

**DRAFT**  
**Delaware Veterans Post # 1**  
**General Membership Meeting**  
**May 1, 2024**

The meeting was called to order by Commander Bob Onorato at 19:30 hours. 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 are no special ceremonies or guests. The Commander did note that he now has a fresh supply of 25- & 40-year service pins thanks to Jim Durborow.

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

A motion was made by Bob Morris to dispense with the reading of the minutes as they have been published to the membership, seconded by Randy Scott, passed by a voice vote.

Previous E-Board Meeting Minutes 3/19/24 – The Commander asked the Secretary to read the minutes from the April 23<sup>r</sup>, Regular E-Board meeting.

The Secretary read the minutes from the meeting.

The Commander opened the floor for questions:

There were no questions from the membership.

Harvey Freville made a motion to accept the minutes as read, seconded by Gerry Stauffer, and passed by a voice vote.

Treasurers Report – Michael Janes reviewed the monthly financial report for March. Michael stated that the Post had a total income of \$55,427.45. Michael stated that our total cost of goods was \$16,364.67 for a gross profit of \$39,062.78. Our total expenses were \$30,110.00. Our net income for the month was \$9,152.78. Year to date we are at a positive \$33,283.46.

The Commander asked for any questions regarding the Treasurers report. Jim Biddle questioned the \$3,000.00 under miscellaneous. The Treasurer responded that this was the expense for the new beer cooler for the lounge. This is where it was initially placed but will be transferred to the appropriate line item.

Randy Scott made a motion to accept the report as read, seconded by Ron Gower, and passed by a voice vote.

### Committee Reports

- **Vice Commander** – John Pastor – The Vice Commander reported that Aquasafe will be in on May 8<sup>th</sup> to make all repairs to the pool which should take two to three days.
- **Executive Board** – John Pastor – President Pastor stated that the E-Board has been busy as you can see in the last meeting minutes. President Pastor stated that the meeting was over three hours but still beat the record set by previous President Bob Morris.
- **Finance Committee** – Bob Morris – No report.
- **Home Inc.** – Jim Brannon – Gerry Stauffer for Jim Brannon, no report.
- **By Laws Committee** – Mark Schilling – Mark stated that the By-Laws committee has completed work on the section regarding the timeline for presenting By-law changes. He also reported that the committee has finished work on a new language regarding “Significant Others” as requested by the Commander. Mark stated that since all of the budgets came in at one time, he deferred his presentation until the May E-Board meeting.
- **Bar Committee** – Erin Facciolo – The Commander reporting for Erin that there needs to be some additional discussion about our drink prices to make sure we are keeping up with our cost of goods. Keep an eye out for upcoming drink specials.
- **Chaplain** – Randy Scott – The Commander deferred this report until the end of the meeting.
- **Veteran Affairs** – Rick Rambo – Rick reported that he has been appointed a Commissioner by the Governor and thanked John Pastor and Anna Lopez from Post 2 for helping him achieve his appointment. Rick reported that the annual air show will be on May 17<sup>th</sup> through May 19<sup>th</sup> at the Dover Air Base.

- **Entertainment** – Vince Vandenbrak reported the following schedule:

- 5/2 – Pizza night
- 5/4 – Kentucky Derby Day
- 5/5 – Cinco De Mayo all day
- 5/11 – Two of Us in the lounge
- 5/18 – The Preakness
- 5/25 – Memorial Day ceremony

Vince stated that we christened our new stage with take two in the hall.

- **Rentals** – John Descioli – John reported that there are 21 events scheduled for the hall in May.
- **WACS** – Lauren Cullumber – Lauren reported that the WAC's are winding down for the season. Their last meeting will be Tuesday May 7<sup>th</sup> and they will be having their annual end of year dinner on May 17<sup>th</sup>. On October 11, the WAC's will be trying a new band in the hall.
- **Kitchen** – Andie Chernekoff – Andie thanked everyone who volunteered for the Sunday brunch and those who attended.
- **Pool** – Shawn Coho – Sue Gorman reported for Shawn, no report.
- **Sports** – Mike Phillips noted that our baseball team will be playing at Frawley stadium on June 16<sup>th</sup>, and both teams are invited back to the Post afterwards.
- **Grounds** – Bill Carpenter – The Commander reported for Bill. The Commander stated that as we speak Bill is on his way to Michigan but will be present for the Post cleanup this Saturday at 8:30.
- **In-House Committee** – Chip Roop – Chip wanted to thank Bill Frank for assisting him with the repairs on all the wooded picnic tables down at the pool. Chip stated that all the deck furniture and the deck itself has been power washed and cleaned. Chip thanked Bill Frank, Jim Hague, Veryl Burns, Bob Prost, and Joe Kelly for their assistance with this task.
- **Membership** – Jim Biddle reported:

**1<sup>st</sup> reads.**

**PRESENT**

**Associates**

None

**Veterans**

**Aaron M. Metzner – USAF/USA – Active Duty**

**NOT PRESENT –**

**Veterans**

**Raymond L. Kern – USA/Active Duty**

**Paul Swezey – USN/active duty**

**William DeJesus – USAF/Active Duty**

**Associates**

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

**PRESENT**

**Associate**

**Veterans**

**Ryan Michelle Rustark - USA**

**NOT PRESENT**

**William J. Barnett – USA**

**Willaim McBride - USN**

**Jim noted that Curtis Pierce has withdrawn his application.**

- **Progressive Raffle – Art Chernekoff – No report**
- **Honor Guard – Vince Knoll – Gerry Herman reporting for Vince that the Honor Guard has quite a few things coming up in the coming months.**
  - **On June 9<sup>th</sup>, bourbon tasting in the hall.**
  - **June 14<sup>th</sup> – Flag retirement ceremony.**
  - **June 16<sup>th</sup> – DelVets baseball game at Frawley – Honor Guard will be presenting the colors.**
  - **August 3<sup>rd</sup> – Annual Pig Roast**

Gerry noted that a poster and flyers are being printed for another vacation raffle this year.

Watch the E-Blast and the newsletter for more information.

**Scholarship** – Mike Phillips – Mike reported that there will be two awards as you heard in the E-Board minutes: Paige Keeley who is the Granddaughter of Post Member Rich Angellini and Issabella Chermak, Daughter of Post Member Mike Chermak.

Mike stated that the committee will award a \$2,000.00 scholarship award to each candidate. Mike stated that Paige Keeley will be attending the University of West Virginia and Issabella Chermak will be attending Cornell University.

- **Baseball** – Mike Buono – Not present
- **Swim Team** – Stephanie Coho – Not present.
- **Public Relations** – Florie Henry – No report.
- **Welcoming Committee** – Ed Brinkman – Ed asked all first reads to please meet in the far corner of the hall after the meeting.
- **Facilities Management** – Harvey Freville – Harvey reported that the person who never stops is Chip. Everything that gets done around here goes through Chip. Harvey noted that folks don't understand how much money was saved because Chip and Bill Frank worked on all those tables.
- **Old Business** – Bob Morris stated that we ordered fifty new chairs, forty-five have been received, five are on the back order.
- **New Business** – No New Business
- **Good of the Order** –
  - Gerry Herman reported that on July 14<sup>th</sup> it will be Veterans Day at the stadium and if you are in attendance with DelVets, you will be invited down on the field to be recognized.

- **Harvey Freville noted that under state law our members are required to have their membership cards in your possession.**
- **Jim Biddle stated that if you have your card in your possession, you can usually gain access to other veterans' organizations.**
- **The Commander stated that our Seargent at Arms, Joe Kozlowski has resigned from his position due to moving downstate. Bill Allison has been appointed to this position for the remainder of the year by the Executive Board and this does not require membership approval.**
- **Chaplains Report – Randy Scott - It was reported that Jen McKelvey's Mother passed away recently. Sue Gorman's Father passed away. Rick Gilbert's mother passed away and former member Gerry Gellar passed away.**
  - **At this time, the Chaplain stated that Post member Myron Smith who is a past commissioner and Post Chaplain, recently lost his wife would like to say a few words about her.**
  - **Myron stated that he and his wife were married for almost fifty years and noted that behind every good man is a good wife. Myron read a proclamation from the Delaware General Assembly that honored Gloria Smith for her dedication over the years for her support of her husband and her involvement with various events in the past.**
  - **Myron thanked the Post for allowing him to say a few words in his wife's honor.**
- **50/50 – Peggy Derle won \$113.00; Post received \$112.00 from ticket purchases.**

**The Commander asked the Chaplain to recite DelVets prayer.**

**Taps were sounded.**

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

**The meeting was adjourned at 20:31 hours.**

**Respectfully submitted by the Secretary Mark Schilling**