



## WELCOME

The Atkinson Veterans Club is a group of mostly retired former service men and women who meet the first Tuesday of each month at the Atkinson Community Center, 4 Main Street, Atkinson, NH at 9:30 AM. The members meet monthly for about an hour.

The meeting is primarily social in nature and an opportunity for members to discuss and share information about military service and programs. Members are also involved in supporting Town of Atkinson activities.

There is no membership fee or formal application to join. All branches of the military service, and all Reserve components of the military Armed Forces and Merchant Marines are welcome.

Meetings are led by an elected Commander. Minutes are recorded to reflect actions taken. The Club, first chartered in 2007, remains a meeting place to discuss and share current topics related to military service. The Club has bylaws which are posted in the Community Center and shared with all members. A collection jar is passed around monthly for voluntary contributions, usually of a dollar or two.

Periodically, contributions of clothing, food and small amounts of money are made to area organizations that support veterans.

The Club maintains three flag collection boxes – Town Hall, Community Center, and Library - for retired flags which are periodically burned as prescribed by the U.S. Flag Code.

The Club has, for the last 23 years, been involved in several Veteran activities: 1) The Memorial Day parade and Dow Common ceremony and 2) Veterans Day, Nov 11, a light breakfast, and brief ceremony is held at the Atkinson Fire station and 3) and on Flag Day to retire unserviceable flags.

Since 2019, the Club has participated in the Wreaths Across America Program to place a “Veterans Wreath” on all veteran graves in the Atkinson Cemetery. During the period Sept through November, Veterans Wreaths are sold throughout the Atkinson Community. On a Saturday in mid-December a date is identified to place wreaths on all Veteran graves; members of the Club and the community are invited to participate in this solemn event held at noon at the Flag Memorial in the Atkinson Cemetery. Wreaths in excess of our goal are donated to the Arlington National Cemetery.

Small proceeds of the Wreaths sale revert to the Club which has pledged the proceeds from a WAA rebate program. Purchased flowers are placed on Veteran graves at the discretion of the Cemetery Caretaker. This activity for grave beautification is not funded by the Town budget. Club members are active and supportive of the Cemetery Caretaker who maintains all the cemetery grave sites which include the approximate 345 veterans buried here.

Club members were actively involved in the development and support of the Town Warrant in 2022 which increased the Veteran Property Tax credit from \$500 to \$750.

The Club has no formal affiliation with the VFW, American Legion, or other organized groups. The Club is not formally organized as a 501c3 non-profit. The club has no checking account. It does have an Atkinson, NH - P.O. Box 302.

The meeting is hosted monthly with coffee and pastries from the strong support of the Community Center Director.

Come and enjoy coffee and fellowship with us - the first Tuesday of each month at 9:30 am.

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