



July 2025

Editor: Donna Schilling
Reporters: Numerous

MEMBERSHIP:

1st READING

Present:

Robert J McGonagle – Army
Kevin F Gallagher – Army
Victor M Martinez – Army [Res]

NOT Present

Jason E Gonzalez (re-new membership)
Charles A McKee - Navy/Army
Nolan S Lewis – Army

2nd READING

Present:

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

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:

Barb Mitchell – wife of Lee, is home recuperating

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

COMMANDER'S CORNER

June was a busy month. The membership meeting was on the 4th, which seemed early. Thursday June 5th was Jimmy's Cheese Steak night. If you missed it, you missed the last cheese steak night until the cheese steak crew goes back to work in the fall. John will be on the fryer, Joe prepping the meat, cheese and rolls, me frying onions and mushrooms with Pat expediting the whole mess. And of course, the man, the myth the legend himself, Jimmy, cooking up those cheese steaks that you always enjoy. Believe me, it is a labor of love. Watch the E Blasts for the first Cheese steaks in the fall.

The Belmont was on June 7th and Sovereignty was the winner. Could the Kentucky Derby and Belmont winner have won the Triple Crown? We will never know. June 14th was a busy day: Flag retirement, the Army, Navy, and Marines 250th birthday was celebrated in the lounge followed by Bonfire. The actual burning of the flags was postponed because of the weather. It will be accomplished on a later date. The office downstairs can't store many more retired flags.

I know it is late June and early July, but it isn't too early to start thinking of the member of the year. Don't put it off until Thanksgiving. We vote on December 3rd.

As I write this on the second day of summer, hot steamy weather is on us. Could there be a better time for the compressor of the lounge air conditioner to literally blow up. NO! But it did. I hope you try to stay calm and cool while management finds out how much it will cost to fix what we have or replace the whole unit. You know about how much a new AC unit costs for your home, now multiply that by four or five times or more and you will have an idea of what we are going to have to spend to keep the lounge cool. The AC unit for the bar will be working overtime to try to cool the room as much as possible.

July 4th will be the Fourth of July celebration at the Post. Watch the E Blasts and newsletter for more information.

Not sure when this is going to print, I will be south at Bethany 6/23 returning on 6/28.

Jerry Herman, Commander

WAC's

The WACs are having a great summer break!

We will be collecting hygiene and clothing items to benefit the students of Gauger-Cobb Middle School, where Veteran member Kristy Chester serves as the school nurse. There will be flyers up at the Post with details and a list of what items are needed. There will be a box for donations in the lounge and there will be one down by the pool beginning July 4th.



We'll be back in action beginning Tuesday, September 2nd at 7:15 in the hall. We're looking forward to welcoming new members along with our current members, so please feel free to bring a friend or two - no need to be a Post member to join the WAC.

Stay cool and enjoy the rest of your summer - we'll see you in September!

Lauren Cullumber, WAC President

LOST and FOUND

Items below were in the lost and found for some time. Please pick-up by the next general membership meeting on 2July. Any leftover items after the meeting will be donated. Any questions please contact Bill Conaway (conawaywilliam@yahoo.com)



COUNTRY LINE DANCING

7:00



Friday 11th & 18th
\$8 cover



DVETS RAFFLE

7:15

Wednesday's

9th, 16th, 23rd, & 30th

ENTERTAINMENT 7:30 – 10:30



Saturday 12th Twangabillies

Friday 8/1 Jerry Lee Watkins

SPORTS

CORNHOLE (6pm)



Monday nights
7th, 14th, 21st, 28th

SPORTS UPDATE

History of the Tales of Del Vets infamous Pool Room from (1996-2025)

Thanks to former Commander Webb Bell, USAF Vietnam Vet, who I called to get the history and stories. Webb was kind of the catalyst getting the pool league started. He also wrote a column in our newsletter keeping all of us informed of all the laughs, (family feuds), boxing matches etc. along with former Commanders Rich Calhoun, Joe Rodriguez & Mark Schilling, plus many of our faithful players, that are still with us.

Believe it or not, back in the day our WWII VETS started Wednesday's men's night, which meant that at 8:00pm the post bell was rung, and all females had to leave the post WOW THANK GOD WE GOT THAT CORRECTED!!!!

This is when a lot of them started playing pool. smoking cigars and watching ugly dirty old movies UGH!!!, So Webb got the idea when Doc Lonergan was Commander around 2005??, along with Lou Portrait, who was our next Commander, to renovate and remodel the room. The post bought two new pool tables thus the pool league was formed. We also purchased a shuffled board, dart board and card table for our knock rummy players.

These post members made history with our pool league tournaments, 8 ball, senior pool, mix doubles, etc....you name it. They will always be mentioned and remembered in post history.

If you get a chance, please make a pit stop in the game room to look at all the plaques and awards from our pool players' achievements, also a record book of pictures etc... you will be amazed.

3rd TRIVIA QUESTION

Can you name the top 3 prestigious Del Vets Boys & Girls swimmers since the team was created? Contact Sam Minutola with your answer by 7/15.

The Swim team trivia question, from last week, is still under review, I hope to have the correct information in the next E- Blast, thanks to all that sent their picks in.

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR SWIM TEAM!

Del Vets American Legion, baseball season is under way, due to the rainouts some of the games will have to be reschedule, plus senior week at the beach interfered with some teams unable to field a team. Coach Buono is doing his best to correct this.

Hopefully some of our Post members can lend some support & try to catch up with our team in action. There is a schedule up on the bulletin board. After the game, head back to the Post for an ice-cold beverage

Congratulations to Jake Kelly Concord HS baseball player who was selected for this year's Delaware North Carpenter Cup baseball tournament team that will be held at Citizen's Bank Stadium. Jake is the son of Post member Franny Kelly.

Congratulations to Lexi Acosta who broke the 18u girls 50-meter backstroke with a time of 32.19. A record previously held by Taylor Shelly 32.63

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	1 st	@ Timber Lane
Tuesday	8th	@ DelVets

SNACK BAR NOTICE:

The snack bar will be open daily from 1 to 6:30 pm, depending on weather conditions. They will announce their last call before closing, at the pool and upstairs at the bar/lounge. Also, the snack bar will stay open later if an event is scheduled at the Post after 6:30 to accommodate members/guests. Post members in the bar / lounge / game room can go to the snack and order or wait until someone from the snack bar comes up and offers service, usually every 30-40 minutes. The orders will be prepared and delivered to the purchaser.

Blue Star Museums Program

Veterans get free admission to National Parks

About 2,000 museums are offering free admission to currently serving military personnel and up to five family members now through 1 SEP, Labor Day. Participating museums, large and small, can be found in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and Guam.

Participating locations:
<https://www.arts.gov/initiatives/blue-star-museums>

POOL TOURNAMENT



CONGRATULATIONS!

Thank You to all the Players and to the Del Vets Post #1 members who participated and contributed to our Annual Mixed Scotch Doubles Charity Event Pool Tournament on June 21st.

Together, we were able to raise and donate \$1055 to this year's Charity Beneficiary, Shriners Children's Hospital.

THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR SUPPORT & GENEROSITY!

Tom and Lynne Stevenson were the winners!!

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.

JULY MEETINGS/EVENTS

Tuesday	1	?	Swim meet @ Timber Ln
Wednesday	2	7:30	Gen Membership mtg
Friday	4	12	July 4 th Picnic
Monday	7	6	Cornhole
Tuesday	8	7	Honor Guard Meeting
		?	Swim meet @ Del Vets
Wednesday	9	7:30	DVETS Raffle
Friday	11	7	Country Line Dancing
Saturday	12	7:30	Twangabillies
Monday	14	6	Cornhole
Wednesday	16	7:30	DVETS Raffle
Friday	18	7	Country Line Dancing
Monday	21	6	Cornhole
Tuesday	22	7	E Board meeting
Wednesday	23	7:30	DVETS Raffle
Monday	28	6	Cornhole
Wednesday	30	7:30	DVETS Raffle

AUGUST

Friday	1	7	Jerry Lee Watkins
Saturday	2	3	Honor Guard Pig Roast
Monday	4	6	Cornhole
Wednesday	6	7:30	Gen Membership mtg
Tuesday	12	7	Honor Guard mtg
Tuesday	19	7	E-Board meeting

Donna Schilling, Editor

If you would like anything printed in the newsletter, please send an e-mail by.dschi1925@gmail.com



July 4th

BBQ

FRIDAY JULY 4TH

COST \$8

/per person (over 6 yrs old)

INCLUDES DOMESTIC DRAFT BEER, WINE & SODA

BAR OPEN 12-2PM ★ BUFFET OPEN 12-3PM



POOL GUEST FEE IS \$5 ADDITIONAL (PER POOL GUEST)

Guests must enter through the Pool Gate & must be accompanied by a pool member.

Del Vets to provide burgers & dogs

BRING SOMETHING TO SHARE!!

WE KINDLY REQUEST THAT THOSE WITH A LAST NAME BEGINNING WITH THE LETTER **A THROUGH P** BRING A **SIDE DISH** TO SHARE AND THOSE WITH A LAST NAME BEGINNING WITH THE LETTER

Q THROUGH Z BRING A **DESSERT** TO SHARE

PLEASE PLACE YOUR SIDE DISHES & DESSERTS ON THE TABLES AS DIRECTED



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2025 OFFICERS & "E" BOARD

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<u>Executive Board Members</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Year</u>
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

<u>COMMITTEE</u>	<u>Name</u>
BAR	Brian Thomas / Jay Henry
BY-LAWS Ex-Officio	Mark Schilling ^{(N)-(PC)}
CHAPLAIN	Sam Waltz ^(A)
ELECTION COMMITTEE	Chip Roop
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Jack McKelvey (AF)	2025 - 2026
Rick Rambo (N)	2025

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 DeScioli & Vince Vandenbraak

Commander Service Awards Year 2024