



Kilduff-Wirtanen Legion Post 74

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For God and Country

February 2016 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 meeting held 3rd Thursday.**

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

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Next Meeting:

25 February at 7:00 PM

January Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:09 PM by Commander Dave Larkin. 10 Members and one guest, Dan Marcek of VetFlix, present.

Colors advanced, prayer offered, POW/MIA empty chair recognized, prayers offered for those lost and unaccounted for and the Preamble recited.

The meeting was suspended so Dan Marcek could address the members about VetFlix. Dan spoke to the members about engaging the Brookline community and bringing them in to discuss Veteran issues and hear about the Veterans and their experiences. Greg d'Arbonne will advertise in the newsletter about VetFlix.

The meeting was reconvened.

MEMBERSHIP: Nothing to report.

MINUTES: Minutes of the December 2015 meeting were read. Bruce Moran made a motion that the Minutes be approved as read; seconded by Bob Canada and unanimously approved.

TREASURERS REPORT: The Treasurer's Report for January 2016 was read. Three people paid their dues (new price); electric bill was paid; Department

of NH dues were paid and the Post received 3 donations in memory of George Farwell from citizens of Brookline. Bruce Moran made a motion that the Treasurer's Reports for January be approved as read; seconded by Rudy Gaydos and unanimously approved.

SICK CALL AND EMPLOYMENT:

- Nothing to report.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Bob Glover said he will order the grave markers that were voted on last month.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Dave Larkin said the Post received a letter from an insurance company but the Post does not need their plan.
- Greg d'Arbonne read the thank you notes from Charlotte Farwell and the Brookline Fire Department.
- Bob Glover asked if anyone was going to attend the Winter Conference. The Commander authorized Bob to pick up the packet for the Post. Bob needs access to the State website to check membership and dues paying.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Del Porter said George Farwell was a 70-year member of the Post and had worked countless projects for the Post. He was also a supporter of the Historical Society and the Barn. Del made a motion that the Post donate \$250 to the Historical Society building fund in the memory of George

Farwell; seconded by Bob Canada. Jim Pope made a recommendation that we also include a plaque or something that has George's name on it so there is a lasting physical memory of George and the donation. Jim mentioned that there was talk of a brick pathway where names of donations in memory of could be done. Jim Pope made a motion that the Post engrave a brick with some mention of George Farwell's service to the Legion Post for 70 years and that the Post offer the bricks to the Historical Society; Bruce Moran seconded the motion. Bob Glover mentioned there should be a brick for Phil Winter. Jim Pope

recommended we look at who we also want to have names included. Bill Graham said that we should table this motion until we hear if the Historical Society will have a brick sidewalk with bricks with names on it; seconded by Greg d'Arbonne. The motion was tabled.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE POST:

- Nothing to report.

There being no further business, the closing prayer was said and the colors retired. The meeting adjourned at 8:08 PM. The next meeting is 25 February at 7 PM.

News For & From Members

VFW Potluck on 20 March at 2 PM

The Hollis VFW Post has invited the members of the Brookline American Legion Post to the VFW Potluck. This will be held at the Hollis Lawrence Barn Community Center at 2 PM Sunday 20 March. Everyone should bring their own drinks as well. The VFW Post will buy paper products and utensils. Assume the Barn has nothing and you will be in good shape. Every couple should bring a dish of their choice that will feed their family and a couple of more people so we can all share a little. This is for your entire family so bring spouses and kids. Also, please feel free to invite friends of and/or any veteran you happen to know to join us at the potluck. Who knows; we might get a new member.

Veterans at the Middle School – 24 March

The Middle School will once again host Veterans at the Middle School to talk to the 8th Graders before they go on their trip to Washington, DC. If you have previously attended this event, you will probably receive a notice in the mail but here are details as we know them currently.

- They start at 9:00 AM with a Light Continental Breakfast. It usually ends about 1:30 PM.
- There are two sessions which will include 4 to 5 groups and each veteran will be assigned to a teacher for two blocks. Each group will have approximately twenty-five students, depending on the number of veterans, and your time with them will be approximately 70 minutes. We hope you will be able to stay for both sessions.
- If there is a delay of school because of the weather, the event will be the following day.
- Please be prepared to give a brief overview of who you are and where you served. Any memorabilia you have is of particular interest to the students. We encourage you to bring items of interest to share with the students. They have prepared questions and are being encouraged to ask additional questions in response to your overview. The students also like to hear a variety of our veterans' experiences so it's necessary for us to know which campaign(s) you served.
- Lunch is provided. If you have any special dietary needs, please let the school know prior to the event.
- Sadly, due to safety concerns, please RSVP to the school so they know you will be attending.

Passing of Dr. Vahrij Manoukian's Mother

It is with sadness that we report the passing of Dr. Vahrij Manoukian's mother on the 2nd of February. Vahrij is a big supporter of our Post and the members express their condolences to him and his family for the death of his mother.

News of Interest to Veterans

Fundraising in New Hampshire

This was received from The Adjutant General for the State of New Hampshire:

The New Hampshire attorney general and I want remind you to do your homework before you donate to charities that claim to help veterans. Rule of thumb when giving: at least 75-80 percent of your donations should go toward the program.

Wounded Warrior Project Controversy Grows: <http://www.nytimes.com/2016/01/28/us/wounded-warrior-project-spends-lavishly-on-itself-ex-employees-say.html?action=click&pgtype=Homepage®ion=CColumn&module=MostViewed&version=Full&src=mv&WT.nav=MostViewed&r=0> and <http://boston.cbslocal.com/2016/01/27/cbs-wounded-warrior-project-lavish-spending/>

Maj. Gen. Bill Reddel, The Adjutant General, New Hampshire.

One of the folks who received the General's e-mail sent the following:

Hello, General Reddel and Friends, I recommend Charity Navigator as an excellent, independent resource to evaluate charities. Their home page currently highlights veteran charities: <http://www.charitynavigator.org/>

All the best, Pat

American Pride Night Hockey Game

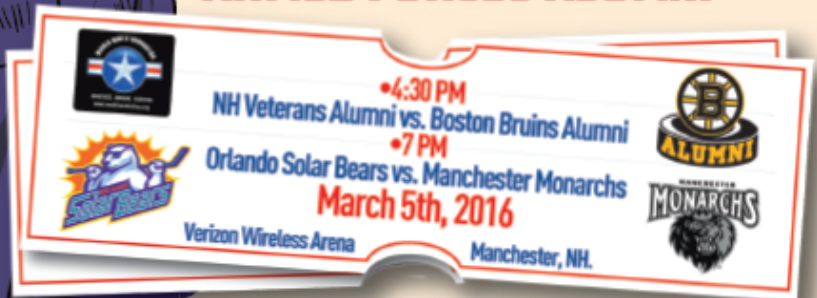
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Salute to Veterans Open House

Thursday, February 18
Manchester VA Medical Center
Solarium, Building 15 Basement
718 Smyth Road, Manchester, NH
9am – 1pm

All Are Welcome!

Join us to learn about Veterans Health Education and Services from subject matter experts on:

- MOVE/TeleMOVE and Cardiac Rehab
- Wellness Clinic , Alternative Therapies, Telehealth Demonstration
- Women's Health
- Volunteer Services
- Eligibility/ Choice Program Information
- MyHealthVet, Veteran Lifetime Electronic Record
- Million Veteran Research Program
- Transition and Care Management /In Their Boots
- Veterans Compensated Work Therapy
- Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Veteran Services and Support
- Veteran Recovery Team Services
- Vet Center Services and more!

Learn about our plans for a special meet and greet with Medal of Honor Recipient Ryan Pitts at a Monarchs game!

Questions: Diana Powers, Outreach Program Coordinator
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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

AS I GET OLDER I REALIZE:

1. I talk to myself, because sometimes I need expert advice.
2. Sometimes I roll my eyes out loud.
3. I don't need anger management. I need people to stop pissing me off.
4. My people skills are just fine. It's my tolerance of idiots that needs work.
5. The biggest lie I tell myself is "I don't need to write that down, I'll remember it."
6. When I was a child I thought nap time was punishment. Now it's like a mini-vacation.
7. The day the world runs out of wine is just too terrible to think about.
8. Even duct tape can't fix stupid, but it can muffle the sound.
9. Wouldn't it be great if we could put ourselves in the dryer for ten minutes; come out wrinkle-free and three sizes smaller?
10. "Getting Lucky" means walking into a room and remembering why I'm there.