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**Delaware Veterans Post # 1**

**General Membership Meeting**

**February 1, 2023**

**Meeting was called to order by Commander Bob Onorato at 7:30 PM.**

**All cell phones were silenced, and hats removed.**

**The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was rendered by all attendees.**

**The Commander asked that Past Commander Harvey Freville come forward to make award presentations that he was unable to do last month due to illness. Harvey asked Leah Bell – Bertsch to come forward. Harvey presented Leah with her 2021 Delaware Veteran member of the year award; Leah had previously received the award, but her name was mis-spelled on the plaque. After presenting the corrected award, Leah then presented Brian Thomas with his 2022 Delaware Veteran Member of the Year award. Brian thanked everyone for recognizing his efforts this past year. Harvey then announced the 2022 Commanders Service award was being presented to John Descioli. John was not in attendance for the meeting but was presented with his award later in the evening. At this time, Past Commander Freville officially turned over Command of the Post to Commander Onorato by presenting him with the official gavel and Commander's coffee mug. Acting Sergeant at Arms, Roger Lee asked all Veteran Members to please stand, and a hand salute was rendered to Past Commander Freville. Commander Onorato personally thanked Harvey for his dedicated service to the Post and then presented Past Commander Freville with a plaque recognizing his service as our Commander for 2022.**

**Previous General Membership Meeting Minutes – Commander Onorato asked the Secretary to read the minutes from the previous General Membership Meeting on January 4, 2023. A motion was made by Bob Morris to dispense with the reading of the minutes, seconded by Gerry Stauffer, passed by a voice vote.**

**Previous E-Board Minutes** – The Commander asked the Secretary to read the minutes from the January 17<sup>th</sup> E-Board meeting. Draft minutes were read by the Secretary. The Commander asked for any questions or corrections to the minutes: Andi Chernenkoff recommended that the E-Board consider renting the hall in the month of August since business is usually slow at the pool. Patty Rosbrow inquired if the Liquor Control Board's visit was due to the deadbolt being slid over on the main door, the answer was no. Patty noted that on several occasions she has found that the main entrance door unlocked which would allow folks to enter unannounced. A motion was made by Mike Baldi to accept the minutes as read, seconded by Randy Scott: Passed by a voice vote.

**The Treasurers Report** – Treasurer Elect Ed Herman reported for Treasurer Bob Walker, net income for December 2022 was a negative - \$7,465.06. Year to date was a negative -\$32,442.24. Ed reported that even though the numbers showed us in the negative we did write off \$39,243.00 in depreciation which in reality left us with a little under \$7,000. In profit for the year. The Commander asked for any questions, Motion was made by Gerry Stauffer to approve the Treasurers Report. Bill Allison seconded the motion; passed by a voice vote.

### **Committee Reports**

- **Vice Commander** –Vice Commander John Pastor reported that he and Rick Rambo attended the meeting at the Commission for Veterans Affairs in Dover and that two DelVet flags were presented to the commission to be flown at the Veteran Cemetery.
- **Executive Board** – No report
- **Finance Committee** – Bob Morris advised all accounts have been reconciled for the month of January. Bob reported that we are now compliant with the PCI – DSS (Payment Card Industry – Data Security Standard). This is how we process credit card information securely and within the industry standards.
- **Home Inc.** – Jim Brannon reported that a meeting was being planned with outgoing President Sam Minutola for turnover and to assist with Home Inc. moving forward.

- **By Laws Committee** – Mark Schilling reported that the By-Laws committee will convene on February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023, to begin working on issues for 2023.
- **Bar Committee** – Erin Doyle-Facciolo reported that the bar was planning to run drink specials on February 7<sup>th</sup>, Tito's taco Tuesday, Saturday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, for the Post Valentines party as well as Fat Tuesday.
- **Chaplain** – Chaplin Randy Scott reported that post member Larry Mutschler was in the hospital after suffering a stroke. Post member Don Frampton's wife was also in the hospital after suffering a stroke. Donna Schilling was home after having knee replacement surgery. The Commander noted that Pam Smith, wife of Post member Bob Smith has been home but not doing well. Charlie Schulero's wife has passed away.
- **Veteran Affairs** – Rick Rambo Reported that during the meeting at the Commission and stated that he learned that there is an at large seat open on the commission which he will apply for.
- **Entertainment** – Vince Vandenbrak reported that Country line dancing has picked back up. February 11<sup>th</sup>, Valentines party, February 12<sup>th</sup>, Super Bowl party. All those attending the Super Bowl Party are encouraged to bring a side dish to share. The Post is also having a \$500.00 cash raffle.
- **Rentals** – John Descioli was not present, No Report
- **WACS** – Lauren Cullumber reported that the WAC's would be hosting a chili cook off on February 25<sup>th</sup> and Wacky Bingo on March 7<sup>th</sup> which will also be cheese steak night. Election of officers will take place in April.
- **Kitchen** – Andi Chernekoff reported that the kitchen is always looking for Volunteers, especially those who want to cook.
- **Pool** – No report
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- **Sports** – No report

- **Grounds** – No report.
- **In House Committee** – Chip Roop thanked Ted McGuiness for installing outside outlets on the front of the building and Jack McKelvey for repairing the beer cooler.
- **Membership** – Jim Biddle reported:

**1st Reads**

| <b>Name</b>      | <b>Branch</b>                  |
|------------------|--------------------------------|
| Alexander Kayea  | USANG – not present            |
| James Detzi      | USANG – present                |
| William Krupa    | USA – not present              |
| Richard E. Longo | USAF (Active Duty) not present |
| Daniel Culhane   | MM present                     |
| Dennis Spivack   | USN present                    |
| Wesley Staulters | USAF present                   |
| Melanie Barth    | USAR present                   |

**2nd Reads**

| <b>Name</b>  | <b>Branch</b>   |
|--------------|-----------------|
| David Miller | USN not present |
| Mark Hines   | USMC present    |
| William West | USA present     |
| Donald Legg  | USA present     |
| Edward Dietz | USMC present    |

- **Del Vets Raffle** – Art Chernekoff – No report
- **Honor Guard** – Vince Knoll – Vince stated that there will be no February meeting. Vince noted that he was working with Andie Chernekoff to revive the annual pig roast in August.
- **Scholarship** – Mike Phillips – Mike stated that today was the cutoff for applications and to date there were 3 applicants. Mike was planning to schedule interviews and ultimately make a recommendation to the E-Board.

- **Baseball – No Report**
- **Swim Team – No report**
- **Public Relations – Florie Henry – Florie reported that she is working to get the committee up and running.**

**Old Business** – The Commander reported that he was creating a new committee for this year, and it will be called the Facilities Management Committee. The Commander has appointed Harvey Freville to chair the committee. Harvey had no report at this time.

**New Business** – Post member Ben Kline inquired about the Post having challenge coins. Ben stated that he had a friend who has his own company and would most likely be interested in designing and making coins for the Post. The Commander noted that the Post already has their own coins but may be interested in utilizing this person to make our coins going forward. Ben also inquired about possibly having a book exchange available at the Post. The Commander noted that this has been tried before but the Post is usually left to deal with the books that don't move. Bob Morris made a motion to donate \$150.00 to troop 260 in Concordville to have our name advertised on the placemats for their pancake breakfast. Joe Rodriguez seconded the motion, passed by a voice vote.

**Good of the Order** – Patty Rosbrow wanted to commend Vince Vandenbrak for the great job he was doing with the Post entertainment. Gerry Stauffers daughter Jackie who had brain surgery last May wanted to thank everyone for their thoughts and prayers during a difficult time. Rick Rambo reported that he had a neighbor that was flying an American flag that was in desperate need of replacement. He obtained a new flag from Bob Morris and replaced the old and brought it to the Post for retirement. The Commander wanted to thank Karen Freville for all her hard work running the adult and kids Christmas parties.

**50/50** – Joe Burr won \$133; Post received \$132 from ticket purchases.

Chaplin Randy Scott recited the Del Vets Prayer.

Taps was sounded.

**Motion was made by Jim Ebright to adjourn the meeting. Bill Allison seconded the motion, passed by voice vote.**

**The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.**

**Respectfully submitted by the Secretary Mark Schilling**