



AUGUST 2023

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Reporters: Numerous

MEMBERSHIP:

1st READING

Present:

Leonard Martin – Marine
James Everett – Marine
Ralph McGrath – Air Force [ANG]
Chris Okafor – Army
Thomas Tilley – Marine

Present Associates:

Charles Brooks, Joseph Gallo, Larry Records, Patrick Rich, Mary Ann Smith, Barbara Robinson, Wayne Brady, Charles Zazzera, Paul Stocker, Donna Marie Silvestri, Lisa Bonsall, Michael Blume, Ruth Blume

NOT Present:

Alexander Kayae – Army NG *Active Duty*
Richards Longo III – Air Force *Active Duty*
William Krupa – Army
Jonathan Mrowca – Army

NOT Present Associates

James Dreyer, Kimberly Giles, Bryan Jones, Samuel Barksdale Sr

2nd READING

Present:

Samuel [Tom] Davidson – Air Force [R]
David Berckman – Marine

NOT Present:

Jacob Jager – NYY
Gregory Cooper – Marine
Lavern Hills – Army
David Miller – Navy

General Membership Meeting

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

Please try to attend!

CHAPLAIN'S REPORT:

DEATHS:

Charles Moore - Navy joined 9/21 passed 6/18/23
Harry Brooks - Assoc **Harry Brook's** father passed 7/23
Rick Walters – Assoc joined 8/02 passed 7/30/23

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

ILLNESS:

Iva Thomas – home recuperating after knee surgery
George Roman – is sick

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

COMMANDER'S CORNER

Hello Post Members,

Wow! Hard to believe but it's August already. I thought it was just me but so many people are saying the same thing. Where did the time go? Are our lives that busy or is it just Del Vets Life? Looking back on the calendar, it has been a busy year at 2535 Veterans Drive. The pool saga has been the big story. We've had a full calendar of activities every month, a record number of E-Board meetings and our poor secretary has been writing minutes nonstop since January 4th. The most rewarding part is it takes a ton of volunteer power to keep everything in motion and we've had plenty of help all year long. I couldn't be prouder of all of our members who have gone above and beyond and all of our members who support our Post day in and day out. Believe me; all your contributions are not taken for granted. Thank You!

Our baseball and swim team seasons are history for 2023. Both teams had fine seasons. Our swim team had to deal with the late pool opening and a lot of uncertainty. They capped the year with one of the largest swim team banquets ever. Kudos to our swimmers, coaches, swim team committee and swim team parents for hanging in there all year. Our baseball team is in the upper echelon of the league and usually ends up playing all the best teams right out of the gate. They didn't get the State title again this year but none of the other teams looked forward to playing Del Vets. Thanks to all our players and coaches for another great season.

So now we enter the Dog Days of August when things slow down just a bit. We have the Honor Guard Pig Roast on Saturday, August 5th and at \$20 it's probably the deal of the year. They also have a raffle for a week in Orlando. Tickets are only \$25 each and the winner will be drawn at the Pig Roast. There's some



entertainment scheduled in the lounge and we're going to try a few rentals while everyone runs off to the beach or the shore. Everybody needs a break so if August is your month to get away, do your best to disengage and leave it all behind. Now if I could just find a way to follow my own advice.

Bob Onorato, Commander

WAC's

Happy summer! The WACs are enjoying our summer break and we hope you all are, as well. We will be back in action beginning Tuesday, September 5th at 7:15 in the hall. We're looking forward to welcoming new members along with our current members, so please feel free to bring a friend or two - no need to be a Post member to join the WAC.

Please keep in mind that our food drive to benefit the Wilmington VA's Food Pantry is going on through our September meeting. There is a box in the lounge for you to bring non-perishable items, and there is a list of their most urgent needs on the bulletin board if you'd like to contribute. We appreciate your support! See you in September!

Lauren Cullumber, WAC President

FROM THE CHAPLAIN

I cannot follow up on it if I don't know about it! Please get in touch with me if anyone is sick or has passed so I can get them a card out at the very least!

My phone number is 1-302-494-2723 my email ranbo156@gmail.com. if I don't answer my phone, please leave a detailed message. Thank you all for understanding.

Chaplain Randy G Scott

RAFFLES BOOK

Please do not skip lines or start writing on a new page when there is room left on the previous page. Always sign the line AFTER the last person who sign unless it was the last line on that page, then go to the new page.

The accountants are getting the books in the morning and finding blank lines in between the signed lines. This has chance to cause a mis-count between the book count and actual dollar count in the box. Also, please put your money in the RIGHT box, sign the \$1 Raffle, dollar in the DOLLAR box, \$5 in the FIVE box, not the other way round.

Bob Morris, President E-Board

SERVICE AWARDS

Edward Lacy III – 40 years
Joe Barnes – 25 years

DVETS RAFFLES

7:30



Wednesday's
9th, 16th, 23rd & 30th

ENTERTAINMENT

7:30 – 10:30



Saturday, Aug 26th Take Two
Saturday, Sep 2nd Sheehan Bros

COUNTRY LINE DANCING

7:00



Friday the 11th
\$6 cover

SPORTS

POOL LEAGUE ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

Get ready to shoot some pool!
Sign-up Sheets for both the **Tuesday** and **Thursday**
Fall-Winter Pool Leagues are now posted
in the Game Room . . .

League play starts early September, so come on out
and have some fun!

See you there . . .

CORNHOLE LEAGUE

Monday nights @ 6:00

7th, 14th, 21st & 28th



LADIES SHUFFLEBOARD LEAGUE



Monday nights @ 7:00

7th, 14th, 21st & 28th

EAGLES PRE-SEASON

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| Friday | 11 th | Eagles @ Ravens |
| Wednesday | 17 th | Browns @ Eagles |
| Thursday | 24 th | Colts @ Eagles |

HELP

The Entertainment Committee is looking for a small string band or musicians who can play at our Eagles Pep Rally and Tailgate Party on 10/8

Please contact Vince Vandenbraak at

vans@comcast.net

The Kitchen is open on Tuesdays

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

AUGUST MEETINGS/EVENTS:

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| Tuesday | 1 st | 7 | Honor Guard meeting |
| Wednesday | 2 nd | 7:30 | General membership mtg |
| Saturday | 5 th | 3 | Pig Roast |
| Monday | 7 th | 6 | Cornhole |
| | | | Ladies Shuffleboard |
| Wednesday | 9 th | 7:30 | DVets |
| Friday | 11 th | 7 | Country Line Dancing |
| | | 7 | Eagles game |
| Monday | 14 th | 6 | Cornhole |
| | | | Ladies Shuffleboard |
| Wednesday | 16 th | 7:30 | DVets |
| | | ? | Movie night @ pool |
| | 17 th | 7:30 | Eagles game |
| Monday | 21 st | 6 | Cornhole |
| | | | Ladies Shuffleboard |
| Tuesday | 22 nd | 7 | E-Board meeting |
| Wednesday | 23 rd | 7:30 | DVets |
| | | ? | Movie night @ pool |
| Thursday | 24 th | 8 | Eagles game |
| Friday | 25 th | ? | DJ night @ pool |
| Saturday | 26 th | 7:30 | Take Two in the lounge |
| Monday | 28 th | 6 | Cornhole |
| | | | Ladies Shuffleboard |
| Wednesday | 30 th | 7:30 | DVets |

SEPTEMBER

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|-----------|------------------|------|------------------------|
| Friday | 1 st | ? | DJ night @ pool |
| Saturday | 2 nd | 7 | Sheehan Bros |
| Monday | 4 th | 12 | Labor Day Picnic |
| Tuesday | 5 th | 7:15 | WACS meeting |
| Wednesday | 6 th | 7:30 | General membership mtg |
| Tuesday | 12 th | 7 | Honor Guard meeting |
| Tuesday | 19 th | 7 | E-Board meeting |

Donna Schilling, Editor

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2023 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

| COMMITTEE | Name |
|------------------------------------|--|
| BAR | Erin Doyle-Facciolo |
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| Jack McKelvey ^(AF) | 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