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NEWSLETTER

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Editor: Lucy Stephens
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MEETING REPORTS:

MEMBERSHIP:

1st READING: Joseph Burr (Army), Bill Merchant (USMC), Daniel Miller (USMC), Donald Rubbo (USMC), John Valori (USANG). PRESENT

John Buckley (Army), Joseph Sweeny (Navy), NOT PRESENT.

2nd READING: William Dinski (Navy), Jack Kennard (Army), Richard Ross (COVM). PRESENT.

Othell Hamlett (Air Force), Andrew Pelczar III (Army). NOT PRESENT.

Billy Kleinfeldt (USMC) - waived.

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:

Everyone seems to be in good health. Keep it up.

The Post wishes a speedy recovery to any who may be under the weather.

Commander's Corner

Hello Post Members,

Well, December is upon us and that means 18 shopping days until Christmas! As 2016 is coming to a close I want to say that it has been an honor to serve as your Commander. It has certainly been a



challenging year but one that I feel has also been a productive one for the Post. We have made many upgrades to the Post. I am very fortunate to have been able to work with an Executive Board that supports not only the Post leadership but believes in what Del Vets stands for and we were able to accomplish so much. I hope that everyone has seen this and feels the same way as I do.

Post elections will take place at the December membership meeting and I strongly urge all of our voting members to come out and take part in the election process of your organization.

We had many volunteers come out the day after Thanksgiving to decorate the hall and Post for the holidays and I must say it looks great. I want to personally thank all the volunteers that came out and helped decorate.

I want to thank all of the Committee Chairpersons as well as those that served on those committees and sacrificed many hours of their personal time to make our Post the quality organization it is. Please take a minute to stop and thank these members for all that they do for us. In closing I would like to wish all of you and your families a safe and enjoyable holiday season.

Joe Rodríguez, Commander

VETERANS' AFFAIRS:

Commissioner Myron Smith reported the Commission met with the new Acting Director at the Veterans Hospital. Myron advised that at the Stand Down, 59 individuals were taken care of in the dental van and noted 399 homeless veterans have been housed in Delaware. Information will be posted on the Bulletin Board.

VETERANS MUSINGS



Well, here we are again at Thanksgiving and entering into that period of time called the Holiday Season. I need not stress the point but here at this Post, in this State, in this wonderful country, we truly have much to be thankful for.

If by chance you are one of those who are having a tough time adjusting your belt after the results of this last election – well just stop, take a deep breath and get over it! It's like taking your old car to the same old garage, to the same trusted mechanic only to learn that your old trusted mechanic has died, replaced by a new guy. Just remember it's the same old car with the same old problems – let the new mechanic have a go at it!

Remember this Country of ours is a very unique experiment, we are a unique people, there is no place like this place.

Thank God for this place!

Yours, *Dick Bostic*

WAC's:



The Baked Potato Bar was a huge success. Thanks to all who helped us with this fundraiser.

On Tuesday, December 6th we will be holding our Annual Christmas Auction. We are accepting items for this auction, new or almost new, that you might want to donate for this Fundraiser.

Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays! *The WACs*

HONOR GUARD ACTIVITIES:

The Honor Guard members have been busy lately; they participated at the Veterans Day Ceremony on Veterans Day and recently organized football Sunday brunch for members at the Post. They are also making pizza for members to purchase on Thirsty Thursdays to help support their activities. Stop in and support them.

The members will also deliver stuffed stockings on December 11th at the VA Hospital.

The Honor Guard meets on the first Monday of each month and new members are always welcome.

Jerry Stauffer, chairman

DEL VETS Sports &

Current Events Corner

Toys 4 Tots:

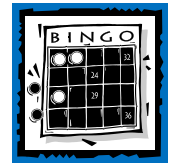
The Committee for the Toys for Tots would like to Thank everyone for their participation this year The race could not happen without all the volunteer & sponsors. They know who they are. The race ran smoothly the entire day because of all the help. Special thanks to Jim Ebright for his help with the race applications.

Mike Griffith



DON'T FORGET BINGO!

IN THE LOUNGE ON
WEDNESDAYS —



December 14th, 21st & 28th
2016

MEMBERS ONLY



LOUNGE ENTERTAINMENT:

Thursdays: 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th

= Thirsty Thursdays PIZZA Nights!

Sat. Dec 10th = Christmas Party, Take Two playing

Sun. Dec 11th = 1pm Eagles (home) vs Wash

Redskins – Honor Guard preparing food

Wed. Dec 14th = BINGO (Members Only)

Sun. Dec 18th = 1pm Eagles vs Baltimore Ravens

Wed. Dec 21st = BINGO (Members Only)

Thurs Dec 22nd = 8:25pm Eagles (home) vs Giants

Wed. Dec 28th = BINGO (Members Only)

Sat. Dec 17th = Nancy's game nite 8 to? \$5 burgers

Sat. Dec 31st = New Year's Eve, DJ John Shaudrue
plays in the Hall



DATES TO REMEMBER:

- **MONDAY, December 5th, 2016**
Honor Guard Meeting 7:00pm
- **TUESDAY, December 6th, 2016**
WACs ANNUAL AUCTION - 7:15 pm
- **WEDNESDAY, December 7th, 2016**
General Membership Meeting 7:30pm
- **THURSDAY, December 8, 15, 22, 29, 2016**
Thirsty Thursdays – PIZZA NIGHTs in Lounge
- **SATURDAY, December 10th, 2016**
Christmas Party – 6 to 11pm - **MEMBERS ONLY**
- **WEDNESDAYS, December 14, 21, 28, 2016**
BINGO in the lounge 7:30pm – **MEMBERS ONLY**
- **SATURDAY, December 17th, 2016**
Game Night in Lounge 8:00pm
- **SATURDAY, December 24th, 2016**
Christmas Eve Social 3 to 6 pm in Hall
- **SUNDAY, December 25TH, 2016**
Happy Holidays – POST CLOSED
- **SATURDAY, December 31st, 2016**
New Year's Eve Party – DJ John Shaudrue
- **MONDAY, January 2nd, 2017**
Honor Guard Meeting 7:00pm
- **TUESDAY, January 3rd, 2017**
WACs Meeting - 7:15 pm
- **WEDNESDAY, January 4th, 2017**
General Membership Meeting 7:30pm

Lucy Stephens, Editor

EDITOR'S NOTE: **

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

Did you know that a crocodile cannot stick out his tongue !

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2016 OFFICERS & “E” BOARD

<u>Officer</u>	<u>Name</u>
COMMANDER	Joe Rodriguez ^(A)
VICE-COMMANDER	Harvey Freville ^(M)
SECRETARY	John Pastor ^(A)
TREASURER	Lee Mitchell ^(N)
TREASURER-ELECT - Ex-Officio	Michael Janes ^(A)
SERGEANT-AT-ARMS – Ex-Officio	Rich Micolucci ^(M)

<u>Executive Board Members</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Year</u>
PRESIDENT	Mark Schilling ^(N)	2016
MEMBER	Larry Harris ^(A)	2016
MEMBER	Charlie Wright ^(N)	2017
MEMBER	Jim Hague ^(NG)	2017
MEMBER	Jack McKelvey ^(AF)	2016
EX-OFFICIO	Keith Henry ^(M)	Membership
EX-OFFICIO	Tom Kennedy ^(A)	By-Laws

2016 COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

<u>COMMITTEE</u>	<u>Name</u>
CHAPLAIN	Myron Smith ^(CG)
BAR	Jen Avery
BUDGET	Steve Kessler
BY-LAWS	Tom Kennedy ^(A)
ENTERTAINMENT	
FINANCE	Bob Morris ^(A)
GROUND	Frank (Chico) Brzezicki ^(N)
HOUSE	Bill Frank ^(A)
HONOR GUARD	Frank Dobson ^(A) / Gerry Stauffer ^(N)
INSURANCE ADVISOR	Webb Bell ^(AF)
KITCHEN	Andi Chernekoff
MEMBERSHIP	Keith Henry ^(M)
POST ACCOUNTANT	Chet Milewicz ^(A)
POST ACCOUNTANT	Jim Ebright ^(N)
POOL	Florie Henry
PROGRESSIVE BOOK	John “Moon” Reilly ^(M)
PURCHASING AGENT (Liquor-Supplies)	Jen Avery
RENTALS	Linda Rodriguez
SPORTS	Mike Buono
VETERAN’S AFFAIRS	MyRon Smith ^(CG)
WEB SITE	Rich Calhoun ^(A) / Jim Ebright ^(N)

HOME, INC.

Jack Houck ^{(A) (PC)}	Emeritus	Lifetime
Joe Bevando ^{(AF) (PC)}		2014 – 2016
Webb Bell ^{(AF) (PC)}		2014 - 2016
Ralph Allen ^(A) - At Large		2014 - 2016
Jim Ebright ^(N)		2015 - 2017
Sam Minutola ^{(M) (PC)}		2015 - 2017
Frank Dobson ^(A) -At Large		2015 - 2017
Jim Brannon ^{(AF) (PC)}		2016 - 2018
Bob Onorato ^{(CG) (PC)}		2016 - 2018
Bob Webb, Jr ^(A) -At Large		2016 - 2018

State Board of Directors

Bob Onorato ^(CG)	State Commander	2015 - 2016
Bill Frank ^(A) -at Large		2015 - 2016
Rich Calhoun ^(A)		2015 - 2017
Larry Harris ^(A) -at Large		2015 - 2017

Service Designations

A = Army AF = Air Force
 N = Navy CG = Coast Guard
 M = Marines NG = National Guard

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