

# **DRAFT**

## **Delaware Veterans Post # 1**

### **General Membership Meeting**

**August 4, 2022**

**Meeting was called to order by Commander Harvey Freville at 7:30 PM.**

**All cell phones were silenced and hats removed.**

**The Pledge of Allegiance was rendered by all persons present.**

**Commander Freville announced the award of the 25 year membership pin to John “Moon” Reilly.**

**Commander Freville invited Past Commander Mark Schilling to present the recommendations from the By-Laws Committee to membership. Mark explained the process to amend the Post By-Laws requiring three readings; and the vote taken after the third reading. Mark presented PowerPoint slides detailing the proposed changes and explained each change.**

- **Article II, Section 1 – Membership Requirements**
  - **Letter C – Spouse Membership**
    - #1- would remain the same – no change
  - #2 – Spouse of a deceased Veteran member may become a lifetime member unless he/she declines the membership. May not hold elected office, has no voting privileges, no annual membership dues. If remarried, the spouse of the deceased Veteran would move to the Associate membership status. May not hold elected office, has no voting privileges, and must pay annual membership dues. The new spouse will not be eligible to assume this membership upon the death of the Veteran spouse.
  - #3 – Spouse of a deceased Associate member may assume the membership of the deceased Associate unless he/she declines the membership. May not hold elected office, has no voting privileges, must pay annual membership dues. If remarried, the new spouse will not be eligible to assume this membership upon the death of the Associate spouse.
  - New #4 – In the event that a deceased associate member had achieved lifetime membership status prior to their death, the spouse would not be required to pay annual

membership dues unless they possess their own membership, however, if the deceased associate was a voting associate, the voting rights will not carry over and the spouse would become an associate member (if they accept the membership)

New - No member can hold two membership classifications. This would also apply to spouses of deceased Veteran Members who also possess their own membership. The membership committee will address these issues on a case-by-case basis.

- **Letter D – Associate Members:**
  - No Change to opening statement
  - #1 – Would remain the same - no change
  - #2 – Would remain the same - no change
- #3 – Pool Associate – Proposing to eliminate this classification. All current Pool Associate applicants would be converted to an Associate member.
  - **Letter E – Swimming Pool Members:**
    - No change to current language
  - **Letter F – Associate Membership Limitations:**
    - 1. Associate Membership will be limited to 35% of the total Veteran membership

### **SECTION 3**

#### **METHOD OF PROCESSING APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP:**

*Last Amended 12/02/2009.*

1. All Veteran and non-veteran application forms are to be properly completed and forwarded to the Executive Board prior to the next Executive Board meeting. **Any application that is improperly filled out and submitted to the Executive Board must be returned to the applicant to be completed properly. Sponsors signatures must be legible to continue the processing of the application. Associate applicants will have their place in line held while their application is being corrected.**
  - a. All Veteran applicants must attach proof of their honorable service in the armed forces of the United States.
  - b. A Quorum of the Executive Board must verify all applicants' written proof and the Secretary shall note this fact on the application form. The Executive

Board or their designee shall present the applicants in person to the general membership at the next general membership meeting. This will be considered the first reading. An applicant cannot pay post dues or receive a key card until final approval of the application.

- c. It shall be the duty of the Executive Board to examine all applications. The Membership Committee will investigate by interviewing the applicant's sponsor. The Membership Committee Chairman or Committee Member will assist with the investigation by posting the names of the applicants on a designated bulletin board at the post.
- d. The post Commander or his designee will have the names of the applicants placed in the membership section of the post newsletter designated: "Awaiting Final Approval". Any member who has any objections to an applicant must notify the Executive Board in writing or in person prior to the second reading.
- e. If no further investigation is warranted by the next general membership meeting, the applicant must then appear in person for the second reading and final approval. Upon final approval of the applicant, the Executive Board will direct the post Treasurer, upon payment of dues to present the applicant with a membership and key card.
- f. The application and all records shall be kept in the files of the Membership Committee. If an applicant is unable to attend one or any of the membership meetings as required above, then the **applicant and or their sponsor are** responsible for informing the Membership Chairman and or the Executive Board.
- g. The Executive Board will determine on a case-by-case basis whether to continue to proceed with the processing of the application or place the application on hold until the applicant can appear in person before the general membership.
- h. Dues must be paid within 30 days after notification of acceptance as a member; otherwise, acceptance shall be void.

- i. Any member who resides beyond 75 miles of the Wilmington Post #1 will pay dues that are ½ of the dues and any assessment for that current year.
- j. All new members will be subject to a six (6) month probationary period. During this probationary period, a new member may have their membership revoked if in the opinion of the Post Executive Board that such action is necessary and in the best interest of the Post and such revocation is not subject to appeal to the State Board.

**Membership was asked if there are any questions; none.**

**Previous General Membership Meeting Minutes – Commander Freville asked the Secretary to read the minutes from the previous General Membership Meeting. Motion was made by Larry Harris to approve and wave reading of the minutes as they were previously distributed and posted. Gerry Stauffer seconded the motion; Commander inquired if there were any objections; none – passed.**

**Previous E-Board Minutes - Commander Freville asked the Secretary to read the minutes from the previous E-Board Meetings. Draft minutes from the July 18, 2022 E-Board meeting was read by the Secretary. Commander inquired if there were any questions or corrections; none. Mark Schilling noted an automatic chlorinator was previously used. Commander Freville advised the unit broke and requires replacement. Motion was made by Jim Brannon to approve. Mark Schilling seconded the motion, passed by voice vote.**

**The Treasurers Report – Commander Freville asked Treasurer Ed Herman to report on the Profit and Loss Statement for June 2022. Ed reported net ordinary income for May was \$45,933.49. Commander inquired if there are any questions/ comments from membership; Joe Rodriguez noted expense of \$12,399 was offset by same income in the May financial report. Motion was made by Mark Schilling to approve. Gerry Stauffer seconded the motion, passed by voice vote.**

**Vice Commanders Report – Vice Commander Bob Onorato noted after this meeting individuals who have their First Reads today should meet with the Welcoming Committee.**

**Executive Board –none.**

## Committee Reports

- Finance Committee – none.
- Home Inc. – Sam Minutola reported the issue regarding Home Inc. not receiving mail has been resolved.
- By Laws Committee – Report was first item on today's agenda.
- Bar Committee – no report.
- Chaplain – Chaplain Randy Scott reported Kim Riccio's father passed away and John Schlosser has some health issues.
- Veteran Affairs – no report, position open
- Entertainment – Vince Vandenbraak reported new entertainment is scheduled for this Friday night and annual flu shots are scheduled for mid-September, events are posted and disseminated in the Newsletter.
- Rentals –John Descioli –no report.
- WACS – Diane Onorato reported WACs are collecting non-perishable food items, containers are placed at the pool entrance and in the Lounge.
- Kitchen – Andi Chernekoff thanked members for their support and noted Saturday August 18 is cleaning da in the kitchen, volunteers are welcome.

Pool – Shawn Coho – no report..

- Sports – Sam Minutola reported the baseball team won the State championship and are in West Virginia.

- **Grounds** – no report.
- **In House Committee** – Chip Roop reported he completed painting the front of the building.
- **Membership** – Jim reported: New Member List for July 2022

- **1st READS**

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Branch</u></b>
• Daniel Culhane	Merchant Marine-on duty
• Father John Gayton	USN – not present
• Robert Dion	USN – not present
• James Detzi	USA NG – not present
• Robert Schrock	USMC – not present
• Michael Berger	Assoc – not present
• John Whitfield	USN – not present
• Mark Whitfield	Assoc – not present
• Brian Kohr	USMC – not present
• Shirley Good	Assoc – not present
• David Shaw	USN – not present
• Daniel Rosenthal	Assoc – not present
• Eric S Buss	USA – not present
• Mark Tatasciore	Assoc – not present
• Alexander M Iuliano	USA-active Duty"
• Richard E Longo III	USAF-active duty
• Richard Kane	USMC - present
• Rawlings Tyson, Jr	USMC - present
• Russel Minner	Assoc - present
• Frank Killian	USA - present
• Michael Annone, Sr	Assoc – team coach
• Thomas Gorman	USA - present
• Thomas J Gorman, Jr	Assoc - present
• Daniel C Moore	USA - present
• Christopher L Cain	Assoc – not present
• Regina A Minzer	USAF - present
• Robert Mills	Assoc - present

- **Dominick C Moretti** Assoc - present
- **17 - VETERAN** 11 - ASSOCIATES

- **2nd READS**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Branch</u>
• <b>Blaine Elzcy</b>	<b>USMC - present</b>
• <b>John R Murray</b>	<b>USN - present</b>
• <b>David A Killian</b>	<b>USCG - present</b>
• <b>Phillip Hall</b>	<b>USMC - present</b>
• <b>Thomas S Losak</b>	<b>USA - present</b>
• <b>Elizabeth B McDaniel</b>	<b>USA NG – Active duty</b>
• <b>Dahlia Lewis</b>	<b>USA – not present</b>
• <b>Timothy A Sinko</b>	<b>USA - present</b>
• <b>Gail C Brown</b>	<b>Assoc - present</b>
• <b>8 - VETERAN</b>	<b>1- ASSOCIATES</b>

- **Del Vets Raffle** – no report.
- **Honor Guard** – Gerry Stauffer commented the Auto show is scheduled for September 10<sup>th</sup> the raffles can be obtained from the bartenders and will be drawn at the show. Post members are welcome to join the Honor Guard, monthly meetings are held on the second Tuesday of every month at 7 PM. Sean MacLaren advised the car show is located at 801 Darley Road, are accommodates 85-100 vehicles; interested volunteers please contact Sean.
- **Scholarship** –Mike Phillips reported the Golf Tournament revenue was donated to the Scholarship Fund. Pancake breakfast is scheduled for August 27<sup>th</sup>.
- **Swim Team** –Gail Brown, our Swim Team coach noted the team finished the season at the home pool. The State presented a Tribute to the teams of North Brandywine for providing sports programs for the past 50 years. She Tribute (Official Document) was presented to the Commander for display at the Post.

**Old Business** – Sam Minutola inquired regarding the status of the tribute to honor Jack Houck; Commander Freville advised the WACs have several programs in place.

**New Business** – none.

**Good of the Order** – Mark Schilling advised the joint program with the Diamond State Blues Society is scheduled for Sunday November 13, 2022. The last blues event was quickly sold out; Post members interested to attend should plan to purchase tickets early.

Commander Freville advised the Toys-for-Tots event is scheduled, as usual for November. Also the blood drive is scheduled for August 11<sup>th</sup> at the Post.

**50/50** – John Murray won \$128; Post received \$127 from ticket purchases.

All attendees stood for the recital of the Del Vets Prayer.

Taps was sounded.

Motion was made by Vince Knoll to adjourn the meeting. Jim Brannon seconded the motion, passed by voice vote.

**The meeting was adjourned** at 8:31 p.m.

**Respectfully submitted** by the Secretary John Pastor