



MAY 2024

Editor: Donna Schilling  
Reporters: Numerous

## MEMBERSHIP:

### 1<sup>st</sup> READING

#### Present:

William J. McBride – Navy  
Ryan Michele Rustark – Army

#### NOT Present

Raymond L. Kern – Navy [active duty]  
Paul Swezey – Navy [active duty]

### 2<sup>nd</sup> READING

#### Present:

Thomas W Adams, Sr. - Navy  
James P Dalo - Army  
Dean F Czech - Army  
Thomas W Smith - Marine  
Andrea Wilhelme - Associate

#### NOT Present:

William J. Barnett – Navy

General Membership Meeting  
**First Wednesday of every Month. Time: 7:30pm**  
Please try to attend!

## CHAPLAIN'S REPORT:

### DEATHS:

*The Post sends our sincerest condolences to our members for their recently departed family members.*

### ILLNESS:

Joe Koslowski – has surgery – home recuperating  
Dave Price – home recuperating

*The Post wishes a speedy recovery to everyone who may be under the weather.*

## COMMANDER'S CORNER

Hello Post Members,

Can someone please tell me where April went? It seems like just yesterday we were closed for Easter and we're already charging into May. Our kitchen certainly closed out the month with a bang. It's a shame if you couldn't join us for the Champagne Brunch on the 28<sup>th</sup> because our kitchen served a 5-star meal that was



even better than the gourmet meals shown in the flier. Boss Andi keeps threatening to retire but if the kitchen keeps treating us to meals like that, Andi and John are going to be sentenced to Life in the Kitchen without parole. They had an amazing crew of helpers that were on top of everything and a pleasure to watch. I don't have the list of helpers but if you were part of the Champagne Brunch, let's get together and share a drink on the Post.

We've had a number of questions recently about our Post guest policy. The policy is laid out in the House Rules section of our Motion Book. Members are responsible for signing their guests in, the conduct of their guests and ensuring their guests leave the Post when they do. Under no circumstances should a guest use a member's keycard to enter the Post unaccompanied. Members may sign the same guest in on an occasional basis. An example of this is stated as once a week in the Motion Book on our website. I am not aware of any documentation that limits the number of guests each member may sign in, but I have always been told the unwritten rule is 3 guests per member. Questions have also been raised about "significant others" (unmarried couples) which have become more common these days than in the past. We currently have no written policy on "significant others" however the Bylaws Committee is drafting a policy for the Motion Book which will be presented to the membership for approval later this year.

Better fasten your seat belts because Del Vets is going to hit the ground running in May. We start off with the General Membership meeting on the 1<sup>st</sup>, then it's Pizza Night on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, Spring Cleanup and the Kentucky Derby on the 4<sup>th</sup>, Cinco de Mayo on Sunday

the 5<sup>th</sup>, the WACs meeting on the 7<sup>th</sup> and End of Year Dinner on the 17<sup>th</sup>, the Preakness on the 18<sup>th</sup> our Memorial Day Ceremony and pool opening on the 25<sup>th</sup> and grave visitations on the 26<sup>th</sup>. We get the Memorial Day Holiday on Monday the 27<sup>th</sup> to keep the party rolling or to kick back and recover. Whichever you choose, let's not forget the true meaning of Memorial Day and the sacrifices made for the freedom we enjoy.

*Bob Onorato, Commander*

## WAC's

Our most recent collaboration with the Entertainment Committee was a great time! The WACs ran the kitchen while Helixx rocked the room on Friday, April

12. It was a great night for the Post and for the WACs. Thanks to all who volunteered to help serve, take orders, and clean up. We plan to team up again in the fall with a new band that Vince has booked!



Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, May 7 at 7:15pm. We will finish out the season with our End of Year Dinner on Friday, May 17. We're hoping all of our members will be able to join us for an evening of celebrating our accomplishments, and of course fun, cocktails, and a menu of heavy hors d'oeuvres, including carving stations. We're looking forward to seeing everyone there!

*Lauren Cullumber, WAC President*

## HONOR GUARD

Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup> the Honor Guard will be hosting a bourbon tasting event in the hall. More details to follow.

*Vince Knoll*

## Congratulations to Our New Commissioner

Congratulations to **Rick Rambo**, who was appointed by Governor Carney as a Commissioner on the Delaware Commission of Veterans Affairs. The Commission consists of 15 members appointed by the Governor, each for a 4-year term. Veterans Affairs are near and dear to Rick's heart and his appointment gives us a much stronger voice with the Commission. We commend you Rick on a very honorable accomplishment and wish you Fair Winds and Following Seas on the Commission.

## SERVICE AWARD

**Jim Biddle– 40 years**  
**Tiffany MacAnulla – 25 years**

## DEL VETS POOL NEWS

Registration is now open for all returning pool members. Please login, register, and pay for the upcoming pool season. If you know anyone interested in joining our waitlist in hopes of getting in this season, share the same link below with them. Please pay your membership by May 15<sup>th</sup>. On May 16<sup>th</sup> we will move to the waitlist.

<https://delvetspool.membersplash.com/membership/>

We will be having a pool and ground maintenance clean-up day on May 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> AND if needed May 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>. We need help staining the tables, cleaning the umbrellas, cleaning the pool furniture, cleaning the deck, planting some flowers, etc. Anyone who helps will receive 5 free guest passes that will be added to your account.

Please check your accounts....

Make sure your family members are up to date and pictures have been uploaded.

## MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND

Saturday: Memorial Service 10:30  
Pool opens & Picnic 12:00

Sunday: Grave visitation 8:00

## MEMORIAL DAY PATRIOTIC ART CONTEST

Every family has a relative or a friend that has worn a United States military uniform and made the sacrifices needed to protect our freedom. Parents and grandparents – here's your chance to teach your children about our heroes and let them share their stories with our Del Vets family by entering our Memorial Day Patriotic Art Contest. The contest is always an enjoyable part of our Memorial Day Program. The Memorial Day Committee invites all children and grandchildren of Del Vets Post members and all children of Del Vets pool members (ages 8 to 18) to submit a patriotic drawing, sketch, photograph,

poem, essay, or short story. It's a great way to learn about Memorial Day and all entries will be eligible for a prize.

Entries should be submitted to Mark Schilling or Bob Onorato at the Del Vets Post on Wednesday May 22nd and Thursday May 23rd from 6:30 to 7:30 PM. Please include your name, age, address, and phone number on the back of your artwork. No identifying marks should be visible on the front. You must be present for our Memorial Day Ceremony on Saturday May 25th and present your artwork to the audience to receive a prize. Please contact Mark at 302-588-7855 or Bob at 302-220-1499 if you have any questions.



**DVETS RAFFLE  
7:30**

Wednesday's

8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, & 29<sup>th</sup>



**ENTERTAINMENT  
7:30 – 10:30**

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> Two of US

Saturday **JUNE**  
1<sup>st</sup> Twangabillies

**COUNTRY LINE DANCING  
7:00**



NO CLD THIS MONTH  
\$8 cover

**DEL VETS SPRING CLEAN UP**

Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup>  
Starts at 8:30am in Post parking lot  
All volunteers are welcome!  
Tools will be provided!

Rain Date: Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, 8:30am  
Questions? Ask Bill Carpenter, Grounds Chair

**SPORTS**

**Del Vets Baseball Team**

The coaches are getting ready for the kickoff of the 2024 season. We have 16 returning players from last year's team. The coaching staff believes this team will be very competitive this year and we are looking forward to a great season. Our coaching staff is long time Head Assistant Coach Rob McKinley who has been an assistant coach for Del Vets for 21 years, Michael Annone is entering into his second year as an Assistant Coach. Tyler McGarvey is also entering his second year as an Assistant Coach. Both Michael and Tyler are Del Vets baseball alumni. Mike Buono is entering his 15th season as the Head Coach and Manager. Our schedule will be posted shortly. We love to see our members come out to a game or two to see some good baseball. Mark your calendars for June 16<sup>th</sup>, Father's Day, our team will be hosting Bryce Harper's former American Legion team the Las Vegas Aces at Frawley Stadium at 11:00am Following the game we will have the Las Vegas Aces players and parents back at our post for hamburgers, hotdogs, cold beverages, and swimming. We also will be traveling up to Boyertown PA and West Lawn PA for two Double Headers. Come out and support our team!! **LET'S GO DEL VETS!!**

**Mike Buono, Coach**

**Marty "DOC" Londergan Golf Outing**

**Friday, July 26th at the Rock Manor Golf Club**

There will be a shotgun start at 8:00 am. The format will be "Superball". There is a signup sheet at the bar, please be neat when signing. The cost per player is \$90 and is due by July 12<sup>th</sup>. Pay at the bar and get a receipt. Food, drinks, and prizes back at the Post.

**CORNHOLE LEAGUE**



Monday nights @ 6:00

6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, & 20<sup>th</sup>

**LADIES SHUFFLEBOARD LEAGUE**



Monday nights @ 7:30

6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, & 20<sup>th</sup>



### KENTUCKY DERBY

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup>

Time: TBD

Drink specials, Hat contest,  
Bring a dish to share



### PREAKNESS

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup>

Time: TBD



### BELMONT STAKES

Saturday June 8<sup>th</sup>

Time TBD



## DEL VETS ONLINE STORE

Del Vets now has an online store available to all

<http://delvets.qbstores.com/>



Some of you may prefer an alternate logo, such as the Bartenders have been wearing, please see Jim Durborow at the Post to order.

## MAY MEETINGS/EVENTS

Wednesday	1	7:30	Gen membership mtg
Thursday	2	5	Pizza & Wings
Saturday	4	TBD	Kentucky Derby
Sunday	5		Cinco de Mayo
Monday	6	6	Cornhole
			Kitchen open
		7:30	Ladies Shuffleboard
Tuesday	7	7:30	WACs meeting
Wednesday	8	7:30	DVets Raffle
Saturday	11	7:30	Two of Us
Monday	13	6	Cornhole
			Kitchen open
		7:30	Ladies Shuffleboard
Tuesday	14	7	Honor Guard meeting
Wednesday	15	7:30	DVets Raffle
Friday	17	TBD	WACs end of year dinner
Saturday	18	TBD	Preakness
Monday	20	6	Cornhole
			Kitchen open
		7:30	Ladies Shuffleboard
Tuesday	21	7	E Board meeting
Wednesday	22	7:30	DVets Raffle
Saturday	25	10:30	Memorial Day Service
		12	Pool open & picnic
Sunday	26	8	Grave visitation
Wednesday	29	7:30	DVets Raffle

## JUNE

Saturday	1	7:30	Twangabillies
Wednesday	5	7:30	Gen membership mtg
Tuesday	11	7	Honor Guard mtg
Tuesday	18	7	E-Board meeting

*Donna Schilling, Editor*

If you would like anything printed in the newsletter, please send an e-mail by the 20th of each month.

[dschill925@gmail.com](mailto:dschill925@gmail.com)



## MAY

Thursday 2 Pizza & Wings  
Monday 6  
Monday 13  
Monday 20

## CAFÉ REGULAR MENU

5 Chicken Tenders	\$ 8.00
5 Chicken Tenders with Fries	\$ 9.00
Onion Rings	\$ 6.00
French Fries	\$ 4.00
Cheese Fries	\$ 4.50
Hot Dog	\$ 5.00
Hot Dog with Cheese	\$ 5.50
Plain Burger/Cheeseburger	\$ 8.00
Double Cheeseburger	\$10.50
Chicken Breast Sandwich	\$ 8.00
Chicken Breast Sandwich w/Cheese	\$ 8.50
Chips & Queso	\$ 5.00

Available Condiments – Ketchup, Mustard, Honey Mustard, Ranch, Blue Cheese, Hot Sauce, BBQ, Horseradish, Mayonnaise, Vinegar, Old Bay, Pickles, Lettuce, Onions, Tomato, Sweet Peppers

**CAFÉ OPENS AT 5:30** unless otherwise stated  
Daily Specials Available -- See White Board for details

The kitchen is always looking for volunteers! If you'd like to help out, you can sign up here for one or more dates:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/delvets>

If you have any questions or need help signing up, contact us at: [delvetskitchen@gmail.com](mailto:delvetskitchen@gmail.com)





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### 2024 OFFICERS & "E" BOARD

Office	Name
Commander	Bob Onorato (CG)-(PC)
Vice-Commander	John Pastor (A)
Secretary	Mark Schilling (N)-(PC)
Treasurer	Michael Janes (A)
Treasurer-Elect - Ex-Officio	Ed Herman (A)
Sergeant-at-Arms	Bill Allison (A)

Executive Board Members	Name	Year
PRESIDENT	John Pastor (A)	2024
MEMBER	Bob Morris (A)	2025
MEMBER	Jim Hague (NG)	2025
MEMBER	Vince Knoll (A)	2024
MEMBER	Ed Brinkman (A)	2024
MEMBER	Roger Lee (AF)	2024

### 2024 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

COMMITTEE	Name
BAR	Erin Doyle-Facciolo
BY-LAWS	Mark Schilling (N)-(PC)
CHAPLAIN	Randy Scott (M)
ENTERTAINMENT	Vince Vandendraak
FINANCE	Bob Morris (A)
GROUNDs	Bill Carpenter
HONOR GUARD	Vinny Knoll (A)/Sean MacLaren (ANG)
HOUSE	Chip Roop
INSURANCE ADVISOR	Webb Bell II (AF)-(PC)
KITCHEN	Andi Chernekoff / John Ratkevic
MEMBERSHIP	Jim Biddle (AF)
POST ACCOUNTANT	Vince Knoll (A)
POST ACCOUNTANT	John Descioli
POST ACCOUNTANT	Bob Morris (A)
POOL	Shawn Coho (NG)
PROGRESSIVE RAFFLE	Art Chernekoff
PUBLIC RELATIONS	Florie Henry
PURCHASING AGENT (Liquor-Supplies)	Jen Avery
RENTALS	John Descioli
SPORTS	Mike Buono
VETERAN'S AFFAIRS	Rick Rambo (N)
WAC's	Lauren Cullumber
WEB SITE	Denise Bernstein

### HOME, INC.

Frank Dobson (A)	2023 - 2026
Jerry Stauffer (N)	2023 - 2024
Rich Delitta (A)	2023 - 2024
Bob Bostedo (A)	2023 - 2025
Jim Brannon (NG)-(PC) President	2023 - 2025

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### State Board of Directors

Joe Rodriguez (A)(PC) Commander	2023 - 2025
John "Moon" Riley (M)-at Large	2023 - 2025
Bill Frank (A) -at Large	2021 - 2025
Jack McKelvey (AF)	2023 - 2024

### Service Designations

A = Army                      AF = Air Force  
 N = Navy                      CG = Coast Guard  
 M = Marines                NG = National Guard  
 PC = Past Commander

Delaware Veterans Post #1 Member of the Year 2023

**Harvey Freville**

Commander Service Awards Year 2023

**Mark Parson - John Ratkevic - Denise Bernstein**