



JULY 2024

**Editor: Donna Schilling
Reporters: Numerous**

MEMBERSHIP:

1st READING

Present:

Dieter Paul Gerhard Nitschke – Marine
Dominick V Cacciatore – Army
Kevin E Matthews – Navy
John C Jacklin – Army

NOT Present

Raymond L. Kern – Navy *[active duty]*
Paul Swezey – Navy *[active duty]*
William DeJesus – Air Force *[active duty]*
Logan E Malloy – Air Force/Army *[active duty]*
William J Demko – Air Force

2nd READING

Present:

Aaron M Metzner – Air Force/Army *[active duty]*
William James Barnett – Army *[active duty]*
William J McBride, III – Navy

NOT Present:

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:

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

COMMANDER'S CORNER

Hello Post Members,

It's no secret that our pool got off to a very disappointing start this year. We had delayed openings, cloudy water, chlorine issues and a young, poorly trained staff from our pool management company. Del Vets Pool Committee has been working overtime to get things back on track and it looks like



we have finally started to turn the corner. After numerous conflicting reports on the status of our chlorinator we decided to bite the bullet and replace the old chlorinator. Chlorine readings have stabilized, and the water is a lot clearer. The robot purchased by our Pool Committee seems to be keeping the bottom of the pool nice and clean as well. We still have a bad section in our pool filter, and we have contracted to have that replaced, hopefully before the 4th of July. The lifeguards and pool management staff still have a way to go but we are seeing steady progress. We apologize for the slow start and thank you for your patience. Our goal is to provide the biggest bang for your hard-earned pool dues dollars. If anything is falling short, please start off by calling the number that Aqua Safe has posted by the pool gate. We are paying them a lot of your money to manage our pool so please don't hesitate to hold them accountable.

Parking is always an issue when it comes to home swim meets but sometimes the inconvenience is worth it. We had a great swim meet at Del Vets on Thursday, June 27th. Our team scored a big win over the outnumbered Arden swimmers. It's always fun to watch how much energy and excitement these young swimmers generate. The highlight of the night was watching the 18 and under boys break the 200-yard freestyle relay record from 2005. I was there when the old record was set in 2005 and it was a big thrill to see the new record set 19 years later. These swimmers weren't even born when the old record was set but everybody knows who they are now. Congratulations to Ryan Gray, Liam Tobin, Ryan Langrehr, and Charlie Bramble. There's still another home swim meet if you

want to try and shave a little time off your new record gentlemen.

If you haven't heard, our baseball team is having another good season this year. Earlier this week, their game in Sussex County was televised by a local station. They made sure everyone down south knew who Del Vets was by hitting 6 home runs and scoring 17 runs. They have a 3 and 1 record this week, the only loss coming on the arm of a great pitcher who had every pitch working for him. Their overall 5 and 3 record is impressive considering Coach Mike Buono does not shy away from the tough games. For the last few years, Stahl Post usually invites us to play their team on the 4th of July. They are a very good team but usually schedule an opponent they think they can beat. Del Vets did not get invited to play Stahl Post on the 4th of July this year. I'm guessing they don't want to play us until the state tournament later this year.

The 4th of July is right around the corner. This has to be the most underappreciated holiday of the year. Most people focus on the bar-b-ques and the long weekend off, but we all need to look past that and remember why we celebrate the 4th of July in the first place. The world is a crazy place these days and there's plenty of turmoil in the US of A, but we are still the greatest country in the world. So next time you are enjoying the fireworks, think about all the sacrifices it took to gain our Independence and the price we pay to protect our great nation. Happy 4th of July!

Bob Onorato, Commander

WAC's

The WACs are having a great summer break! We will be back in action beginning Tuesday, September 3rd at 7:15 in the hall. We're looking forward to welcoming new members along with our returning members, so please feel free to bring a friend or two - no need to be a Post member to join the WAC.



As a reminder, we are collecting hygiene items to benefit Communities in Schools of Delaware at Gauger-Cobb Middle School. There are flyers up at the Post with details and a list of what items are needed. There is a box for donations in the lounge and there will be one down by the pool throughout the summer months.

Enjoy the rest of your summer and we'll see you in September!

Lauren Cullumber, WAC President

DELAWARE VETERAN'S EXPENSE REPORT

Whenever any group or committee at Del Vets runs any affair that uses Del Vet's property (Pool, Hall, Kitchen, money, equipment and so on) that cost that group money to run and is expected to make money in return, is required to submit a Del Vet's Expense Report to the Finance Committee, which will submit that report to the Executive Board.

Expense reports can be found in a folder in the bookcase that the \$5 Sunday Raffle book is located. It can also be found on the Del Vet's Home Web Page. Look for the word "ABOUT", near the top and in the center of the web page. If you put your cursor on the word "ABOUT" on the home page, a drop down list will appear and the [Expense Report](#) will be listed there (<https://delvets.com/about-delvets/expense-reports/>). The instructions are listed there with an option to download the [Expense Report in a PDF format](#) that you can print. The form is two-sided, with the instructions on how to fill out the form on the reverse side.

If you have any questions or need help in using the Expense Report, please contact me or any Post Accountant.

Bob Morris, Finance Committee

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SERVICE AWARDS



**Mike Brasko
Michelle Iacono**



**Maureen Castellani
(widow of Bob Castellani)**



DVETS RAFFLE 7:30

Wednesday's

10th, 17th, 24th & 31st



ENTERTAINMENT 7:30 – 10:30

Saturday	13	Old News Band
Saturday	20	Sheehan Brothers
Saturday	27	Rick & Connie

COUNTRY LINE DANCING 7:00



5th & 19th

\$8 cover

SPORTS

Del Vets Baseball Team

The 2024 Del Vets baseball team is out to a great start of 3-2 in league play. We are currently 2 games out of 1st place.

Please check the link below for our schedule. Please come out to see our young Veterans play some very competitive baseball. **GO VETS!!**

<https://www.dealbaseball.org/gallery/photo/index/8558216?subseason=917470>

Del Vets Home Swim Meets



Tuesday July 9

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 12th. Pay at the bar and get a receipt. Food, drinks, and prizes back at the Post.

CORNHOLE LEAGUE



Monday nights @ 6:00

1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th

LADIES SHUFFLEBOARD LEAGUE



Monday nights @ 7:30

No Shuffleboard for the summer

WEEKLY E-BLAST

If you are not receiving the weekly E-blast: in your email, copy and past this link to your internet address bar and complete the form:

<https://delvets.us14.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=a0ef58ed8a145213bfae20726&id=c5e512573b>

4TH of JULY

Picnic

\$7 PER PERSON

INCLUDES FOOD, DRAFT BEER, WINE, & SODA
 FREE DRAFT BEER & WINE 12-2PM ★ FOOD 12-3PM

★ **ADDITIONAL \$5 PER POOL GUEST**

THURSDAY, JULY 4 @ DEL VETS POST #1

Del Vets to provide burgers and hot dogs!
 We kindly request that those with a **LAST NAME** beginning with the letters **A through L** bring a side dish to share and those with **LAST NAME** beginning with **M through Z** bring a dessert to share




HONOR GUARD PIG ROAST



SATURDAY AUGUST 3rd
 3:00 TO 7:00
 \$20.00
 (\$10 age 12 and under)

Tickets include:
 Pig Roast
 All the fixin's
 1 free drink at the bar
 Pool pass during the event
 DJ entertainment

See the bartender or Honor Guard Member to purchase tickets!

All Proceeds support Del Vets #1 Honor Guard

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.

JULY MEETINGS/EVENTS

Monday	1	6	Cornhole
Wednesday	3	7:30	General Membership mtg
Thursday	4	12	July4th Picnic
Friday	5	7	Country Line Dancing
Monday	8	6	Cornhole
Tuesday	9	7	Honor Guard meeting
		?	Home Swim meet
Wednesday	10	7:30	DVets Raffle
Saturday	13	7:30	Old News Band
Sunday	14	1:05	Blue Rocks Game of Honor
Monday	15	6	Cornhole
Wednesday	17	7:30	DVets Raffle
Friday	19	7	Country Line Dancing
Saturday	20	7:30	Sheehan Brothers
Monday	22	6	Cornhole
Tuesday	23	7	E Board meeting
Wednesday	24	7:30	DVets Raffle
Friday	26	?	DOC Golf Outing
Saturday	27	7:30	Rick & Connie
Monday	29	6	Cornhole
Tuesday	30	9	Swim Team Pancake Breakfast
Wednesday	31	12:30	Phillies Trip
		7:30	Dvets Raffle

AUGUST

Saturday	3	3	HG Pig Roast
Monday	5	6	Cornhole
Wednesday	7	7:30	Gen membership mtg
Tuesday	13	7	Honor Guard mtg
Friday	16	7	Country Line Dance
Tuesday	20	7	E-Board meeting
Friday	30	7	Country Line Dance

Donna Schilling, Editor

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

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Hygiene Goods Drive

To Benefit Communities In Schools DE
at Gauger-Cobb Middle School

**WACs are collecting the following items at our
End of Year Party and throughout the summer!**

Deodorant

Pads

Underwear (Boys & Girls*)

Socks (Boys*)

Bar Soap

Toothpaste

Toothbrush

Wipes

Hand Sanitizers

Shampoo

Lotion

*Boys & Girls Sizes 8-14 or adult sizes are all welcome!



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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
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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