



Kilduff-Wirtanen American Legion Post 74

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• 38 Main Street, Brookline, NH 03033-0761 •

May 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:

22 May at 7:00 PM

April Meeting Minutes

The Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Post Commander Will Collard. 16 members were present, in person or by Zoom, and one guest.

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. Tony Fowler seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

Treasurers Report: Arlene d'Arbonne presented the Treasurer's Report. Expenses reported: \$34.03 to Eversource; \$315.00 dues paid to State; and \$760.68 for heating oil; totaling \$1108.71. Deposits reported: \$70.00 dues for Bobby Canada and Bob Knudsen; \$24.50 reimbursement from State. 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 59 members (54 Active/5 Expired). 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.

Sick Call and Employment:

- Good to see Bob Glover!
- Pat Moquin had a cell carcinoma removed; waiting for results.
- Tony Fowler heading back to VA for MRI to determine if another back surgery is needed.

Old Business:

- Monument: Greg d'Arbonne reported that Hudson Monuments is working on engraving the 100 bricks (80). Remaining obligations – pay for engraving, pay for bricks, pay for landscaper. Waiting for update from Hudson Monuments.(Open)
- Gutters on the Post Building: Greg d'Arbonne contacted Earth 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. Waiting for official estimate. (Open)
- Kerry Spangler submitted Sister Zore's information and application for membership. (Editor's Note: a total \$31.50.) (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, weather dependent.(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. Details will be finalized at the May Meeting. Need to post a notification on Facebook.(Open)
- Charitable Gaming – The paperwork is completed and needs signatures and sending to required offices.(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.(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 will attend the planning meeting. Need volunteers to help work (clean, cook and prep) the event. A link was sent to allow signup to volunteer.(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. (Open)
- Memorial Day event – Greg d'Arbonne will draft and send a letter to send to Brookline town to solidify our participation in the Brookline Memorial Day Ceremony. Upstairs at the Town Hall are reserved in case of bad weather. He will get the same number of wreaths as last year. (Open)
- Bill Graham made a motion to suspend business for the purpose of voting for Post officers, seconded by Chris Lussier and unanimously approved.
- Jim Pope made a motion that the Commander post a single vote representing all present members for all the officers currently serving and are the only

candidates for each position seconded by Bruce Moran and unanimously approved. Commander Will Collard voted to keep all the current officers in their respective positions. Installation will occur at the next meeting.

Correspondence: The Post received a letter from the Hollis Brookline High School talking about the trip for their hearing competition. They received recognition for their exemplary performance. We received requests for donations from organizations outside our area. Chris Lussier made a motion that we focus our donations locally in support of our community, seconded by Arlene d'Arbonne and unanimously approved.

New Business:

- Bill Graham suggested we tear down the outhouse. Will Collard made a motion to wait to see what the landscaper says with regard to drainage, seconded by Chris Lussier, and unanimously approved.
- Brookline Transfer Station Poppy Sales and Membership Drive schedule 24 May 2025: (Will finalize schedule at 22 May meeting)
0800-1000 – Pat Moquin
1000-1200 – Greg and Arlene d'Arbonne
1200-1400 – Kerry Spangler
1400-1600 – Jim Pope Pat will help tear down and close up
- Lynn Giblin is planning the Dec 13 2025 Wreaths across America event for Brookline. She will be looking to set up donations for purchasing the wreaths. Any wreaths purchased through their website returns portions of the wreath purchase price that may be donated to appropriate organizations. Scouts will be assisting. She is also planning on setting up a table at the 4th of July event at the Ballfields.
- Bruce Moran solicited more volunteers for the Spaghetti Dinner. Kerry Spangler will resend the link for signup for volunteers. Lynn Giblin will sign Bruce up!

For the Good of The Post: Nothing Noted.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:58 PM. The next meeting is 22 May 2025, 7:00 PM.

News For & From Members

Calendar of Events

Added/Changed events are **highlighted in yellow**.

May 2025

- 18 May – Hollis VFW Monthly Meeting, 7:00 PM, Brookline Legion Hall.
- 22 May – Memorial Day Ceremony at Hollis Brookline Upper Elementary School
- 22 May – Brookline American Legion Monthly Meeting 7:00 PM, Brookline Legion Hall.
- 24 May – Poppy Drive and Membership Drive at the Brookline and Hollis Transfer Stations.
- 26 May – Memorial Day activities Brookline 9:00 at City Hall, Hollis – 5:00 pm at Memorial Square
- 31 May – Scout's spaghetti supper

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- 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.
- 15 June – Hollis VFW Monthly Meeting, 7:00 PM, Brookline Legion Hall.
- 21 June – Flag retirement ceremony. 10:00 am American Legion Hall.
- 26 June – Brookline American Legion Monthly Meeting, 7:00 PM, Brookline Legion Hall.

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- 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.

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 (<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>.

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.
Installation of Officers at the 22 May 2025 meeting.

Post Officers

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