



**NOVEMBER 2024**

**Editor: Donna Schilling  
Reporters: Numerous**

## **MEMBERSHIP:**

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

#### **Present:**

Philip M Workman, Jr – Marine  
Erin L Workman – Marine  
John J Goodwin – Marine  
Larry P Kish – Army

#### **NOT Present**

Ewonn K Campbell - Marine  
Charles A McKee – Navy/Army

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

#### **Present:**

Daniel Gillen – Navy  
Jarrit T Kretzer – Merchant Marine

#### **NOT Present:**

Logan Ethan Malloy – Air Force/Army [*Active duty*]

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

## **CHAPLAIN'S REPORT:**

### **DEATHS:**

**John "Moon" Reilly – Marine Corp** – joined 8/1/97  
passed 10/1/24

**William "Stretch" Stephens – Army** – joined 8/1/96  
passed 10/15/24

**Joan Webb – Wife of Webb Bell. Mother of Leah  
Bertsch and Webb Bell III.** Passed 9/28/24

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

### **ILLNESS:**

**Bob Edelman** – in rehab facility recuperating  
**Pat Milewicz** – in the hospital

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

## **COMMANDER'S CORNER**

Hello Post Members,

Well, the Phillies certainly disappointed us and Red October never really got rolling this year. The Phillies' return to the World Series seemed like such a sure thing before the All-Star break. So, what happened? One of their star players recently admitted they were cruising through the second half of the season and thought they could just flip the switch any time they needed to. This is never a great strategy and like most things in life it usually doesn't end well. It also holds true for our Post as well. According to most first-time visitors to Del Vets, we have a pretty special place here. It takes a lot of effort to keep it that way and we should never settle for putting our Post on cruise control and then trying to flip the switch when things get out of hand. Like the Phillies season, it won't end well so please do not stop caring about your Post.



Ready or not - election season is upon us. Make no mistake, our national election is going to be a mess. Regardless of what side of the fence you are on, please do your job and go vote. No matter who wins there is going to be turmoil. After the dust settles, I promise you the sun will still come up in the morning and our republic will still stand tall. There may be some changes in our government and the way our country is governed but our democracy allows for that. If things don't go your way, the world is not coming to an end and just look at the bright side – all those annoying, horrible commercials will be history.

It's also election time at Del Vets. This column is being written one week before our November Membership Meeting when the ballot for this year's election will be presented to our membership. Sadly, there are still open offices on the ballot that not a single member has stepped up to run for. There is nothing in our Bylaws that provides a remedy for filling a vacant office when there are no candidates. I have no idea what's going to happen with the open offices, but we should all be ashamed of ourselves that our Post is in this situation. Think about it!

Ending on a happy note – our Eagles have finally seemed to find their way and are playing some pretty good football right now. Eagles' games are always fun at Del Vets so please support your Post and join us to cheer them on. Go Birds!

*Bob Onorato, Commander*

### WAC's

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 5 at 7:15 in the hall. There is still time to join the WAC, and there is no need to be a member of the Post!



Mark your calendars for our Christmas Auction on Tuesday, December 3rd. Donations of any new or gently used items are greatly appreciated. We will be setting up the evening before and accepting drop-offs at that time.

This is always a fun night, and it is open to all, so please plan to join us and bring a friend or two!

### DV WAC'S 2024 COAT DRIVE

Collecting **NEW** coats for Child Inc. now through Wednesday, November 20<sup>th</sup>

Boys and Girls - All sizes from infant to teens  
**Gloves and hats** are also welcome  
**Collection box in lounge**

If you'd like to contribute but don't have time to shop, please contact us as we are also accepting monetary donations. Our super shopper Diane Onorato is already hard at work getting the best bang for your buck!

**HELP US SHARE THE GIFT OF WARMTH**

*Lauren Cullumber, WAC President*

### VETERANS BREAKFAST

**Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup>**

9am – 12 pm

Guest Speaker

For our Veteran members, Spouses and Widows of Veteran members



The POST will be **CLOSED** on **THANKSGIVING!**

### POST ELECTIONS

Elections for 2025 are just around the corner. Only veteran members with three and four years of membership in good standing may apply, four years for Commander and Vice Commander, three years for all other positions.

The open positions are as follows:

- Commander
- Vice Commander
- E Board (2)
- Home Inc (2)
- State Board (2)
- Treasurer Elect
- Sergeant at Arms
- Secretary

Anyone interested, please contact an election committee member. Committee member names are posted on the bulletin board outside of the lounge. It's your post, get involved! Election Committee

### HONOR GUARD NEWS

#### HONOR GUARD ELECTIONS

Election Committee had been filled by Vernon Taylor and Bill Redheffer

4 positions are open (chair and vice (2 yrs) / financial and secretary (1 yr)

Collecting names for all positions with deadline of nominations on Nov 12. Vote will be on December 10

#### STOCKINGS FOR SOLDIERS

<https://stockingsforsoldiers.org/>

Click the link for dates and times to volunteer.

Brandywine Town Center  
5410 Brandywine Parkway  
Wilmington, Delaware 19803

#### CLOTHING FOR VETERANS 2024

Click the link to donate

<https://my.cheddarup.com/c/clothing-for-veterans-2024-11653/items?cart>



#### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Help is needed to decorate the Post for the holidays we will begin at 10 am on Friday, November 29<sup>th</sup>

**Delaware Veterans Post #1  
Member of the Year for 2024**

The year has flown by and it's hard to believe but it's time to nominate our member of the year for 2024. We've had so many members doing great things all year long so it shouldn't be very hard to nominate the candidate(s) of your choice. The big challenge will be choosing the most deserving candidate. Nominations for our 2024 Delaware Veteran Post #1 must be submitted to the Commander before our November General Membership Meeting on November 6<sup>th</sup>. All nominations will be read at the November meeting, posted on the bulletin board and published in our E-blast. Only candidates read at our membership meeting will be included on our election ballot so please take a moment to get those nominations submitted by November 6<sup>th</sup>.

**THE MESS HALL**

Monday's 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>  
Thursday's 7<sup>th</sup> Pizza & Wings

**COUNTRY LINE DANCING  
7:00**



Friday 1<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>  
\$8 cover



**DVETS RAFFLE  
7:30**

Wednesday's  
13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, & 27<sup>th</sup>



**ENTERTAINMENT  
7:30 – 10:30**

Friday	1	Halloween Party
Saturday	9	Rick & Connie
Friday	15	Katelyn Christine
Saturday	16	American Band Stand
Saturday	23	Jerry Lee Watkins

**AMERICAN BANDSTAND  
Presented by the Honor Guard**



**Saturday, Nov 16<sup>th</sup>  
5pm-9pm \$20.00**

Period clothing (be it 50's, 60's, or 70's) is highly encouraged as the top three best dressed will win prizes. Also, a best dancers contest, bourbon basket/ 50-50 raffles and more! Hope to see you there!

**SPORTS**

**CORNHOLE LEAGUE**



Monday nights @ 6:00  
4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, & 25<sup>th</sup>



**LADIES SHUFFLEBOARD  
LEAGUE**

Monday nights @ 6:30  
4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, & 25<sup>th</sup>

**ANNUAL 9-BALL TOURNAMENT  
Saturday, Nov 30<sup>th</sup>**



Sign-Up sheet will be posted mid-November!

Space is Limited – Sign up Early...

**CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY**



**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14<sup>TH</sup>  
9-11:30am**

Doors open at 9am  
Santa and Mrs Claus arrive at 9:30am

Party is for all Post members' children and grandchildren up to and including 8 years old.

Sign-up sheet will be posted on the foyer bulletin board on Thursday, November 21<sup>st</sup>.

To ensure enough gift bags, please sign up by Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup>.

On behalf of myself and the Boeing Philadelphia Flight Crew office, we would like to thank the Post, Honor Guard, and Vince Knoll for their generous donation of a memorial flag to present to the Dal Porto family in honor of Gene Dal Porto. Gene was a local Gulf War Veteran who had served 25 years in the Army as a CH-47 Flight Engineer with over 4,000 flight hours in the aircraft. He also worked as a Reliability/Maintainability Engineer at the Boeing Company for 23 years providing unmeasurable support to the H-47 community. His friends and colleagues wanted to present his family with a token of our gratitude for his service to our country by flying his memorial flag on the aircraft he dedicated decades to. The flag was sent to his wife Sarah for his funeral service in Kansas, thank you again to everyone that made this happen!

Thank you - Alejandro Perez



### WEEKLY E-BLAST

If you are not receiving the weekly E-blast: 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>

### DEL VETS ONLINE STORE

Del Vets now has an online store available!

<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.

### NOVEMBER MEETINGS/EVENTS

Friday	1	7:30	Halloween party
		7	Country Line Dancing
Saturday	2	10	Del Vets Bowling
Sunday	3	9	Toys for Tots
Monday	4	6	Cornhole & Shuffleboard
			Mess Hall Open
Tuesday	5	7:30	WACS meeting
Wednesday	6	7:30	Gen Membership mtg
Thursday	7	5	Pizza & Wings
Saturday	9	9	Veterans Breakfast
		7:30	Rick & Connie
Sunday	10	12	Harvest Blues Show
Monday	11	6	Christmas ticket sale
		6	Cornhole & Shuffleboard
			Mess Hall Open
Tuesday	12	7	Honor Guard mtg
Wednesday	13	7:30	DVETS RAFFLE
Friday	15	7	Katelyn Christine
Saturday	16	6	American Bandstand
Monday	18	6	Christmas ticket sale
			Cornhole & Shuffleboard
			Mess Hall Open
Tuesday	19	7	Honor Guard meeting
Wednesday	20	7:30	DVETS RAFFLE
Friday	22	7	Country Line Dancing
Saturday	23	7:30	Jerry Lee Watkins
Monday	25	6	Christmas ticket sale
			Cornhole & Shuffleboard
			Mess Hall Open
Wednesday	27	7:30	DVets Raffle
Thursday	28		POST CLOSED
Friday	29	10	Christmas decorating

### DECEMBER

Sunday	1	9	Pancake breakfast
Tuesday	3	7:30	WACS Christmas Auction
Wednesday	4	7:30	Gen Membership mtg
Thursday	5	5	Pizza & Wings
Sunday	7	6	Adult Christmas Party
Tuesday	10	7	Honor Guard mtg
Saturday	14	9	Childrens Christmas Party
Tuesday	17	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)



# DEL VETS ADULT CHRISTMAS PARTY



Saturday, December 7, 2024  
6:00pm - 11:00pm



## JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF DINING, DANCING, AND HOLIDAY CHEER!

Semi-Formal Attire Requested | DJ Entertainment | Door Prizes



### TICKETS

Tickets will be sold in a tiered fashion on the following dates from 6 - 7:30pm:

November 11th - \$55

November 18th - \$60

November 25th - \$65

In between the dates, text or call:

Donna: 302-561-5163 OR Brian: 302-367-4901

### MENU

- Open Bar
- Hors d'oeuvres including Charcuterie Board, Shrimp & Salmon
- Soup & Salad
- Dinner including Filet, Chicken Cacciatore, Penne Aglio Olio & more!
- Dessert
- Red & White Wine at tables

Get your tickets early and reserve a table with your friends!



DELAWARE VETERANS POST #1  
 2535 VETERANS DRIVE  
 WILMINGTON, DELAWARE 19810  
 Phone: (302) 475-9891  
[www.DelVets.com](http://www.DelVets.com)

### 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	Bill Conaway (N)
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	Brian Thomas / Jay Henry
BY-LAWS	Mark Schilling (N)-(PC)
CHAPLAIN	Randy Scott (M)
ENTERTAINMENT	Vince Vandebraak
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 Chernekov / 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 Chernekov
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

### Newsletter Staff:

**EDITOR:** Donna Schilling  
**REPORTER:** Numerous  
**PRINTER:** Jim Biddle (AF)  
**EMAIL:** Denise Bernstein

### 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**