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Delaware Veterans Post # 1

General Membership Meeting

September 7, 2022

Meeting was called to order by Vice Commander Bob Onorato at 7:30 PM.

All cell phones were silenced and hats removed.

The Pledge of Allegiance was rendered by all persons present.

Vice Commander Onorato 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. Today's reading is the second time presented to the membership, the first time was at the August 2022 General Membership Meeting.

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

Previous E-Board Minutes – Vice Commander Onorato asked the Secretary to read the minutes from the previous E-Board Meetings. Draft minutes from the August 23, 2022 E-Board meeting was read by the Secretary. Vice Commander inquired if there were any questions or corrections; Mark Schilling inquired if the E-Board plans to review the playground proposal with Home, Inc. Vice Commander confirmed –yes and Sam Minutola advised Home, Inc. is aware of the matter. Question was asked regarding upgrade of cameras- Bob Morris noted additional cameras are needed for bar area and kitchen hallway. Question was asked regarding Dick Bostick – Vice Commander Onorato advised he is a long-time Post member who is homebound and is in need of some equipment. No other question. Motion was made by Gerry Stauffer to approve. Mark Schilling seconded the motion, passed by voice vote.

The Treasurers Report – Vice Commander Onorato asked Treasurer Ed Herman to report on the Profit and Loss Statement for July 2022. Ed reported net income for January through July was \$20,508. Vice Commander inquired if there are any questions/ comments from membership; none. Motion was made by Sam Minutola to approve. Randy Scott 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 –President Bob Morris advised the proposed idea to install playground equipment will be studied and reviewed by a committee comprised of representation from E-Board, Home, Inc., Pool Committee, and volunteers. Bob noted Post elections are coming up and interested individuals should contact a member of the Committee.

Committee Reports

- **Finance Committee** – Bob Morris advised the accounts are balanced. Bob thanked Doug Larrimore and the Committee for donating profits from the Golf Tournament to the Scholarship Fund.
- **Home Inc.** – Sam Minutola –no report.
- **By Laws Committee** – no report.
- **Bar Committee** – no report. Vice Commander noted the instruction sheet is in the front of the Raffle Book, the checker is required to sign the Book legibly.
- **Chaplain** – Chaplain Randy Scott reported John Skinner is having surgery; Dick Ross's wife passed away.
- **Veteran Affairs** – no report, position open
- **Entertainment** – Vince Vandenbraak reported number of entertainment events are scheduled for September including: Friday September 9th-Cheesesteaks by Jim Hague; Sunday September 11- Eagles at Detroit; Saturday September 17-The Sheehan Brothers; Monday September 19- Eagles at home vs Vikings; Sunday September 25- Eagles at Commanders. Friday September 16 and 30 – Line

Dancing; Annual flu shots are scheduled for September 29th – 5-7PM, events are posted and disseminated in the Newsletter.

- **Rentals** – September weekends are booked, anyone interested to rent the Hall need to contact John Descioli.
- **WACS** – Lauren Cullumber reported WACs had their first meeting, next meeting October 4th. Spaghetti dinner September 23rd with basket auction - \$15 per person. Aunt Mary-Pat scheduled on Thursday November 10th -\$25.
- **Kitchen** – Andi Chernekoff thanked members for their support during the successful Labor Day picnic-good side dishes were brought in, volunteers are welcome and needed.

Pool – Shawn Coho – no report. Doggie dip is this weekend.

- **Sports** – Mike Buono reported the baseball team won the 2022 State championship and represented Delaware at the Eastern Regional in Morgantown, West Virginia.
- **Grounds** – no report.
- **In House Committee** – Chip Roop - no report. Vice Commander noted and thanked Chip for crawling under the building to lay computer wires.
- **Membership** – Jim reported: New Member List for July 2022

1st READS

Name

Branch

William Krupa

Army – not present

Kyle Prescott

Marine – not present

Richard E Longo III

Air Force active duty

Anthony Bastone, Sr	Air Force - present
Joseph O'Neill	USMC/USA - present
Bruce Thomas	Navy - present
Robert Dion	Navy - present
Robert Schrock	Marine - present
Michael Berger	Assoc - present
Eric S Buss	Army - present
Mark Tatasciore	Assoc - present
Alexander M Iuliano	Army - present
Michael Annone, Sr	Assoc - present
Christopher L Cain	Assoc - present
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2nd READS

Name	Branch
Elizabeth B McDaniel	ArmyNG active duty
Dahlia Lewis	Army - present
Carole Hall	Assoc -present
Thomas Gorman	Army -present
Thomas J Gorman, Jr	Assoc - present
Daniel C Moore	Army - present
Richard Kane	Marine - present
Rawlings Tyson, Jr [Marine - present
Russel Minner	Assoc - present
Regina A Minzer	Air Force - resent
Robert Mills	Assoc - present
Dominick C Moretti	Assoc - present
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- **Del Vets Raffle** – Art Chernekoff commented the bartender is responsible to verify Raffle Book information.
- **Honor Guard** – Frank Dobson commented the Auto show is scheduled for September 10th 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 –no report**

Old Business – none.

New Business – Sam Minutola advised the Gold Star Family and Vietnam Veterans Post 93 is organizing a ceremony, a golf outing donation was requested – Vice Commander will include request at the September E-Board meeting.

Good of the Order – Chip Roop reported Thursday night football will be on the Post TV thanks to his son.

Florie Henry advised the Doggie Dip is this weekend is 10am-1pm, donation suggestion is \$10. Bill noted the Iraq Welcome Home Ceremony at Whitehall is on September 24, Vefestde.com.

Mark Schilling commented on and thanked the baseball coaches, Mike Buono and Mike Annone for their hard work and great team accomplishment.

Art Chernekoff congratulated Chip and Laurie Roop becoming grandparents.

50/50 – Michelle Markowitz won \$178; Post received \$177 from ticket purchases.

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

Taps was sounded.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by the Secretary John Pastor