



June 2025

Editor: Donna Schilling
Reporters: Numerous

MEMBERSHIP:

1st READING

Present:

Michael R Marinchak – Air Force
John H Bastian – Navy
Neil J Lentz – Navy
Steven A Thomas – Army

NOT Present

Robert J McGonagle – Army
Charles A McKee-Navy/Army
Nolan S Lewis – Army

2nd READING

Present:

Leonard A Dostillio – Army NG
John E Zebley – Army
James D Warrington – Air Force

NOT Present:

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

CHAPLAIN'S REPORT:

DEATHS:

Benny Briscoe – Assoc.- joined 2/20 passed 5/2/25
Dick Ross – Army - joined 8/00 passed 5/19/25

*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

I have to start this Commanders Corner with an apology. I want to offer my most sincere apologies to Lucy Stephens for omitting her husband, Dennis Stephens, from the Memorial Day program. Let me tell you the process I used to develop the program. I obtained a list of post veterans that had passed since last Memorial Day. I gave the list to my committee and asked them to contact the families of our departed members. Dennis' name must have been on the list or Lucy would never been contacted. After that a list of names was sent to our program creator to be included in our list of names of veteran members who have passed away. A list was also sent to Rick Rambo to be read during the ceremony. I do not know how Dennis' name while on the first list was left of the other lists. I take full responsibility for this error. All I can do is say I am sorry, very sorry, and ask for forgiveness from Lucy.

May started off at the post with the Kentucky Derby. It was a great race. Sovereignty pushed his way through a crowd of horses and went on to win by 1½ lengths. I thought for sure there would be an inquiry for the way he pushed that one horse aside to get running room. Interesting, the Del Vets pretend Para mutual paid out more than at Churchill Downs. The derby hat contest, always fun, was won by I don't remember who. I very carefully wrote down the names of the winners. The list is in a very safe place, where I can't find it. I do remember that Maria Knoll was one of the winners. Sorry to the other two. The slight wasn't on purpose.

Tito's and tacos the next evening was another great meal by our outstanding kitchen staff of volunteers. Andi is always looking for help in the kitchen. Give it a try, it is a lot of fun and takes some of the burden off the usual helpers.

The next horse race was the Preakness with the second-place derby horse, Journalism, coming in first this time. We don't know if he will run at Belmont, but reports say that Sovereignty (who skipped the Preakness) will be entered. Hopefully it will be a good

race. I will be looking for more spectators at the Post for another fun time on June 7th. Watch the Eblast for more information.

I had the pleasure of attending the WAC's end-of-year dinner. The food was very good, and plentiful. It was a great end to a successful year for the Woman's Activity Club.

Memorial Day Ceremony: I have been told that the ceremony went very well. Our guest speaker, Chief Keith, speech was very emotional. A firsthand account of an event concerning Memorial Day is better than a history lesson about the day. Our Patriotic contest for the youngsters went well. The winners were Jack Waski, Rhett Edgerton and Maverick Edgerton. Each received a gift card to target.

Without trying to name everybody who helped I want to thank my committee, the kitchen, the Honor Guard, and the many people who helped with the set up and tear down the event.

Coming up on June 14th we will once again have a flag retirement ceremony. It will be followed by an Army, Navy and Marine Corps birthday party in the lounge. All of these military services will be 250 years old this year. There will be cake, but 250 X 3 candles are too much for the lounge. Hope to see you there.

I recently heard that some members are not getting emails and Eblasts from the post. Does anyone have any ideas on how we can identify the people that are not receiving them. I mean I can't write in the newsletter, let me know if you aren't receiving them!!! Maybe they will read the hard copy and let us know...

Jerry Herman, Commander

WAC's

We held our last WACs meeting of the 2024-2025 year on Tuesday, May 6. This year the WACs donated \$11,613.77 in monetary and non-monetary contributions to local and Veteran-related causes. A whopping 69% of our monetary donations were to Veteran-related causes and organizations. Thank you to all our members who pitched in at events and fundraisers to make this year so successful.

Our End of Year Party was held on Friday, May 16. Andi and John, along with their crew, really outdid themselves. The food was top-notch, and it was great to see so many of our members and their guests. Special thanks to Andi and Art Chermekoff, John

Ratkevich, Sue and Jon Beeson, Diane, Val, and Shelly Onorato, Melissa Fritz, and the rest of the kitchen crew! They all went above and beyond to make it a wonderful evening.

Finally, as we end the year we'd like to thank Mary Harrington for her many years of service as the WACs Secretary. We appreciate all you've done, Mary! Enjoy your "retirement"! Next year we will welcome Becki Feters-Parsons as our incoming Secretary.

We hope everyone has a wonderful summer and we'll see you on September 2nd for our first meeting!

Lauren Cullumber, WAC President



FLAG CEREMONY

June 14th in the parking lot

Join us in honoring the **250th Birthday** of the
ARMY, NAVY AND MARINE CORP



June 14th 5pm

Immediately following the Flag Ceremony

EXPENSE REPORTING

It is a requirement of all Committees and Committees Chairs that the Delaware Veteran's Expense Report be used whenever Post property or resources are used to hold an affair or event that generates income for the Committee sponsoring the affair.

Post property includes buildings, rooms, pool, parking lot and Post resources include such items as liquor, wine, beer, soda, food, paper goods and personnel that are paid (Bartenders and Sargent-at-Arms).

Example of when the Expense Reports are required, Toys \$ Tots, Memorial/4th of July/Labor Day picnics, fund raising dances, game nights, Beer & Beers, Pig

Roast, Pancake Breakfast, Christmas Dinners or Parties and so on. If unsure, please ask.

Please note, Retail (nonmember) or Member Rentals of the Hall for private use are NOT included in this requirement.

The Post Expense Reports can be found on the Del Vet Web Site and there are copies in the bookcase under the \$5 Raffle Book in the Lounge. Instructions on how to use the form are printed on the back of the form.

Forms should be turned in when completed to the Finance Committee. Any questions can be directed to Bob Morris, bmorris106@comcast.net or 302-220-1181 (if I don't answer, please leave a message).

RUN FOR THE ROSES

Belmont Stakes June 7th Post time 6:50

THE MESS HALL



Thursday 5th Pizza & Wings



COUNTRY LINE DANCING 7:00

Friday 6th
\$8 cover



DVETS RAFFLE 7:15

Wednesday's
14th, 18th, & 25th

ENTERTAINMENT

7:30 – 10:30



Friday 20th Take Two in the hall
Friday 27th Sheehan Bros.

SPORTS

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



Monday nights

2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th



ANNUAL MIXED SCOTCH-DOUBLES CHARITY EVENT POOL TOURNAMENT

Saturday, June 21st



Sign-Up sheet now posted
In the Recreation Room for this year's
Mixed Scotch Doubles Tournament

Entry fee for this charity event is \$50 per couple
With all proceeds being donated this year to
SHRINERS CHILDRENS HOSPITAL

Hope you can join us for a great day of
Shooting pool and having fun
With our other couples!

Contact Mark Parsons for details...

SPORTS UPDATE

Follow up from last week's E-blast

Springer Middle School Girls Softball team won their second championship now in the last 2 years, after several rain out days. What's so amazing is they haven't lost a game in the last 2 years.

Kudos go out to Post Member and Team Manager Pat Fyock, plus the Team Coach (Fyock's daughter), Sammie. We can't leave out his lovely wife, Melissa, who is the brain behind this great accomplishment. They are on their way to Aruba to celebrate this great achievement.

Update: Del Vets American Legion Baseball World Series team has received another accolade; Manager Mike Buono, shared that team player, Brady Fox, was named to the All-Legion team. He will be representing the entire country for the American Legion. WOW, what a great accomplishment!

The team hopes to see some of our post members come out and support them. The team schedule should be posted soon!

DEL VETS SPORTS TRIVIA

You must answer both questions to win:

Doc Londergan Golf outings 2013-2024

1. What 2 players have won the most championships for their teams?

2. Who was the only golfer ever to have a hole in one??

Send your response to Sam Minutola at mrmin@verizon.net by June 8th. The winner gets a free drink chip from the Commander!

Sam Minutola, Del Vets Sports

MARTY "DOC" LONDERGAN GOLF OUTING

The annual Marty "DOC" Londergan Golf Outing will take place on Friday July 25th at the Rock Manor Golf Club starting at 8:00am. The cost will be \$100 per player, and you may pay at the bar and get a receipt. The format will be "Superball". Prizes, food and drink back at the Post after the outing. A sign-up poster will be at the bar area, be neat when signing up your group. Always a good time!



DELVETS SWIM MEETS

Tuesday	17 th	@ Darley
Thursday	19th	@ DelVets
Tuesday	24 th	@ Ashbourne
Thursday	26th	@ DelVets
Tuesday	1 st	@ Timber Lane
Tuesday	8th	@ DelVets



FOURTH OF JULY PICNIC

Pool opens at noon
Check the Eblast for details

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.

JUNE MEETINGS/EVENTS

Monday	2	6	Cornhole & Shuffleboard
Wednesday	4	7:30	Gen Membership mtg
Thursday	5	5	Pizza & Wings
Friday	6	7	Country Line Dancing
Saturday	7	4	Belmont Stakes
Sunday	8	9	Swim Team Pancake
Monday	9	6	Cornhole
Tuesday	10	7	Honor Guard Meeting
Wednesday	11	1	Phillies Bus Trip
		7:30	DVETS Raffle
Saturday	14	?	Flag Day
			Army, Navy, Marine 250 th Birthday
Monday	16	6	Cornhole & Shuffleboard
			Mess Hall Open
Tuesday	17	?	Swim meet @ Darley
		7	E Board meeting
Wednesday	18	7:30	DVETS Raffle
Thursday	19	?	Swim meet & DelVets
Friday	20	7:30	Take Two in the hall
Monday	23	6	Cornhole
Tuesday	24	?	Swim meet @ Ashbourne
Wednesday	25	7:30	DVETS Raffle
Thursday	26	?	Swim meet @ DelVets
Friday	27	7:30	Sheehan Bros
Monday	30	6	Cornhole

JULY

Tuesday	1	?	Swim meet @ Timber Lan
Wednesday	2	7:30	Gen Membership mtg
Friday	4	12	4 th of July picnic
Tuesday	8	7	Honor Guard mtg
Tuesday	15	7	E-Board meeting

Donna Schilling, Editor

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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 DeScioli & Vince Vandenbraak

Commander Service Awards Year 2024