



JANUARY 2025

**Editor: Donna Schilling
Reporters: Numerous**

MEMBERSHIP:

1st READING

Present:

Samual L Waltz, Jr. – Army
Michael J Kulp - Army
Ewonnu K Campbell – Marine

NOT Present

Charles A McKee – Navy/Army
Angel I Esparza – Marine *Active Duty*

2nd READING

Present:

Michael A. Fanelli – Air Force
Michael Crocco – Marine/Army
Philip M Workman, Jr – Marine
Erin L Workman – Marine

NOT Present:

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

CHAPLAIN'S REPORT:

DEATHS:

Art Sieber - Associate - joined 6/02 passed 12/3/24

CORRECTION:

Louis DeFeo passed 10/8/24 not 8/8/24

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

ILLNESS:

Bob Edelman – is home – recuperating!!! 😊

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

COMMANDER'S CORNER

Hello members of Delaware Veterans Post #1

Welcome to the New Year, and your new Commander. My name is Gerald Herman, better known as Jerry. A little about myself, I graduated from Washington Union High School, Fremont CA in June and joined the USAF in July. I was trained as an Aircraft Radio Repairman. My first duty station was Travis AFB CA, a whole 70 miles from home. My second duty station was Hickam AFB, Hawaii. During that time there were several TDY's and even one secret mission. I was Honorable Discharged in MAR of 1969. My wife and I moved to Delaware, her home state. In the mid 1970's I joined the Delaware Air National Guard and remained on duty with them until December of 2003 when I had to retire.



I am proud that I am going to be Commander of Del Vets Post #1. I consider it an honor. It is a duty that I don't take lightly. I am following in the footsteps of several outstanding Commanders. They have offered help, and I will be reaching out to them for guidance and advice.

The holiday season is behind us. I hope that you and your families and friends had a safe and fun filled holiday. Speaking of that, I hope you were able to take advantage of some great events that were held at the Post in December. There was the WACS Christmas Auction, Children's Christmas Party, the Post Christmas Party (if you were lucky enough to get a ticket), the Post Christmas Eve Social and the Post New Year's Eve open house. All were great events; if you missed them mark your calendar for next year.

There are many events scheduled for 2025 so make sure you read your Newsletter and E-Blasts. One well attended event that is coming soon is Jimmy's Cheese Steak night. The Honor guard is taking you to the warmth of the tropics in the middle of winter with a Caribbean Night. Mark your calendars for Jan 17th 6PM-10PM.

There are many more annual events held at your post. At the monthly meeting you will hear the committee reports from our standing committees:

House, Raffle Book, Kitchen etc. Many of the other events at the Post; Veterans' breakfast, Memorial Day, Welcome home Vet Nam Veterans and others are put together by committees you don't hear about that work behind the scenes. These committees work hard to put on these events. This Post runs on volunteers, think of an event or a committee that you would like to help with. I'm sure they would welcome some new hands and ideas.

The President of the E Board said that he wants to sit with me about my plans for 2025. The only action item that I have on my mind at the moment is to try to increase our veteran's membership, specifically members under 45-50. A pet peeve of mine is Veterans Drive; the speed limit is 15 MPH please hold down your speed coming to and from the post.

Jerry Herman, Commander

WAC's

Happy New Year from the WAC's!

We held our Christmas Auction in December, and we are now even more well-funded for donations this coming year. In addition to our auction items, we were able to raffle off a basket put together by Diane Onorato. A huge thank you to all who donated auction items, contributed food, attended and brought friends and family, and helped at the auction! It was a big success and a great evening.



Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, January 7 at 7:15pm.

We are looking forward to another year of fun events and fundraisers!

Lauren Cullumber, WAC President

DEL VETS SCHOLARSHIP

Applications and additional information are due by February 1. The scholarship is open to children and grandchildren of Post members who have been a member for at least 5 years. For questions, contact Mike Phillips.

ATTENTION

All Post members:
Post dues for 2025 are \$85.00
Notices have been mailed out.
Please do not pay until Jan 1st.
If you do not receive a notice by Jan 4th
Please contact Jim Biddle.
Membership committee.

HELP

In search of the following widow members:

Anita DiPasquale
Ernestine Franz
Jackie Harnett
Lyn Mahek
Kathleen Taylor

If you have any information on any of these individuals, please contact
Jim Biddle

THE MESS HALL



Monday's 6th, 13th, 20th & 27th

COUNTRY LINE DANCING

7:00



3rd & 24th

\$8 cover



DVETS RAFFLE

7:30

Wednesday's

15th, 22nd & 29th



ENTERTAINMENT

7:30 – 10:30

Saturday	11 th	Rick & Connie
Saturday	25 th	Take Two (in the hall)
Friday	31 st	Jerry Lee Watkins



POLLYANNA

Saturday, January 4th & 7:00



Bring your new or old wrapped gifts for a fun night of friendly gift exchange. A good time will be had by all!

SPORTS

CORNHOLE (6pm) and LADIES SHUFFLEBOARD (6:30pm) LEAGUE'S

Monday nights

6th, 13th, 20th & 27th



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.

JANUARY MEETINGS/EVENTS

Friday	3	7	Country Line Dancing
Saturday	4	7	Pollyanna
Monday	6	6	Cornhole & Shuffleboard
			Mess Hall open
Tuesday	7	7:30	WACS meeting
Wednesday	8	7:30	Gen Membership mtg
Saturday	11	6	Rick & Connie
Monday	13	6	Cornhole & Shuffleboard
			Mess Hall Open
Tuesday	14	7	Honor Guard mtg
Wednesday	15	7:30	DVETS RAFFLE
Friday	17	6	Caribbean Night
Monday	20	6	Cornhole & Shuffleboard
			Mess Hall Open
Tuesday	21	7	E Board meeting
Wednesday	22	7:30	DVETS RAFFLE
Friday	24	7	Country Lind Dancing
Saturday	25	7:30	Take Two (in the hall)
Monday	27	6	Cornhole & Shuffleboard
			Mess Hall Open
Wednesday	29	7:30	DVETS RAFFLE
Friday	31	7	Jerry Lee Watkins

FEBRUARY

Monday	3	6	Cornhole & Shuffleboard
			Mess Hall Open
Tuesday	4	7:30	WACS Meeting
Wednesday	5	7:30	Gen Membership mtg
Sunday	9		Super Bowl
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.

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2025 OFFICERS & "E" BOARD

Office	Name
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Executive Board Members	Name	Year
PRESIDENT	Ed Brinkman ^(A)	2025-26
MEMBER	Vince Knoll ^(A)	2025-26
MEMBER	Bob Morris ^(A)	2025
MEMBER	Jim Hague ^(NG)	2025
MEMBER	John Squire ^(A)	2025

2025 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

COMMITTEE	Name
BAR	Brian Thomas / Jay Henry
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CHAPLAIN	Randy Scott ^(M)
ENTERTAINMENT	Vince Vandenbraak
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Bob Bostedo ^(A)	2025
Jim Brannon ^{(NG)-(PC)} President	2025

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State Board of Directors

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Bill Frank (A) -at Large	2025 - 2026
Jack McKelvey (AF)	2025 - 2026
Rick Rambo (N)	2025 - 2026

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 2024

John DeSioli & Vince Vandenbraak

Commander Service Awards Year 2024