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Delaware Veterans Post # 1

General Membership Meeting

December 7, 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 requested a minute of silence, today is National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day.

Commander Freville asked Chip Roop to report on the elections. Chip advised the following positions are up for elections and read the list of candidates for each position:

Position	Candidates:
Commander-	Bob Onorato
Vice Commander	John Pastor
Secretary-	Mark Schilling
Treasurer Elect-	Ed Herman, Scott Christensen
Sergeant at Arms-	Joe Kosloski
E-Board-	Ed Brinkmann, Roger Lee
Home Inc. -	Jim Brennan, Bob Bostedo, Gerry Stauffer
State Board-	Bill Frank, Jack McKelvey

Chip inquired if there are any nomination from the floor; no nominations presented.

Motion was made by Chip Roop to approve unopposed candidates. Jim Brennen seconded the motion, passed by voice vote.

Commander Freville read two recommendations submitted for DelVet of the Year: John Descioli and Brian Thomas

Members of the Elections Committee collected the ballots from voting members.

Commander thanked the Elections Committee for their work, especially for their continued efforts to attract additional candidates for office.

Previous General Membership Meeting Minutes – Commander Freville asked the Secretary to read the draft minutes from the previous General Membership Meeting on November 2, 2022. The Secretary read the minutes. Motion was made by Mark Schilling to approve. 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 November 22, 2022 E-Board meeting was read by the Secretary. Commander noted the item in the E-Board meeting draft minutes regarding consideration of adding members from the Associate Waiting list will be first reviewed by the By-Laws Committee. Motion was made by Vince Vandenbraak to approve. Gerry Stauffer 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 October 2022. Ed reported net income/loss Year-to-date was \$-4,503; copy of statement was distributed to membership. Commander inquired if there are any questions/ comments from membership – none. Motion was made by John Squire to approve. Jim Ebright seconded the motion, passed by voice vote.

Vice Commanders Report – Vice Commander Bob Onorato advised individuals who have their First Reads today can meet with the Welcome Committee after the January meeting. Vice Commander recommended present members should make an effort introduce themselves and meet new members at the Post. Vice Commander wished everyone Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays.

Executive Board –President Bob Morris advised his concern regarding front door security mentioned in the draft minutes from the last E-Board meeting. He noted the bartender is the only person allowed to open the door. Furthermore, the deadbolt lock should not be used to hold open the door and walk away from the area.

Committee Reports

- **Finance Committee** – Bob Morris reported the bankbooks are balanced for October. Refunding the tickets to the WACs potato bar is completed, and refunds for the Aunt MaryPat event is still available. Bob also advised payment of 2023 dues received are deposited only after January 1st. To ensure dues for the year are recorded properly members using credit cards should pay their dues after January 1st.
- **Home Inc.** – Commander Freville advised Sam Minutola advised Sam Minutola resigned from Home, Inc.
- **B-Laws-** Mark Schilling advised the Committee is getting ready to convene.
- **Bar Committee** – no report.
- **Chaplain** – Commander reported
 - Larry Doyle is in the hospital
 - Andi Chernekoff is recuperating
 - Joe Rodrigues is recuperating
- **Veteran Affairs** – no report, position open
- **Entertainment** – Vince Vandenbraak reported events are posted on the Bulletin Board and disseminated in the Newsletter.
- **Rentals** – no report
- **WACS** – Diane Onorato reported the WACs Annual Auction on Tuesday December 6th was success raising \$1,453. Aunt MaryPat program is re-scheduled for December 30th. Next WACs meeting is January 3, 2023. Diane thaked Commander Freville for his support of the WACs. Commander thanked Diane and the WACs for organizing excellent and profitable programs.
- **Kitchen** – Friday is Cheesesteak night, Jim Hague cooking. Anyone interested to volunteer please contact Andi, volunteers are welcome.

- **Pool** – Shawn Coho – no report.
- **Grounds** – no report.
- **In House Committee** – Chip Roop thanked Ted McGinnis for repair to the storage room receptacle, and all volunteers who have assisted in maintain the Post in good order.
- **Membership** – Jim reported: New Member List for July 2022

1st READS

Name	Branch
Father Donald Van Alstyne	Army – not present
Father John Gayton	Navy – not present
James Detzi	Army NG – not present
William Krupa	Army – not present
Richard E Longo III	Air Force active duty
Sheldon Slater	Air Force – not present
Daniel Culhane	Merchant Marine –not present
Dennis Spivack	Navy – no present
Kyle Prescott	Marine - present
Ben Kline	Navy - present
Sam Pendergraft, Jr	Navy – not present
Edward Dietz	Marine – not present
Matthew Thompson	Marine - present
Gergory R Kern	Navy - present
Gerald Becker	Army – present

2nd READS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Branch</u>
Brandon DeFrancis	Air Force – present
Jason Dolinger	USMC – in training
Brian Witlowski	USMC – present
Brian Kohr	USMC – present
Shirley Good	Assoc – present

Commander Freville asked Chip Roop to report on the election ballot count results. Chip advised the following:

**Treasurer Elect-Ed Herman,
Delaware Veterans of the Year- Brian Thomas.**

- **Del Vets Raffle** – no report.
- **Honor Guard** – Gerry Stauffer reported the Honor Guard participated be at the Talley Middle School again this year. New members are welcome to join the Honor Guard.
- **Scholarship** –Mike Phillips reported application for scholarship are available November 1st to February 1, 2023 for children and grandchildren of Post members.
- **Baseball Team** – Commander reported the DelVets traveling baseball team is forming and Delvets will also participate in the American Legion baseball season in 2023.

Old Business – none.

New Business – none.

Good of the Order – Brian Thomas commented on his observation of members leaving their empty glasses and items on the tables expecting the bartenders to clean up. He urged members to clear the tables when they leave the Post.

Mark Schilling advised the Blues Fest generated a profit of \$1,800. He thanked the kitchen volunteers for their excellent support.

Karen Freville commented the Adult Christmas Party is Saturday December 10th, not many tickets have been sold, a poor showing of members' participation. The arrangements to organize successful events are complex, especially knowing how much food to order. This event is to reward members for a great year. Please purchase the tickets if you are coming.

50/50 – June Ashby won \$138; Post received \$138 from raffle purchases.

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

Taps was sounded.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by the Secretary John Pastor