



AUGUST 2025

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Reporters: Numerous

## MEMBERSHIP:

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

#### Present:

Joshua McCastle – Navy  
Brian O'Hara – Navy  
Gary Wanner – Air Force

#### NOT Present

Jason E Gonzalez Navy (re-new membership)  
Charles A McKee - Navy/Army

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

#### Present:

Kevin F Gallagher – Army  
Victor M Martinez – Army [Res]

#### NOT Present:

Robert J McGonagle – Army

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

## CHAPLAIN'S REPORT:

### DEATHS:

**Jack McQuade – Army** joined 9/3/03 passed 6/29/25  
**JoAnn Dougherty** widow of Doc passed 6/23/25

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

### ILLNESS:

**Chet and Pat Milewicz** are in Wilmington Nursing & Rehab Center 700 Foulk Rd Suite# 220. They would love visitors.

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

## COMMANDER'S CORNER

July was busy, as busy as June. The weather was strange, even for summer in Delaware. It seemed like if you didn't like the weather all you had to do was wait an hour and it went from bright and sunny to lightning, thunder and rain. If you wait another hour or so it was hot and steamy. This rainy weather only made the swim meets more of a challenge than usual. The good news is that the Del Vets swim team, despite all the delays, won The Blue Classic Division. They received a very nice trophy; it will be in the game room for all to see. Congratulations to the team, the coaches, and the swim Moms and Dads.

The frequent rain played havoc with the snack bar. The snack bar was and is a continuing pain. The E board is trying their best to provide the Post and pool food.

The flag retirement ceremony was held on June 14<sup>th</sup> but in the hall. It was just one more rain delay. We had the ceremony but because of the weather we couldn't burn the flags. The flags were finally burned on July 21<sup>st</sup> by Butch Minner and Justin Lake.

The weather cooperated with the Post's 4<sup>th</sup> of July party. All of us came out to have a good time, eat and drink. We have pretty much the same volunteers as always. It is about time they are recognized: working the grill we had Jon Beeson, John Descioli, Brian Thomas, Mike Harmon, Gary Norton, Sean McKenne and Doug Larrimore. In the kitchen we had: Andi Chernenkoff, Lynn Harmon, Chris Thomas, Sylvia Briscoe, John Ratkevic and Mike Phillips. Last but by no means least: Art Chernenkoff at the door selling the wristbands, 50/50 was handled by Vince Vandenbraak, \$545.00 to the Post, and Sean Coho working the pool. So, if you see any of these folks give them a big thank you. Without them the party would not have happened. Now for Labor Day let's try to add some new names to the list, maybe give a couple of these folks a break and let them party.

Once again Vince provided the Post with some great entertainment in July. The group has a strange name, but the Commander and his wife enjoyed the Twangabillies.



Coming up in August is an event that everyone enjoys. The Honor Guard Pig Roast, Aug 2<sup>nd</sup>. The tickets will only be available from the bar tenders, and ONLY from the bar tenders. Chances are good that if we sell out there will be no tickets available at the door. You must have a ticket to enjoy all the festivities.

It isn't happening in Aug but keep the date open. The, now annual, Crab Feast is coming again on 9/27/2025. This event was sold out last year. Don't do the usual Del Vets ticket buying and try putting it off until the last minute. Some procrastinating crab eaters missed out last year. Watch the E blasts and signage in the lounge so you will know when tickets go on sale.

Doc's Annual golf torment was a great time for all the duffers. I went to the Post to see the post event festivities. All the golfers that I spoke to pretty much said the same thing, they had a great time.

The winners were:

**1st place:** Gary Nowak, Henry Nowak, Gary Norton, Jake Basotto

**2nd place:** Pat Flynn Jr., Joe Scolis, Mason Miller, Eric Miller

**3rd place:** Dennis Hamond, Ron Townsen, Bob Butakis, Joe Talarico

**Most Honest:** R.J. Edelman, Jake Flannigan, Tyler Glaccum, Brody Binder

**Closest to the pin awards:** Chris Colburn, Jeff Edmiston, Chip Roop, Greg Nowak, Neil Kilian

Delaware lost one of our longest living World War II veterans 1LT (Ret) Raymond A. Firmani at the age of 103. Ray proudly served our Country in World War II, achieving the rank of 1st Lieutenant in the U.S. Army Air Corp. as a B-17 pilot, completing 25 bombing missions against the Nazis,

Enjoy the rest of the summer. Remember to be careful in the heat.

*Jerry Herman, Commander*

## WAC's

The WACs are still collecting hygiene items to benefit the students of Gauger-Cobb Middle School. There are flyers up at the Post with details and a list of what items are needed. There is a collection box for donations in the lounge and one down by the pool, and we will be gathering items up until our Spaghetti Dinner on Friday, September 19.



Speaking of the Spaghetti Dinner...this will be our 30<sup>th</sup> annual dinner and Basket Auction! Tickets will be on sale beginning Labor Day weekend - \$15 each and will be available at

the bar. We'd like to make this year extra special, so get your tickets early and WACs members start planning your basket contributions!

We look forward to seeing everyone on Tuesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>. The meeting will begin at 7:15 PM in the hall, but please plan to get there early to pay your dues, grab a snack, and catch up with friends. All are welcome, so please come and bring a friend or two! You don't need to be a Post member to join the WAC.

*Lauren Cullumber, WAC President*

## COUNTRY LINE DANCING

7:00



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



## DVETS RAFFLE

7:15

Wednesday's

13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, & 27<sup>th</sup>

## ENTERTAINMENT

7:30 – 10:30



Friday	1st	Jerry Lee Watkins
Saturday	9 <sup>th</sup>	Rick and Connie

## SPORTS

### CORNHOLE (6pm)



Monday nights  
4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, & 25<sup>th</sup>

## SPORTS UDATE

### DV Baseball Team

The baseball team starts the State Championship playoffs Thursday at Wilson Field. We will start playing Stahl Post 30 on Thursday afternoon at 3:30pm. It is a double elimination tournament. The players and coaches have been working hard to get ready for the tournament and to defend our State and Regional Championships.

*Mike Buono, Coach*

## SAMS SPORTS CORNER

**Naamans 13/ 14 "all-stars baseball team on a roll.** Spoke to Jim Mcallister Sr., whose grandson Matt is on the team. The baseball team is on their way to Taylor Michigan, to compete in 2025 World Series. GOOD LUCK FROM ALL OF US!

### Swimming News:

Former Del Vets swimmer Charlie Bramble passes first year rookie test and becomes member of Rehoboth Beach Patrol, winning with the best overall score.

**Del Vets American Legion baseball team** was knocked out of State Tournament this last weekend, Coach Mike Buono called said this was a real tough season, said we thought we had a real good team returning but with all the rain outs & some of the college players from last year were ineligible to pitch in State playoffs???

**DV Fishing Crew had banner trip to Lake Ontario**  
NY Bobby Probst, Jimmy Hague, Bob Morris and Tom Squire



*Sam Minutola, Del Vets Sports*



### IN-HOUSE POOL LEAGUE:

Get ready to keep shooting pool!

Sign-up Sheets for Del Vets Tuesday and Thursday

2025 Fall-Winter Pool Leagues will be posted on the Board in the Recreation Room.

Cut off to sign up is August 21<sup>st</sup>

Players' Draft is scheduled for August 27<sup>th</sup>

Tuesday League play starts September 2<sup>nd</sup>

Thursday League play starts September 4<sup>th</sup>

Come on out and have some fun!

See you there . . .

### LABOR DAY PICNIC

Monday, September 1<sup>st</sup> 12 pm

Details will be in the E Blast



### DV SWIM TEAM WINS THE BLUE CLASSIC!!

**Congratulations Team!**

### DV SWIM TEAM CAR WASH

Saturday, AUG 30<sup>th</sup> 9am – 2pm

Exxon Foulk & Silverside Rd

### 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.

### AUGUST MEETINGS/EVENTS

Friday	1	7	Jerry Lee Watkins
Saturday	2	3	Honor Guard Pig Roast
Monday	4	6	Cornhole
Wednesday	6	7:30	Gen Membership mtg
Friday	8	7	Country Line Dancing
Monday	11	6	Cornhole
Tuesday	12	7	Honor Guard Meeting
Wednesday	13	7:30	DVETS Raffle
Monday	18	6	Cornhole
Tuesday	19	7	E Board meeting
Wednesday	20	7:30	DVETS Raffle
Friday	22	7	Country Line Dancing
Monday	25	6	Cornhole
Wednesday	27	7:30	DVETS Raffle
Saturday	30	9*	DV Swim Team Ca Wash

### SEPTEMBER

Monday	1	12	Labor Day Picnic
Tuesday	4	7:15	WACS Meeting
Wednesday	3	7:30	Gen Membership mtg
Friday	5	7	Country Line Dancing
Tuesday	9	7	Honor Guard mtg
Tuesday	16	7	E-Board meeting

### SAVE THE DATE

Toys for Tots 5K Sunday, Nov 2<sup>nd</sup>

<https://runsignup.com/Race/DE/Wilmington/ToysforTots5K>

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# ● BASEBALL ● BREAKFAST / \ & BEER / \

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 17<sup>TH</sup>**  
**BAR/LOUNGE OPENS AT 9:30 AM**

*Mess Hall Serving in Lounge from 10am - 1pm*



***\$8 Breakfast Sandwiches***

**Bacon, Sausage, or Scrapple - Served with hashed browns**

***\$5 Drink Specials***

**Bloody Marys & Mimosas**



**GAME STARTS @ 11:35 AM**







# **Hygiene & Goods Drive**

**WACs are collecting the following items  
through Friday, September 19th!**

**Wipes - Hand Soap**

**Individual Snacks**

**Juice Boxes**

**Pads - Tampons\***

**Womens Underwear\*\***

**Womens leggings, yoga pants,  
sweats (new or gently used)**

**Travel Lotion**

**Travel Deodorant**

**Fidget Toys**

**Teen Coloring Books**

**Blank Journals**

**Thin Markers**

**Rock Decorating Kits**

\*Please no cardboard applicators

\*\*Girls Sizes 8-14 or adult Women's sizes 5-9 are all welcome!

**Collection Boxes are located in the lounge  
and down in the pool area**



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## 2025 OFFICERS & "E" BOARD

<u>Office</u>	<u>Name</u>
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MEMBER	Vince Knoll <sup>(A)</sup>	2025-26
MEMBER	Bob Morris <sup>(A)</sup>	2025
MEMBER	Jim Hague <sup>(NG)</sup>	2025
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## 2025 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

<u>COMMITTEE</u>	<u>Name</u>
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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

**Mike Buono**