

# **DRAFT**

## **Delaware Veterans Post # 1**

### **General Membership Meeting**

**June 7, 2023**

**The 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.**

**Previous General Membership Meeting Minutes – Commander Onorato asked the Secretary to read the minutes from the previous General Membership Meeting on May 3, 2023. A motion was made by Bob Morris to dispense with the reading of the minutes, seconded by Randy Scott, passed by a voice vote.**

**Previous E-Board Meeting Minutes 5/23/23 – The Commander asked the Secretary to read the minutes from the May 23<sup>rd</sup> Regular E-Board meeting. The Secretary read the minutes from the meeting.**

**The Commander asked if there were any questions or corrections:**

**There were no questions from the membership.**

**The Commander stated that the Board had recommended to the membership to bring in twenty (20) associate applicants from the waiting list. This recommendation was approved by the membership at the May 3<sup>rd</sup> membership meeting. At the May 23<sup>rd</sup> E-Board meeting The Membership Chair raised an issue of how our overall numbers (Veterans to Associates) were being calculated. He noted that that the percentages that he provided to the Board that led to the decision to bring in twenty (20) Associate applicants did not include the spouses of deceased veteran members. If they were included in the calculation then we would be over the percentages as set by the Board. The decision by the Board was that the spouses are considered associate members and should be included in the calculation. With that said the Board decided to table the decision to bring in the twenty (20) applicants.**

**The Commander stated that he believed that the Board was out of order on this matter and cited Robert's Rules of order. These are the rules under the Post By-Laws that we operate our meetings by. The Commander then requested that this piece of the E-Board minutes be pulled out and be discussed under new business.**

**Gerry Stauffer made a motion to accept the minutes as read minus the piece on the applicants, seconded by Randy Scott, passed by a voice vote.**

**The Treasurers Report – Treasurer Ed Herman reported that for the month of April the Post had a positive net income of \$7,700.00. Ed stated that year to date we are at a positive \$26,480.00.**

**The Commander asked for any questions regarding the Treasurers report. There were no questions, John Squire made a motion to accept the report as read, seconded by Harvey Freville, and passed by a voice vote.**

**Pool Update – At this time, The Commander announce that he was going to go out of order on the Committee reports and asked Harvey Freville to provide an update on the swimming pool repairs.**

**Harvey stated that the new drain piping has been installed and that the new concrete had been poured for the pool floor, the pool deck and the main beam around the top of the pool.**

**Harvey stated that on Friday, they will begin water blasting the sidewalls and floor. He encouraged anyone who was interested in watching this process to come to the Post to see it. Once this is completed they will then fill all of the cracks, begin work on the tiles for the racing lanes and targets and begin to install the coping stones around the top edge of the pool on top of the main beam.**

**Harvey stated that he had a discussion with Aquasafe and asked what would be the earliest that the pool could be used once the pool was filled and they stated that three days was acceptable. A question was raised by the membership if the warranty would be compromised due to the early usage and the answer was no.**

**That concluded Harvey's report and the Commander thanked Harvey for all of the work he has done to get us to this point.**

**Pool Committee – Shawn Coho stated that the membership was filling up nicely under the new system. He stated that he was looking forward to having a really**

nice grand opening for the pool membership that would include a D.J. and raffles. Shawn thanked everyone involved to help get to this point.

The Commander thanked Shawn and stated that we were returning to the regular agenda at this time.

### **Committee Reports**

- **Vice Commander** –Vice Commander John Pastor reported that he was in the process of reviewing the 25 and 40 year membership awards. He noted that due to the pandemic there were members that were missed and they wanted to get it up to date.
- **Executive Board** – Bob Morris – The President thanked the House Committee for cleaning the awnings and saving the Post an added expense. Bob also thanked Jim Hague for securing the wall along side of the pump house.
- **Finance Committee** – Bob Morris - Bob reported that all our accounts are balanced and looking good. Bob also reported that the loan from M&T bank was approved and moving forward.
- **Home Inc.** – No report
- **By Laws Committee** – Mark Schilling - No report
- **Bar Committee** – Erin Facciolo reported that the E-Board has hired two new bartenders and stated that they both have good experience and will fit in well at the Post. Erin also stated that there will be drink specials for the upcoming Belmont race.
- **Chaplain** – Randy Scott reported that Veteran member Jack Ferry passed away in February, however, the Post was only recently notified. The Commander noted that Jack was a past Delaware Veteran Member of the Year.
- **Veteran Affairs** – Rick Rambo reported that the Memorial Day Ceremony and related events were fantastic. The commission for Veterans Affairs was

being reorganized due to the disbandment of the Korean War Veterans. This process has to go through the legislature for approval. Rick stated that if anyone is having issues with the V/A to please let him know so he can assist. Rick also noted that the Delaware Veterans Stand down was coming up and he would like some help with this. He said that this is a worthy cause to help our homeless veterans get some help getting back on their feet. Rick noted that the next commission meeting was scheduled for 6/20.

- **Entertainment** – Vince Vandenbrak wanted to thank everyone for coming out to the Post for the Phillies opener, however, he wished the Phillies had shown up. The Phillies home opener has been moved from Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, to Friday April 7<sup>th</sup> due to the report of inclement weather. Vince reviewed the entertainment schedule:
  - Friday, June 9<sup>th</sup> – Frank & Michelle in the lounge.
  - Rick & Connie coming soon in the lounge
  - Saturday, June 10<sup>th</sup> - The Belmont
  - Every Wednesday is military night at the Blue Rocks
  - Upcoming in July – New band, the two of us & the old news band.
  - Possible Phillies game
  
- **Rentals** – John Descioli reported that there are 18 events scheduled for the hall – outside events as well as Post events.
  
- **WACS** – Lauren Cullumber – Diane Onorato reported for Lauren that the last meeting was May 2<sup>nd</sup>. They had their end of year dinner which was well attended. Diane thanked everyone for their support and all those that helped out. The WAC's are now off for the summer.
  
- **Kitchen** – Andie asked that everyone please bring something for the Belmont. She also thanked all of the Volunteers since the kitchen was winding down its season. She also wanted to thank John Ratkovic for his assistance.
  
- **Pool** – See report earlier in the meeting
  
- **Sports** – no report

- **Grounds** - no report
- **In House Committee** – Chip Roop wanted to thank Jim Hague, Bill Frank and Bob Prost for their help with cleaning the awnings. He also wanted to thank Bill Frank for assisting with painting.
- **Membership** – Jim Biddle reported:

**1st Reads**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Branch</b>
Joseph Fassano	USAF – Present – Active Duty
Danielle Dwyer	USMC – Present – Active Duty
Jacob Jager	USN – Present
Samuel Davidson	USAFR – Present
David Brickman	USMC – Present
Gregory Cooper	USMC – Present
Alexander Kaya	USANG – Not Present – Active Duty
Richard E. Longo	USAF – Not Present – Active Duty
William Krupa	USA – Not Present
Jonathan Mrowca	USA – Not Present

**2nd Reads**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Branch</b>
David B. Walter	USN - Present
Harry W. Smith	USA – Present.
James Detzi	USANG - Present

- **Progressive Raffle** – Art Chernekoff – No Report
- **Honor Guard** – Vince thanked the Honor Guard for stepping up and taking care of business for Memorial Day. The Honor Guard will be conducting a vacation raffle in Florida that is being donated by Gerry Herman and Kim Riccio. The drawing will be held on August 5<sup>th</sup>, the day of the pig roast. This is open to the public.
- **Scholarship** – Mike Phillips – No report
- **Baseball** – No Report

- **Swim Team – Stephanie Coho – Not present/no report**
- **Public Relations – Florie Henry – No report**
- **Welcoming Committee – Ed Brinkman – Ed asked all first reads to please stay after the meeting to get Post information.**
- **Facilities Management – Harvey Freville – see report earlier in the minutes**

**Old Business – No old business**

**New Business – The Commander revisited the issue of the twenty (20) associate applicants. He stated that under Roberts Rules of Order once a motion has been approved it should be carried out. He also noted that several of the applicants had already been contacted and he did not think this was fair since some of the folks have been on the waiting list for many years.**

**The Commander made a motion to strike the last sentence in the E-Board minutes to table the matter, seconded by Bob Morris, passed by a majority vote.**

**Good of the Order – Gerry Stauffer stated that the Post has flags that have only been used once or twice and are in good condition. Gerry wants to use these flags to replace worn ones at the cemeteries that we go to.**

**The Commander read a letter of thanks from A.I. Dupont Hospital for Children for the \$1000.00 donation that was made by the pool league and raised at the mixed doubles pool tournament. A special thanks was made to mark parsons for getting this done.**

**50/50 – Rick Rambo won \$148; Post received \$148.00 from ticket purchases.**

**Chaplain Randy Scott recited the Del Vets Prayer.**

**Taps were sounded.**

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

**The meeting was adjourned at 20:40 hours.**

**Respectfully submitted by the Secretary Mark Schilling**