



MEMBERSHIP:

1st READING

Present:

Lavern Hills - Army
Joseph M Kaufman - Army
David Acosta – Marine

NOT Present:

Alexander Kayea - Army NG
William Krupa – Army
Richard E Longo III – Air Force AD
Sheldon Slater – Air Force
Jonathan Mrowca – Army
Murray Fendrich – Army

2nd READING

Present:

Glenn Budden – Army
Ron Thomson – Air Force
Dennis Spivack – Navy

NOT Present:

James Detzi – Army NG
David Miller – Navy
Daniel Culhane – Merchant Marine

General Membership Meeting

First Wednesday of every Month. Time: 7:30pm

Please try to attend!

CHAPLAIN'S REPORT:

DEATHS:

Sharon Hustleton – widow of David Hustleton -Army-
passed away Jan 2023

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

ILLNESS:

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

COMMANDER'S CORNER

Hello Post Members,

Until we actually see the kids splashing each other and jumping off the diving board, the pool is going to remain the big story. We recently learned the repairs are going to be more extensive than everyone thought and more expensive than we were led to believe. The 70-year-old cast iron piping is Swiss cheese and the top of the pool walls is in rough



shape. We don't have the final cost yet but we may be forced to proceed before our next General Membership Meeting to stay on schedule for opening day on May 27th. All repairs were originally scheduled to be completed between May 12th and May 16th. The pool must be filled immediately after the job is finished and that should take about 24 hours. Then there is a 7-day waiting period before anyone is allowed in the water. If we can stick to that schedule, it leaves us a 3- or 4-day cushion before opening day. The big question is will we be able to stay on schedule with the additional repairs? We should have most of the answers by our General Membership Meeting on May 3rd.

On a much brighter note, everybody knows about Jimmy's legendary Cheese Steaks but most people have no idea what it takes to put together a Cheese Steak Night. First off, most of the food has to be moved out of the freezer to make room for the cheese steak inventory. There are multiple shopping trips by numerous people. The kitchen staff is scheduled well in advance and the food prep starts hours before the grill is even fired up. Our last Cheese Steak night kicked off at 4 pm and lasted until they ran out of rolls at 7 pm. They served over 120 cheese steaks so there was a cheese steak coming off the grill every minute and a half, all cooked to perfection. Executive chef Jimmy never leaves the grill so it's up to the rest of the team to make it all happen. They are a well-oiled machine and it's fun to watch. So next time you order a cheese steak, stand back and watch for a few minutes. You'll appreciate your delicious steak

sandwich even more. Better yet please consider volunteering to help out in the kitchen. Kitchen Chair Andi Chernenkoff is always looking for volunteers. The kitchen has another heavy month in May so please step up and lend a hand if you can spare a few hours. The feel-good story of the month - congratulations to everyone who participated in the Mixed Scotch Doubles Pool Tournament on Saturday April 22nd. This was a Charity Event that raised and donated \$1,000 to the A.I. DuPont Children's Hospital. The most impressive part of this story is everyone involved took time off from their fundraising efforts for a new pool table to help others in need. Their generosity made Del Vets a shining star in the community and made the rest of us proud to be members of this great Post. A huge Thank You to everyone who made it all happen.

Our spring cleanup is scheduled for Saturday, May 13th at 10 am. The pool project may impact the cleanup schedule so please look for updates on the Eblasts and around the Post. Regardless of the pool status, our Memorial Day Ceremony will proceed on schedule at 10:30 on Saturday, May 27th. As a Veterans Post, this is our most important holiday of the year. Please take a few minutes from your busy schedule and join us in honoring those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom.

Until next month. ***Bob Onorato, Commander***

WAC's

In April the WAC held our biennial E-board elections. Returning officers are Lauren Cullumber, Diane Onorato, and Mary Harrington. We are welcoming Stacey Edelman as our new Vice President. Thanks to our Nominating Committee (Peg Derle, Anna Lee, and Valerie Onorato) for all their hard work and a special thank you to our outgoing VP, Barbara Cassidy, for her service this term!

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, May 2 at 7:00 PM in the hall. We will have Angela Connor from Rescue 22 coming to speak. The Rescue 22 Foundation provides the highest quality, task-trained service dogs in order to address the mental and physical health of veterans, at no cost to the recipient veteran. **We would like to invite any Post members interested in learning more about this organization to join us for her presentation.** As a bonus, we will also get to meet one of their service dogs!

Our End-of-Year dinner will be held on Friday, May 19th from 6-8pm so save the date! This year we are planning to do something a little different, we will be having a cocktail party with heavy hors d'oeuvres. We are looking forward to a fun evening celebrating all we've accomplished through the year. We hope you can join us!

Lauren Cullumber, WAC President

Tito's & Tacos on Cinco de Mayo

Starting at 4:30pm -- Friday, May 5th



Tacos - 2 for \$ 3.00
 Chips & Queso - \$2.00
 Chips and Queso w Taco Meat - \$4.00

COUNTRY LINE DANCING 7:00



Friday the 12th at 7
 \$6 cover

HELP WANTED AT THE SNACK BAR

Our pool snack bar is looking for a few more staff members this summer.

Anyone interested please contact Danna Owens at 302-897-3587 after 5PM.

The Hideway is also looking for part time cooks. Please contact Chip Owens at 302-229-1509 if you are interested.

Memorial Weekend

Saturday 27 th	10:30	Memorial Service
	12:00	Pool Opens
Sunday 28 th	8:00	Grave Visitation
Tuesday 30 th	10:30	Service at the Bridge

Details regarding the Memorial picnic will be in the weekly blaster

Memorial Day Youth Trivia Challenge

Memorial Day is right around the corner and that means it's time for the Memorial Day Youth Trivia Challenge. All children and grandchildren of Del Vets Post members and all members of Del Vets Pool, ages 8 to 18, are invited to participate in this year's Trivia Challenge. You are invited to submit 5 Memorial Day Trivia questions, with the correct answers, to challenge the audience at our Memorial Day Ceremony. Parents, family members, teachers, Veterans, the internet, school books and library books are all fair game to find

your trivia questions. What better way to learn about Memorial Day and win a prize.

Your 5 trivia questions may be submitted at the Post to Jim Ebright or Bob Onorato from 6:30 to 7:30 PM on Wednesday, May 24th or Thursday, May 25th. Please include your name, age and phone number. All entries will be eligible for a prize. You must be present for our Memorial Day Ceremony on Saturday, May 27th and challenge the audience with one of your trivia questions to receive a prize. Prizes will be determined by the number of entries. Please contact Jim Ebright (302-588-3386) or Bob Onorato (302-220-1499) if you have any questions.

Certificate of Appreciation

Delaware Veterans Post #1 awarded Certificate of Appreciation to three Delaware Military Academy Cadets in recognition of their service to Delaware Military Academy Community Service Day February 13, 2023.

We appreciated the clean-up and beautification of the Post Grounds by Matthew Avery, Abigail Avery and Maddox Fletcher.



DVETS RAFFLES 7:30



Wednesday's
10th, 17th, 24th & 31st

ENTERTAINMENT

7:30 – 10:30



Friday 5th Katelyn Christine
Saturday 27th Rick and Connie

SPORTS

IN-HOUSE POOL LEAGUE

Please join us for a **Beef & Beer** on Sunday, May 21st
1:00 – 5:00pm

Tickets \$25 per person or \$30.00 at the door
Food, Raffles, 50/50, includes draft beer
Guest are welcome

1st Annual Scotch Double Pool Tournament

Was held on April 22nd

Winners: Jamie DeFrancis & Karen Beaudet
2nd Place: Brian and Chris Thomas

\$1000 was raised and will be donated to
A.I. DuPont Hospital for Children



CONGRATULATIONS!

Thank You All to the Players and to Del Vets Post #1 members who participated and contributed to the 1st Annual Mixed Scotch Doubles Charity Event Pool Tournament on Saturday, April 22nd. Together, we were able to raise and donate \$1000 to this year's Charity beneficiary, A.I. DuPont Children's Hospital.

THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR SUPPORT & GENEROSITY!

CORNHOLE LEAGUE

Monday nights @ 6:00

1st, 8th, 15th & 22nd



LADIES SHUFFLEBOARD LEAGUE



Monday nights @ 7:00

1st, 8th, 15th & 22nd

SAVE THE DATE

The annual **Marty "DOC" Londergan Golf** Outing
Friday, July 28th

Rock Manor Golf Club
Tee off time is 8:00 am
"Superball" format

Start thinking about your foursomes

Last day to be signed up and pay is 7/14/23
More info to follow.



Saturday, May 6th

Post time 6:57
Drink specials, Food, and
Hat contest
More details will be on the
weekly blaster



Post time 6:50
Drink specials -- Food
More details will be on the weekly blaster

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

MAY MEETINGS/EVENTS:

Monday	1 st	5:30	Regular menu 6 Cornhole Ladies Shuffleboard
Tuesday	2 nd	7:30	WAC's meeting
Wednesday	3 rd	7:30	General Membership mtg
Friday	5 th	4:30	Taco's and Tito's
Saturday	6 th		Kentucky Derby
Monday	8 th	5:30	Regular menu 6 Cornhole Ladies Shuffleboard
Tuesday	9 th	7	Honor Guard meeting
Wednesday	10 th	7:30	DVets
Friday	12 th	4:30	Jimmy's Cheese Steaks 7 Country Line Dancing 7:30 Katelyn Christine
Monday	15 ^h	5:30	Regular menu 6 Cornhole Ladies Shuffleboard
Wednesday	17 th	7:30	DVets
Thursday	18 th	7:30	Pizza-wings-Boils Pep Bread
Saturday	20 th		Preakness
Sunday	21 st	1	Beef & Beer
Monday	22 nd	5:30	Regular menu 6 Cornhole Ladies Shuffleboard
Tuesday	23 rd	7	E-Board meeting
Wednesday	24 th	7:30	DVets
Saturday	27 th	1	Memorial Day Service 12 Pool opens 7:30 Rick & Connie
Sunday	28 th	8	Grave visitations
Tuesday	30 th	10:30	Service at the Bridge
Wednesday	31 st	7:30	DVets

JUNE

Thursday	1 st	5	Pizza and wings
Wednesday	7 th	7:30	General membership mtg
Tuesday	13 th	7	Honor Guard meeting
Tuesday	20 th	7	E-Board meeting

Donna Schilling, Editor

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



MAY

Monday	1 st	Regular menu
Friday	5 th	Taco's and Tito's - starting at 4:30
Saturday	6 th	Derby - Post will provide main dish
Monday	8 th	Regular menu
Friday	12 th	Jimmy's Cheese Steaks
Monday	15 th	Regular menu
Thursday	18 th	Pizza, wings, Boils Pepperoni Bread
Saturday	20 th	Preakness - Post will provide main dish
Monday	22 nd	Regular menu

JUNE

Monday	1 st	Pizza, wings, Boils Pepperoni Bread
Saturday	10 th	Belmont - Post will provide main dish

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

CAFÉ OPENS AT 5:30 unless otherwise stated
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



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2023 OFFICERS & "E" BOARD

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<u>COMMITTEE</u>	<u>Name</u>
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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