



May 2016

Editor: Lucy Stephens
Reporters: Numerous

MEETING REPORTS:

MEMBERSHIP:

1st READING: Billy J Klenfeldt (Marine), Chuck Kennedy (Army), Steven M Hoffman (Air Force), Phillip Dauria, Jr (Army), Thomas Jones (Navy), Joseph Presta (Nat'l Guard), William "Rich" Altemus (Air Force), Thomas Taylor (Army), Gerald Lismore (Army), Peter Jackson (Air Force).

Sons & Daughters of Veteran Members:

Jacqueline S Biddle (D), Barbara A Smith (D)

2nd READING: James Fitzgerald (Army)

Sons & Daughters of Veteran Members:

Christopher A Derle (S)

Don't forget, we meet the **first Wednesday of every month. NEW TIME: 7:30pm** Please try to attend.

Funerals of Member and Families:

Post policy gives the use of the Post Rental Hall with two (2) hours open bar to deceased member or member's deceased spouse, his/her children and parents.

Call 302-475-0636 to make arrangements.

CHAPLAIN'S REPORT:

No reported illnesses or deaths this month! Keep up the good work!

Commander's Corner

Hello Post Members,

It looks as though spring has finally arrived and the Post is getting ready for the summer season. The Pool and surrounding areas are getting some much needed attention and our In-House Committee continues to take care of business; cleaning up, repairing and painting. Thanks to all those who are



assisting with these tasks. Our Entertainment Chair continues to keep things hopping and our Baseball team is getting ready to kick off their season. I want to remind everyone of our upcoming Memorial Day Ceremony, Saturday, May 28th at the Post starting at 10:30am.

This year we are recognizing the true meaning of Memorial Day and honoring our fallen veterans. I have always been disappointed when I attend this most important event of our organization and I see that the majority of the attendees are not Veterans. I think we, as veterans, should take a long hard look in the mirror and remember what we as Del Vets members are really about. I realize that we have families and vacation residences that we are anxious to get to; all we are asking for is one day and a few hours of your time as Post Members to honor those that have served our country to provide that freedom that is often taken for granted. This small sacrifice is nothing compared to the ultimate sacrifice that many have made before you, for you. We hope to see you there!

In closing, there are a number of upcoming activities that should peak your interest as well as many ongoing improvements to the Post itself. Come up, get involved and enjoy yourself.

Joe Rodriguez, Commander

VETERANS' AFFAIRS:

Commissioner Myron Smith advised a report was made at the last Commissioners meeting informing everyone about the many Medicare scams and requesting veterans to be aware. He will be posting information on the Bulletin Board for members to review. Myron advised the Veterans Stand Down is again scheduled for September and information will be posted when received.

VETERANS MUSINGS

OUR CANINE FRIENDS



As each of us advances through life and across the fog of time, we share relationships with several dogs. Sometimes those relationships are so unique that it reinforces the view about "Man's best friend"

Today modern dogs trained by Army Special Operations can detect bombs, saving thousands of lives! Dogs have proven to be sensitive to diabetic shock and can warn parents and health people minutes before the attack. Other dogs have been trained to predict epileptic seizures.

Amazing achievements from our best friends.

Yours, *Dick Bostic*

POOL NEWS:



It's just a few short weeks until the pool opens for the summer. Opening day will be Saturday May 28th following the Memorial Day Ceremony in front of the Post.

Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend this ceremony to honor the fallen who have served our country. Our traditional picnic will follow the ceremony from 12-4, the Post will provide hamburgers and hot dogs, and beer/wine until 2, soda until 3. Bring a side dish or dessert to share. Cost will be \$5 per person (pool guests must also pay the \$5 guest fee). Note that the price has increased this year to \$5 per person.

This year's new addition to the pool is our basketball court. We hope everyone will come out and enjoy the summer.

Mike Phillips

WAC's:



The next WACs meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 3rd at 7:00 pm.

Our speaker will be Melissa Walling who will speak on skin cancer prevention.

Our End of Year Dinner will be held on Friday, May 13th for our members.



ACTIVITIES:

Our Memorial Day Service will be held on Saturday May 28, 2016 at 10:30 a.m. This year's service will be **"IN MEMORY OF THE FALLEN"**. For the children this year we have a new program which is outlined below. Talk to your children and get them involved.

Memorial Day Youth Trivia Challenge



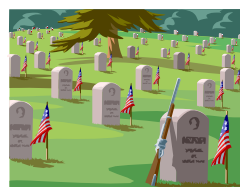
The Memorial Day Committee is inviting all young citizens of Del Vets, ages 8 to 18, to be part of our new Memorial Day Youth Trivia Challenge. All children and grandchildren of Del Vets Post members and all children that are members of Del Vets Pool are invited to submit 5 Memorial Day Trivia questions, with the correct answers, to challenge the audience at our Memorial Day Ceremony. Parents, grandparents, other family members, Veterans, the internet, school books and library books are all fair game to find your trivia questions. It just doesn't get any easier than this to learn about Memorial Day.



Your 5 trivia questions may be submitted to Bob Onorato or Jim Ebright from 6:30 to 7:30 PM on Wednesday, May 25th or Thursday, May 26th. Please include your name, age and phone number. All entries will be eligible for a prize. You must be present for our Memorial Day Ceremony on Saturday, May 28th and challenge the audience with one of your trivia questions to receive a prize. All prizes will be the same regardless of age. The size of all prizes will be determined by the number of entries. Please contact Bob Onorato (302-220-1499) or Jim Ebright (302-588-3386) if you have any questions.



MEMORIAL DAY GRAVE VISITATION:



Grave visitation will take place on **Sunday May 29th**. We will meet at Del Vets at 8:00 a.m. (coffee & donuts provided) and will leave at 8:30 a.m. for cemeteries.

There will be a sign-up sheet on the Bulletin Board.

MEMORIAL BRIDGE CEREMONY:

For anyone interested in going to the Bridge ceremony scheduled for 10:30 a.m. we will meet at Del Vets at 9:00 a.m. and leave at 9:30 a.m. for the Bridge.

There will be a sign-up sheet on the Bulletin Board.

Hall Rental

Hall rentals fees have been approved by the Executive Board and the Post membership at the March meeting - the price for membership rentals will increase by \$50.00.

Beginning September 1st, 2016, the rental fees for a member rental will increase from \$250.00 to \$300.00 per rental. If you have an event coming up in the near future or next year, you may want to check out the calendar and book your date now before the prices go up in September.

Call 302-475-0636, or email Rentals@delvets.com for more information on available dates.

Thank you, *Linda Rodríguez*,
Rental Chairperson

DEL VETS Sports & Current Events Corner

SPORTS:

BASEBALL:

2016 VETERANS CUP

Frawley stadium "Home of the Blue Rocks"

At 12 noon on Sunday, June 26th with a Post game pool party to follow with Hamburgers and Hotdogs, refreshments and cash bar. Please bring out your families. Kids and Adults make a great FREE baseball day with the Post and the Baseball Team.

We will be Honoring Bo Biden and his Family. One of their family members will be throwing out the first pitch. We are trying to get Joe Biden to appear or even throw out the first pitch?? Not promised about "Big Joe" but any help to make this happen is appreciated. "We Play For All Veterans Past and Present." The team hopes to see you all out at some games this year.

We will be putting our Honor Guard "DOLLAR DOG NIGHTS" dates on the web site and posted at the lounge when we receive our schedules.

IN HOUSE POOL LEAGUE:

Dateline: 2535 Veterans Drive
Dear Readers:

After numerous complaints about not mentioning the mentally challenged Thursday night league, this reporter took it upon himself to go watch their attempt at the game of pool. In doing so here's what I overheard around the tables: Scott Price said to Jim McQuage " I saw something that reminded me of you....but don't worry, I flushed the toilet and then washed my hands". So endearing Sparkey! Kevin Cleary was overheard saying " I'm on whiskey diet now...I've lost three days already" Kevin Elmore was quoted as saying "I don't have a drinking problem...I have a thirst problem"! Good answer Kevin! Stan Lawruk Stated " I was thinking of getting a German Shepard once, but I didn't want to learn another language just to have a dog" Stan wasn't talking to anyone in particular...I think just to himself! You'll be ok sunshine! And finally Jack McKelvey, ex-bathroom boy, declared "what is the difference between having a cold beer and going to the bathroom?...about 35 minutes!" Did you time yourself or is this just the national average? Thursday night looks like it belongs to Grey Prygon with Ernie Nateillo a close second...Tuesday night....does it really matter? Their all playing lousy! To the players on Tuesday night...quit licking the windows...Bart has been complaining!

Until next month my faithful readers, I wish to remain as always.....

Anonymous

THE MARTY 'DOC' LONDERGAN GOLF TOURNAMENT

The fourth outing will take place on Friday, July 22, 2016 at the Rock Manor Golf Club. Shotgun start at 8:00 am and format will be "Superball". The cost is \$75 per player and you pay at the bar. Please note that when you pay you **MUST** get a receipt. Cost includes golf, prizes, food and beverages which will follow directly at the Post. A sign-up sheet is posted on the Bulletin Board at the Post for your foursome. Always a great time for all!



Memorial Day Activities

Saturday, May 28th 2016



Ceremony: 10:30 am -
Honoring
In Memory of the Fallen



Picnic: 12 to 4:00 pm – Pool Open

(Food will be served 12:00 to 3:00pm)



Draft Beer, Wine till 2 p.m.
& Soda till 3 p.m.

Post will provide
Hamburgers and Hot Dogs

Bring a side dish or dessert
to share

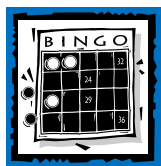
\$5.00/per person - \$5.00 guest

DON'T FORGET BINGO!

IN THE LOUNGE ON
WEDNESDAYS —

May 11, 18 & 25th

MEMBERS ONLY



Thirsty Thursday, May 19th

Justin McNatt –

7 to 11pm
In the Lounge



Marty "Doc" Londergan Golf Tournament

Friday, July 22th at the
Rock Manor Golf Club



Shotgun Start at 8:00am

Cost is \$75 per player – includes golf, prizes,
food and drink at Post.

(Signup sheet on Bulletin Board at the Post)



DATES TO REMEMBER:

- **MONDAY, May 2nd, 2016**
Honor Guard Meeting 7:00pm
- **TUESDAY, May 3rd, 2016**
WACs Meeting 7:15pm
- **WEDNESDAY, May 4th, 2016**
General Member Meeting 7:30pm
- **SATURDAY, May 7th, 2016**
Kentucky Derby in the Lounge 4:00pm
- **SUNDAY, May 8th, 2016**
Mother's Day – all day
- **WEDNESDAYS, May 11, 18 & 25th, 2016**
BINGO in the lounge – **MEMBERS ONLY**
- **SATURDAY, May 14th, 2016**
Country Band "Raising Cain" 7:30 to 11:30pm
- **THURSDAY, May 19th, 2016**
Thirsty Thursday with Justin McNatt in Lounge
- **SATURDAY, May 21st, 2016**
Preakness race in the Lounge 4:00pm
- **MONDAY, June 6th, 2016**
Honor Guard Meeting 7:00pm
- **WEDNESDAY, June 8th, 2016**
General Membership Meeting 7:30pm

Lucy Stephens, Editor

EDITOR'S NOTE: **

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