

KILDUFF-WIRTANEN LEGION POST 74



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May 2018 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.

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

Next Meeting:

24 May at 7:00 PM

April Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by Commander Dave Larkin. 11 members present.

Colors advanced, prayers offered, POW/MIA empty chair recognized, and the Preamble recited.

Membership: Nothing to report.

Minutes: The Minutes of the March 2018 meeting were read. Bruce Moran made a motion that the Minutes be approved as read; seconded by Ruth Wrigley and unanimously approved.

Treasurers Report: The Treasurer's Report was read. The Post received \$52 for PUFL memberships and paid \$38.76 to Eversource for the electric bill; \$26.50 for dues; and \$14.98 for donuts for the "Coffee with a Vet" event. Bruce Moran made a motion the Treasurers report be accepted as read, pending audit; seconded by Bob Canada and unanimously approved. Bob Glover stated he ordered the flags for the graves using his personal credit card, so the Post will need to reimburse him. Greg d'Arbonne made a motion the Post reimburse Will Collard for the expenses related to the "Coffee with a Vet" he incurred, in the amount of \$95.56; seconded by Bob Glover and unanimously approved.

Old Business:

- Post Facebook Page and having pictures of children at events on the page: The members

discussed the issue of having pictures with children on the Post Facebook page and it was decided that there needs to be a formal release form to make sure the Post is covered. Ruth Wrigley suggested Greg d'Arbonne contact the State Adjutant to see if there is a form from the American Legion we can user.

- Water at the Legion Hall: Greg d'Arbonne reported Mike Chase had the pump repaired in time for the "Coffee with a Vet" event.
- Resurrecting the "Brookliner": Jim Pope stated they are talking to the Town Administrator and the Seniors Club about this idea. Harold Ryder volunteered to help if needed. It was also stated that the Hollis-Brookline Journal is no longer being delivered to homes but is published as a "Sunday Supplement" on Thursdays and is free for pickup at local establishments in Brookline and Hollis.
- The members who attended the "Coffee with a Vet" event all said it was a good event and should be done again. It was suggested we have a sign out front when we do so those who passersby can see it and maybe drop-in. They also thanked the Dougherty's for making the very delicious blueberry muffins.
- Post Elections: Dave Larkin stated he spoke to Will Collard a few times since the last month's meeting and they decided that Will should be named Commander and Dave will take the 1st Vice Commander position. The members discussed this issue. Bob Glover made a motion that the slate of Officers for the coming year be changed to reflect Will Collard as the Commander and Dave Larkin as 1st Vice Commander; seconded by Greg d'Arbonne and unanimously approved. Bruce Moran made a motion that the

Adjutant cast one vote for the slate of officers approved at last month's meeting, with the change of Will Collard and Dave Larkin as previously stated; seconded by Bob Glover and unanimously approved. Greg d'Arbonne cast a vote that all the names listed below be elected and serve in the positions indicated for the 2018-2019 American Legion year:

- Commander: Will Collard
- 1st Vice Commander: Dave Larkin
- 2nd Vice Commander: Harold Ryder
- Treasurer: Bob Glover
- Adjutant: Greg d'Arbonne
- Historian: Bill Graham
- Sergeant at Arms: Jim Pope
- Chaplain: Bruce Moran
- Service Officer: Bob Glover

Sick Call and Employment: Nothing to report.

New Business:

- Patrick Kennedy stated:
 - He is willing to pay for replacing the flags at the Main Cemetery, Town Hall and at the Post. He said he would like to make cases for flags that can be presented to ill members of the Post.
 - He is writing the Governor and the Senators to have a plaque made to present to Veterans while the Veteran is still alive to honor their service before they pass away rather than waiting until the veteran dies and giving it to their loved ones as he feels the veteran should enjoy the honor while they are still alive.
 - He offered to pay for the flags for the graves in the cemeteries and asked Bob Glover to let him know how much he spent on the flags.
 - He reminded everyone that he is still paying for the memberships of anyone who joins the Post until 1 July when the new year starts.
 - He asked Bob Glover to buy 3 burial flags, so he can take those and put them in cases, so the Post can present them to members of the Post who are not physically able to attend meetings anymore. Bruce Moran stated the Hospice House in Merrimack contacts us when a Veteran is there so a "Pinning Ceremony" can be done. Bruce and Dave Larkin have attended many of these Pinning Ceremonies. Patrick

stated the flag presentation would be just for our Post members. Greg d'Arbonne asked that Dave and Del Porter work with Patrick in determining who the members are that should get these flags.

- Spaghetti Dinner, 2 June: Greg d'Arbonne stated planning for this with the Boy Scouts is ongoing. The Legion members are asked to find sponsors and businesses willing to take ads on the placemats for the event. Greg also stated we need volunteers to do dishes that evening so there are enough plates to feed everyone. Greg will put details about the event in the newsletter.
- Bruce Moran made a motion that the Post spend \$37.95 to purchase a package, which contains two solar lights, that will be used to illuminate the Legion Hall sign when it is dark; seconded by Greg d'Arbonne and unanimously approved.
- Bob Glover stated he attended the District 2 Spring Conference and that Bob Ballantine is now the District 2 Commander. Bob also stated our Post Installation will be at our May meeting and Emil Oulette is running for State Commander.
- Memorial Day Activities:
 - 26 May, 9 to 11 AM = Replacing flags at the gravesites:
 - Greg d'Arbonne will ask the Boy Scouts for volunteers to help us with replacing the flags at the cemetery. Supervision of the Scouts is needed, and they should go with a Veteran to each grave to ensure things are done right.
 - The Post members who do this activity need to bring a cordless drill with a 3/8" drill bit to remove any old flags that get stuck in the holders.
 - 26 May, Poppies at the Transfer Station:
 - 8 to 11 AM = Bob Glover and Ruth Wrigley
 - 11 AM to 2 PM = Greg d'Arbonne and Dave Larkin
 - 2 to 4 PM = Jim Pope and Bob Canada
 - 28 May, Memorial Day Ceremony at Town Hall, 9:30 AM: Wreaths needed to be ordered; public announcements will be made on the Facebook page of the Post and Greg d'Arbonne will coordinate with Tad Putney to ensure the outside electric box is on and we

have access to the Town hall in case of inclement weather.

- 4th of July Parade, 10 AM: Jim Pope asked that we identify any Veterans that need a ride in the Parade. Greg d'Arbonne reminded Jim that the Brookline Band Director will need to ride so he can lead the band. Jim will work with the Lion's Club on this.

Correspondence: Nothing to report.

For the Good of The Post:

- Bruce Moran stated the Vietnam Moving Wall will be Souhegan High School from 19 through

23 July. Bruce said they need volunteers 24 hours a day to stand vigil during the time the Wall is there. If anyone is interested in volunteering, please see the notice in the Post May Newsletter for details.

- Greg d'Arbonne stated the Army Birthday Celebration will be in the Governor's Chambers at the State House on 14 June at 12 PM.

There being no further business, the closing prayer was said, and the colors retired. The meeting adjourned at 8:33 PM. The next meeting is 24 May at 7 PM.

News For & From Members

Happy Anniversary to Del and Rogene Porter – 73 Years!!

A big and heartfelt congratulations to Del and Rogene Porter on their recent celebration of their 73rd Wedding Anniversary!!! We all wish you many, many more!!

Installation of New Officers at the Next Meeting

Please try to attend our next meeting when we will install the new Officers for the next Legion Year.

Spaghetti Dinner Fund Raiser, 2 June

On 2 June, our Post and the Brookline Boy Scout Troop 260 is hosting a Spaghetti Supper to support the Troop and our American Legion Post. This event was a big fund raiser last year for both the Boy Scouts and our Post, so your support is needed again this year.

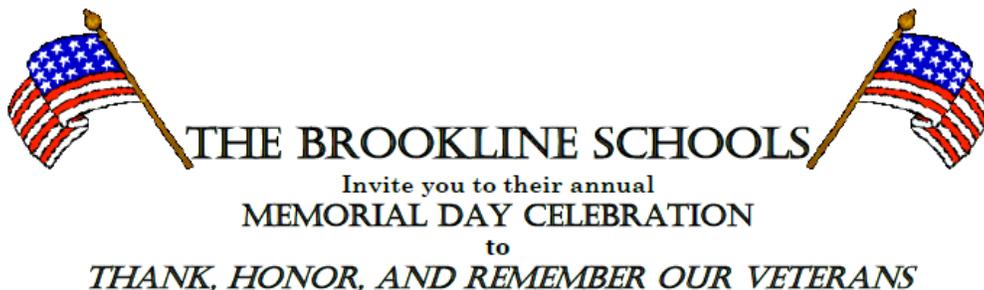
We need everyone's support to find sponsors for the event and get them to advertise on the event placemat (example below). Donations for ads to advertise on our event placemat are at two levels: \$20 for a 3.5 x 2-inch ad, and \$30 for a 5 X 3.5-inch ad. If you have a business or someone who wants to donate and advertise, please call (603) 321-2977 or email at troop260fundraiser@gmail.com. You can also contact Greg d'Arbonne, our Adjutant, whose contact information is at the end of the newsletter.

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Memorial Day Activities – 25 through 28 May

Memorial Day is 28 May. Highlights of our activities is listed here. Your participation is greatly appreciated. Please watch the local papers for times for other events at the schools and in the community.

- Friday, 25 May: 2:00 PM, Hollis Upper Elementary School.
- Friday, 25 May: 9 AM, Memorial Day Ceremony at Brookline CSDA School (flyer below).
- Saturday, 26 May:
 - Replacing flags at the gravesites, 9 to 11 AM: Post Members will meet at the South Cemetery (Main St; just down the street from the Legion Hall). Please bring a cordless drill with a 3/8” drill bit to remove any old flags that get stuck in the holders.
 - 8 AM to 4 PM = Poppy Distribution at the Brookline Transfer Station: We will pass out Poppies at the Transfer Station. An hour of your time is requested. Current schedule is as follows:
 - 8 to 11 AM = Bob Glover & Ruth Wrigley
 - 11 AM to 2 PM = Greg d’Arbonne & Dave Larkin
 - 2 PM to 4 PM = Jim Pope and Bob Canada
- Monday, 28 May, Memorial Day: Preferred dress for the ceremonies in Brookline and Hollis is blue blazer, blue or grey slacks, white shirt, cap, tie optional.
 - 9:30 AM, Brookline Town Hall = Brookline will hold their Memorial Day ceremony in front of the Brookline Town Hall. The public, especially Veterans, are invited to attend.
 - 5:00 PM, Hollis Town Common = Hollis will hold their Memorial Day ceremony at the Hollis Town Common. Those who are in town and will participate should plan on meeting on the Common by 5 PM. All Veterans are invited to attend.



**When: Friday May 25th, 2018
9:00 AM**

Where: Captain Samuel Douglass Academy

Veterans, active military personnel, and those who work in public safety, please sign in at the door!



Please Make Sure You Renew ASAP

If you are a member who pays 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.members.legion.org/CGI-BIN/lansaweb?webapp=MYLRENEW+webrtn=wr_memberdata+ml=LANSAXHTML+part=TAL+lang=ENG#legion-org-header), but please renew! Thanks!

News of Interest to Veterans

Report: NH in Top 10 for tick-borne illnesses

Small as the tip of a pencil, tick nymphs will emerge this week and they'll bring with them an unsavory mélange of diseases.

At just a millimeter long, young black-legged ticks are harder to spot than adults, making May one of the most dangerous times of year for tick-borne illnesses like Lyme disease, anaplasmosis, and babesiosis, afflictions that are only becoming more common, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Reported human cases of vector-borne diseases - those transmitted primarily by ticks and mosquitoes - more than tripled between 2004 and 2016, according to a CDC report released last week. New Hampshire had the sixth fewest cases of mosquito-borne disease, with 173 over the 12 years, but the tenth most instances of tick-borne illness, with 13,710 (Pennsylvania was first with 73,610).

Despite the steady increase, public health agencies and individuals still rely on many of the same techniques to ward off pests that they have for years. There are some promising, and potentially game-changing, advances on the horizon, though.

"The vaccine is obviously the showstopper," said Dr. Anthony Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, which is currently running a phase one clinical trial of AGS-v, an inoculation that could potentially be effective against multiple pathogens mosquitoes carry. The trial is scheduled to conclude this summer.

AGS-v and several other experimental vaccines under development take a different approach to vector-borne diseases than previous, unsuccessful attempts.

Rather than activating antibodies against a particular pathogen, such as Lyme disease, they turn the body's immune system against the saliva of ticks and mosquitoes. If successful, one shot could protect against all the viruses and bacteria one pest carries, rather than picking them off one at a time and at a greater cost of development.

There are currently no human vaccines for many of the most troublesome vector-borne diseases. Previous attempts, such as a Lyme disease vaccine sold by drug company SmithKline Beecham in the 1990s, have proved either unsafe or ineffective. Development has been further stalled because vector-borne disease vaccines are not seen as the most profitable of potential products.

That's been one of the challenges for Thomas Mather, an entomologist and tick expert with the University of Rhode Island, who has been working on a tick saliva vaccine for several years. It showed promise when tested in mice, he said, but has a long way to go to market.

"We haven't been able to get too much farther," Mather said. "We've been searching for the right protein in the saliva and for money."

But "I'm very bullish about this," he added. "I think it's an area that's worth investment in."

In the meantime, much of the effort to prevent the spread of vector-borne diseases is focused on education, particularly in schools, and controlling the carriers.

The increase noted by the CDC has several causes. Changing climates mean that pests can flourish in places they previously couldn't, and a more connected world means that it's harder to prevent diseases like West Nile and Chikungunya - neither of which existed in the U.S. 20 years ago - from spreading globally.

In New Hampshire, the problems have been exacerbated by the evolving way residents interact with the land. People used to hunt more deer and clear-cut more land for farms, reducing their chances of encountering an infected tick, state public health veterinarian Dr. Abigail Mathewson said.

The state doesn't fund or organize mosquito control and only 34 municipalities have taken it upon themselves to engage in coordinated mosquito control efforts, she said. Tick control is even less thorough.

"We receive no funding at all from the state of New Hampshire to do anything regarding tick-borne disease or mosquito-borne disease prevention or surveillance," Mathewson said, adding "For tick surveillance and control, that really is on an individual basis as far as we've been able to determine. I haven't heard of any municipalities that go out and do coordinated tick control."

There are chemical and biological sprays that can kill ticks and mosquitoes, and tools like mouse boxes and deer bait stations, which attract the animals into an area where they rub up against pesticides that kill any ticks on their body, but they come with challenges.

Sprays may have to be applied multiple times a year to account for different disease life cycles, and pesticide stations can only affect a portion of the tick-bearing animal population.

The cutting edge of vector control is genetic modification.

The British company Oxitec has released mosquitoes with altered genes that make them infertile, significantly reducing overall populations. The FDA has cleared the way for initial testing in Florida. Closer to home, MIT researcher Kevin Esvelt has proposed releasing tens of thousands of mice modified to be immune to Lyme disease on Nantucket.

Those propositions have met resistance from residents and officials concerned about unintended consequences, or the sudden appearance of a lot of mice.

"When we talk about the genetic options, those raise red flags in the minds of many regulators and residents," said Alan Eaton, an entomologist who recently retired from the University of New Hampshire. "As a result, they're moving very slowly."

The silver lining to the steady increase in reported vector-borne disease cases may be that companies, seeing a potential profit, are more inclined to develop high-tech solutions like vaccines and genetic modification.

In the meantime, those on the front lines of pest control still emphasize the basics: Remove standing water, landscape your lawn to reduce tick habitats, wear clothing that covers your skin, and check yourself for ticks.

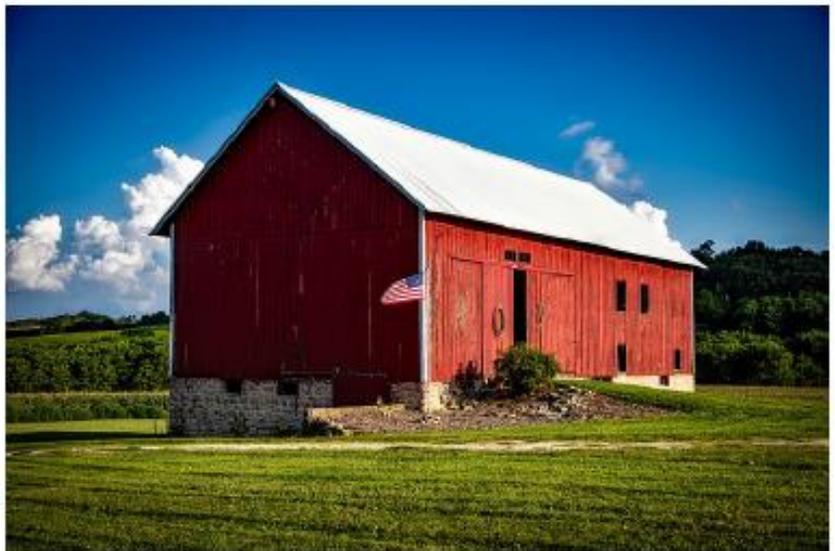
"What Does Democracy Look Like?" A Veteran Reading & Exhibit, May 23rd at the Currier Museum

The Currier is coordinating with the NH Humanities Council on a program that will feature the work of veterans who participated in the "To Tell What They Can't Say" March workshop led by Pulitzer Prize-winning war correspondent David Wood and international photo journalist Andrea Bruce. Follow the link below for more information and to reserve a ticket. <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/what-does-democracy-look-like-a-veteran-reading-exhibit-tickets-44795927826>

Memorial Day – 3 Centuries of Celebrating Veterans

Saturday May 19th 2018 10am-3pm

The NH Farm Museum will be depicting life on the farm at the end of the Revolution, and during the Civil War and World War II, with costumed interpreters guiding tours and answering questions about those periods. Demonstrations of period activities and cooking and examples of common foods of the eras along with displays and memorabilia will transport the visitor through 3 centuries of honoring and celebrating our Veterans.



Guided house tours at 10:30, 11:30, 1:00 and 2:00, with outdoor activities ongoing.

Free museum admission for Active Duty Military and their families every day.

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Points To Ponder

The views expressed in the following article were 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

Military Humor

- A retired First Sergeant saw a very tired Soldier resting after a hard foot march. The 1SG said "When I was of your age, I thought nothing of a 10-mile hike." "Well, I don't think much of it either," replied the Soldier.
- My High School assignment was to ask a Veteran about World War 2. Since my grandfather had served in the Philippines during the war, I chose him. After a few basic questions, I very gingerly asked, "Did you ever kill anyone?" Grandpa got quiet. Then, in a soft voice, he said, "Probably; I was the cook."

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