



September 2016

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## **MEETING REPORTS:**

### **MEMBERSHIP:**

**1<sup>st</sup> READING:** Othell Hamlett (Air Force), Nicholas Mariotti (Air Force), William McGonigal (Army), Alexander Satkowski (Navy). PRESENT

Joe Sweeney (Navy), Richard Ross (COVM), John Lesh (Navy), Andrew Pelczar III (Army). NOT PRESENT.

**2<sup>nd</sup> READING:** Kelvin Blessingame (Army), John Miller (Air Force), John Worthington (Navy). ALL PRESENT

Steven M Hoffman (Air Force). Billy J Klenfeldt (Marine). 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:**

**Rebecca Keyser, wife** of member Alan Keyser, passed away recently.

**Betty Carrullo, wife** of member Joe Carrullo and also past President of the DelVets WACs, passed away on August 26, 2016.

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

## **Commander's Corner**



Hello Post Members,

Well, summer has come and gone. The pool committee will be working to get the pool ready for closure, our in house committee will be preparing for winterization and hopefully we will begin to see many of our members returning from an enjoyable summer season, welcome back.

I want to note several items of interest; first as most of you know the Post-election season is upon us. Rich Robichaud is the appointed Election Chairman and he will be announcing his committee very shortly, however, if you would like to submit your name for consideration to a certain position I am sure he would be happy to place you into nomination. Also, the biographies for Member of the Year are due to the Commander by the November membership meeting, so if you know of a member that has gone above and beyond for the Post then please submit a written bio to me.

As the fall season is fast approaching, we are sure to be warm while watching our favorite football teams in the lounge, as the new high efficiency boiler has been installed. Our Rental Committee has been busy and has our hall just about booked up for the remainder of this year, please remember that if you have a rental need to please contact the rental committee to secure your date as soon as possible before it's gone.

There are also a number of fun and exciting activities planned so don't sit idle, come out and get involved. In closing, remember that the schools will be opening soon which means kids and school buses will be in action so please be careful.

*Joe Rodriguez, Commander*

## **VETERANS' AFFAIRS:**

Myron Smith reported the Commissioners discussed the parking lot at the Veterans Hospital.

## **VETERANS MUSINGS**



I ponder the almost unbearable heat of the deep summer season but before you can blink your eyes we will be heading toward the Christmas Season. Traditionally it has evolved as our single and most widely celebrated holiday of the year. However, we find ourselves more and more being subjected to that middle level bureaucratic innovation, political correctness. In order to appease the Islamic, Moslem or ultraliberal minorities we are expected to adhere to! The fact that it is no longer or possible to give the salute to our flag or recite the Lord's Prayer in public schools is heart rendering! I hear that discussed almost daily, it totally turns me off. Perhaps I can be compared to a turtle crossing an eight lane superhighway, but I refuse to bow to the current trends. I deeply respect the institutions we grew up under and which definitely carried this great country forward. Even the slaves, that built the White House, were known to sing Christmas hymns as they toiled. Do not lessen, in my presence, the principles and factors that created this great and unique country I call home.

Yours, *Dick Bostic*

## **WAC's:**



Come join the WAC's. Our first meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 6th at 7:15 pm.

Our Annual Spaghetti Dinner and Basket Auction is scheduled for Friday, September 23rd. Baskets are contributed by WAC members for auction at the dinner. This is one of our biggest fundraisers and we would love to see you there.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, October 4<sup>th</sup>.

## **CONGRATULATIONS:**

Congratulations are in order to Jack Houck. He was presented a 70 year pin for membership at Post #1 at the August General Meeting.

Members honored Jack with a standing ovation!

Also, Congratulations to Chaplain MyRon W. Smith, who was presented the Legion of Honor Humanitarian Award from the Four Chaplains Association, on Sunday, August 21, 2016.

Del Vets Honor Guard members were in attendance for the award ceremony.

## **US Navy Naming Ship Ceremony**

Honorary Post Member & Medal of Honor recipient, Col. H.C. Barney Barnum Jr. USMC (RET.), had the honor of the US Navy naming their latest DDG-124 destroyer ship the "USS HARVEY C. BARNUM, JR."

The Secretary of the Navy spoke of Barney's heroics in Vietnam and his dedicated service to our Country.

Sgt. Major Harvey Freville, Harold West & Sam Minutola from our Post were honored & privileged to be invited to this prestige's ceremony.

## **18<sup>th</sup> Annual "Toys for Tots" 5k Race**



The 18<sup>th</sup> Annual "Toys for Tots" 5K Run/Walk Race Day in memory of James "Daddy Wags" Wagner and Tom Pitts will be held this year on Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

We're looking forward to seeing a large turnout for this annual event. Put the date on your calendar.

More info will be on the Bulletin Board at the Post and in the Newsletter next month.

## **DEL VETS Sports &**

### **Current Events Corner**

## **SPORTS:**

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

Dear Readers:

I heard he's coming back!



*Editor*

## Labor Day Activities

September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016

Picnic: 12 to 4:00 pm

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



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

Post will provide  
Hamburgers and Hot Dogs

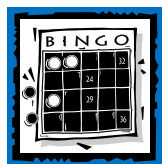
Bring a side dish or dessert to share  
If last name starts with A-K bring a dessert  
If last name starts with L-Z bring side dish

\$5.00/per member - \$10.00/per guest fee



## DON'T FORGET BINGO!

IN THE LOUNGE ON  
WEDNESDAYS —



September 14, 21 28, 2016

MEMBERS ONLY



## WACs SPAGHETTI DINNER

Friday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>

Basket Auction – Doors Open  
6:00 for preview



Dinner at 7:00 pm

Adults Only \$10 per person



## Shrimp & Chicken Feast

Saturday, October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015

6 to 7 - Cocktails 7 to 8 - Dinner

8 to 11 - DJ Charli



1 Drink Ticket

\$25 per person

Sponsored by Del Vets Honor Guard

## DATES TO REMEMBER:

- **MONDAY, September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016**  
LABOR DAY PICNIC – 12 to 4 pm
- **TUESDAY, September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016**  
WACs meeting at 7:15 pm
- **WEDNESDAY, September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016**  
General Membership Meeting 7:30pm
- **MONDAY, September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016**  
Honor Guard Meeting 7:00pm
- **WEDNESDAYS, September 14, 21, 28, 2016**  
BINGO in the lounge 7:30pm – **MEMBERS ONLY**
- **FRIDAY, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2016**  
Spaghetti Dinner – Open 6pm, Dinner 7pm
- **MONDAY, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016**  
Honor Guard Meeting 7:00pm
- **TUESDAY, October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016**  
WACs meeting at 7:15 pm
- **WEDNESDAY, October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016**  
General Membership Meeting 7:30pm
- **SATURDAY, October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016**  
Honor Guard Shrimp & Chicken Dinner, 6:00pm

*Lucy Stephens*, Editor

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