

KILDUFF-WIRTANEN LEGION POST 74



• 38 Main Street •

PO Box 761 Brookline, NH 03033-0761

September 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.

Next Meeting:

22 September at 7:00 PM

August Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by Commander Dave Larkin. 6 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.

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

MEMBERSHIP: Nothing to report.

MINUTES: Minutes of the July 2016 meeting were read. Bob Glover made a motion that the Minutes be approved as read; seconded by Del Porter and unanimously approved.

TREASURERS REPORT: The Treasurer's Reports for August 2016 was read. Bob Glover reported the Post received \$105 from dues and the Post paid \$54.14 for electricity and \$79.50 to the State Legion office for dues for a total of \$133.64 in expenses. Bob Canada made a motion that the Treasurer's Report be approved as read; seconded by Ruth Wrigley and unanimously approved.

SICK CALL AND EMPLOYMENT:

- Bob Glover, despite attending the meeting, had a few incidents with his hip that required he go to

the hospital over the past few weeks. He will have surgery to repair the hip next week.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Flag Deposit Box: Bob Glover stated he spoke to a person a Kinney Towing who gave him the phone number to the company that painted the patriotic art work on their vehicles. Bob will call that company to inquire about painting the Flag Deposit Box.
- Solar Lights for the flagpoles: Greg d'Arbonne spoke to Clarence Farwell and they will coordinate a date to work on this project.
- Greg d'Arbonne stated he has not gotten any responses so he will ask again for someone to audit the Post financial books.
- Greg d'Arbonne stated he will put another reminder in the newsletter to remind everyone to renew and that the fiscal/membership year for the American Legion runs from 1 July to 30 June each year so those who may have renewed their membership in the past few months need to also renew for the new Legion year.

CORRESPONDENCE: Nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Del 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's Flag Retirement Ceremony be moved to the Flag Day timeframe; seconded by Del Porter and unanimously approved.

- Del Porter stated the Post building seems to have more “stuff” piling up as people donate items, which clutters the meeting hall. He stated we should clean the basement of the building and make the needed repairs so we can safely and effectively use the cellar for storage. The members discussed this idea and Pam Glover mentioned that Harbor Homes may be able to take items such as dishes and tableware. Pam also stated the Legion Riders may be able to provide manpower to help in the cleaning and repairs. Greg d’Arbonne suggested the members make a plan of what they want repaired and thrown out so we can get an idea of the scope of what needs to be done. Ruth Wrigley stated she has an old vacuum cleaner she will donate to the Post.
- Greg d’Arbonne handed out the checklist for the use of the Post building by outside organizations. The members reviewed the checklist and suggested we add that alcohol is not allowed to be consumed on the property because this could be a liability problem for the Post. It was also

suggested we put a real padlock on the door to the cellar. Greg will redo the checklist and make copies available in the building for future use.

- During the discussion about the cellar, Bob Glover asked if the Historical Society wanted the bricks for a memorial walkway. Del Porter stated there has not been any discussion by the Historical Society regarding this topic.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE POST:

- Del Porter stated there was a notice on the front door from the Police alerting the public that the neighbor to our building was a convicted felon and child molester. It is suspected the Police did this to all the residents in the area to alert them.
- Bob Glover stated there is a drive throughout the Nation to have all World War I monuments refurbished.

There being no further business, the closing prayer was said and the colors retired. The meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM. The next meeting is 22 September at 7 PM.

News For & From Members

Membership Renewal Time

As a reminder, it is that time of year again when we need to renew our individual memberships. The membership year runs from 1 July to 30 June so if you paid your annual dues between January and the end of June, those dues were for last year; you need to renew for this year. If you have any questions about renewal, or if you want to become a “Paid Up For Life (PUFL) Member (and avoid the hassle of paying yearly), please contact our Post Treasurer, Bob Glover.

Honor Flight Thanks Our Post for Donation



July 8, 2016

Kilduff Wirtanen Post 74
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Dear Honor Flight New England Contributor,

I would like to take this opportunity to say THANK YOU for your generous donation of \$400.00. Your contribution will assist us in sending our most senior veterans to Washington, D.C., to visit the memorials that were constructed to honor what they have done for our country.

I am happy to say that we have transported 1,532 heroes including 64 women, 36 Prisoners of War, 22 sets of brothers, 7 husband and wife couples, 1 brother and sister, 1 totally blind veteran who lost his sight while serving, and a double amputee since our inception in April 2009.

Some of these heroes have participated in the Normandy Invasion, D-Day, Hiroshima, Iwo Jima and other major battles. Our oldest passenger was 101 years young.

We are in a RACE AGAINST TIME to provide what many have described as "One of the Best Days of Their Life".

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joe Byron", written over the printed name.

Joseph F. Byron
Founder
Honor Flight New England
Employer Identification Number 27-2541033

For IRS purposes, this letter serves as your receipt and acknowledges that no goods or services were provided in consideration of your gift.

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Recognition for Supporting Employer Support to the Guard and Reserve Program



STATEMENT OF SUPPORT FOR THE GUARD AND RESERVE



Kilduff-Wirtanen, Post #74 Brookline, New Hampshire

We recognize the Guard and Reserve are essential to the strength of our Nation and the well-being of our communities.

In the highest American tradition, the patriotic men and women of the Guard and Reserve serve voluntarily in an honorable and vital profession. They train to respond to their community and their country in time of need. They deserve the support of every segment of our society.

If these volunteer forces are to continue to serve our Nation, increased public understanding is required of the essential role of the Guard and Reserve in preserving our national security.

Therefore, we join other employers in pledging that:

- We fully recognize, honor and comply with the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act (USERRA).
- We will provide our managers and supervisors with the tools they need to effectively manage those employees who serve in the Guard and Reserve.
- We appreciate the values, leadership and unique skills Service members bring to the workforce and will encourage opportunities to employ Guardsmen, Reservists, transitioning Service members and Veterans.
- We will continually recognize and support our country's Service members and their families in peace, in crisis, and in war.


Employer
6-1-2016
Date


Paul E. Mock
National Chair, ESGR


Ash Carter
Secretary of Defense



News of Interest to Veterans

HB 430 Signed into Law

Thanks to the efforts of our Post member and State Representative Jim Bélanger, House Bill (HB) 430, allowing towns and cities to adopt a property tax credit which extends the current veterans' property tax credit to all honorably discharged veterans, was signed into law on 2 September 2016.

In a statement by Governor Hassan when she signed the law ““Our veterans have sacrificed bravely in defense of our freedom, and we must always work to ensure that they receive the full support that they

deserve when they return from their service, regardless of where they were deployed. By allowing communities to extend the current veterans' property tax credit to all honorably discharged veterans who have served no less than 90 days, House Bill 430 builds on our efforts to ensure that all of our veterans and their families can live independently and contribute to our economic and civic life after their service.”

"I am proud to sign this bipartisan bill into law in order to continue supporting our brave and courageous veterans whose service has made our country safer, and our freedom stronger."

Jim and Post Chaplain Bruce Moran both represented veterans at the ceremonial signing by Governor Hassan. Video clip: http://www.nh1.com/player/?video_id=13869

It is now up to each Town to vote on whether to grant this exemption and for how much. We will be speaking to the Selectmen of each Town to make sure this Warrant Article is presented at the Town meetings in March.

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POW/MIA Ceremony at Boscawen Veterans Cemetery, 24 September

The annual POW/MIA Ceremony will be held at the Boscawen Veterans Cemetery on 24 September 2016 at 1000. Anyone wishing to attend can either go directly to Boscawen or go to the Court House Parking lot to car pool to Boscawen. The car pool should depart the Court House no later than 0830.

Vietnam War 50th Anniversary Commemorative Event and 50s/60s Block Party and Vietnam Veterans Pin Ceremony

Looking for a fun way to spend Columbus Day? The VFW Auxiliary has an event planned at the ANHEUSER BUSH facility: The Vietnam War 50th anniversary commemorative event and 50s/60s block party and Vietnam veterans pin ceremony - all Vietnam and Vietnam era veterans, please come to receive your lapel pin.

Sponsor: VFW Auxiliary #168, Portsmouth, NH and co-sponsors.

Date and Time: Monday, October 10, 2016 from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Location: Anheuser Busch facility field, 221 Daniel Webster Hwy, Merrimack, NH 03054”

“From Troy to Baghdad”

From the State Veterans Advisory Council (SVAC):

Good Afternoon All;

Enclosed flyer (*below*) is for a new project this Fall sponsored by the NH Humanities. They will be using the readings of “The Odyssey” and other similar readings to help veterans with the process of dealing with their war time experiences. It’s a 14 week course free to military and veterans. You must pre-register to sign up for it. It’s being held in 4 locations. See their website for further details.



Please share this message with the veterans and current service members you know:

This fall, with support from [New Hampshire Humanities](#), [National Endowment for the Humanities](#), and [Dartmouth College](#), a powerful book discussion group will be launched in four locations around the state: Hanover, Littleton, Manchester, and Portsmouth.

Using ancient literature and contemporary readings to help veterans process their experience of war and return, the series [offers veterans the opportunity for profound reflection and insight for mapping a return home from war](#). The facilitation model was developed by Roberta Stewart, Professor of Classics at Dartmouth College, who has conducted book discussions with and for veterans for nine years in the Upper Valley. Each facilitator team consists of a literary scholar, a clinician from the

veteran-serving community, and a veteran. To prepare for the series, New Hampshire Humanities partnered with Dartmouth to host facilitator trainings over three weekends this summer in Hanover. This fall book groups will begin in Hanover, Littleton, Manchester, and Portsmouth.

[If you know a veteran or current service member who might be interested, please share this message](#). This 14-week group is free and reading materials will be provided at no cost.

Click [HERE](#) for details and start dates for each group.

To learn more about the transformative work of New Hampshire Humanities, please visit www.nhhumanities.org



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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 Hilarious Obituary

This is a true story that happened just a few weeks ago. Some folks have a great sense of humor no matter what... Greg

Obituaries are usually sad -- and rightfully so -- but the children of one New Orleans man took a different approach.

Firefighter William Ziegler passed away at the age of 69 on July 29. His obituary, which ran in The Times-Picayune, is anything but solemn.

It begins saying that Ziegler's children think he died "on purpose to avoid having to make a decision in the pending presidential election."

Ziegler's four children combined efforts to write the obit. "My brothers, my sister and myself batted it around for a couple weeks before we posted it," daughter Sarah Currier told The Times-Picayune.

The tribute goes on to detail parts of Ziegler's life, such as his time in the Navy: "He only stuck it out for one war," the Vietnam War. "Before his discharge, however, the government exchanged numerous ribbons and medals for various honorable acts," humorously downplaying Ziegler's bravery when serving.

When he returned to his native New Orleans, he became a firefighter. He retired after 25 years, apparently saying "William stated that there was no better group of morons and mental patients than those he had the privilege of serving with (except Bob, he never liked you, Bob)."

Apparently, this Bob did not exist. "There was no Bob. At least I hope not," Currier said. "That was a running joke with my dad."

Currier thinks she and her siblings wrote a piece her dad would be proud of. "He probably would have forwarded this obituary to us," she commented.

Here is the entire obituary:

William Ziegler escaped this mortal realm on Friday, July 29, 2016 at the age of 69. We think he did it on purpose to avoid having to make a decision in the pending presidential election.

He leaves behind four children, five grandchildren, and the potted meat industry, for which he was an unofficial spokesman until dietary restrictions forced him to eat real food.

William volunteered for service in the United States Navy at the ripe old age of 17 and immediately realized he didn't much enjoy being bossed around. He only stuck it out for one war. Before his discharge, however, the government exchanged numerous ribbons and medals for various honorable acts.

Upon his return to the City of New Orleans in 1971, thinking it best to keep an eye on him, government officials hired William as a fireman. After twenty-five years, he suddenly realized that running away from burning buildings made more sense than running toward them. He promptly retired. Looking back, William stated that there was no better group of morons and mental patients than those he had the privilege of serving with (except Bob, he never liked you, Bob).

Following his wishes, there will not be a service, but well-wishers are encouraged to write a note of farewell on a Schaefer Light beer can and drink it in his honor. He was never one for sentiment or religiosity, but he wanted you to know that if he owes you a beer, and if you can find him in Heaven, he will gladly allow you to buy him another.

He can likely be found forwarding tasteless internet jokes (check your spam folder, but don't open these at work). Expect to find an alcoholic dog named Judge passed out at his feet. Unlike previous times, this is not a ploy to avoid creditors or old girlfriends. He assures us that he is gone. He will be greatly missed.

The Diary of a Wife and Husband

Wife's Diary:

Tonight, I thought my husband was acting weird. We had made plans to meet at a nice restaurant for dinner.

I was shopping with my friends all day long, so I thought he was upset at the fact that I was a bit late, but he made no comment on it.

Conversation wasn't flowing, so I suggested that we go somewhere quiet so we could talk. He agreed, but he didn't say much.

I asked him what was wrong; He said, "nothing." I asked him if it was my fault that he was upset. He said he wasn't upset, that it had nothing to do with me, and not to worry about it.

On the way home, I told him that I loved him. He smiled slightly, and kept driving. I can't explain his behavior. I don't know why he didn't say, 'I love you, too.'

When we got home, I felt as if I had lost him completely, as if he wanted nothing to do with me anymore. He just sat there quietly, and watched TV. He continued to seem distant and absent.

Finally, with silence all around us, I decided to go to bed. About 15 minutes later, he came to bed. But I still felt that he was distracted, and his thoughts were somewhere else. We had sex, he fell asleep; I cried. I don't know what to do. I'm almost sure that his thoughts are with someone else. My life is a disaster.

Husband's Diary:

A two-foot putt... Who the hell misses a two-foot putt?

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