

**DELAWARE VETERANS INC.  
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WILMINGTON, DELAWARE**



# NEWSLETTER

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Editor: Lucy Stephens  
Reporters: Numerous

## MEETING REPORTS:

### MEMBERSHIP:

**1<sup>st</sup> READING:** Steven Ackert (Navy), Kelvin Blessingame (Army), Timothy Brady (Army), Anthony Cunicelli (Army), Kenyatta Williamson (USAR). ALL PRESENT

Othell Hamlett (Air Force), William McGonigal (Army), John Miller (Air Force). ALL NOT PRESENT

Barbara Ann Smith - EXCUSED

**2<sup>nd</sup> READING:** Stephen M Hoffman (Air Force), Billy J Klenfeldt (Marine), John Worthington (Navy). NOT PRESENT

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

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### 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:

### DEATHS:

**Joe Reardon**, our beloved chaplain and longtime member, passed away peacefully on June 10, 2016 at the age of 91. He will be greatly missed.

**Michael P. Flocco Jr.** Associate Member passed away on 6/12/2016, his son was killed on 9/11 at the Pentagon attack.

**Thomas 'Jim' Walklett** passed on 5/3/2016. He was a Korea War Veteran and a member.

*The Post sends our sincerest condolences to our members for their recently departed family members.*

## ILLNESS:

**Bob McCormack** suffered a stroke and was in the hospital but is now home doing good.

**Nancy Talley** had back surgery recently and is home recuperating.

*The Post wishes a speedy recovery to all members who may be under the weather.*

## Commander's Corner

Hello Post Members,



Well, June is over and we are starting the long hot days of summer. The swimming pool season is in full swing and our snack bar is up and running. This year you will notice a new half-court basketball court behind the pump house. We hope our young membership enjoys it as an extra activity to coming to the pool. The pool and surrounding areas look great, thanks to the Pool Committee.

I would like to thank everyone for participating in the Flag Retirement Ceremony. It is a solemn ceremony that is honored at our Post. The Honor Guard did a great job and I wish to thank Concordville Boys Scouts Troop 260 for the involvement.

There have been a huge number of our members stepping up and volunteering to help out the Post when asked to. This has allowed us to save an enormous amount of expenditures as well as getting our members involved with the Post itself. So thanks to all of you for your support. Our baseball Team's season is underway and doing a great job. Under the leadership of Coach Mike Bouno, as of this writing they are currently in first place with only 2 losses. WAY TO GO!!! Members remember to come out and support these fine young men.

Our Swim Team is also getting ready to kick off their season, our Swim Team Chairperson, Kelle Munoz, her committee and coaches are set for another fun and exciting season in the pool. There are three home meets at the Post this year, so come out and watch as our team swims to victory. Please

remember that parking is a prime commodity during these events and please remember to obey the speed limit coming into and leaving the Post. The speed limit is 15 miles per hour on Veterans Drive; the Post is not going anywhere so please slow down, our neighbors would greatly appreciate it.

I want to wish everyone a safe and enjoyable summer season.

*Joe Rodriguez, Commander*

## **VETERANS' AFFAIRS:**

Commissioner Myron Smith reported members from Legislative Hall came to install officers. Korean veterans were honored at our Memorial Day Ceremony.

The issue how to house veterans is continuing and information is posted on the Bulletin Board how people can help veterans. Also on the Bulletin Board is information about interment at the Delaware Veterans Cemetery

## **VETERANS MUSINGS**



I stand in awe as across the fog of time, I see the remarkable role this Post performs in the community. Support for the Boy and Girl Scouts, boys and girls baseball teams, swim teams, and various other sports, plus veteran's needs and activities. This is remarkable! To witness the quiet, without ego, of Commander Joe Rodriguez and Linda go about filling their roles, the unique efforts of the Honor Guard and the WACs fundraising. The neat little newsletter, put together by the Editor, and the quiet way so many others do things behind the scenes make this Post such a remarkable place

Yours, *Dick Bostic*

## **POOL NEWS:**



The events for July for the Del Vets Swim team are a **Meet on July 12<sup>th</sup>** with Tatnall @ DelVets, **July 14<sup>th</sup> Meet @ Silverside**. Then on July 16<sup>th</sup> the Adults Pool Party, on July 19<sup>th</sup> Swim Team Banquet followed by Raft Night and on July 23<sup>rd</sup> Movie Night at the Pool.

Here are some reminders for the summer. If you bring a guest to the pool they must remain with you and must leave the pool when you do. Under no circumstances can a guest just show up at the pool and use your name to sign in. All children who go off the diving board must be able to swim the length of the pool. No glass containers of any kind are permitted at the swimming pool!

Please be considerate of our other members and the Post/pool. Please pick up your own trash, including cigarette butts. This includes those who smoke in the parking lot. Please don't leave your trash for someone else to pick up. The grills are open for everyone to use. Please clean off the grill when you are done.

*Pool Committee*

## **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 1<sup>st</sup>, 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](mailto:Rentals@delvets.com) for more information on available dates.

Thank you, *Linda Rodriguez*,  
Rental Chairperson

## **DEL VETS Sports &**

### **Current Events Corner**

## **SPORTS:**

### **IN HOUSE POOL LEAGUE:**

Dateline: 2535 Veterans Drive

Dear Readers:

Your Pool Reporter is Gone but Never forgotten!!



*Editor*

## INDEPENDENCE DAY PICNIC



Monday - July 4th, Annual Independence Day Picnic, 12 to 4 PM - Free Draft Beer, Wine & Soda till 2 p.m. after which free Soda. Ballroom cash bar open for all drinks from 12 noon to 4 p.m. Food will be available from 12 to 3 p.m.

The Post will provide Hamburgers and Hot Dogs along with necessary utensils and condiments. These events are successful only if you bring something to share with your fellow Post and Pool members.

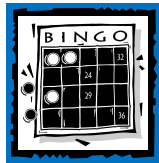
If your last name begins with A thru M bring a Dessert, N thru Z bring a Side Dish. Cost is \$5.00 for Post & Pool members and \$10.00 for each Guest. Please no pretzels or chips.

### DON'T FORGET BINGO!

IN THE LOUNGE ON  
WEDNESDAYS —

July 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>nd</sup>

MEMBERS ONLY



## DATES TO REMEMBER:

- **MONDAY, July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016**  
Independence Day Picnic 12 noon to 4:00 pm
- **WEDNESDAY, July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016**  
General Membership Meeting 7:30pm
- **MONDAY, July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2016**  
Honor Guard Meeting 7:00pm
- **WEDNESDAYS, July 13, 20 & 27<sup>th</sup>, 2016**  
BINGO in the lounge 7:30pm – **MEMBERS ONLY**
- **SATURDAY, July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2016**  
Adult Pool Party
- **TUESDAY, July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016**  
Swim Team Banquet & Raft Night
- **FRIDAY, July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2016**  
Golf Tournament 8:00am Rock Manor Golf Club
- **SATURDAY, July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2016**  
Movie night at Pool
- **WEDNESDAY, August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016**  
General Membership Meeting 7:30pm
- **MONDAY, August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016**  
Honor Guard Meeting 7:00pm

*Lucy Stephens*, Editor

### EDITOR'S NOTE: \*\*

You can **submit articles** for insertion in the Newsletter **at any time** just **email to:** [m2looseC@delvets.com](mailto:m2looseC@delvets.com)



## *Marty "Doc" Londergan Golf Tournament*



Friday, July 22<sup>th</sup> at the  
Rock Manor Golf Club

Shotgun Start at 8:00am

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

(Pay at Bar & get receipt)

(Signup sheet on Bulletin Board at the Post)

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