it is in the afternoon.

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

VFW to Launch New Logo on November 6



From the National VFW Headquarters: We’re pleased to officially announce the VFW will launch a new look on November 6!

The new look will be spearheaded by the deployment of a new, modern and simplified VFW logo designed to better convey who we are as an organization, and allow us to stand out in an increasingly competitive media market. In short, this new logo will strengthen the VFW brand, reaffirming our position as America’s greatest veterans service organization and allow us to better connect with new audiences. See the historical evolution of the VFW logo.

For clarification, the Cross of Malta will always remain the official seal of the VFW. We are not leaving the Cross behind, but rather elevating the importance of the Cross by limiting its usage to instances in which it can be fully reproduced, and instances which require formal representation of our brand. The Cross represents the highest ideals of the organization and should be afforded a degree of reverence when it is displayed.

In an effort to make this transition as seamless as possible for you to implement, we have taken great care to develop:

1. A download package which includes all approved versions of the VFW logo in various file formats.
2. A comprehensive style guide detailing proper logo usage. (Attached.) Please review the style guide

completely and thoroughly.

3. A custom logo for each Department and Post using a standardized format. Please adopt and utilize these logos to identify your Department or Post as appropriate.

We understand many of you have expended resources over the years to obtain merchandise and material displaying the current VFW logo. We are sensitive to this, and therefore, it is acceptable should you choose to exhaust your current inventory of VFW-branded print materials and continue to use VFW-branded merchandise until it is time to reorder or until the year January 1, 2021.

Please note:

1. All future orders of VFW-branded collateral will display the new logo. The VFW Store will begin expanding merchandise offerings which display the new logo while limiting options displaying the Cross of Malta, however, all offerings in this year's Store catalog which display the Cross will be honored.

2. For those of you using the Website Solution Program platform, the logo update will occur automatically on November 6.

Exciting times are ahead for our great organization, and we truly appreciate your every effort to implement the new logo on, but not before November 6.

Please feel free to direct any questions to communications@vfw.org.

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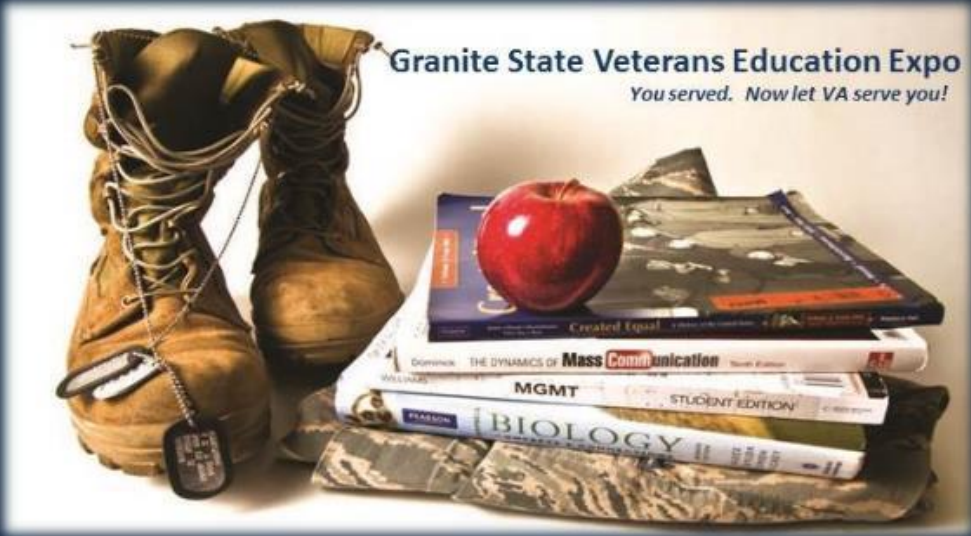


For more information, click here: <http://vetscount.org/nh/events/nashua-sos-gala/>

NHTI Veterans Remembrance Ceremony, November 6th, 12 to 1 PM

NHTI invites you to their Veterans Remembrance Ceremony, Tuesday, November 6th from 12:00pm to 1:00pm, with a luncheon to follow. NHTI is located at 31 College Drive in Concord. They will also host a Veterans Fair from 10:00am - 3:00pm that day.

If you have any questions, please contact Liz Pontacoloni, Asst Registrar and Veterans Club Advisor, at epontacoloni@ccsnh.edu or 603-230-4000 Ext. 4279. The NHTI Veterans Club is a supporter of Honor and Remember and contributor to the Gold Star Family Luncheon and has sponsored Honor and Remember personalized flags over the past many years. It has always been important to them to honor our fallen heroes.



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For event information contact Manchester VA Medical Center's Office of Public Affairs at Kristin.Pressly@va.gov or (603) 624-4366 x 6779

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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

Hitch-hiker

I picked up a hitch-hiker the other day. He seemed like one of those millennials.

After a few miles he asked me if I wasn't afraid that he might be a serial killer?

I told him that the odds of two serial killers being in the same car was extremely unlikely.

He got out.

Our Post Does Work Hard...Really, We Do

Just to show you that we are not always serious and can have fun, here is a shot of our Post Commander and other Post members hard at work at the recent Old Home Days event.



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