

Del Vet of the Year 2023 Nominee

My nominee for Del Vet of the Year is James W. Biddle better known as Jim

He was a Air Force Veteran served his country with Honor, joined the post in 1984

He & his wife have been very loyal members for 39 years.

Several years ago, the post was in dire need of a Membership Officer a (critical position) in our post, Jim stepped up to the plate to give it a try, with no prior experience, gave it his all.

His first monthly meeting to give his report of new members joining, was a little challenging, but going forward he did well.

You will see Jim coming up to the post regularly & checking dues boxes for checks, attending monthly board meetings, going down to our computer room to enter info information for the newsletter, the list goes on & on which most of us take for granted.

Also over the years Jim was very instrumental with our newsletter printing when we had to mail them out, plus he was very helpful taking all of the Home Inc minutes from 1949 down in post safe & digitalize them in post computer,

This is worthy of why I nominated him.

Sam Minutola

Past Commander Del Vets

It is an honor to nominate Harvey Freville for Delaware Veterans Post #1 Member of the Year. This nomination is long overdue. Harvey is currently a member of our Executive Board but has also served as the President of our Eboard, our Vice Commander and our Post Commander for three out of the last five years.

At the beginning of the year Harvey eagerly agreed to serve as our Post Facilities Manager knowing the pool renovation project was on the horizon. He hit the ground running, soliciting the minimum three bids and sorting out many conflicting details. He guided the Eboard through the selection process which resulted in a quick approval by the membership and an on-time start date. Work started in early April but the pool opening was delayed until July 1. Harvey was present every day, monitoring the contractor's presence and progress. If not for his persuasion and Marine Corps skills, this project would have dragged on much later into the summer. The information he recorded has been instrumental in our negotiations with the contractor.

Recently he oversaw the removal of a dead tree from our property that was a threat to one of our very sensitive neighbor's house. The tree was lifted over the house with absolutely no damage to the house or property. Just another job well done that ended with a very happy neighbor.

His most impressive accomplishment is no matter where you stand in our Post, you will be looking at something that Harvey was responsible for fixing, replacing, upgrading or installing. The kitchen renovation resulted in a license that allows us to sell cooked food to the public. Our Post would look very different these days without Harvey's contributions. Thank you Harvey for a Post we can all be proud of.

Harvey has decided not to run in our upcoming election. He is stepping down to make room for newer younger members, which our Post badly needs. You can always count on Harvey to put the needs of our Post above his personal desires. Harvey Freville deserves your vote for the Delaware Veterans Post #1 Member of the Year.

Submitted by Bob Onorato

Bob Morris is truly one of our Del Vets unsung heroes. Most of our members know that Bob is the President of our Eboard, one of our Post accountants, Chairman of our Finance Committee and an active member of our Honor Guard but have no idea just how much Bob does for our Post. The job of Eboard President has been never ending this year with numerous Eboard Meetings, juggling 9 members personal schedules and tight deadlines. The Board evaluated multiple Pool Management and Renovation proposals leading up to the final contracts. Membership approvals meant no room for any delays and Bob kept the whole process moving forward and on track. Throw in a few incident reports, startup of a new website and our normal Post business it makes you wonder how the Eboard President ever got it all done.

As our senior post accountant, Bob trained two new accountants and replaced a retiring accountant without missing a beat. The accountant's job is absolutely critical to the operation of our Post and since Bob has been in charge, we've never had to worry about the job getting done right. Other duties include the oversight of our video machines, including repairs, upgrades, maintenance and submitting required reports to the state; maintaining and upgrading our alarm system (which required a new hard drive this year) and maintenance and repairs to our phone system. The phone system had a glitch this year that no one else could figure out but Bob got to the bottom of it and saved us lot of money.

As Chairman of our Finance Committee, Bob is responsible for opening new bank accounts as needed, registering check signers, monitoring and reconciling existing accounts, oversight of our ATM machine and cash registers and processing expense reports. Bob also assigns keys on the cash registers for all cash events at Del Vets to insure they get credit for the income they generate.

If there is something that needs to be done at our Post, you can always count on Bob Morris to get it done quickly and get it done right. Bob has gone above and beyond what we could expect from any of our members and has earned your vote for the Delaware Veterans Post #1 Member of the Year.

Submitted by Bob Onorato

10-29-23

Dear Bob-

I would like to nominate Mark Parsons for DeIVets member of the year. He has headed up and made it his goal to get two new pool tables. He has run beef and beer events and raffles. He also runs both eight ball and nine ball tournaments. Through all this work he makes the extra effort and has saved the club as much money as he could. He has given both time and his own money to reach the goal. I feel that he is truly deserving of this honor.



Jim Fitzgerald

November 1, 2023

To: Commander Bob Onorato

Subject: Nomination for Delaware Veteran Member of the Year Award

I would like to nominate Vince Vandenbrak for Del Vet Member of the Year.

In 2021, while I was serving as Commander of the post, we were coming out of one of the most difficult times in the history of the Post, the Covid pandemic. Many of our committees were going through changes in personnel, and the Entertainment committee was one of them.

I approached Vince and asked if he would be interested in taking over as Entertainment Chair and he accepted. This could not have been an easy decision for him considering the task in front of him. As Commander, my number one priority was to try and get our members back into the Post and get back to some normalcy. My goal was to use Entertainment to get this done.

Since Vince has taken on this responsibility, I feel he has done an amazing job. Even though the Post endured a very slow 2021, Vince pressed on and has done an excellent job on trying to and getting new varieties of entertainment for our members, while maintaining some of our favorites.

Vince has also become an integral piece of our semiannual Diamond State blues event. The arrangement that we have in place is that all seating reservations as well as the seating layout would go through our organization. This responsibility fell to Vince and once again he hasn't disappointed. This event generally reserves anywhere from 110 to 130 seats and we do not miss a beat. This is due to his diligence and communication skills that makes the difference.

Vince has also headed up various events such as Phillies games, tail gate parties as well as our annual monthly events. In my opinion Vince has shown why he is a dedicated member of this organization.

It is for all of these reasons that I feel Vince Vandenbrak is worthy of Delaware Veteran Member of the year.

Respectfully submitted by Mark Schilling