

DRAFT
Delaware Veterans Post # 1
General Membership Meeting
February 7, 2024

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.

At this time the Commander stated that there was one service award to be presented. The Commander announced that Andy Hostler was receiving his 40 year service pin. Upon the presentation Andy received a standing ovation. When asked if Andy had anything to say he stated that he was humbled and thanked everyone.

The Commander stated that at this time we will move back to our regular agenda.

Previous General Membership Meeting Minutes – The Commander asked the Secretary to read the minutes from the previous General Membership Meeting on January 3, 2024.

A motion was made by Bob Morris to dispense with the reading of the minutes, seconded by Jim Biddle, passed by a voice vote.

Previous E-Board Meeting Minutes 1/23/24 – The Commander asked the Secretary to read the minutes from the January 23rd Regular E-Board meeting.

The Secretary read the minutes from the meeting.

The Commander opened the floor for questions:

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

Treasurers Report – Treasurer Michael Janes reported total sales for the month of December were \$55,695.75. The total cost of goods was \$21,446.34 for a gross profit of \$34,255.02. Our total expenses were \$52,344.00 leaving a net income of -\$17,896.48. Year to date we are at a Negative \$39,680.98.

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

Committee Reports

- Vice Commander – John Pastor - No report.
- Executive Board – John Pastor– Reported that there have been rumors about no water in the pool. Post leadership went down during the day and pulled the cover back to see what the status is. John reported that there is water in the pool, it is down about a foot and we will follow up with aquasafe as the work is under warranty.
- Finance Committee – Bob Morris – All accounts are balanced for January. Bob stated that the issue of the swimming pool checking account has been resolved.
- Home Inc. – Jim Brannon – Not present, no report.
- By Laws Committee – Mark Schilling – Mark stated that the By-Laws committee had their first meeting to get back on track with the goal of getting any changes before the membership prior to the Post elections.
- Bar Committee – Erin Facciolo – The Commander reported for Erin that there will be a review of our drink prices to make sure we are keeping up with our cost of goods. There is also a bar tender meeting scheduled for later this month.
- Chaplain – Randy Scott – Jim Biddle reported that since the dues notices went out there were several members who passed away with no notice to the Post.
 - Janet Brownhill – widow passed sometime in 2023 no spouse
 - Anthony J DelDeo – Associate passed 1/7/24 spouse does not wish to continue membership
 - Marlene Harper – Widow passed 11/21 no spouse

- **Harold John Johnson – Vet USA** passed 5/3/23 no spouse
- **Richard Jorgensen – Vet USA** passed 10/2/23 spouse does not wish to continue membership
- **Robert McIntyre – Vet NG** passed 6/3/23 spouse does wish to continue membership
- **Kenneth Young – Vet AF** passed 2/2/23 spouse does wish to continue membership

- **Veteran Affairs** – Rick Rambo – Rick reported that he attended the last meeting with the Commission. Rick asked the membership to let him know if they had any issues that he needed to take to the commission for review.

- **Entertainment** – Vince Vandenbrak reported the following schedule:
 - 2/2 – Benny & Bill – In the lounge
 - 2/11 – Super Bowl party – In the lounge & hall
 - 2/13 – Fat Tuesday
 - 2/24 – WAC’s chili cookoff
 - 2/17 – Valentines Party – In the hall featuring the Old News Band
 - 2/18 – Blues fundraiser – 12:00 – 6:00

- **Rentals** – John Descioli – John reported that there are 36 events scheduled in the hall thru March. John asked the Board to consider August rentals.

- **WACS** – Lauren Cullumber – Lauren reported the following:
 - Upcoming events – The WAC’s are having a chili cookoff in the lounge on Saturday February 24th in the late afternoon to early evening.
 - Whacky Bingo – Tuesday March 5th, 7:00 p.m. Jimmy Hague will be cooking his cheese steaks from 4 – 7p.m.
 - Lauren stated that they are having a goods drive for the homeless that do not want to go into a shelter. They can also use gift cards for fast food restaurants.

- **Kitchen** – Andie Chernekoff – Andie reported that for Fat Tuesday they will be cooking jambalaya and Po Boys.

- **Pool** – Shawn Coho – No report.

- **Sports** – No report.
- **Grounds** - Jack McKelvey – Not Present - No report.
- **In House Committee** – Chip Roop – No report
- **Membership** – Jim Biddle reported:

1st reads.

PRESENT –

Associates

Veterans

Nicholas Niehoff – USA/NG

Gregory S. Zentz – USMC

NOT PRESENT –

Veterans

Raymond L. Kern – USA/Active Duty

Paul Swezey – USN/active duty

Associates

2nd reads.

PRESENT

Associate

Veterans

Michael O’Neill – USMC

Gilbert L. Bunner – USN

Henry Schultz – USA/NG

NOT PRESENT

- **Progressive Raffle** – Art Chernekoff – No report.

- **Honor Guard** – Vince Knoll – No report.
- **Scholarship** – Mike Phillips – Mike reported that he will be gathering the committee to begin interviews.
- **Baseball** – No Report.
- **Swim Team** – Stephanie Coho – No report.
- **Public Relations** – Florie Henry – No report.
- **Welcoming Committee** – Ed Brinkman – Ed informed all first reads to meet after the meeting so he could meet with them.
- **Facilities Management** – Harvey Freville – Not Present – continuing pool issues.
- **Old Business** –
- **New Business** – Karen Freville inquired as to the shuffle board repairs and also stated that there needed to be a reminder that Monday nights are the ladies shuffle Board leagues and they get the entire area from the second pool table to the back of the room including the card table. The Commander noted that the shuffle Board table has been leveled and ready for play.
- **Good of the Order** –
 - Andie Chernekoff stated that her company was making a donation to the Post in the amount of \$130.00. Employees donate \$5.00 a week to wear blue jeans to work on Friday.
 - Jim Biddle stated that a widow of a veteran member donated his dues to the Post this year.
 - The Commander inquired about the missing Vice Commander parking space sign was missing. Chip Roop stated that he was in possession of the sign and was going to secure it back on the pole.
 - It was noted that the lounge bathrooms were not be cleaned properly. Post leadership is aware and working on it.

- **Joe Kozlowski inquired about when there is entertainment in the hall could we use a camera and live stream in to the lounge. Follow up.**
- **50/50 – Ed Brinkman won \$138; Post received \$137.00 from ticket purchases.**

The Secretary recited the Del Vets Prayer.

Taps were sounded.

Motion was made by Bob Morris to adjourn the meeting, Gerry Stauffer seconded the motion, passed by voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 20:20 hours.

Respectfully submitted by the Secretary Mark Schilling