

# KILDUFF-WIRTANEN LEGION POST 74



• 38 Main Street •

PO Box 761 Brookline, NH 03033-0761

## January 2017 Newsletter

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.

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

### Next Meeting:

**23 February at 7:00 PM**

### January Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by Commander Dave Larkin. 9 members present and no guests.

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

Membership: Nothing to report.

Minutes: Minutes of the December 2016 meeting were read. Bruce Moran made a motion that the Minutes be approved as read with the corrections made; seconded by Bob Canada and unanimously approved.

Treasurers Report: The Treasurer's Report was read. Bob Glover reported he sent a check for Poppies. The Post received a check for \$505 and a donation of \$400. Scotty Macconnell paid his dues. Bob also reported the Post paid \$58 for the Post Office Box. There were \$221.98 in expenses. Bruce Moran made a motion that the Treasurer's Report be approved as read; seconded by Bob Canada and unanimously approved.

Sick Call and Employment: Nothing to report.

Old Business: Nothing to report.

New Business:

- The members discussed whether the Post should keep the PO Box at the Post Office or have the mail delivered to the Post building. The members decided to keep the PO Box.
- Bob Glover reported dues are slowly coming in. Greg d'Arbonne stated he will make a mention of this in the newsletter.
- Greg d'Arbonne reminded everyone that Post elections are coming up in April. Commander Larkin stated that anyone who wants to volunteer for a position, please let him know.
- Greg d'Arbonne stated the Hollis VFW will hold its annual Potluck at the Lawrence Barn on Sunday, 19 March at 2 PM. The Brookline American Legion is invited. Family members are encouraged to attend. Please bring enough food to feed your family and a couple of other folks so the meals can be shared. Electrical outlets are available to plug in crock pots. Paperware/flatware will be available.
- The Annual Veterans at the Middle School will be in March. More details will be provided at the February or March Meeting and in the newsletter.

### Correspondence:

- The Post received a Holiday card from the Honor Flight New England organization. Del Porter spoke about what a wonderful experience it was and encouraged others to participate if they can.
- The Post received a letter from the Brookline Fire Department requesting a donation. Greg d'Arbonne made a motion that the Post donates \$50 to the Fire Department; seconded by Bruce Moran and unanimously approved.
- The Post received an announcement that the Historical Society is raising funds for a "Barn Raising". Del Porter made a motion that the Post

donate \$200 for the Barn Raising of the Historical Society; seconded by Greg d'Arbonne and unanimously approved.

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 7:58 PM. The next meeting is 23 February at 7 PM.

### **Potluck at March Meeting**

The Hollis VFW Post has invited the Brookline American Legion Post to their annual Winter Social event, a Potluck Luncheon. This will be held at the Hollis Lawrence Barn Community Center at 2 PM Sunday 19 March. All members of the Brookline American Legion Post and their family members are invited as well as any Veterans you know who should belong to the Post and haven't joined yet. Bring your entire family and feel free to invite friends and any veteran you happen to know to join us at the potluck. Who knows; we might get a new member.

Everyone should bring a dish of their choice that will feed their family and a couple of more people (at least to feed 4) so we can all share and taste a variety of dishes. Everyone should bring their own drinks as well. The Post will buy paper products and utensils. Assume the Barn has nothing and you will be in good shape, but...if you need electricity for a crock pot or hot plate, there are outlets available. Chris Lussier will bring an extension cord and power strip so as many folks as possible that need the outlets can plug into the power.

### **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+webtrn=wr\\_memberdata+ml=LANSA:XHTML+part=TAL+lang=ENG#legion-org-header](https://www.members.legion.org/CGI-BIN/lansaweb?webapp=MYLRENEW+webtrn=wr_memberdata+ml=LANSA:XHTML+part=TAL+lang=ENG#legion-org-header)), but please renew! Thanks!

### **Thank You to Brookline Boy Scout Troop 260 For Clearing the Snow!**

The Brookline Boy Scout Troop 260 has volunteered to clear the snow from the front steps and the ramp at the Legion Hall. They did a super job after the last series of storms so next time you see one of the Scouts, please thank them for their work.

## **News of Interest to Veterans**

### **New Regulation Decreases Cost of Outpatient Medication Copay for Most Veterans**

*Washington (January 17, 2017)* — The national commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S. is criticizing the president's decision to commute the sentences of two military prisoners and pardon a retired general officer.

“President Obama has upended the entire military justice system,” said VFW National Commander Brian Duffy. “To release from prison former Army Pvt. Bradley Manning, who was sentenced to serve 35 years for releasing three-quarters of a million classified and sensitive military and diplomatic communiques, is offensive to everyone who has ever honorably served in uniform.

“To change a death sentence to life in prison for former Army Pfc. Dwight Loving shows more concern for the convicted murderer than the families of the two dead taxicab drivers he killed. And to pardon retired Marine Corps Gen. James Cartwright, who was convicted of lying to the FBI and releasing sensitive intelligence information to reporters, certainly proves once again that rank does have its privileges,” he said.

“No one is above the law,” said Duffy, “and those who break the law must pay the price, regardless of who they are.”

### **Home Run for Heroes Featuring Big Papi, David Ortiz!**

Going to miss watching Big Papi slug out a home run next season? Want to wish him well in his retirement? You can - IN PERSON! And proceeds go to benefit our NH military families and veterans. All for less than you would spend to take the family for a game at Fenway!

Home Run for Heroes featuring Big Papi himself, recently retired Red Sox designated hitter David Ortiz, takes place on Friday, April 21 at the Courtyard Marriott in Nashua. Proceeds will benefit the Chaplain's Emergency Relief Fund, which provides New Hampshire military families with emergency needs primarily in the areas of rent, mortgage, utilities and medical bills.

Attendees will have the opportunity to have their photo taken with David Ortiz, as well as receive an autographed photo, and ask David questions about his years with the Red Sox. A silent and live auction will take place, with hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar. This is an event not to be missed!

Location: Courtyard Marriott, 2200 Southwood Drive, Nashua NH 03063

Date/Time: Friday, April 21, 2017, 5:30 PM Doors Open, Cash Bar & Appetizers, 6:30-8:30 PM Event

Fees/Admission: \$195 Adult Ticket; \$100 Child Ticket (age 7 to age 15)

Contact Information: Souhegan Valley Chamber of Commerce, POC: [beth.boggis@souhegan.net](mailto:beth.boggis@souhegan.net)

To register: <http://www.souhegan.net/events/details/home-run-for-heroes-featuring-big-papi-david-ortiz-615>



**BEYOND THE BOOTS**

**Tuesday, April 25 | 6pm**  
Manchester Country Club, Bedford, NH

Join us as our brave service men and women transition from fatigues to fabulous fashion.  
Hors d'oeuvres, cash bar, raffles, and more!

**\$40/person**  
[www.vetscount.org/nh](http://www.vetscount.org/nh) for tickets and sponsorships

A program of Easterseals  
**VETERANS COUNT**  
Supporting Our Military and Their Families

Veterans Count provides critical and timely financial assistance and services when no other resource is available to veterans, service members and their families, to ensure their dignity, health and overall well-being.

Our goal is that 90% of every net dollar raised for Veterans Count is spent to provide services and grow resources for NH veterans, service members and their families.

For more information please visit: [www.vetscount.org/nh](http://www.vetscount.org/nh) | [www.facebook.com/VeteransCount](https://www.facebook.com/VeteransCount)



# FIRST RESPONDERS PANCAKE BREAKFAST

...with Real Maple Syrup!

February 24th, 2017

7 am - 10 am

45 High St, Nashua NH

\$10 in Advance, \$15 at Door

A breakfast to raise funds in support of the **Safe Stations Initiative**, a collaboration between the Nashua Mayor's Office, the Nashua Fire and Police Departments, American Medical Response, Harbor Homes, and Keystone Hall.

Visit [www.nhpartnership.org/SupportSafeStations](http://www.nhpartnership.org/SupportSafeStations) for more information and tickets.

Sponsorships and Donations are Welcome.

Tours happily provided!



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**AMERICAN PRIDE NIGHT  
WITH THE  
MANCHESTER MONARCHS!**

**American Pride NIGHT!**  
**Saturday, February 25<sup>TH</sup>**  
**6:00PM**

/monarchshockey
 @monarchshockey
 Text MONARCHS to 84328
 (603) 626-7825

**WWW.MANCHESTERMONARCHS.COM**

<b>A SPECIAL NIGHT TO HONOR THOSE WHOM HAVE SERVED OUR COUNTRY!</b>	<b>SPECIAL PRICE</b>				
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<b>ORDERS DUE BY: February 17th</b>	

## **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*

### **Ramblings of a Semi-Retired Mind**

1. I found this timely, because today I was in a store that sells sunglasses, and only sunglasses. A young lady walks over to me and asks, "What brings you in today?" I looked at her, and said, "I'm interested in buying a refrigerator. She didn't quite know how to respond. Am I getting to be that age?"
2. I was thinking about how a status symbol of today is those cell phones that everyone has clipped onto their belt or purse. I can't afford one. So, I'm wearing my garage door opener.
3. I was thinking about old age and decided that old age is when you still have something on the ball, but you are just too tired to bounce it.
4. I thought about making a fitness movie for folks my age and calling it 'Pumping Rust.'
5. When people see a cat's litter box they always say, "Oh, have you got a cat?" Just once I want to say, "No, it's for company!"
6. Employment application blanks always ask who is to be called in case of an emergency. I think you should write ' An ambulance.'
7. The older you get, the tougher it is to lose weight because by then your body and your fat have gotten to be really good friends.
8. The easiest way to find something lost around the house is to buy a replacement.
9. Did you ever notice: The Roman Numerals for forty (40) are XL.
10. The sole purpose of a child's middle name is so he can tell when he's really in trouble.
11. Did you ever notice: When you put the 2 words ' The' and ' IRS ' together it spells 'Theirs...'
12. Aging: Eventually you will reach a point when you stop lying about your age and start bragging about it.
13. Some people try to turn back their "odometers". Not I. I want people to know 'why' I look this way. I've traveled a long way and some of the roads weren't paved.
14. You know you are getting old when everything either dries up or leaks.
15. Ah! Being young is beautiful but being old is comfortable.
16. Lord, keep your arm around my shoulder and your hand over my mouth.

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