



Kilduff-Wirtanen American Legion Post 74

For God and Country

• 38 Main Street, Brookline, NH 03033•

June 2025 Newsletter

Kilduff-Wirtanen American Legion Post 74, Brookline, NH meets the 4th Thursday of the month* at 38 Main Street Brookline. Meetings begin at 1900 hours (7PM). *Nov and Dec meeting held 3rd Thursday.

You can attend via Zoom: <https://us05web.zoom.us/j/6205759325?pwd=a1g1aVdna0djMjRFYThlQUlVb1grdz09>

Meeting ID = 6205759325; Passcode: ht3w6Z or,

One tap mobile = (646) 558-8656; Meeting ID = 6205759325#

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

Visit our Facebook Page at: Kilduff-Wirtanen American Legion Post #74 Brookline, NH

Next Meeting:

26 Jun at 7:00 PM

May Meeting Minutes

The Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Post 1st Vice-Commander Pat Moquin. 12 members were present, in person or by Zoom, and no guests.

Colors advanced, prayers offered, POW/MIA empty chair recognized, Pledge of Allegiance and Preamble recited.

Minutes: Bruce Moran moved to dispense with the verbal reading of the Minutes since they were published in the newsletter and sent to all the members. Arlene d'Arbonne seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

Treasurers Report: Arlene d'Arbonne presented the Treasurer's Report. The General Fund. Expenses reported: \$32.05 to Eversource; \$31.50 dues paid to State; and \$392.50 to Wilson Technologies for electrical repair; totaling \$446.05. Deposits reported: \$380.34 for VFW half of heating oil bill. The Monument Fund. Expenses include: None. Deposits included: None. Chris Lussier moved that the Treasurer's Report be accepted, pending audit, seconded by Bruce Moran, and unanimously approved.

Membership: All the membership pending updates were completed in the Legion website. Five members have 2025 membership fees due.

Kerry Spangler will send an email to each member to notify them of the dues required. Please pay dues as soon as possible. Current membership is 61 members (55 Active/5 Expired/1 Pending). Please note, if the three-year option is selected, the member will receive their membership card for one year but the membership system shows the three-year enrollment. Applications for joining are in envelopes for each of the transfer stations poppy sales.

Sick Call and Employment:

- Bob Glover is doing better!
- Bruce Moran is having a squama cell carcinoma removed 20 June.
- Pat Moquin had a basal cell carcinoma removed; waiting for results.
- Tony Fowler has delayed his 3rd back surgery for the time being doing special stretching.
- John Weidman getting treatment for Stage 2 cancer.

Old Business:

- Monument: Greg d'Arbonne reported that Hudson Monuments is finished engraving the 87 bricks. Greg d'Arbonne and Bill Graham are picking up the bricks. Earth's Echo, LLC is installing them in early June. Remaining obligations – pay for engraving (\$2365.00), pay for bricks, pay for landscaper. Greg d'Arbonne made a motion that we pay Design-a-Brick the \$2365.00 when he picks

them up, seconded by Bruce Moran and unanimously approved. (Open)

- Gutters on the Post Building: Greg d'Arbonne contacted Earth's Echo, LLC for an estimate for installing two dry wells at the back of the property to drain the water away from the building versus installation of gutters. The estimate totaled \$8150.00 for building a comprehensive drainage solution, adding a retaining wall, site grading, and equipment rental. Dean McCollum suggested we investigate using sandbags to stop the water from getting into the building basement through the door at the rear. Greg d'Arbonne made the motion to purchase sandbags not to exceed \$150.00, fill them with sand, and install them in September to see if it is a viable solution before making a major investment in a drainage solution, seconded by Bruce Moran and John Weidman and unanimously approved. Sandbags cost estimate is 25 for \$12.59. (Open)
- Bruce Moran Memorial Bridge: Remaining work includes rails around the porch and steps down to the yard on the sides. Planned completion for 3 May 2025 was delayed due to rainy weather to 7 Jun. (Editor's Note: Delayed again due to inclement weather, Date to be determined.) (Open)
- Flag Retirement – We have received a large number of flags for retirement. We are having a Flag Retirement 21 Jun 2025 at 10:00 am. It is on Scout's Calendar. We need to post a notification on Facebook. Sand needs to be put in the bottom of the pit to keep the nylon from sticking to the bottom. Book for conducting the ceremony is in the Commanders desk. (Open)
- Charitable Gaming – The paperwork was submitted and rejected due to the Post being dropped off of the NH Secretary of State's organization list. Secretary of State sent out the forms to get us back on their roster. (Open)
- Tony Fowler, as the guest speaker for the Memorial Day events plans focusing on duty, honor, and country and the evolution throughout the years in wars and conflicts including personnel serving in tasks not

directly involved in combat. Typing up final draft for Hollis and using other inputs for the Brookline Ceremony. (Open)

- Greg d'Arbonne is framing four print copies of the paintings by Jim Laurier who has many military-based paintings. Plans on working them after the US Army 250th Birthday event. (Open)
- Scouts Spaghetti Dinner scheduled for 31 May. Greg d'Arbonne attended the planning meeting. Need volunteers to help work (clean, cook and prep) the event. A link was sent to allow signup to volunteer. We will be selling tickets at the Poppy Drives at the transfer stations. Prep starts at 2:00 and cleanup ends at 8:30. (Open)
- Pat Moquin found the owner of the strip mall and called to try to get it set up. Lynn Gibbons has an email address for the owner and will send an email. Tony Mayfield knows the owner and will contact them. No update from Tony Mayfield. (Open)
- Memorial Day event – Greg d'Arbonne ordered wreaths and is bringing the lectern, Chris Lussier is bringing the rifles, Reverend Merrill will be providing the invocation and benediction. Upstairs at the Town Hall are reserved in case of bad weather. Town band will play the National Anthem and other music. Brookline ceremony starts at 9:30 am on 26 May. Bruce Moran made a motion to set up a Battlefield Cross for the Brookline Ceremony, seconded by Greg d'Arbonne and unanimously approved. The Scouts will help with replacing the flags at the cemeteries on 24 May with Greg d'Arbonne's guidance. (Open)
- Brookline Transfer Station Poppy Sales and Membership Drive schedule 24 May 2025: (Will finalize schedule at 22 May meeting)
 - 0800-1000 – Pat Moquin, Kerry Spangler
 - 1000-1200 – Greg and Arlene d'Arbonne
 - 1200-1400 – Kerry Spangler Jim Pope
 - 1400-1600 – Kerry Spangler and Pat Moquin will help tear down and close up

Correspondence: The Post received an estimate for drainage at the rear of the Legion Hall.

New Business:

- Nothing noted.

For the Good of The Post:

- Secretary of Defense announced that the Jump Pay is going to \$300 per month and another \$300 for Jump Masters.
- Installation of the officers was conducted by Former Post Commander Greg d'Arbonne.
 - Commander – Will Collard
 - 1st Vice Commander – Pat Moquin

- 2nd Vice Commander – Chris Lussier
- Finance Officer – Arlene d'Arbonne
- Chaplain – Bruce Moran
- Historian – Arlene d'Arbonne
- Service Officer – Bruce Moran
- Sgt at Arms – Jim Pope
- Adjutant – Kerry Spangler

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:59 PM. The next meeting is 26 June 2025.

News For & From Members**Calendar of Events**

Added/Changed events are highlighted in yellow.

May 2025

- 31 May – Scout's spaghetti supper

Jun 2025

- 7 June – Rescheduled Day of Service event: Bruce Moran porch safety rails and steps (Postponed from 3 May due to weather)
- 14 June – US Army birthday celebration at Foxboro Stadium.
- 21 June – Flag retirement ceremony. 10:00 am American Legion Hall.
- 22 June – Hollis VFW Monthly Meeting, 7:00 PM, Brookline Legion Hall.
- 26 June – Brookline American Legion Monthly Meeting, 7:00 PM, Brookline Legion Hall.

Jul 2025

- 4 July - Brookline 4th of July Parade. 9:30 line-up – 10:00 step off.
- 20 July: Hollis VFW Monthly Meeting, 7:00 PM, Brookline Legion Hall.
- 24 July: Brookline American Legion Monthly Meeting 7:00 PM, Brookline Legion Hall.

Aug 2025

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

Please Make Sure You Renew Your Membership 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). There is also now a 3-year option. You can renew at a meeting, or you can renew online (My Legion.org), 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>.

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. – Kerry M. Spangler

Reach out to your Veteran friends and let them know what we are all about at American Legion Brookline Post 74.

Each Wednesday at the Marketplace Diner in Hollis, 0800, Veterans breakfast. Come one, come all. Good food, good service, great atmosphere to share with fellow veterans.

Invite other veterans to our meetings so they can see what we are all about.

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