



# Hollis VFW

## September 2023 Newsletter

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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=blA2NlZNMFo5cFhwVHlKUKVWtXMXZz09>; 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: 17 September***

***Upcoming Events:***

***Hollis Old Home Days = 9 September***

***Constitution Week Proclamation from the Hollis  
Constitution Week Proclamation = September 11, 6:30  
pm, Town Hall Community Room***

### **August Meeting Minutes**

Meeting Open Time: 7:06 PM at the Brookline American Legion Hall and via Zoom. 7 members present.

**Membership:** Nothing to report.

The meeting was suspended to drape the Charter in honor of Post Member David Munroe who died recently. The meeting resumed after the draping ceremony.

**Minutes:** A motion was made by Bruce Moran to dispense with the verbal reading of the Minutes from the July meeting as they were

published in the newsletter; seconded by Bob Smith and unanimously approved.

**Quartermaster's Report:** The Quartermaster's Report was read. The Post received \$10.50 from memberships and \$.85 in bank interest, for a total of \$11.35. There were the following disbursements: \$75 to reimburse Chris Lussier for expenses he paid for the Post; \$90 for District dues; \$140 for the Quartermaster Bonding; \$800 for VFW donations; \$25 for Old Home Days registration; and \$250 for insurance for the Post; for a total of \$1,380. Greg d'Arbonne made a motion that the

Quartermaster's report be accepted as read, pending audit; seconded by Bruce Moran and unanimously approved. Chris Lussier stated he will investigate the ability to have an automatic withdrawal to take care of annual bills such as the insurance for the Post.

**Correspondence:** Nothing received.

**Comrade in Distress:**

- Andy Seremeth reported that one of his daughters has been diagnosed with stage 4 uterus cancer. He asks that we keep her and the family in your prayers.
- Greg d'Arbonne stated his father will be moving to a New York State Veterans Home near their house, and his dementia is getting worse.

**Committee Reports:** Patriots Pen and Voice of Democracy (PP and VOD): George Robinson stated he will contact the schools to get these started.

**Old Business:**

- Old Home Days (OHD), 9 September:
  - Chris Lussier and Greg d'Arbonne will set up the Post booth at 0800 on 9 September.
  - The Post will participate in the Opening Parade with Chris Lussier's two Jeeps. George Robinson will have the Boy Scout Troop 21 provide the Color Guard to lead the parade, and the Jeeps will follow them. Form-up for the parade is 0930.
- Veterans Day Activities:
  - The Middle School and High School will have ceremonies on the morning of 9 November.
  - With Veterans Day on Saturday, 11 November, distribution of Poppies will be the Saturday prior.
  - The Post will host the Veterans Day Ceremony on 11 November at 1100. Greg d'Arbonne will be the MC.

- Chris Lussier will contact the Hollis Community Church and ask if we can use their facility for the event.
- The Post still needs to do an After-Action Review with Al Fulchino about the Memorial Day ceremony.

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:**

- Post Bylaws: Proposed Bylaws were sent to the membership for review. Feedback unanimously approved the proposed Bylaws. Greg d'Arbonne made a motion that the Post approve the proposed Bylaws; seconded by George Robinson and unanimously approved. The Bylaws were approved and will be forwarded to District, State and national for review and approval.
- Greg d'Arbonne spoke about the Brookline Monument and showed the members a sample of what the bricks for deceased Post members would look like. The members approved of the design.
- Chris Lussier stated the Post will be receiving more funds from the casino nights. He stated we need to look at where we want to make donations and suggested we donate to local charities related to Veteran causes such as "Operation Delta Dog" and others.

**For the Good of the Order:**

- Chris Lussier and Bob Smith attended an event at the Tilton Veterans Home where they displayed one of Chris's Jeeps.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM. The next meeting is 7 PM, Sunday, 17 September at the Brookline American Legion Hall, Brookline, NH and by Zoom.

## **News For & From Members**

### **Hollis Old Home Days, 9 September**

The Hollis Old Home Days will be this coming weekend, 8 and 9 September. Our VFW Post will have a table at the event on 9 September. If you are coming to Old Home Days, please stop by to say hello. If you have time, please stay a while to help recruit new members and tell the community about our Post and what we do for the community and Veterans.

### **Constitution Week Proclamation, Hollis Board of Selectmen, September 11 at 6:30 PM**

The Anna Keyes Powers (AKP) Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) is receiving the Constitution Week Proclamation from the Hollis Board of Selectmen September 11 at 6:30 pm in the Town Hall Community Room. The Hollis VFW is invited to attend. This event is scheduled to be first on the agenda. VFW members are invited to Freddi Olson's Tavern on 28 Main Street after the ceremony to enjoy refreshments, conversation and see the wonderful things Freddi has done to recreate this first 1806 Hollis Tavern. She has recreated the tavern, gentlemen's meeting room, new store area, lady's parlor and reconstructed the original "cage" bar. If you attend the ceremony, the uniform is VFW hat, tie, jacket, and gray pants.

### **Calendar of Events**

Added/Changed events are highlighted in yellow.

#### September

- 8 - 9 September: Hollis Old Home Days
- 11 September: Constitution Week Proclamation from the Hollis Board of Selectmen
- 17 September: Hollis VFW Monthly Meeting, 7 PM, Brookline Legion Hall.
- 28 September: Brookline American Legion Monthly Meeting

#### October

- 15 October: Hollis VFW Monthly Meeting, 7 PM, Brookline Legion Hall.
- 26 October: Brookline American Legion Monthly Meeting

#### November

- 9 November: Veteran Day Assemblies at the schools. More details next month.
- 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.
- 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.

### **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>.

### **Operation Care for Troops Update**

I am writing to you as Operation Care for Troops (OCT) is preparing for the August Care Package shipment to deployed troops. In August OCT expects to send care packages to 650 to 700 deployed troops. Of those, 294 are deployed NHNG Troops in the middle east and 215 deployed elsewhere. In September OCT will support Harbor Cares "Veterans' Stand Down" with requested items as well as 75 product bags geared to homeless & in-transition Veterans in NH.

Further, OCT is responding to many special requests from units. Recently, a special request from the NH National Guard with care packages filled with Hydration Drink Mix, protein bars and protein snacks.

For Operation Care for Troops to continue, we are in need of funds for shipping care packages (\$21.20 per box) and funds to purchase products. Donations can be mailed to: Operation Care for Troops, PO Box 1604, Nashua, NH 03061

OCT accepts PayPal. Link is:

[https://www.paypal.com/donate?token=7iMiYvxaE4Ypm3nb6AAFr6TTzDbNyI5LC0aSjM0miFZNsieo5F8e5qVrtnz\\_eboTvXaz0x2O3gVJw\\_CN](https://www.paypal.com/donate?token=7iMiYvxaE4Ypm3nb6AAFr6TTzDbNyI5LC0aSjM0miFZNsieo5F8e5qVrtnz_eboTvXaz0x2O3gVJw_CN)

Below is a recent thank you from NHNG from OCT's April packing. More thank you's and packing events can be viewed on our FB page: <https://www.facebook.com/OCTNH>

Please contact me with any questions. Thank you for your continued support of OCT and our troops, Deborah Luszey, Operation Care for Troops, 603-321-5541

*Thank you email from NH National Guard from OCT's April packing.*

Good morning from Kuwait! We have all received your care packages! We all can't thank you enough for what your team has done. It is an exceptional feeling receiving mail when you're not expecting it!! On top of opening packages to see all the items and treats it was humbling to see the photos of those doing the labor-intensive work of packaging them all!!!!

It was a massive morale boost and was nice to see the SMs go through the packages to see what was inside. 3-197th FAR truly appreciates the time you have given us!



### **Free Picnic for NH Veterans and Their Families!**

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

**When: Saturday September 16<sup>th</sup> from 11 AM to 3 PM**

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

**Open to anyone who has served in any branch of the U.S. military. Active Duty, Reserve, National Guard, Retired, and widows or widowers. You don't have to be a member of the VFW, American Legion or any other veterans' organization to attend.**

**Bring your spouse, kids, and grandkids.**

- **FREE hamburgers, hot dogs, soda and all the fixings**
- **All Veterans who attend will be entered into a drawing for Gift Cards!**
- **Cornhole, horseshoes, bocce**
- **Games and activities for kids**
- **Come meet your fellow veterans**
- **Representatives of VSOs will be there**





Join Us

## WOMEN VETERANS' TOWN HALL & HEALTH FAIR

Saturday - September 9, 2023  
10:00 a.m. to Noon

Manchester VA Medical Center  
Mountain Waiting Room  
718 Smyth Road  
Manchester, N.H. 03104  
Please use the Mountain Entrance



Join our Medical Center Director, Chief of Staff, Women Veterans Program Manager, and facility leadership to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of VA Women's Health Care. We want to answer your questions and listen to your feedback.

Learn more about the programs and services available to you at our Health Fair immediately following the Town Hall. Meet our staff and engage with health care team members invested in your world-class care at the Manchester VA.

RSVP not required. Questions? Contact Tanya Pinter at (603) 624-4366 ext. 2498

VA



U.S. Department  
of Veterans Affairs



Cathedral  
of the Pines

# Join Us! Sept. 10th

1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

\$20. Adults  
\$15. Veterans &  
Children under 12 yrs.



**To Register:**     [www.cathedralofthepines.org/public-events/](http://www.cathedralofthepines.org/public-events/)

**A major event to mark the 70th Anniversary of the signing of the Armistice to end the Korean Conflict.**

- Unveiling & Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the Captain Thomas Hudner exhibit in our small, but "mighty" museum!
- The son of Captain Hudner will speak about highlights of his father's Congressional Medal of Honor winning service.
- A showing of the movie, "Devotion", based on Captain Hudner's courageous heroics during the Battle of the Chosin Reservoir.
- Popcorn, Candy, & Drinks will be available during the movie!



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(603) 899-3300

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[www.cathedralofthepines.org](http://www.cathedralofthepines.org)





*Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States  
Department of New Hampshire  
invites you to its*

***POW/MIA Recognition Day***



*Saturday, September 23, 2023 ■ 11:00 a.m.  
New Hampshire Veterans Cemetery at Boscaawen*





**PARKS & REC.**

# **WHEELS & WINGS**

Saturday, September 23rd

10am-2pm

Nashua Airport

[www.nashuanh.gov](http://www.nashuanh.gov)





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# VETERAN APPRECIATION MONTH



## VALID ID INCLUDES:

DD214, RETIRED MILITARY  
OR ACTIVE DUTY CARD,  
DRIVER'S LICENSE WITH  
VETERAN SYMBOL, OR VA  
HEALTHCARE CARD

# CHESHIRE COUNTY VETERANS

WITH VALID  
IDENTIFICATION

# RECEIVE \$20!

EVERY WEEKEND  
IN SEPTEMBER AT  
A PARTICIPATING  
MARKET

GILBO AVE IN KEENE

**SATURDAYS**  
9AM-1PM



KEENE  
FARMERS'  
MARKET

MAIN ST IN HINSDALE

**SATURDAYS**  
9AM-1PM



MAIN ST IN WINCHESTER

**SATURDAYS**  
9AM-1PM



MAIN ST IN JAFFREY

**FRIDAYS**  
3PM-6PM



CHOOSE ONE MARKET  
EACH WEEKEND

VISIT YOUR LOCAL MARKET OR EXPLORE  
A DIFFERENT ONE EACH TIME!

- VOUCHERS AVAILABLE WHILE SUPPLIES LAST
- LIMIT 1 MARKET PER WEEKEND

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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*

# **GREEN**

## **THE ONLY COLOUR THAT MATTERED**

*Speech by Robert (Bob) Elworthy AM  
Vietnam Veterans Day Commemoration 2023*

**Before we went to Vietnam** there was division within the nation about why we were there.

**While we were there** there was division within the nation about our on going involvement and national service.

**On our return** there was division within the nation as to how we should be treated.

There were tribes for and against the war, for and against us.

There was no division within our Vietnam war forces, despite our land force being as diverse as it comes, there were no tribes.

We were made up of first nation members, others born here, others born in at least 37 other countries in such far away places as Russia, Poland, South America, The Falkland Islands to name a few, and even two born in German concentration camps. Links to their homelands ran deep, for some English was their second language.

Our soldiers were from all walks of life. Off the land, city slickers, skilled and unskilled, tradies and professionals, early school leavers, highly educated, wise in the ways of the world and the naïve.

They followed different religious beliefs and had different political leanings, differing skin colours, and different accents, some had strange-sounding names that reflected their heritage. They were either conscripted and went happily or begrudgingly to do their duty, or they were professional soldiers wedded to the military. Some were very young, some older.

But it mattered not to all of them, the only thing that mattered was the green of their uniform, worn by all from the private soldier to the generals. In Vietnam we were one tribe. One tribe in purpose, one tribe depending on each other, a one nation tribe, and all of one colour, green.

50 years on, we remain undivided, still drawn together not by race, or heritage but by the green of our uniforms and our shared war experiences.

Vietnam veterans, drawn together by our service in green, the only colour that mattered then, and the only colour that matters now.

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