



JANUARY 2023

Editor: Donna Schilling  
Reporters: Numerous

## MEMBERSHIP:

### 1<sup>st</sup> READING

#### Present:

Kyle Prescott - Marine  
Ben Kline - Navy  
Matthew Thompson - Marine  
Gregory R Kern - Navy  
Gerald Becker - Army

#### NOT Present:

William Gupta - Army  
Richard E Longo III - Air Force  
Sheldon Slater - Air Force  
Sam Pendergraft, Jr - Navy  
Edward Dietz - Marine  
Father John Gayton - Navy  
Father Donald Van Alstyne - Army  
James Detzi - Army NG  
Daniel Culhane - Merchant Marine  
Dennis Spivack - Navy

### 2<sup>nd</sup> READING

#### Present:

Brandon DeFrancis - Air Force  
Jason Dolinger - USMC *in training*  
Brian Witlowski - USMC  
Brian Kohr - USMC  
Shirley Good - Assoc

#### NOT Present:

General Membership Meeting  
**First Wednesday of every Month. Time: 7:30pm**  
Please try to attend!

## CHAPLAIN'S REPORT:

### DEATHS:

**Larry Doyle -Navy** Passed 12/18 joined 8/2010  
**James Whisler - NG** Passed 12/17 joined 5/1991

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

### ILLNESS:

**Joe Rodrigues, Andi Chernenkoff, Mike Phillips and Bobbi Helms** are all home recuperating  
**Pam Smith** and **Cathy Frey** are in the hospital

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

## COMMANDER'S CORNER

Hello Post Members,

Ready or not – 2023 is here! We've spent two long years scratching our way back from the pandemic and we're keeping our fingers crossed that everything is back to normal to stay. There are many people that helped Del Vets return to the great organization we all love, but a few went above and beyond and deserve to be recognized. Harvey



Freville served as our Commander for 3 out of the last 5 years and President of the Eboard for the other two years. Almost everywhere you look in our Post you'll find something that Harvey touched in some way. Thank you for a job well done Harvey.

I also want to thank everyone that ran for an office in our last election. A good strong leadership team is crucial to the success of our Post. We still need more members to step up and run for office and that will be one of our goals for 2023. Special thanks to John Pastor who stepped up as our new Vice Commander and Mark Schilling who came out of retirement to serve as our Secretary. Both of these gentlemen have a wealth of experience and I will rely on them heavily throughout the year. We also need to recognize Veryl Burns who retired from the Eboard after more years than anyone can ask for. The Eboard will not be the same without you Veryl.

The Honor Guard has a new leadership team for 2023. Congrats to Vinny Knoll, Shawn Maclaren, Kim Riccio and Bill Conaway. Thanks to past leaders Frank Dobson and Jerry Stauffer for their dedicated service over the years. All of our Committee Chairs are staying on for 2023. That's great news for our Post since all of our Committees are staffed by volunteers and the Committees are what makes DelVets "go". Several of our Committees have been beefed up with more members and we are resurrecting a couple Committees that have been dormant for some time.

Please join us at our January Membership Meeting if you want to hear more details about our Committees.

January is going to be a busy month at Del Vets. Vince Vandenbrack has a full slate of entertainment, including our world famous Pollyanna gift exchange on the 14<sup>th</sup>. There's Eagles playoff football and the rental hall will be hopping with rentals, Corn Hole, DVETS, Line Dancing, a Blood Drive and an Eagle Scout Ceremony. It's gonna be a great start to 2023.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your Commander. We'll do our best to deliver a Post that we're all proud of and full of happy members.

*Bob Onorato, Commander*

### WAC's:

Happy New Year to all!

We most recently hosted our Christmas Auction in December and it was one of the best years we've had. We were able to include a basket of cheer to raffle off thanks to the generosity of the Post leadership and many fantastic items were donated for the auction itself by WACs and Post members alike. A huge "thank you!" to all who donated auction items, contributed food, attended and brought friends and family, and helped at the auction! It was a great success and a fun evening, and we had a lot of help in making it so.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, January 3 at 7:15 PM in the hall. We hope you can join us for this and other fun events and fundraisers this coming year!

*Lauren Cullumber, WAC President*

### Pollyanna Gift Exchange

Del Vets will be holding it's annual Pollyanna gift exchange on January 14<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the lounge.

We have a great way to help you lose the gift you received and didn't know what to do with! All you have to do is bring a the gift wrapped for a fun evening of laughs and good competition.

All rules will be announced before the gift exchange starts.

### COUNTRY LINE DANCING 7:00



Friday 13<sup>th</sup>  
Friday 27<sup>th</sup>

### ENTERTAINMENT

7:30 – 10:30

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> Katelyn Christine  
Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> Rick and Connie  
Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> Take Two



### DVETS RAFFLES

7:30



### WEDNESDAY's

11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, & 25<sup>th</sup>

### SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE:

For those high school students that are planning to attend college in the fall of 2023 and meet the eligibility requirements, applications may be requested by contacting Shawn Coho 302-339-1528 ([sacoho@liberty.edu](mailto:sacoho@liberty.edu)) or Mike Phillips 302-354-2782 ([mphillips.de@gmail.com](mailto:mphillips.de@gmail.com)).

To be eligible, the student must be the child or grandchild of a Post member who has been an active Del Vet member for at least 5 years.

All applications and supporting data MUST be received by February 1st.

### SPORTS

#### CORNHOLE LEAGUE



Monday nights @ 6:00

9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>



Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> Saints at **Eagles** TBA  
Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> AFC-NFC Championships

**Ladies Shuffleboard League Meeting**  
**Monday, January 16th at 7:30 pm**

All ladies interested in playing shuffleboard, meet us in the pool room . See you there!



**Delaware Veterans Post #1**

**January 6th**  
**2pm-7pm**

2535 Veterans Drive  
 Wilmington DE, 19801

For an appointment, please visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org)  
 Or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

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**ATTENTION**

**ALL POST MEMBERS**

**Post dues for 2023 are \$70**

Dues **MUST** be **paid** by **January 31<sup>st</sup>**

Payments made **after Jan 31<sup>st</sup>** will be considered late and a late fee of \$25 will be incurred.

If payment **is not** received by **February 15<sup>th</sup>** your membership will be dropped and your membership card deactivated.

For those that have made their payment  
**THANK YOU for your support.**

For those that have NOT PAID, Hurry before it's too late.

If you have lost or not received your notice, please contact us at [delvets@comcast.net](mailto:delvets@comcast.net) and a notice will be emailed to you.

Thank you ----Membership committee.

**DEL VETS ON LINE STORE**

Del Vets now has an online store available to all

<http://delvets.qbstores.com/>



Some of you may prefer an alternate logo, such as the Bartenders have been wearing, please see Jim Durborow at the Post to order these

**JANUARY MEETINGS/EVENTS:**

Sunday, 1 <sup>st</sup>	TBA	<b>EAGLES</b>
Tuesday, 3 <sup>rd</sup>	7:30	WAC's meeting
Wed, 4 <sup>th</sup>	7:30	General Membership mtg
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup>	2	Red Cross Blood drive
Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup>	7:30	Katelyn Christine
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup>	TBA	<b>EAGLES</b>
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup>	6	Cornhole
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	7	Honor Guard meeting
Weds 11 <sup>th</sup>	7:30	DVETS
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup>	7:30	Country Line dancing
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup>	7	Chinese Auction
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup>	6	Cornhole
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	7	E-Board meeting
Weds 18 <sup>th</sup>	7:30	DVETS
Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup>	7:30	Rich & Connie
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	6	Cornhole
Weds 25 <sup>th</sup>	7:30	DVETS
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup>	7:30	Country Line dancing
Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup>	7:30	Take Two
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup>	TBA	AFC-NFC Championships
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup>	6	Cornhole
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup>	8	New Year's Eve party

**FEBRUARY**

Weds 1 <sup>st</sup>	7:30	General Membership mtg
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	7:30	WAC-Y BINGO
Weds 14 <sup>th</sup>	7	Honor Guard meeting
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	7	E-Board meeting

*Donna Schilling, Editor*

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**If you would like anything printed in the newsletter, please send an e-mail by the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month.**



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## 2023 OFFICERS & "E" BOARD

<u>Office</u>	<u>Name</u>
Commander	Bob Onorato <sup>(CG)-(PC)</sup>
Vice-Commander	John Pastor <sup>(A)</sup>
Secretary	Mark Schilling <sup>(NA)-(PC)</sup>
Treasurer	Bob Walker <sup>(A)</sup>
Treasurer-Elect - Ex-Officio	Ed Herman <sup>(A)</sup>
Sergeant-at-Arms	Joe Koslosky <sup>(AF)</sup>

<u>Executive Board Members</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Year</u>
PRESIDENT	Bob Morris <sup>(A)</sup>	2023
MEMBER	Jim Hague <sup>(NG)</sup>	2023
MEMBER	Harvey Freville <sup>(M)-(PC))</sup>	2023
MEMBER	Ed Brinkman <sup>(A)</sup>	2024
MEMBER	Roger Lee <sup>(AF)</sup>	2024

## 2023 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

<u>COMMITTEE</u>	<u>Name</u>
BAR	Erin Doyle-Facciolo
BY-LAWS	Mark Schilling <sup>(N)-(PC)</sup>
CHAPLAIN	Randy Scott <sup>(M)</sup>
ENTERTAINMENT	Vince Vandenbraak
FINANCE	Bob Morris <sup>(A)</sup>
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RENTALS	John Descioli
SPORTS	Mike Buono <sup>(A)</sup>
VETERAN'S AFFAIRS	Rick Rambo <sup>(N)</sup>
WAC's	Lauren Cullumber
WEB SITE	Denise Bernstein

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Frank Dobson <sup>(A)</sup>	2021 - 2023
Jerry Stauffer <sup>(N)</sup>	2023 - 2024
Ken D'Aurizio <sup>(N)</sup>	2023 - 2024
Bob Bostedo <sup>(A)</sup>	2023 - 2025
Jim Brannon <sup>(NG)-(PC)</sup>	2023 - 2025

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John "Moon" Riley <sup>(M)</sup> -at Large	2022 - 2023
Bill Frank <sup>(A)</sup> -at Large	2021 - 2024
Jack McKelvey <sup>(AF)</sup>	2023 - 2024

### Service Designations

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

Delaware Veterans Post #1 Member of the Year 2022

**Brian Thomas**