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# NEWSLETTER

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## **MEETING REPORTS:**

### **MEMBERSHIP:**

**1<sup>st</sup> READING:** Robert Husfelt (ANG), Thomas Ryan (USMC), Wayne Talley (USA). PRESENT  
Ryan Rustark (USA). NOT PRESENT

**2<sup>nd</sup> READING:** Bernard V Donahue (Navy) Joseph Olszewski (Navy).,PRESENT.

Jesse L Hall, Sr (Army), Othell Hamlett (USAF) 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:**

### **ILLNESS:**

**Betty Stauffer**, wife of member ,**Gerry Stauffer**, is recuperating in Forwood Manor.

**Marlene McKinney**, wife of Al McKinney, is also recuperating from illness.

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

## **Commander's Corner**



Hello Post Members,

Well, spring has sprung and I am starting to see people emerging from hibernation after a long winter and that's a good thing! I am pleased to report that the

Post is in full swing right now. The pool has been drained and cleaned. The committee will soon be setting up the surrounding areas with picnic tables and chairs and it will only be a matter of time before the youngsters are jumping in.

Our In-House Committee continues to take care of business, most recently power washing the deck and repairing the Men's and Women's bathrooms down stairs. Thanks to all those who are assisting with these tasks. Our annual Post cleanup day is fast approaching so please keep an eye out for communications on this event. If you are not busy then come out and lend a hand getting your Post facilities ready for the summer season.

Our most important event of the year, the Memorial Day ceremony will be held on Saturday, May 27th at 10:30 a.m. at the Post. I want to ask ALL of our members to simply take two hours from that Saturday to come out to honor all of our veteran members that have passed on. They served our country to protect the very blanket of freedom that we enjoy every day so I do not think that it is too much to ask that you sacrifice this small amount of time to say thank you.

Please keep in mind that with the pool opening on that day the speed limit into the Post must be strictly observed (15mph) as we have children that live and play along Veterans Drive as well as coming into the parking lot. The safety of all must be our highest priority. In closing, enjoy the warmer weather and let's cross our fingers for a nice spring season.

*Joe Rodríguez, Commander*

## **VETERANS' AFFAIRS:**

Commissioner Myron Smith informed us that the Delaware Veterans Home has 100 residents and are reviewing applications for 20 more individuals. He also noted that transportation services from Sussex County to the Veterans Hospital are on hold. He also

noted that Arlington National Cemetery is running out of space.

Myron provided the form for Application for Veterans Commission in Delaware as his term is ending. Details will be posted on the Bulletin Board. Veterans who are interested to serve may apply.

## WAC's:



The WACs meeting night is Tuesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>. This is the last regular meeting of the year. Our new president is Sylvia Briscoe.

Our last event of the year will be the "End of Year" dinner on Friday, May 19th at 6:00 pm.

Thanks to everyone for your support of the WAC fundraisers this past year.

*The WACs*

## VETERANS MUSINGS



Nothing this month – out enjoying the sun.

*Dick Bostic*

## DEL VETS Sports & Current Events Corner

### SPORTS:

#### IN HOUSE POOL LEAGUE:

Dateline: 2535 Veterans Drive

Dear Readers:

I have to explain my current situation here at the hospital...for some reason they left me unsupervised last week and now I'm in lock down. Someone let some of the crazies out the front gate and of course all eyes were on me. Other than the two big men outside my cell I'm doing the best as I can. Although i cannot see what's going on with the league I suppose it is still surviving...if just barely!

I know the playoffs have started and God knows who's in the running...but really folks who cares? I don't...as long as I get 1 meal a day here I'll survive.



Hopefully with the Governors permission I'll be out soon and back to reporting the sport I like.....pool?

So until then my friends, bear with me as I try and find myself and my rightful place in society...and hopefully the pool league will find itself as well –

until then I remain,

*Locked up !!!*

### BASEBALL TRIVIA:

Some Baseball Trivia for our Sports fans:



The 2014 season marked the 90th *season* of competition in the Delaware American Legion Baseball program. Legion Baseball's roots start on July 17, 1915 when the South Dakota Department of the American Legion proposed a national baseball program of service to the youth of America.

The tremendous increase in the number of teenagers under age 19 interested in supervised recreation provided by this program is a continuing challenge to American Legionnaires everywhere to improve and expand their efforts. The American Legion, *America's largest veteran's organization*, sponsors this annual baseball competition, which culminates every year with an 8 team World Series in August, preceded by 8 Regionals, and Department/State Tournaments held the last full week of July. Our state winner represents Delaware in the Legion Baseball Mid Atlantic Regional.

Nearly one million dollars is spent annually on transportation, meals and lodging for the 1,400 players who compete at the eight Regional and National Championship tournaments.

The Delaware Baseball Committee supervises the league, and boasts participation by American Legionnaires, all with extensive baseball experience. Two are former Umpires and one of them was also a team manager, two are former Department of Delaware State Commanders. Two members have served for more than 30 years, and recently the committee appointed a member of the Sons of the American Legion to the committee because that program contributes many of our team manager and coach personnel.

The Chairman, Roy Lamberton, from Seaford, is a retired Senior Chief Petty Officer - having served 4 years active during Viet Nam, then he served 24 years

in Naval Reserve. He's held the post for 9 years and ushered the league into the digital age, adding a website to report scores, and schedule updates. The latest web address for Delaware American Legion Baseball is [www.DEALBaseball.org](http://www.DEALBaseball.org).

MORE TO COME NEXT MONTH - - -

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

### **MEMORIAL** *Day* **ACTIVITIES**

Our Memorial Day Service will be held on Saturday May 27, 2017 at 10:30 a.m. Please try to attend.

Everyone seemed to enjoy the Youth Challenge last year so we are bringing it back.

#### **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 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 24<sup>th</sup> or Thursday, May 25<sup>th</sup>. 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 27<sup>th</sup> 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.



## GRAVE VISITATION:



We will be going to area cemeteries to post flags on our Veterans graves who have passed away on Sunday, May 28, 2017. Sign-up sheet is on Bulletin Board.

### **DON'T FORGET BINGO!**

**IN THE LOUNGE ON WEDNESDAYS**



**May 10, 17, 24 & 31, 2017**

**MEMBERS ONLY**



### **DATES TO REMEMBER:**

- **MONDAY, May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017**  
Honor Guard Meeting 7:00pm
- **WEDNESDAY, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017**  
General Membership Meeting 7:30pm
- **WEDNESDAYS, May 10, 17, 24 & 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017**  
BINGO in the lounge 7:30pm – **MEMBERS ONLY**
- **THURSDAYS, May 4, 11 & 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017**  
Pizza Nights (18<sup>th</sup> is last)
- **SATURDAY, May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017**  
Memorial Day events start 10:30am
- **SUNDAY, May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017**  
Grave visitation – sign up on Bulletin Board
- **TUESDAY, May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017**  
Memorial Bridge Ceremony - start 10:30am
- **MONDAY, June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017**  
Honor Guard Meeting 7:00pm
- **WEDNESDAY, June 7<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto:m2looseC@delvets.com)

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