

# KILDUFF-WIRTANEN LEGION POST 74



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## October 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.

### Next Meeting:

**27 October at 7:00 PM**

### September Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by 1st Vice Commander Will Collard. 7 members present and one guest.

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 August 2016 meeting were read. Bruce Moran made a motion that the Minutes be approved as read; seconded by Bob Glover and unanimously approved.

TREASURERS REPORT: The Treasurer's Reports for September 2016 was read. Bob Glover reported the Post received the electric bill for \$34 and he will pay that soon. Greg d'Arbonne made a motion that the Treasurer's Report be approved as read; seconded by Bruce Moran and unanimously approved.

#### SICK CALL AND EMPLOYMENT:

- Bob Glover, despite attending the meeting, reported he is doing fine after his surgery but he cannot put any weight-bearing loads on that leg and hip for the next eight weeks.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

- Flag Deposit Box: Bill Graham sent a note to Greg d'Arbonne stating he will check with one of the employees at the Transfer Station about the box. Both Del Porter and Jim Pope reported they spoke to the Director of the Transfer Station and the box is full plus he has an additional plastic tub full of flags. Greg d'Arbonne stated one of the Boy Scouts might be willing to paint the box. It was suggested the Post consider a Flag Retirement ceremony in November because of the number of unserviceable flags we currently have in the basement. The fire risk is a concern, though, due to the drought. The members will take this up again at the October meeting.
- Greg d'Arbonne stated he has not gotten any responses so he will ask again for someone to audit the Post financial books. Pam Walked said she will speak to Janet Foster, a member of the Merrimack VFW and former Hollis VFW member, who is an accountant to see if she is willing to assist the Post.

CORRESPONDENCE: Nothing to report.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

- Jim Pope asked what we need to do to winterize the building before it gets too cold. It was suggested we speak to the Managers of Lowe's and Home Depot to see what they can do to assist with some of their employee engagement projects or to provide supplies. Will Collard suggested we get a Home Inspector to look at the building. Greg d'Arbonne will contact KD Carpentry and ask them to look at the building as well. Porter stated the oil tank is down to ¼ full. Greg d'Arbonne made a motion that the Post have the tank filled before the end of September; seconded by Del

- Porter and unanimously approved. Bob Glover will coordinate to have the oil delivered.
- Greg d'Arbonne made a motion that the Post pay the dues for Robert Knudsen who takes care of the grounds of the building; seconded by Del Porter and unanimously approved.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE POST: Nothing to report.

The meeting was suspended so the members could undrape the charter in memory of Bob Ellis who recently passed away. The meeting reconvened after the Charter was undraped.

There being no further business, the closing prayer was said and the colors retired. The meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM. The next meeting is 27 October at 7 PM.

## **News For & From Members**

### **Veterans Day Activities**

Although October just arrived, before we know it November will be here and with that month comes one of our busiest times; Veterans Day. So far, here is what the schedule looks like:

- 5 November, 8 AM to 4 PM: Poppy Distribution at the Hollis Transfer Station (please consider volunteering for a one-hour block of time to help out)
- 9 November: 9: 45 AM, High School Veterans Day ceremony.
- 10 November:
  - 9 AM, Hollis-Brookline Middle School ceremony.
  - 1:30 PM, Hollis Primary Elementary School Veterans Day Ceremony.
- 11 November, 11 AM: Veterans Day Ceremony at the Hollis Congregational Church. Please arrive at the church by 10:45 to assemble before going in.

## **News of Interest to Veterans**

### **VA Health Care Benefits – What am I qualified for?**

*This was received via e-mail. If you have access to the Internet, it is worth taking a few minutes to look over.*

Just ran across the VA page at the following link:

[http://www.va.gov/opa/publications/benefits\\_book/benefits\\_chap01.asp](http://www.va.gov/opa/publications/benefits_book/benefits_chap01.asp)

It's the most comprehensive coverage of VA health care benefits I have seen to date. Surprised I just noticed it. Please feel free to share.

Regards, Charlie.

### **VAMC Drive-Through Flu Clinics**

VAMC Manchester Walk-In Flu Clinics

When: Monday, October 24 – Friday, October 28, 2016; 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Location: T&E Room 1st floor lobby past elevators

Please note: Flu shots are also available at most scheduled medical appointments. If you have any questions about this year's flu vaccine, talk to your health care provider or nurse. Or contact Meri Robinson, RN at 657-5395 or Faith Mazzucchelli, RN X2140.

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**CRISIS HOTLINE: VETERANS PRESS 1**

Join us

October 20, 2016: 7:00-8:30 PM

All are welcome. No RSVP required

**For a Showing of the HBO Documentary "Crisis Hotline: Veterans Press 1"**

The 40 minute film will raise awareness of the problem of Veterans suicide. A panel of Staff from the VA and the Mental Health Center will be available for Q & A's following the screening

Viewing location: American Legion Henry J. Sweeney Post  
251 Maple St, Manchester, NH 03103

This event is co-sponsored by the VFW Post 8214 – Queen City Memorial Post – Manchester, NH  
The Mental Health Center of Greater Manchester, Military Liaison  
(This is an Initiative of the NH Department of Health and Human Services)



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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*

### **The Blonde and The Trucker**

The blonde was about two hours from San Diego when she was flagged down by a man whose truck had broken down.

The man walked up to her car and asked, "Are you going to San Diego?"

"Yes", answered the blonde, "do you need a lift?"

"Not for me; I'll be spending the next three hours fixing my truck.

My problem is that I've got two chimpanzees in the back that have to be taken to the San Diego Zoo. They're a bit stressed already, so I don't want to keep them on the road all day.

Could you possibly take them to the Zoo for me? I'll give you \$100 for your trouble."

"I'd be happy to," said the blonde.

So the two chimpanzees were ushered into the back seat of the blonde's car and carefully strapped into their seat belts and off they went.

Five hours later, the truck driver was driving through the heart of San Diego when suddenly he was horrified to see the blonde, walking down the street, holding hands with the two chimps, much to the amusement of a big crowd.

With a screech of brakes, the trucker pulled off the road and ran over to the blonde.

"What are you doing?" he demanded, "I gave you \$100 to take these chimpanzees to the Zoo!"

"Yes, I know you did," said the blonde. "But we had money left over, so now we're going to Sea World."

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