



DECEMBER 2024

**Editor: Donna Schilling
Reporters: Numerous**

MEMBERSHIP:

1st READING

Present:

Michael A. Fanelli – Air Force
Michael Crocco – Marine/Army

NOT Present

Ewonnu K Campbell - Marine
Charles A McKee – Navy/Army
Angel I Esparza – Marine *Active Duty*

2nd READING

Present:

John J. Goodwin – Marine
Larry P. Kish - Army
Logan E. Malloy –Air Force/Army *Active Duty*

NOT Present:

Philip M Workman, Jr – Marine
Erin L Workman – Marine

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

CHAPLAIN'S REPORT:

DEATHS:

Richard Robichaud, Sr. – Marine - joined 4/87
passed 11/17/24

Louis Defeo – Army - joined 11/13 passed 8/8/24

Frank Keiser – Navy – joined 5/70 passed 10/4/24

Gerald Olzanski – Army – joined 10/12 passed
8/3/24

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

ILLNESS:

Bob Edelman – in rehab facility recuperating

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

COMMANDER'S CORNER

Hello Post Members,

Ready or not, there's only three and a half weeks until Christmas. I have no idea where 2024 went but lucky for us, December is just crammed full of Holiday and Post activities to get you in the Christmas spirit. We start off with the WACs Christmas Auction in the hall on December 3rd. If you've never been,



this is a fun night and a great chance to pick up some real bargains. There's also some finger food and drink specials. For those who were lucky enough to get a ticket, our Christmas Party on December 7th is probably the deal of the year. I'm not sure how long we'll be able to keep the ticket prices as low as they are, but I guarantee there won't be any shortage of fun. The Christmas Party Committee has done a great job and there should be lots of fun pictures and stories floating around after the party. Our Children's Christmas Party is on Saturday the 14th. If you have children or grandchildren that are 8 years old or under, you should bring them to visit with Santa. It's always entertaining to watch how the kids react to Saint Nick. Once you get all the shopping done, you can join us on the 24th for our Christmas Eve Social in the Hall. The lounge closes at 3 pm and the Hall is open from 3 to 6 pm with a buffet and an open bar (members only please). This is a great way to unwind and de-stress from all the holiday hustle and bustle. And what better way to close out 2024 and ring in the new year than our New Year's Eve open house. There are no tickets or cover charge required. For the price of a 50/50 ticket, you get to dance the year away with DJ John and enjoy the buffet, drink specials at lounge prices and a complimentary champagne toast at midnight. So, the stage is set – all you have to do is show up and have as much fun as you can handle.

As the saying goes, "Time waits for no one." I will be passing the gavel in January. It has been an honor to serve as your Commander and a very rewarding experience. Thanks to the support of our membership, there have been many fun times and lots of fond memories. There are just so many people to thank and

not enough space to do it here so I will limit things to a few special thanks. The biggest thank you goes to my family for being so supportive and allowing me to share so much of my time with our Del Vets family. Another big thank you goes to the other gentlemen at the head table. John Pastor, Mark Schilling and Mike Janes are the best and were always there no matter how big the challenge was. A big shout out to the hardest working E-board I can remember and a well done to the tireless committees for making things happen at our Post. The last thank you goes to Jerry Herman and Kim Riccio for stepping up to the head table. It's not a one-person job so please support them any way you can when they need some help. Best of Luck Jerry and Kim. I wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and Fair Winds and Following Seas for 2025!

Bob Onorato, Commander

WAC's

The WAC Coat Drive was held throughout the month of November and was successful in donating many coats, hats, gloves, hoodies, and more to Child, Inc. Thank you to all who contributed to keeping kids warm this winter!



Our Christmas Auction will be held on Tuesday, December 3 at 7:00 in the hall. Doors will open at 6pm and all are welcome to attend! We will be accepting donations of new or gently used items on the evening of Monday, December 2 from 6-8PM. We are asking members with last names beginning with A-H to bring an appetizer, and those from I-Z to bring a dessert. This is always a great time, so we encourage everyone to come out and bring a friend or two.

If you are planning on joining the WAC this year, we request that dues be paid before December 31. We will hold elections in the New Year and dues need to be paid by that date to be eligible to run for office and vote. Remember, all ladies are welcome to join us, no need to be a Post member!

Lauren Cullumber, WAC President

HONOR GUARD NEWS

Current Ballot for 2025 Honor Guard Positions:
(all running unopposed)

Chair - Vince Knoll
Vice - Jerry Herman
Tresure - Kim Riccio
Secretary - Vacant

SERVICE AWARD

Charles "Poo" McHugh – 25 years

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14TH
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 21st.

To ensure enough gift bags, please sign up by Saturday, December 7th.

CHRISTMAS EVE SOCIAL

MEMBERS ONLY!
3-6

POST CLOSED CHRISTMAS DAY

THE MESS HALL

Monday's 9th, 16th, & 23rd
Thursday's 5th & 19th Pizza & Wings
Friday 27th

COUNTRY LINE DANCING

7:00



Friday 27th

\$8 cover



DVETS RAFFLE 7:30

Wednesday's
11th & 18th



ENTERTAINMENT 7:30 – 10:30

Friday 20 Eric Henkels

SPORTS

CORNHOLE LEAGUE

Monday nights @ 6:00
9th, 16th, & 23rd



LADIES SHUFFLEBOARD LEAGUE

Monday nights @ 6:30
2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd & 30th



IN-HOUSE POOL LEAGUE:

Get ready to shoot some pool!
Sign-up Sheets for Tuesday and Thursday
2025 Winter-Spring Pool Leagues are now posted.
Cut-off to sign up is December 28th
Players' Draft is scheduled for January 2nd
League play starts January 7th
Come on out and have some fun!
See you there . . .

CONGRATULATIONS TO ONE OF OUR OWN

John Covert has been competitively powerlifting for over 35 years. John has won numerous meets and set many State and National records along the way. He has competed around the world in meets representing his weight and age group. Recently, John competed in Las Vegas in a drug free USPA sanctioned meet and set a world record in the bench press. His record stands at 369.20 pounds. If you see John at the post, please congratulate him on his outstanding accomplishment.

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.

DECEMBER MEETINGS/EVENTS

Sunday	1	9	Pancake breakfast
Monday	2	6	Shuffleboard
Tuesday	3	7:30	WACS Christmas Auction
Wednesday	4	7:30	Gen Membership mtg
Thursday	5	5	Pizza & Wings
Saturday	7	6	Adult Christmas Party
Monday	9	6	Cornhole & Shuffleboard Mess Hall Open
Tuesday	10	7	Honor Guard mtg
Wednesday	11	7:30	DVETS RAFFLE
Saturday	14	9	Childrens Christmas Party
Monday	16	6	Cornhole & Shuffleboard Mess Hall Open
Tuesday	17	7	E Board meeting
Wednesday	18	7:30	DVETS RAFFLE
Thursday	19	5	Pizza & Wings
Friday	20	7	Eric Henkels
Monday	23	6	Cornhole & Shuffleboard Mess Hall Open
Tuesday	24	3-6	Christmas Eve Social
Wednesday	25		POST CLOSED
Friday	27	6	Country Line Dancing Mess Hall Open
Monday	30	6	Shuffleboard
Tuesday	31	6	New Years Eve Party

JANUARY

Friday	3	6	Country Line Dancing
Monday	6	6	Cornhole & Shuffleboard Mess Hall Open
Tuesday	7	7:30	WACS Meeting
Wednesday	8	7:30	Gen Membership mtg
Tuesday	14	7	Honor Guard mtg
Tuesday	21	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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DEL VETS WAC'S ANNUAL

CHRISTMAS



AUCTION FUNDRAISER

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3

DOORS OPEN 6PM - AUCTION BEGINS 7PM

Arrive early to get a seat, a drink, food, and preview auction items!

Come enjoy appetizers & desserts provided by WAC members! Cash Bar

FAMILY AND FRIENDS ARE WELCOME!

WOMEN'S ACTIVITY CLUB

BASKET RAFFLE

\$5.00 per ticket

CHRISTMAS AUCTION FUNDRAISER

TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM BARTENDER

- \$35 Anthony's Coal Fired Pizza & Wings Gift Card
- 2 Certificates for 2 Hour Open Bar at Del Vets
- Yellow Tail Cabernet Sauvignon - 1.5L
- Tito's Handmade Vodka - 1L
- Mickey Mouse Plush Throw
- TJ Brioche Toasts
- TJ Dark Chocolate Peppermint Cremes
- TJ Crunchy Italian Amaretti Cookies
- Pasta, Sauce, & Cheese
- Bamboo Charcuterie Board with Lid
- Colander
- 2 Pot Holders
- 2 Wine Glasses
- Ladle & Slotted Spoon
- 4 Kitchen Towels
- 8 Dish Cloths



Winner to be drawn at the WAC's Christmas Auction fundraiser on Tuesday, December 3rd!
You do NOT need to be present to win.



You Are Invited To

NEW YEAR

2025

Party

TUESDAY

DECEMBER

31

AT 8PM



DINING - DANCING - DJ JOHN
PRIZES - GIVE AWAYS - RAFFLES
2025 EXCLUSIVE PRE-SALE EVENTS
CHAMPAGNE TOAST

post providing 2 main dishes
pls bring side or desert to share

reserve your table now!
302/475-0636





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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	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 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