



MEMBERSHIP:

1st READING

Present:

David B Walter - Navy
Harry W Smith - Army

NOT Present:

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

2nd READING

Present:

Joseph M Kaufman - Army
David Acosta - Marine
Daniel Culhane - Merchant Marine

NOT Present:

Lavern Hills - Army
James Detzi - Army NG
David Miller – Navy

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

CHAPLAIN'S REPORT:

DEATHS:

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,



Thanks to everyone who turned out for our Memorial Day Ceremony and those who joined us for the rest of the day's festivities. By all accounts everything was well received. It took over 100 members to make all this happen and we are grateful to each and every one of you who contributed.

The list is far too long to mention individual names but here are the committees and various groups that prepared, participated or cleaned up for our big day: our Memorial Day Committee, Honor Guard, Kitchen Committee and Cooks, Pool Committee, Entertainment Committee, Chaplain, Veterans Affairs Committee, the WACS, our singer and sound crew, Grounds Committee, House Committee, our bar staff, our purchasing agent and our Post Executive Board. As you can see this was a total team effort and something we can all be very proud of.

There is no easy segue to our least favorite subject right now – what in the world is going on with our pool? As of this writing we have been promised a large workforce and substantial progress starting right after Memorial Day. It remains to be seen if that happens or not. We are in a precarious position with AquaSafe because we are all very frustrated but we still need them to finish our pool. They are getting very close to receiving a third-party letter on fine paper with a fancy letterhead. Let's hope it doesn't come to that.

On a brighter note, our swim team and baseball team seasons both kick off this month. Our swim team will be practicing at another pool until ours is ready and our baseball team will be looking to defend their State Championship title. We are very fortunate to have coaching staffs that truly care about our swimmers and ball players. They are so much more than just sports coaches, providing guidance to our young athletes that will serve them well later in life. Please support our swim team and our baseball team every chance you get.

Just a friendly reminder, we have a fair number of senior members here at Del Vets. Many of them are receiving treatments or taking medications that may have side effects. Please try to be patient when someone is moving a little slow, feeling cold or just not their usual self. We're all going to be there someday so let's support our fellow members the way we want to be treated when it's our turn.

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

WAC's

The WAC held our final meeting of the 2022-2023 year on Tuesday, May 2nd. This year was particularly successful for us - we were able to give away \$11,000 to local charities, nonprofits, and Veterans causes (which received 55% of our donations!). Thank you to all our members who pitched in to make it our best year yet for donations!

It has been a busy month for us as we wrap up our year! Most recently, the WACs pitched in to make baskets for the donations gathered for the Post's Pool and Recreation League Beef & Beer on Sunday, May 21st. The event was a lot of fun and we were able to put together 38 baskets for their raffle. Thanks to Diane Onorato for all her hard work organizing and putting them together! And thanks to Mark Parson's and his committee for putting on a really great event.

Our End of Year Cocktail Party was held on Friday, May 19th. We switched things up this year from our traditional dinner and it was a great success! The food was amazing and it was wonderful to see so many of our members before the summer break. Special thanks to Andi Chernenkoff, Sylvia Briscoe, John Ratkovic, and their kitchen crew and servers - they truly outdid themselves and made our party extra special.

We're off for the summer, but don't forget, we will be collecting canned goods and non-perishables for the VA Medical Center's food pantry and the Delaware Food Bank up until our September meeting. This drive is in conjunction with the Post, and there will be boxes for donations in the lounge and by the pool throughout the summer months.

Lauren Cullumber, WAC President

Del Vets Academic Scholarship Award

Congratulations to our two scholarship awardees for 2023, **Stephen Romeo** (Son of Post member Maureen Romeo) and **Cullen McLaughlin** (Son of Post members Kevin and Rachel McLaughlin).

Each was awarded a \$2000 scholarship. Stephen will be attending the University of Delaware. Cullen will be attending Hartford University.

Thanks to all applicants and the Scholarship Committee members.

40 Year Pin awarded to:

Bob Snyder

COUNTRY LINE DANCING

7:00



Friday the 16th & 30th
\$6 cover

DVETS RAFFLES

7:30



Wednesday's
14th, 21st & 28th

ENTERTAINMENT

7:30 – 10:30



Friday	9 th	Frank & Michelle
Saturday	24 th	Rick and Connie

SPORTS

IN-HOUSE POOL LEAGUE

Beef and Beer for the Pool room fundraiser was a huge success! Thank you to all who participated.



CORNHOLE LEAGUE

Monday nights @ 6:00



5th, 12th, 19th & 26th

LADIES SHUFFLEBOARD LEAGUE



Monday nights @ 7:00

5th, 12th, 19th & 26th

BELMONT STAKES

Saturday, June 10th
TBD

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

Rock Manor Golf Club
Shotgun start at 8:00 am
"Superball" format
Start thinking about your foursomes
Cost: \$85.00 Keep your receipt
Sign-up sheet is in the bar area
Last day to be signed up and pay is 7/14/23

Del Vets Members Attend Gathering of Hero's



Left to right - Don Clagg, Joe Barnes, Sam Minutola, Col. Barnum and Ed Kolloff

A squad of veterans attended the Marine Corp Law Enforcement annual fund raiser better known as MCLEF at the Philadelphia Armory April 29th. In attendance were Del Vets Medal of Honor Recipients Col. Barney Barnum, USMC and Lt. Brian Thatcher, US Army, when you walk in the post look for their pictures on the Wall of Honor going in to game room.

Both of these Great American heroes were Guest of our post. Lt. Brian Thacker was our guest speaker on

Memorial Day when we honored all Vietnam Veterans and he spoke at our Veterans breakfast.

Col. Barnum (who several of us have golfed with at Medal of Honor golf course) was in attendance when we had him and Jon Cavaiani, MOH US Army, and Sgt. Jimmy "Wags" Wagner USMC (who our 5k race is named after), Tommy Shrank made a statement that it was the best Veterans Day at Del Vets.

On a side note, the Navy is honoring Col. Barnum by naming a destroyer ship after him the christening will be on July 29th in Bath, Maine and then commissioned in Norfolk VA in 2024. Sgt Major Harvey Freville, USMC and yours truly are invited! Stay tuned.

Sam Minutola USMC, Past Commander

FLAG RETIREMENT CEREMONY



Wednesday, June 14th 6pm
Post parking lot

FOURTH OF JULY PICNIC



Tuesday, July 4th
12pm

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

JUNE MEETINGS/EVENTS:

Thursday	1 st	5	Pizza and wings
Monday	5 th	6	Cornhole Ladies Shuffleboard
Tuesday	6 th	4:30	Burger night
Wednesday	7 th	7:30	General membership mtg
Friday	9 th	7:30	Frank & Michelle
Saturday	10 th	TBD	Belmont Stakes
Monday	12 th	6	Cornhole Ladies Shuffleboard
Tuesday	13 th	7	Honor Guard meeting
Wednesday	14 th	6	Flag Retirement
		7:30	DVets
Friday	16 th	7	Country Line dancing
Monday	19 th	6	Cornhole Ladies Shuffleboard
Tuesday	20 th	7	E-Board meeting
Wednesday	21 st	7:30	DVets
Saturday	24 th	7:30	Rick & Connie
Monday	26 th	6	Cornhole Ladies Shuffleboard
Wednesday	28 th	7:30	DVets
Friday	30 th	7	Country Line Dancing

JULY

Tuesday	4 th	12	Post Picnic
Wednesday	5 th	7:30	General membership mtg
Tuesday	11 th	7	Honor Guard meeting
Tuesday	18 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.

**DeIVets American Legion Baseball
Team 2023 Schedule**

DATE	Time	HOME/AWAY	Team	Location
Sat June 3rd	1pm	Away	Boyertown Bears	Bear Stadium 120 Monroe St. Boyertown – DBL HDR
Th June 8th	6pm	Away	Stahl Post 30	Wilson Field Wilmington University
Sat June 10th	1pm	Away	WestLawn PA Post 625	Westlawn Pa –DBL HDR
Mon June 12th	6pm	Home	Smyrna Post 14	Al DuPont HS
Wed June 14th	6pm	Away	Woodbridge Post 7	Woodbridge HS
Th June 15th	6pm	Away	Post 10 Generals	Christiana HS
Mon June 19th	6pm	Away	DE Post 1	St. Marks HS
Wed June 21st	6pm	Home	Dover Fox Post 2	Al DuPont HS
Th June 22nd	6pm	Home	Stahl Post 30	Al DuPont HS
Mon June 26th	6pm	Away	Smyrna Post 14	Smyrna Big League Complex
Th June 29th	6pm	Home	Post 10 Generals	Al DuPont HS
Sat July 1st	1pm	Away	Mount Airy All Stars	Philadelphia Phillies FDR Park
Mon July 3rd	6pm	Home	Woodbridge post 7	Al DuPont HS
Tu July 4th	11am	Away	Stahl Post 30	Wilson Field Wilmington University
Wed July 5th	6pm	Home	DE post 1	Al DuPont HS
Th July 6th	6pm	Away	Dover Fox Post 2	Dover HS
Mon July 10th	6pm	Home	Smyrna Post 14	Al DuPont HS
Th July 13th	6pm	Away	Post 10 Generals	Christiana HS
Mon July 17th	6pm	Home	Woodbridge Post 7	Brandywine
Wed July 19th	6pm	Away	DE Post 1	St. Marks HS
Th July 20th	6pm	Home	Dover Fox Post 2	Al DuPont HS



JUNE

Monday	1 st	Pizza, wings, Boils Pepperoni Bread
Tuesday	6 th	Burger night w/John Rat 4:30-7pm
Saturday	10 th	Belmont - Post will provide main dish please bring a side dish to share!

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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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