



# Kilduff-Wirtanen American Legion Post 74

*For God and Country*

• 38 Main Street, Brookline, NH 03033•

## June 2026 Newsletter

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

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

Meeting ID = 6205759325; Passcode: ht3w6Z or,

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## Next Meeting:

**25 June at 7:00 PM**

### 28 May Meeting Minutes

The Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Commander Will Collard. 15 members were present, in person or by Zoom, and 8 guests: District 2 Senior Vice-Commander Ed Trevor Duval and the AP Civics Class "We the People" competition team (5), Julian Dufresne from Brookline Police Department.

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

Greg d'Arbonne made a motion to suspend the meeting for a briefing by Brookline PD about the status of the investigation of the break-in of the building, seconded by Chris Lussier and unanimously approved.

Jullian Dufresne briefed that three minors were responsible for breaking into the building. Two of the minors broke into the building the second time. We can seek restitution for the damages.

Greg d'Arbonne made a motion to continue the suspension so that the AP Civics Class could discuss and demonstrate their activities at the competition as well as the installation of officers, seconded by Pat Moquin and unanimously approved.

The AP Civics team thanked the post for the donation to cover the travel expenses that

allowed them to focus on the competition versus the raising of funds to attend the competition. They presented their case concerning the electoral college. The case was well presented, and the students were well prepared and knowledgeable of the subject and the Constitution.

District 2 Senior Vice-Commander Ed Laford performed the installation of officers.

Commander - Will Collard;  
Sr Vice Commander - Pat Moquin;  
Jr Vice Commander - Chris Lussier;  
Treasurer - Arlene d'Arbonne;  
Adjutant - Kerry Spangler;  
Chaplin - Bruce Moran;  
Sgt at Arms - Jim Pope;  
Judge Advocate - Pat Moquin  
Service Officer - Bruce Moran

Greg made a motion to resume the meeting business, seconded by Chris Lussier and unanimously approved.

**Minutes:** Chris Lussier moved to dispense with the verbal reading of the Minutes since they were published in the newsletter sent to all the members and that we will be covering all items from the minutes during the meeting. Greg d'Arbonne seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

**Treasurers Report:** Arlene d'Arbonne presented the Treasurer's Report. The General Fund Deposits reported: \$1262.17 from poppy drive at the Brookline Transfer Station and the Brookline liquor store plaza; totaling \$1262.17.

Expenses reported: \$28.65 to Eversource; totaling \$28.65. The Monument Fund Expenses included: None. Deposits included: None. Bruce Moran moved that the Treasurer's Report be accepted, pending audit, seconded by Greg d'Arbonne, and unanimously approved.

**Membership:** 3 members have 2026 membership fees due, and 35 members have 2027 membership fees due. Current membership is 56 members (53 Active/8 PUFL; 35 expiring in 2026, 10 with 2027 dues or later; 3 due for 2026 Expired; 0 Pending). Reminder that the increase in membership fees to \$40.00 occurs 1 July 2026. Please note: Only the members can renew for 3 years online. If renewing by mail, only submit the renewal for 1 year. If the three-year option is selected, the members will receive their membership card for one year, but the membership system shows the three-year enrollment. Notices should be arriving for 2027 membership renewal.

**Sick Call and Employment:**

- John Weidman is back at work at the mountain.
- Harold Ryder has dementia. Keep Harold in your prayers.
- Bob Glover – Great to see him!
- Bobbie Canada's funeral and celebration of life occurred on 2 May. Honors were provided by the USAF and the Hollis VFW/Brookline American Legion.
- Bill Graham is doing well 5 years after his aortic section.
- Kerry Spangler will follow up with Jeff Smith to see how he is doing.

**Old Business:**

- Monument: Remaining obligations – identify American Legion past deceased members to add to the walkway. Kerry Spangler is working on the list and has about 167 area veteran names. So far, only 12 have been confirmed to have been Brookline American Legion Members. We need to check to see who of the 12 already have bricks at the monument. (OPEN)
- Gutters and Sandbags for the Post Building: May want to consider a way to deflect water from the outhouse roof away from the building.

- Greg d'Arbonne made a motion to spend up to \$150.00 to purchase materials to install gutters on the outhouse section of the building, seconded by Bruce Moran and unanimously approved. Gutters will need to be purchased and installed. (CLOSED)
- The Scouts Troop 260 filled 20 sandbags with sand for placement around the rear basement door. Sandbags are in place and we will assess from there. The sandbags seem to be effective so far this winter. (CLOSED)
- Charitable Gaming – The paperwork was submitted and accepted adding the Post to the NH Secretary of State's charitable organization list. We will now wait to see if we can get into one of the casinos schedules. (OPEN)
- Bill Graham mentioned that we may want to improve the storage conditions in the basement. We need to look at getting shelves or storage lockers for storing items. Greg d'Arbonne made a motion that we investigate storage possibilities in preparation for the spring cleaning of the basement in March 2026. Bruce Moran seconded the motion and was unanimously approved. We will work with the Scouts to coordinate the spring cleaning. After assessing the storage requirements with the Scouts, it was determined that the Scouts will use the existing tables with the legs shortened to place their equipment in the boiler room and the sump pump room. The VFW and American Legion equipment will require two storage shelves units to hold the stored items and retiring flags. The cleanup will occur on the day of the Flag Retirement Ceremony, 13 June, since all the participants will already be there. Pat Moquin will bring sand and kindling. Two shelf units were purchased by Kerry Spangler for \$139.96 for use for storage. The Air Conditioning compressor unit needs to be disposed of and may cost \$20.00 because of potential freon. (OPEN).
- Oratorical Contest – We need to investigate participating with the schools for this contest. Since the District and Department only needs names for participants early and the competition at District is in January; Department is in March, we may be able to get them involved. Monetary awards are available

- at each level. Department is working with the Governor to make this part of the Civics curriculum in the schools. Greg d'Arbonne has the email information for the new HBHS principal. We will work toward implementing next school year. Contest starts in September with submitting names of those wishing to participate, but actual writeups are due in December. Department will post new instructions for 2026 (OPEN)
- Since National dues are increasing by \$5.00 to \$36.50, we need to increase our annual dues to at least cover the National cost. Greg d'Arbonne made a motion to increase the annual dues to \$40.00 effective 1 July 2026. The motion was seconded by Bruce Moran and was unanimously approved. Folks who have used the 3-year option will not be required to pay the difference. Kerry Spangler will notify the Department via Post Data Report for the increase. Post data report sent 20 Dec 2025. Because there was no reply, the report was resent to District for input 22 January. It was again submitted 1 May. (OPEN)
  - Kerry Spangler made a motion to pay the annual membership dues for 3 years for Sister Zore at a cost of \$105.00 instead of paying them yearly. Greg d'Arbonne seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. One year updated, will need to add the remaining two years. (OPEN)
  - Memorial Day –
    - Tony Mayfield set up the poppy sales at the liquor store plaza. Day was a success.
      - 8:00 - 12:00 – Tony Mayfield/Pat Moquin
      - 12:00 - 2:00 – Chris Lussier/Will Collard
    - Cemetery Flags were replaced Saturday 23 May.
    - Poppy Sales – Brookline Transfer Station 23 May
      - 8:00-10:00 – Bob Glover/Pat Moquin, Dean McCallaum
      - 10:00-12:00 – Arlene d'Arbonne/Greg d'Arbonne
      - 12:00 - 2:00 – Kerry Spangler/Pat Moquin, Tom Fencil
      - 2:00 - 4:00 – Pat Moquin, Kerry Spangler, Tony Mayfield
  - Brookline Ceremony started at 9:30 am, Event was a success even with the rain. (CLOSEDN)
  - If we set up a Venmo account, it needs to be done with a charitable profile versus business profile done through PayPal and linked to the Venmo account. PayPal needs the Federal ID to proceed. Arlene d'Arbonne will provide the number to Will Collard. (OPEN)
  - Post reports and forms (CLOSED).
    - Consolidated Post Report Form - It is for a 12 Month period. Submit to National and Dept by mid-April. Submitted 18 April
    - Post Officers Report - a. Verifies Officers are members. Signed by District Commander at Installation.
    - Annual Post Data Report - Documents the Posts Address, Contact info and dues. Submit NLT 15 April to Department.
    - Post/Squadron Commander & Adjutant Form - Documents Post & Squadron Commander and Adjutant info. Submit after installation.
    - Department Convention Delegate and Alternate Form - Submit after Post determines delegates.
    - Boy/Girl Scout Report (If applicable) - Submit by 15 April to Department, presented 26 Mar, sent to Department 18 April.
    - Cub Scout Report(If applicable) - Submit by 15 April to Department
    - Memorial Service Form (Deceased Members) - Submit prior to Dept. Convention Sent 18 April 2026
    - Direct Renewal Notice. Informs National to mail renewal notices to members. Submit to Department in March. Triggered by Annual Post Data Report.
    - NH BTLA Form A9. Documents properties exempt from tax (If applicable) - Submit to Town Clerk NLT 15 April. ((Submitted 9 Feb 2026)
    - NH BTLA Form A12. Submit form with a copy of IRS form 990 (If applicable) Submit to Town Clerk NLY 1 June. (Submitted 9 Feb 2026)
    - Federal Tax Form 990 was filed on line 7 Feb 2026.

- Delegates to the convention occurring in Nashua, 28-30 May.
  - Will Collard and Kerry Spangler were nominated and elected as delegates.
  - Kerry Spangler will deliver the form and \$20.00 payment to the Department.
  - America's 250th Birthday events are being planned in both Hollis and Brookline. The parades begin at the same time.
  - Unsure about the Hollis Parade.
  - Brookline Parade – be at post by 9:30 am . Parade step off at 10:00
  - Arlene d'Arbonne researched and found that only National can input multiple year memberships into the system. We are recommending that members wanting to use the 3-year option do the action themselves since we have no means to make the inputs. Those who have sent funds for the 3-year option should contact Arlene for further information. (OPEN)
  - The Post building basement was broken into through the rear door and discovered on 12 April. Greg d'Arbonne repaired the door and the following day, 13 April, it was broken into through the rear door again. The second time, the Scout candles were burned and melted all over the floor and the intruder also defecated and urinated on the floor. Brookline Police Department was contacted both times. The door was once again repaired, and the mess was cleaned by Arlene d'Arbonne. (CLOSED)
  - The Post needs to look at getting an intrusion detection system with local alarm for deterring breaking. Will Collard said he will donate a Ring Camera System but that we will need to investigate internet access to support it. It has a local alarm siren , keypad, 3 door sensors,
- motion sensor, but no cameras. T-Mobile seems to be the best Wi-Fi option. We may want to look at floodlight/cameras for the front. (OPEN)
- Greg d'Arbonne made a motion to conduct the Flag Retirement Ceremony on 13 Jun at 10:00, seconded by Bruce Moran and unanimously approved. (OPEN)
  - Greg d'Arbonne made a motion to spend up to \$300 for storage shelves seconded by Bruce Moran and unanimously approved. Kerry Spangler will purchase the shelves. Actual cost was \$139.96. (OPEN)
- Correspondence:**
- Electric bill from Eversource.
  - Department of NH – Bronze Star for 100% membership for 2025 and membership and 25-year pins brought by the Sr Vice-Commander.
  - Email from Wayne Perra for the Convention agenda
- New Business:**
- Will need to start planning for Veterans Day events and activities. (OPEN)
- For the Good of The Post:**
- Acknowledgement to Tony Mayfield for getting us the liquor store location for poppy drive. We are already set up for the upcoming Veterans Day.
  - .Post needs to look at developing a Post Everlasting book which many posts have, that possibly an Eagle Scout candidate could begin to assemble for our Post.
  - Conduct and document Buddy Checks to ensure our membership is doing okay.
- There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:22 PM. The next meeting is 25 June 2026.

# **News For & From Members**

## **Calendar of Events**

Added/Changed events are highlighted in yellow.

Jun 2026

- 5-7 June – Department of New Hampshire VFW Convention
- 6 June – D-Day
- 13 June – Flag Retirement and American Legion Hall Cleanup Day. 1000 am until done.
- 14 June – Flag Day
- 25 June – Brookline American Legion Monthly Meeting 7:00 PM, Brookline Legion Hall
- 28 June – Hollis VFW Monthly Meeting, 7:00 PM, Brookline Legion Hall

Jul 2026 –

- 4 July – Parades at Hollis and Brookline – 1000
- 12 July – 5 Vets singing at Swim with a Mission Gala.
- 19 July – Hollis VFW Monthly Meeting, 7:00 PM, Brookline Legion Hall
- 23 July – Brookline American Legion Monthly Meeting 7:00 PM, Brookline Legion Hall

Aug 2026

- 16 August – Hollis VFW Monthly Meeting, 7:00 PM, Brookline Legion Hall
- 27 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*

**Don't forget our Wednesday Morning Breakfasts at 8:00 at the Hollis Marketplace Diner. All Veterans are welcome.**

**Reach out to other members to encourage them to attend the meetings...the more the merrier and the more we can be aware of and accomplish with more participation.**

**Get any Brookline American Legion project pictures and articles to Jim Belanger for inclusion in the Brookline American Legion website and to Kerry Spangler for inclusion in the Monthly Newsletter.**

**Buddy Checks for our members need to be done more frequently.**

**Kerry Spangler  
Adjutant**

### **Post Officers**

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- Veteran Service Organizations
- Resume & Interview Support
- Networking Opportunities

**WEDNESDAY,  
JULY 15, 2026**

**11am - 1pm**

Edward Cross Training Complex  
722 Riverwood Drive  
Pembroke NH

If you need accommodations for this event please contact [jobfair@nhes.nh.gov](mailto:jobfair@nhes.nh.gov) or call 603-229-4355 by July 8, 2026

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To register and view more information please visit: <https://jobfairs.nh.gov>

Employers must register to attend this free event

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