

# DRAFT

## **Delaware Veterans Post # 1**

### **General Membership Meeting**

**September 6, 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.

#### Special Ceremonies

The Commander stated that there is one service award to be presented and called on Bob Snyder to come forward. The Commander presented Bob with his 40-year service award. The Commander asked Bob if he would like to say anything, and Bob responded that he had no words of wisdom, and he was just happy to be here.

Previous General Membership Meeting Minutes – The Commander asked the Secretary to read the minutes from the previous General Membership Meeting on August 2, 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 8/22/23 – The Commander asked the Secretary to read the minutes from the August 22<sup>nd</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.

Jim Brannon made a motion to accept the minutes as read, seconded by Jim Biddle, and passed by a voice vote.

The Treasurers Report – Treasurer Ed Herman reported that for the month of July, the Post's total income was \$76,257.66. Ed stated that our total cost of goods was \$18,954.82 for a gross profit of \$57,302.84. Our total expenses for July were

**\$63,957.99 for a net ordinary income of \$-6,655.15. The total net income for the month of June was \$-6,447.65. Year to date we are at a positive \$55,918.21.**

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

### **Committee Reports**

- **Vice Commander – The Vice Commander had no report.**
- **Executive Board – Bob Morris – The President wanted to make it clear to the membership that any documentation regarding complaints or incident reports that are being submitted to the Commander or the Executive Board must be signed by the member submitting the complaint or report. If the documents are not signed, then they will not be considered valid and will be disregarded.**
  - **The President wanted to thank Mark Parson and committee for all the hard work and effort put into the fundraising and research towards the new pool tables. Great job!**
- **Finance Committee – Bob Morris - Bob reported that the accounts are all balanced except one which is in progress. The President stated that the ticket master machine is down, and we are waiting for our maintenance vendor to return from vacation to try and repair it. Bob noted that this machine is very old, and he is not sure if it can be repaired or not.**
- **Home Inc. – Jim Brannon - No report.**
- **By Laws Committee – Mark Schilling – Mark noted that now that the pool is closed that he will call a meeting with the full committee probably in late September to review the items that were earmarked for review at the beginning of the year. Mark noted that the reason we were not able to proceed with any business was due to the pool repair project and the amount of time that the project took the executive Board to get the project completed.**

- **Bar Committee** – Erin Facciolo – Not present. The Commander noted that Erin is planning to have various drink specials for the Eagles games.
- **Chaplain** – Randy Scott –
  - The Chaplain reported that Veteran Member Leo Zalinski passed away while on vacation with his wife Anita in Atlantic City. The Chaplain noted that he has spoken with Anita, and she is coping as well as can be expected.  
The Post has sent condolences to the family.
- **Veteran Affairs** – Rick Rambo reported that on September 22, 2023, the veterans Stand down will take place in Dover beginning at 8:30 a.m. and will last all day. The notices are on the bulletin board and volunteers are welcome. Rick stated that if you have never been to a Veterans standdown then you should. It is extremely rewarding to be able to help a fellow Veteran that is down on their luck and give them a leg up. Rick stated that Flu shots and the new Covid booster shots that will handle the new Covid variant are now available. A question was raised regarding whether the Post was going to have these available at the Post again this year. The Commander responded that we are currently working with the same company to try and make that happen.
- **Entertainment** – Vince Vandenbrak reported the following schedule:
  - 9/7 – Jimmy’s cheese steak night.
  - 9/9 – Rick & Connie in the lounge – Doggie dip day at the pool.
  - 9/15 – Two of Us in the lounge.
  - 9/22 – WAC’s spaghetti dinner.
  - 9/30 – Frank & Michelle in the lounge – Crab Feast, 3-7 in the hall.
  - **Eagles Football**
    - 9/10 vs Patriots – Home opener @ 4:00 p.m.
    - 9/14 @ Vikings – Thursday Night Football (pizza & wings – opens 5 – 7).
    - 9/25 @ Buc’s – Monday Night Football.

- **Rentals** – John Descioli reported that there are 13 events scheduled for September in the hall – outside events as well as Post events.
- **WACS** – Lauren Cullumber – Lauren reported that the WAC’s first meeting was last night. September 22<sup>nd</sup> will be the spaghetti dinner and tickets are available at the bar. Lauren also stated that they are raffling off a basket of cheer and those tickets are also available at the bar. Lauren stated that they are working with a service dog outfit to possibly attend one of their meetings as well as bring in some of the dogs.
- **Kitchen** – Andie Chernekoff – No Report. The room was aghast at this statement! The Commander stated that he was afraid to ask any questions.
- **Pool** – Shawn Coho – Shawn stated that we had a great season although it was a shorter season than normal due to the repair project. Shawn thanked his committee and the Executive Board for all the hard work that went into getting the repair project completed and the pool back in business. The Commander thanked Shawn for all the hard work that he and the committee provided for a successful season.
- **Sports** – No report.
- **Grounds** - Jack McKelvey – Jack was not present, so the Commander called on the assistant grounds keeper Bill Carpenter and he had no report.
- **In House Committee** – Chip Roop – No report. Harvey Freville commented that Chip may not have a report but noted that Chip and Committee have been working on cleaning up the pool pump house and it looks fantastic.
- **Membership** – Jim Biddle reported:

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**PRESENT**

**Samual Barksdale Sr. – Associate**

**Gregory E. Nowack – Associate**

**Ann Marie Coleman – Associate**

**James W Beatson - USN**

**James M. Corbett – USN**

**John D. Mackrell – USN**

**Fred A. Pysher – USA**  
**Angie T. Roney – USA**  
**Michael J. Suter - USA**

**NOT PRESENT - Veterans**

**Jonathan Mrowca – USA**  
**Ronald A. Fox – USA**  
**William R. Suter - USA**

**Associates**

**James Dreyer**  
**Kimberly Giles**

**2<sup>nd</sup> reads**

**PRESENT**

**Bryan Jones - Associate**

**NOT PRESENT**

**Patrick Rich - Associate**

- **Progressive Raffle** – Art Chernekoff – No report.
- **Honor Guard** – Vince Knoll – Sean McLaren reported for Vince Knoll. Sean stated that as you heard in the E-Board minutes that the pig roast did very well. Sean wanted to thank the Donna O’Neil group from Patterson – Schwartz real estate company for donating the pig as well as many other items to help make the event the success it was. Sean noted that the Holy Rosary 9/11 ceremony is going to be on Monday 9/11 at 7:00 p.m. Any Honor Guard member that can attend would be greatly appreciated.
- **Scholarship** – Mike Phillips – No report
- **Baseball** – No Report
- **Swim Team** – Stephanie Coho – No report
- **Public Relations** – Florie Henry – Florie reported that on Saturday 9/9 we will be having the Doggie Dip at the pool sponsored by Delco Dogs. Large dogs should swim in the big pool and the smaller dogs should swim in the

**baby pool. The event will be from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. There will be giveaways and food sales. Florie noted that our annual Toy's for Tots 5K run/walk will be held on 11/5. The event opens at 8:00 and the race starts at 9:00. This is our 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary, come out and support us.**

- **Welcoming Committee – Ed Brinkman – No report**
- **Facilities Management – Harvey Freville – Harvey noted that the floor in the game room needs to be redone. This should take place when the new pool tables are in and before they are installed. The existing floor needs to be secured down and the new floor will go over top of the existing one. The flooring will be the same as what is around the lounge bar.**

**Old Business – No old business**

**New Business – Gerry Stauffer stated that he fell at home a few months ago and needed his daughter's assistance to get up. He recently investigated getting the Life Alert system but noted how expensive it is. He then investigated the V/A and found that you get can this for free.**

**Harvey Freville again thanked Chip Roop for his work on the pool pump house. Harvey also reminded everyone about our upcoming elections and the need for our Veteran Members to step up and get involved with leadership positions.**

**Mark Schilling reminded everyone about the upcoming semi-annual Blues show which is scheduled for November 12<sup>th</sup>, here in the hall. Mark noted that this event will sell out quickly.**

**Good of the Order – Bob Morris stated that Shawn Coho has officially retired from the Army. Lauren Cullumber stated that as always, we need kitchen volunteers, please sign up to help. The Vice Commander noted that this past weekend Butch Minner was down at the pool cooking up all kinds of food and invited John down to eat. When John asked him how much it was Butch responded that it was free, that he just wanted to help.**

**50/50 – Karen Freville won \$135; Post received \$135.00 from ticket purchases. There was a second raffle for a ticket for the upcoming Crab Feast. Jim Donahoe won the ticket.**

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

**Taps were sounded.**

**Motion was made by Bob Morris to adjourn the meeting, John pastor seconded the motion, passed by voice vote.**

**The meeting was adjourned at 20:25 hours.**

**Respectfully submitted by the Secretary Mark Schilling**