



**MARCH 2023**

**Editor: Donna Schilling  
Reporters: Numerous**

## **MEMBERSHIP:**

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

**Present:**

Daniel Culhane - Merchant Marine  
James Detzi - Army NG  
Dennis Spivack – Navy  
Melanie Barth- Army  
Wesley Staulters – Air Force

**NOT Present:**

William Krupa - Army  
Richard E Longo III - Air Force AD  
Alexander Kayea – Air National Guard

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

**Present:**

Mark Hines - Marine  
William West - Army  
Donald Legg – Army  
Edward Dietz – Marine

**NOT Present:**

David Miller – Navy

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

## **CHAPLAIN'S REPORT:**

**DEATHS:**

**Pam Smith** – Passed away 2/26/23

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

**ILLNESS:**

**Larry Mutschler** – Army in the hospital  
**Flossie Micolucci** – recovering at home

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

## **COMMANDER'S CORNER**

Hello Post Members,



There's lots of good things happening around Del Vets these days but before we talk about the fun stuff, let's get the bad news out of the way. Politics aside, the American way of life costs a lot more than it used to. Here at Del Vets we've been mostly immune from the crazy price increases we've seen everywhere else in our lives. We have enjoyed stable drink prices, event prices, food prices and dues but those days are about to change. The Eboard is reviewing pool management proposals that are at least 25% higher than last year. The pool must also be refinished this year and some of the preliminary proposals are higher than the management proposals. The Eboard has some very difficult decisions to make. They must decide whether or not we maintain the same level of service to our pool members, how much money we may need to borrow and how much pain we ask our pool members to share. It will be a balancing act but the bottom line is our pool dues will be increasing this year. The Eboard's recommendations will be presented at our April General Membership Meeting.

We have two unrelated surveys we are asking our members to complete. The first is from our Christmas Committee concerning our Christmas Party. The Committee needs your input so they can deliver a party that you want to attend and can afford. The latest survey has a few new questions and will run until the end of March. The second survey is from our Public Relations Committee and that one is polling our new Veteran members that joined in the last two years. We want to know why you decided to maintain your membership or what made you decide to leave. This information will also be used by our 5 Year Membership Revitalization Committee. Thank you for taking the time to complete our surveys.

The company that services our pool tables has informed us that one of our pool tables is no longer serviceable and they don't want to work on it any more.

The pool players have started fund raising for a new table which will cost over \$5,000. They just completed a very successful raffle for some Flyers tickets. The pool tables are a big part of our Post and used by many of our members so please support their fund raisers whenever you can. Every dollar they raise eases the burden on our Post finances in a very challenging year.

On the lighter side of things, the kitchen and the WACs are doing a great job making sure nobody is losing too much weight around here. Taco Tuesday, the Champagne Brunch, Fat Tuesday and the Chili Cookoff were all a big hit. And just when you thought it was safe to start dieting, the month of March comes roaring in. We have WAC-Y Bingo (cheese steaks are on the menu), the Blues Festival (of course the kitchen is open), St. Patty's Day (complete with an Irish dinner), Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans (heavy appetizers) and the Swim Team Beef & Beer (self explanatory). And just for good measure there is some talk of a Phillie's opening day celebration complete with food and drink specials. All this food talk is making me hungry.

Until next month....

*Bob Onorato, Commander*

### WAC's:

The WACs chili cook off on February 25<sup>th</sup> was a success! We had ten chili entries and plenty of judges. We also raffled off a limited-edition Eagles Crown Royal. Thanks to everyone who participated - Post and WACs members who bought 50/50 and raffle tickets, submitted chili entries, made cornbread, judged the contest, and bought bowls of chili after. It was a fun afternoon!

Next up is WAC-y Bingo in place of our regular meeting on Tuesday, March 7 at 7:00 PM. It will be \$15 for 12 games, with additional cards available for purchase. The cafe will be open serving Jim Hague's famous cheesesteaks! We will also be raffling off a great basket of cheer thanks to the generosity of the Post. These tickets will be \$5 per chance and are available at the bar. All are welcome so come out and bring a friend or two - this fundraiser is always a great time!

Our St. Patrick's Day dinner will be held on Friday, March 17 from 5:00 - 8:00PM with a takeout option available. Tickets will be on sale shortly at the bar. The McAleer-Paulson Irish dancers will perform at 7:00 PM. We ask that if you are planning to attend the sit-down dinner, that you are seated in the hall by that time. Takeout orders can be picked up at any time between 5:00-8:00.

*Lauren Cullumber, WAC President*

# WAC-Y BINGO FUNDRAISER

*All proceeds benefit local and veteran charities!*

**TUESDAY  
MARCH**

**7**

**2023**

6:30 PM DOORS OPEN

**7 PM START**

GAME CARDS SOLD IN  
PACKETS OF 12 FOR **\$15**  
12 GAMES - 8 \$1 GAMES, 4 \$2 GAMES

- 50/50 RAFFLE
- BASKET OF CHEER RAFFLE

DEL VETS CAFE 4:30-7:30 PM FEATURING

**JIM HAUGE'S CHEESESTEAKS**

*Fundraising event is open to the public so invite your family and friends!*

HOSTED BY DELAWARE VETERANS POST #1 WOMEN'S ACTIVITY CLUB  
2535 VETERANS DRIVE, WILMINGTON, DE 19810

### COUNTRY LINE DANCING 7:00



Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>

### DVETS RAFFLES 7:30



WEDNESDAY's

8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th

### ENTERTAINMENT 7:30 - 10:30

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> Sheehan Bros.  
Sat, April 1<sup>st</sup> Frank & Michelle



## HONOR GUARD

Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans  
Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup> @2pm  
Weekly blaster will have more info

## CHRISTMAS PARTY SURVEY

Attached to this newsletter is a survey for this year's Christmas party, we would appreciate your feedback. The survey will be included in weekly updates email. If you only receive the newsletter by mail, please fill out the survey below and return to DV by 3/31. There will be a box on the bookshelf by the books.

Please fill out one survey per family.

Thank you, The Christmas Committee

## SPORTS

### IN HOUSE POOL LEAGUE:

#### CONGRATULATIONS:

Greg Prygon, Steve Mitchell and John Descioli

WINNERS OF THE 2022  
FALL LEAGUE POST CHAMPIONSHIP

### CORNHOLE LEAGUE



Monday nights @ 6:00

6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>

### LADIES SHUFFLEBOARD LEAGUE



Monday nights @ 7:00

6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>

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

## 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

### MARCH MEETINGS/EVENTS:

Weds	1 <sup>st</sup>	7:30	General Membership mtg
Thurs	2 <sup>nd</sup>	5	Pizza & Wings
Friday	3 <sup>rd</sup>	7	Country Line dancing
		5:30	CAFÉ Regular menu
Monday	6 <sup>th</sup>	6	Cornhole
		5:30	CAFÉ Regular Menu
		7:30	Ladies Shuffleboard
Tuesday	7 <sup>th</sup>	7:30	WAK-Y BINGO
		4:30	Jimmy's steak's
Weds	8 <sup>th</sup>	7:30	DVETS
Sunday	12 <sup>th</sup>	1	Blues Society Festival
			Jimmy's steaks
Monday	13 <sup>th</sup>	6	Cornhole
		5:30	CAFÉ Regular menu
		7:30	Ladies Shuffleboard
Tuesday	14 <sup>th</sup>	7	Honor Guard meeting
Weds	15 <sup>th</sup>	7:30	DVETS
Friday	17 <sup>th</sup>	TBD	WAC's St. Patrick's dinner
Saturday	18 <sup>th</sup>	7:30	Sheehan Bros
Monday	20 <sup>th</sup>	6	Cornhole
		5:30	CAFÉ Regular menu
		7:30	Ladies Shuffleboard
Tuesday	21 <sup>st</sup>	7	E-Board meeting
Weds	22 <sup>nd</sup>	7:30	DVETS
Friday	24 <sup>th</sup>	7	Country Line dancing
		5:30	CAFÉ Regular menu
Sunday	26 <sup>th</sup>	2	Welcome Home Vietnam
Monday	27 <sup>th</sup>	6	Cornhole
		5:30	Regular menu
		7:30	Ladies Shuffleboard
Weds	29 <sup>th</sup>	7:30	DVETS
Thurs	30 <sup>th</sup>	5	Pizza and Wings

### APRIL

Saturday	1 <sup>st</sup>	7:30	Frank & Michelle
Tuesday	4 <sup>th</sup>	7:30	WAC's meeting
Wed	5 <sup>th</sup>	7:30	General Membership mtg
Tuesday	11 <sup>th</sup>	7	Honor Guard meeting
Tuesday	18 <sup>th</sup>	7	E-Board meeting

*Donna Schilling, Editor*



## MARCH

Thursday	2 <sup>nd</sup>	5	Pizza and Wings
Friday	3 <sup>rd</sup>	5:30	Regular menu
Monday	6 <sup>th</sup>	5:30	Regular menu
Tuesday	7 <sup>th</sup>	4:30	Jimmy's steaks
Sunday	12 <sup>th</sup>	1	Jimmys steaks and more (can be purchased in the lounge. Someone will be over to take orders)
Monday	13 <sup>th</sup>	5:30	Regular menu
Friday	17 <sup>th</sup>	TBD	St. Patrick's Day dinner
Monday	20 <sup>th</sup>	5:30	Regular menu
Friday	24 <sup>th</sup>	5:30	Regular menu
Thursday	30 <sup>th</sup>	5	Pizza and Wings

## CAFÉ REGULAR MENU

4 Chicken Tenders	\$ 6.00
4 Chicken Tenders with Fries	\$ 7.00
Onion Rings	\$ 4.00
French Fries	\$ 3.00
Cheese Fries	\$ 3.50
Hot Dog	\$ 4.00
Hot Dog with Cheese	\$ 4.50
Hamburger	\$ 7.00
Cheeseburger	\$ 7.50
Double Cheeseburger	\$ 9.50
Chicken Breast Sandwich	\$ 8.00
Double Chicken Breast Sandwich	\$10.00
Chicken Breast Sandwich w/Cheese	\$ 8.50
Nachos Chips with Cheese	\$ 5.00

Available Condiments – Ketchup, Mustard, Honey Mustard, Ranch, Blue Cheese, Hot Sauce, Horseradish, Mayonnaise, Vinegar, Old Bay, Roasted Red Peppers, Pickles, Lettuce, Onions, Tomato, Sweet Peppers

Daily Specials Available -- See White Board for details

The kitchen is always looking for volunteers! If you'd like to help out, you can sign up here for one or more dates:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e4aa4a628a1ffc16-delvets>

**If you have any questions or need help signing up, contact us at [delvetskitchen@gmail.com](mailto:delvetskitchen@gmail.com)**

**DEL VETS CHRISTMAS SURVEY**  
**Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup>**

We would love to have you attend the Christmas party this year. Your participation in this survey is important so that this event will be a fun and memorable party for all involved.

FOOD (check one): \_\_\_\_\_ Sit down dinner \_\_\_\_\_ Buffett

CATERER (check one): \_\_\_\_\_ Renzi's \_\_\_\_\_ Lia's \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

BEVERAGES (check one): \_\_\_\_\_ Open bar \_\_\_\_\_ Cash bar

ENTERTAINMENT (check one): \_\_\_\_\_ Live music \_\_\_\_\_ DJ

Suggestions for either: \_\_\_\_\_

DRESS ATTIRE (check one): \_\_\_\_\_ Formal \_\_\_\_\_ Semiformal \_\_\_\_\_ Casual

COST per person (check one): \_\_\_\_\_ \$50 \_\_\_\_\_ \$60 \_\_\_\_\_ \$70

AGE (check one): \_\_\_\_\_ Under 30 \_\_\_\_\_ 30-45 \_\_\_\_\_ 45-60 \_\_\_\_\_ 60+

Please mail or drop off at the post by March 31<sup>st</sup> in the Survey box located on the bookshelf by the books.

Name (optional): \_\_\_\_\_ email/phone \_\_\_\_\_

Any other Suggestions: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for taking time out of your busy day to participate in our Survey! The Christmas Committee



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### 2023 OFFICERS & "E" BOARD

<u>Office</u>	<u>Name</u>
Commander	Bob Onorato <sup>(CG)-(PC)</sup>
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<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
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CHAPLAIN	Randy Scott <sup>(M)</sup>
ENTERTAINMENT	Vince Vandenbraak
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KITCHEN	Andi Chernekoff
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POST ACCOUNTANT	Webb Bell II <sup>(AF)-(PC)</sup>
POST ACCOUNTANT	John Desioli
POST ACCOUNTANT	Bob Morris <sup>(A)</sup>
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RENTALS	John Descioli
SPORTS	Mike Buono <sup>1</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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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**