



Hollis VFW

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Serving Hollis and Brookline

September 2020

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: 20 September, 7 PM, at the Brookline American Legion Hall 38 Main Street, Brookline, NH.

August Meeting Minutes

Meeting Open Time: 7:00 PM at Chris Lussier's house, 34 Love Lane, Hollis. 4 members and 2 guests present. There were too few members to have a quorum so nothing could be voted on.

Membership Applications: Potential member Michael Werner was in attendance.

Minutes: A motion was made to forgo the Minutes since there was not a quorum.

Quartermaster's Report: The Quartermaster's Report was read. There were no deposits to the account and expenditures for the month were to the Department of NH VFW for the Post Quartermaster Bonding in the amount of \$90. A vote on the Quartermasters report could not be made.

Correspondence: Nothing received.

Comrade in Distress: Nothing to report.

Committee Reports: Nothing to report.

Old Business: Nothing to report.

New Business: Nothing to report.

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: Nothing to report.

The meeting was adjourned so everyone could socialize and enjoy the evening. The meeting adjourned at 7:15 PM. The next meeting is Sunday, 20 September at the Brookline American Legion Hall in Brookline, NH.

News For & From Members

Calendar of Events

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

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:

- 11 Nov: Veterans Day Ceremony, 11 AM, Hollis Congregational Church
- 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

March:

- 21 Mar: Hollis VFW Monthly Meeting, 2 PM, Hollis Town Hall
- 25 Mar: 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 Flu Shot Information



- Ask for the flu shot when attending an appointment in Primary Care, Specialty Care, Urgent Care, or the Community Based Outpatient Clinics
- Walk into your local CVS pharmacy, show your Veterans Identification Card, and receive the standard dose or high-dose flu shot at no charge
- Manchester VA Medical Center Drive Through Flu Clinics: Location: 718 Smyth Rd., Manchester, NH, behind the medical center, follow signs.



Drive Through Clinics:

- September 17, 8am – 4pm
- September 22, 8am - 4pm
- September 29, 8am - 4pm
- October 6, 8am - 4pm
- October 13, 8am - 4pm
- October 20, 8am - 4pm

***Flu Clinic offers quadrivalent, standard dose flu shots only. For high dose flu shots please call your PACT team.**

*Please note the Flu Clinics will NOT be open prior to 8AM.

*Please wear a mask or face covering.

Free Picnic for NH Veterans and Their Families!

When: Saturday September 19th from 11 AM to 4 PM

Where: Hudson VFW Post 5791, 15 Bockes Rd, Hudson, NH

Hudson VFW Post 5791 is hosting our fourth Annual Veterans Appreciation barbecue for *ALL* NH veterans and their families.

Open to anyone who has served in any branch of the US military. You don't have to be a member of the VFW, American Legion or any other organization to attend.

Bring your spouses, kids, and grandkids. We have a large fenced-in picnic area (weather permitting) and a huge hall if the weather is bad.

Plenty of room for proper social distancing. Masks encouraged but not required.

- FREE hamburgers, hot dogs, soda and all the fixings
- Games and activities for kids
- Corn hole and horseshoe tournaments
- Come meet your fellow veterans
- Representatives of VSOs will be there
- Lots of free door prizes!

CAMP RESILIENCE RIDE

TO BENEFIT VETERANS AND FIRST RESPONDERS
SEPTEMBER 13TH, 2020



RIDER REGISTRATION:
9:00AM
KICKSTANDS UP AT 10:30AM

JOIN US AT 1:30PM FOR A
BBQ, RAFFLES AND LIVE
MUSIC

BROKEN SPOKE SALOON
1072 WATSON ROAD,
LACONIA, NH

LED BY COMBAT WARRIORS
MC, BIG LAKE CREW

\$25 FOR RIDERS | \$15 FOR PASSENGERS | LUNCH INCLUDED
\$10 LUNCH FOR NON RIDERS

TO REGISTER OR FOR MORE INFORMATION
WWW.CAMP-RESILIENCE.ORG/RIDE

Thank you to our supporters!



Arlington National Cemetery Planned Changes

The Army released planned changes for in-ground burial at Arlington National Cemetery (ANC). These changes are posted on the Arlington National Cemetery website and are intended to keep the nation's premier military cemetery active for many years into the future. AUSA encourages our membership who have interest or plans for in-ground burial at ANC to review the changes. If you have concerns about the changes, or wish to make a suggestion, there will be an opportunity for public comment that is planned in upcoming weeks. Mark Haaland and Troy Welch are monitoring for updates from ANC on the public comment period; we will inform AUSA membership with updates as we get them. If you have questions, please contact Mark at mhaaland@ausa.org and Troy at twelch@ausa.org.

Honor Flight New England (HFNE) Letters

From Madeline Dreusicke of the VFW Auxiliary. We are creating gift boxes to send them with their HFNE jackets, hats, HFNE teddy bear, cute ticket "Redeemable at a later date" and some other trinkets to help cheer them up. However, the most important thing we need are cards and letters. That is where I need our members to help by stepping up to the plate and getting members, families and friends to write little notes and cards like the example on this flyer. I will make any arrangements to gather completed cards/letters before the September 1st deadline.

Thank you one and all for bringing a little LOVE & Thinking of You Support to the hearts of these heroes. We have about 75 Veterans on this list, so we need a lot of cards and letters for their packages. Please help by writing cards and letters for them. Get started today, the clock is ticking.



Dear Veteran,
We are so sorry to hear that your Honor Flight has been postponed. We hope this package reminds you of how special you are to us and how thankful we are for your service to our GREAT NATION!
Forever Grateful Americans,
Abby, Maddy, and Sarah Karlon



We are in a race against time to say "Thank You!"
Honor Flight New England's flying season has been postponed indefinitely, but their list of veterans waiting to take their Honor Flight remains.
HFNE will be sending a special care package to each of the American heroes waiting patiently for their scheduled trips to Washington, D.C. that have all been postponed because of COVID. These gift boxes have one mission: to make sure these veterans know they are not forgotten and are foremost in our hearts.
We are looking for letters (from children or adults) to include in these packages. Can you please help?
To arrange for pick-up or drop-off of your letters, contact Madeline Dreusicke at 603-508-0843 or madelinelavfw@aol.com. I will need your beautiful letters by September 1 to be included in the "HFNE Thinking of You" packages. Thank you for caring!

Madeline



An Ask for Your Assistance! Virtual Town Hall Recorded - and Key Information!

Dear Veterans, the team and I at VA Manchester Healthcare System hope this note finds you well and we want you to know we miss you here at the medical center. Our work continues to be aimed at engaging every New Hampshire Veteran, sharing important information and delivering high quality safe care. We are thinking of you with every action we take.

There were 250 attendees at yesterday's virtual Veteran Town Hall. The platform we used allowed for all enrolled Veterans and the community to participate. Those who were able to attend shared the information was valuable.

Although the event information was shared early and widely, we understand personal and professional obligations may have made it difficult for you to attend. For those of you who were unable to attend, please watch the recording here http://site-584856.bcvp0rtal.com/detail/video/6180904302001/va-manchester-veteran-town-hall-august-13?autoStart=true&fbclid=IwAR3mvZ1qxPH9ZXIHsEwJi3DyBUaHIRfTcQYRSMGd6ix4gAchuyAbI_lquYY. What is important to take away is we are open; care is available and being delivered albeit differently than pre-COVID-19.

At your VA, our objective continues to be to connect you and support your access to care that best meets your unique needs. If you are having challenges connecting with us for any reason, let us know. Secure message us using My HealthVet or call at 800-892-8384 x 3199. During the Town Hall, we sent out flashes of key information to make note of:

- ER Notifications must take place within 72 hours. Anyone can notify VA call 1-844-724-7842. Add this contact to your phone and share with your loved ones asking them to do the same!
- Call before you come to the medical center and confirm your appointment will be face to face: 800-892-8384 x 3199. We have been having challenges on our end with technology and apologize to all who may have been inconvenienced.
- Help for Homeless Veterans Hotline at 1-877-424-3838.

A few things to ask of you:

- Please share the information in this email among your Veterans groups and personal connections.
- Take your cellular phone out now, add this contact: Veterans Crisis Line 1-800-273-8255 and Press 1. You never know when you'll need it, but you will have it when you do.
- Wear a mask.
- If you feel sick call your provider for guidance; and
- Sign up for Secure Messaging to simplify contacting your healthcare team.

Keep well and be safe! With respect and appreciation,

Kevin M. Forrest, FACHE, Medical Center Director, Manchester VA Medical Center

New ID Cards for Military Families and Retirees

Wednesday, August 26, 2020 - The military is getting rid of the paper-based ID cards issued to retirees and family members for a new, more secure card, under a change already underway on some installations. The Next Generation Uniformed Services Identification Card will incorporate an updated design and security features to deter counterfeiting and fraud, DoD said in its announcement. The card will be printed on plastic cardstock and will look and feel more like the Common Access Cards issued to active-duty service members and DoD civilian employees. Read more here: <https://www.ausa.org/news/new-id-cards-coming-military-retirees-families>

VIRTUAL BENEFITS FAIR

FEDERAL BENEFITS OPEN SEASON
NOVEMBER 9-DECEMBER 14, 2020



Greetings:

This fall, we are again hosting our annual Virtual Benefits Fair, which will be available throughout the 2020 Federal Benefits Open Season. The Virtual Benefits Fair is an online health fair that houses 2021 plan information in a single online location, enabling federal employees to browse exhibits, view and download plan brochures, and connect with program representatives via chat. Last year, more than 20,000 people visited the fair.

Participants in this year's event include many Federal Employees Dental and Vision Insurance Program (FEDVIP) carriers, more than 20 Federal Employees Health Benefits (FEHB) Program carriers, and representatives for both the Federal Long Term Care Insurance Program (FLTCIP) and the Federal Flexible Spending Account Program (FSAFEDS).

There will be four live chat dates: November 13, November 20, December 2, and December 9.

Because you are included in our registry of human resources and/or benefits contacts, you will receive a notice when we open registration in September. This notice will include a registration link that can be shared with employees. As we get closer to open season, we will also be able to provide you with flyers and other promotional media.

I am happy to answer any questions you have about the event.

Thank you. We will be in touch!

Sincerely,

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Long Term Care Partners, LLC, changed its doing business as (DBA) name from LTC Partners to FedPoint™ as of June 15, 2020. This change will have no impact to your employee communications at this time. However, you will continue to receive email from my new @fedpointusa.com address.



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The Federal Long Term Care Insurance Program is sponsored by the U.S. Office of Personnel Management, insured by John Hancock Life & Health Insurance Company, under a group long term care insurance policy, and administered by Long Term Care Partners, LLC.

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

Rioting has spread to Sun City

The rioting in major cities across the U.S. has spread to Sun City, a retirement community in Maricopa Co, AZ. Looters from Sun City have broken into the CVS store, just outside of Sun City, that sell items like laxatives, vitamins, adult diapers, hearing aids, reading glasses, energy drinks and surgical stockings.

The thugs were easily caught and arrested since they were using their walkers and golf carts to flee.

The protests have been limited to the evening hours because most of the lawbreakers either had doctor's appointments during the day or rioting would have interfered with their naps.

The marches didn't last that long because many of the demonstrators had to get home to pee. In many cases, the demonstrators simply forgot why they were even there. Officials considered a curfew starting at 9 p.m. but since that's the time when most of the residents go to bed anyway, it was decided that it wasn't needed.

Community leaders concluded that part of the problem was that residents were restless because they had too much time on their hands since the recreation centers, pools, theaters, boutique stores and especially the bars were closed due to the coronavirus.

Community officials wanted to form a committee to look further into the problem, but the next day no one could remember why they needed a committee.

Thinking On His Feet

Although fighting the enemy is considered normal, the Army frowns upon fighting among the troops. So much so that after one too many battles royal, my uncle was ordered to undergo a psychiatric evaluation in which he had to endure some odd questions. "If you saw a submarine in the Sahara, what would you do?" "Well, I'd throw snowballs at it." he answered. "Where'd you get the snowballs?" the doctor asked. "Same place you got the submarine." -Hannah Etchison.

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