



# Kilduff-Wirtanen Legion Post 74

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*For God and Country*

## January 2016 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 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.

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Historian	Del Porter	PO Box 17	Brookline, NH 03033	603-673-4287	Delro033@aol.com

### Next Meeting:

## 28 January at 7:00 PM

### December Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:09 PM by Commander Dave Larkin. 11 Members and no guests present.

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 November 2015 meeting were read. Bruce made a motion that the Minutes be approved as read; seconded by Will and unanimously approved.

TREASURERS REPORT: The Treasurer's Reports for November and December were read. The Post received funds from the Poppy Drive and dues. Expenses were to: State for \$43; \$75 to Brookline for Food Bank donation; \$25.95 for lights; and \$120 to repair the furnace. Rudy Gaydos made a motion that the Treasurer's Reports for November and December be approved as read; seconded by Bob Canada and unanimously approved.

#### SICK CALL AND EMPLOYMENT:

- Dave Larkin reported his wife broke her hip Thanksgiving night. Dave borrowed a walker

from the Post so she could get around until she is able to get around better.

- Jim Pope fell off a ladder and hurt his right shoulder.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

- Greg d'Arbonne mailed the certificates to Winston Hall.
- Flag retirement ceremony: Jim Pope made a motion that the Post set a tentative date of 7 May and revisit this date in April; seconded by Bruce Moran and unanimously approved.
- Greg d'Arbonne stated he untwisted the ropes on the flagpole but they should be replaced or refurbished in the spring when we replace the flags as well.

CORRESPONDENCE: Greg d'Arbonne read the letters to the Post from various fund raising organizations.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

- Del Porter said we have a tradition of putting a grave marker on those from the Post who have died. Del Porter made a motion that the Post purchase 5 new ones as the stock is out; seconded by Bruce Moran and unanimously approved.
- Bruce Moran made a motion that the Post donates \$100 to the Brookline Fire Department; seconded by Rudy Gaydos and unanimously approved.

#### FOR THE GOOD OF THE POST:

- The members discussed donating to Veterans organizations, especially around the Christmas

and New Year's Holidays and whether they were legitimate organizations or not. Bruce Moran and Greg d'Arbonne spoke about the good work of the Veterans Count organization.

- Dave Larkin spoke about going to Nashua Crossing to recognize a Veteran who was dying. He and Bruce Moran spoke about the importance of recognizing our Veterans even to the end.

- Del Porter mentioned there was a box with t-shirts that say "National Guard" on them. No one knew where they came from. Greg d'Arbonne will ask the VFW members to see if they know where the box came from.

There being no further business, the closing prayer was said and the colors retired. The meeting adjourned at 8:06 PM. The next meeting is 28 January at 7 PM.

## **News For & From Members**

### **VFW Potluck Luncheon – 20 March**

The Hollis VFW has invited the American Legion members and their families to the VFW's Annual Potluck Luncheon on 20 March. More details next month but please mark your calendars now. The usual plan is everyone brings a food item to feed their family and "an extra person" so there is enough to share with everyone. Bring your own soda or non-alcoholic drink. Utensils and paper plates will be provided.

### **Boy's State Attendee is Nominated for Naval Academy**

Cameron Jackson, one of the boys our Post sponsored to attend Boy's State last summer, was recently nominated by Senator Shaheen to attend the United States Naval Academy.

Congratulations to Cameron!!

### **Troop 260 Gains Another Eagle Scout**

Christian Santoski was awarded his Eagle Scout medal on the 9<sup>th</sup> of January. His ceremony was well attended by the community. Commander Dave Larkin and Greg d'Arbonne, the Post Liaison to the Troop, attended the ceremony and presented Christian with a certificate from the Post and flag flown in his honor over the Capitol of the United States.

Congratulations to Christian!!

## **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*

### **The Hillbilly Engineer's Challenge**

We are sick and tired of hearing about how dumb people are in the South, and we challenge any so-called "smart" Yankee to take this exam:

1. Calculate the smallest limb diameter on a persimmon tree that will support a 10-pound possum.
2. Which of these cars will rust out the quickest when placed on blocks in your front yard?
  - A. '65 Ford Fairlane

- B. '69 Chevrolet Chevelle
- C. '66 Pontiac GTO

3. If your uncle builds a still which operates at a capacity of 20 gallons of shine produced per hour, how many car radiators are required to condense the product?
4. A woodcutter has a chainsaw which operates at 2700 RPM. The density of the pine trees in the plot to be harvested is 470 per acre. The plot is 2.3 acres in size. The average tree diameter is 14 inches. How many Budweiser's will be drunk before the trees are cut down?
5. A front porch is constructed of 2x8 pine on 24-inch centers with a field rock foundation. The span is 8 feet and the porch length is 16 feet. The porch floor is 1-inch rough sawn pine. When the porch collapses, how many dogs will be hurt?
6. A man owns a Georgia house and 3.7 acres of land in a hollow with an average slope of 15%. The man has five children. Can each of his grown children place a mobile home on the man's land and still have enough property for their electric appliances to sit out front?
7. A 2-ton truck is overloaded and proceeding 900 yards down a steep slope on a secondary road at 45 MPH. The brakes fail. Given average traffic conditions on secondary roads, what is the probability that it will strike a vehicle with a muffler?
8. With a gene pool reduction of 7.5% per generation, how long will it take a town which has been bypassed by the Interstate to breed a country-western singer?

I betcha thought that this test was gonna be an easy one, didn't ya? It's okay if'n y'all didn't do all that well. Just goes to show ya there's a whole heap of things that big city book-learning don't prepare ya for in this life.

As an added bonus for taking the "REDNECK CHALLENGE", here's some southerly advice that may come in handy down the road a piece....

Next time you are too drunk to drive, walk to the nearest pizza shop and place an order. When they go to deliver it, catch a ride home with them.

