



Kilduff-Wirtanen American Legion Post 74

For God and Country

• 38 Main Street, Brookline, NH 03033•

September 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:

25 September at 7:00 PM

August Meeting Minutes

The Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Post Commander Will Collard. 12 members were present, in person or by Zoom, and two guests.

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

The American Legion Post 74 Charter black cloth drape in memory of the passing of long-time member, Francis Lafreniere, was removed.

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. Dean McCollaum seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

Treasurers Report: Arlene d'Arbonne presented the Treasurer's Report. The General Fund. Expenses reported: \$22.81 to Eversource; \$63.00 to NH Department for Dues; \$484.93 to NH Department for flags, 1 grave marker and new POW/MIA Flag; totaling \$570.74. Deposits reported: \$35.00 for Alfred Courchane dues; \$35.00 for James Harrison dues; totaling \$70.00. The Monument Fund Expenses include: None. Deposits included: None. Bruce Moran moved that the Treasurer's Report be accepted, pending

audit, seconded by Pat Moquin, and unanimously approved.

Membership: Three members have 2025 membership fees due. 29 members have 2026 membership fees due. Kerry Spangler will notify each member of the dues required. Please pay dues as soon as possible. Current membership is 60 members (57 Active/3 Expired/0 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. The Post address on the National Website has been corrected, so that should reduce some of the problems with members' renewals by mail. Alfred Courchane has not received his 2026 membership card. Kerry Spangler will follow up on this.

Sick Call and Employment:

- John Weidman was injured working on a Milford POW monument.

Old Business:

- Monument: Greg d'Arbonne and Bill Graham picked up the bricks. Earth's Echo, LLC installed them June. Remaining obligations – identify American Legion past deceased members to add to the walkway. We have about 200 bricks in the basement. (OPEN)
- Gutters on the Post Building: Sandbags are in. 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. Greg d'Arbonne made a request to the Scouts to help fill the sandbags. Chris Lussier offered his trailer for transporting the bags. Gutters will need to be purchased and installed. (OPEN)

- Bruce Moran Memorial Bridge: Remaining work includes rails down the steps. (Editor's Note: Chris Lussier and Kerry Spangler will add the hand rails 29 August.) (OPEN)

- Charitable Gaming – The paperwork was submitted and accepted adding the Post to the 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)

- Greg d'Arbonne framed the four print copies of the paintings by Jim Laurier who has many military-based paintings. They look great! (CLOSED)

- POW/MIA flag is tattered. Greg d'Arbonne made a motion to purchase a replacement flag for up to \$100.00, seconded by Bruce Moran through the American Legion supply store. Arlene will place the order for it and a grave marker for Francis LaFreniere which was approved at a special meeting. Flag is on the pole. (CLOSED)

- All of the Veteran Monuments in Brookline have now been added to the online National Registry of Monuments. Legion.org/memorials to view. (CLOSED)

- Veterans Day ceremonies coming soon. Updates will be posted on the newsletter calendar as they are determined. (OPEN)

Correspondence:

Emails to Department Adjutant and a National work order to get the Post address corrected. Address on the National website has been corrected.

New Business:

- Greg d'Arbonne made a motion that we donate our poster board of pictures of the Brookline to the Brookline Historical Society Museum. Bruce Moran seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. Jim Pope can ensure the poster board is given to the society. (OPEN)

- Tony Mayfield needs a date and time for Poppy Sales at the plaza with the liquor store in Brookline to get us schedule for setting up. Greg d'Arbonne made a motion to order additional poppies for the drives, seconded by Pat Moquin and unanimously approved.(OPEN)

For the Good of The Post:

- Donations for the wreaths across America can be made to Lynn Giblin.

- Hollis Old Home Days is occurring 19-20 September. A membership drive is happening on 20 September with applications to join the American Legion.

- Rogene Porter's 100th birthday celebration in Milford went well. .

- Buddy Checks need to start up again to ensure our membership is doing okay.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:32 PM. The next meeting is 25 September 2025.

News For & From Members

Calendar of Events

Added/Changed events are highlighted in yellow.

Sep 2025

- 8 September – DAR receiving the CONSTITUTION WEEK Proclamation given by the Hollis Selectmen at 6:20 PM at the Town Hall.
- 11 September – Patriot Day / 9-11 Remembrance Ceremony. Thursday, September 11, 2025, at 11 a.m. Keynote Speaker: Dr. Donna Hastings, American Red Cross Volunteer
- 18 September – American Legion District 2 meeting, Milford Post at 7:00 PM.
- 20 September – Hollis Old Home Days including parade and Membership Drive.
- 21 September – Hollis VFW Monthly Meeting, 7:00 PM, Brookline Legion Hall.
- 25 September – Brookline American Legion Monthly Meeting 7:00 PM, Brookline Legion Hall.

Oct 2025

- 5 October - Operation Delta Dog Graduation
- 19 October – VFW District 6 meeting, 10:00 am, Pelham VFW.
- 19 October – Hollis VFW Monthly Meeting, 7:00 PM, Brookline Legion Hall.
- 23 October – Brookline American Legion Monthly Meeting 7:00 PM, Brookline Legion Hall.

Nov 2025

- 6 November – Veterans Day Events at HBMS & HBHS. Coffee and breakfast treats will be available starting around 7:45 a.m., and our assembly will begin approximately at 8:15 a.m. The high school plans for your arrival around 9:30 a.m.
- 10 November – Veterans Day Events at HPS - AM time to be finalized, and HUES - Pizza lunch at 1pm....program at 1:45pm.
- 11 November – Veterans Day
- 16 November – Hollis VFW Monthly Meeting, 7:00 PM, Brookline Legion Hall.
- 20 November – 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.

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

Get any Brookline American Legion project pictures and articles to Jim Belanger for inclusion in the Brookline American Legion website.

Buddy Checks for our members need to be done more timely.

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