



SEPTEMBER 2025

Editor: Donna Schilling
Reporters: Numerous

MEMBERSHIP:

1st READING

Present:

Edward H Ford – Navy
Anthony P Pupillo, Jr. – Marine
Daniel F Jones – Army [NG]
Jason E Gonzalez – Navy

NOT Present

Thomas J King - Army
Charles A McKee - Navy/Army

2nd READING

Present:

Robert J McGonagle – Army
Joshua McCastle – Navy
Brian O'Hara – Navy
Gary Wanner – Air Force

NOT Present:

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

CHAPLAIN'S REPORT:

DEATHS:

Ron Rossman- Navy – Past Commander – joined 1/1/72 passed 8/24/25

Mary Alice Budd – Wife of past Commander Ray Budd - passed 8/2/25

Peggy Brzezicki – Wife of Chico - passed 8/13/25

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

August and the problem with the snack bar and providing food for the Post continues. The dismissal of the snack bar operator was the right step to help correct these issues. Bill Conaway and John Pastor worked hard to bring food trucks to the Post. We even have a new snack bar operator. Their efforts are going a long way to help make the end of swimming pool season end on a better note.



Speaking of the pool, Bill Conaway again along with Sue Gorman and Florie Henry bringing back entertainment for the pool members' pleasure. raft night, movie night and the steel drum entertainer, it isn't their fault the weather isn't cooperating.

Between the food trucks, the snack bar and the Mess Hall being open there are plenty of opportunities for your dining pleasures. Please come to the Post for dinner and maybe some adult beverages in the lounge. When we have food available you can come as a family and eat in the rental hall, if it isn't being used for a rental. Check the calendar on the web site for more information. Subs/hoagies on Wednesday seem to be doing well. We had a nice surprise in Aug. when Mission BBQ brought food to the post. It is amazing how free food brings a crowd. I hope we saw a boost in bar sales that Friday. Besides BBQ the Post had a cake to celebrate the Coast Guard's birthday 235 years young.

The flagpole continues to be an issue. We thought we had a fix, but then the pulley broke. With the help of Station 13 we were able to lower the flag to half-staff to honor Mike Castle. I am not sure when it will return to the top. We have to rely on borrowing a bucket truck to accomplish the repair.

I know that this is only the beginning of September but there are some important things to consider before the December meeting. We will be voting on our slate of officers and member of the year. Unlike your past Commander who wrote nominations for Member of the Year, your current Commander is going to leave it up to you, the Post membership, to do the nominating. Don't just sit on your thumbs and drink beer. Get involved. You probably have seen someone who has

gone above and beyond for the Post and deserves a nomination. Also think about who will be running the Post in 2026. Step up and let the nominating committee know that you are interested in being part of the management team. There will be several challenging positions available. Yes, it involves some work, but the Post can't run on autopilot. The Post needs competent people at the controls.

Coming Sept.1 is the Labor Day picnic. Remember to bring a side dish or dessert to share. It will be followed on Sept 4th by the ever-popular Jimmy's cheese steak night with the E A G L E S on the lounge TVs. Remember to check the E blasts, flyers around the lounge and the streaming messages for more information.

Jerry Herman, Commander

WAC's

Welcome back, WACs! Our first meeting of the year will be Tuesday, September 2nd at 7:15 PM in the hall.



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.

Mark your calendars for our 30th Annual Spaghetti Dinner and Basket Raffle on Friday, September 19th. Tickets will be on sale beginning Labor Day weekend, and are \$15 through September 15, after which the price will increase to \$20. So be sure to get your ticket early!

Finally, we will be collecting items for our hygiene drive to benefit the students of Gauger-Cobb Middle School up until the Spaghetti Dinner. 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 have one at the dinner as well. Thanks to all who have contributed so far - we appreciate your support! See you in September!

Lauren Cullumber, WAC President

COAST GUARD 235TH BIRTHDAY

The post celebrated the Coast Guard's 235th Birthday on August 8th with a cake. Bob Onorato and Jonathan Morris both served and retired from the Coast Guard and had the honor of cutting the cake. Mission BBQ provided food for the occasion. The Post appreciates their donation and asks the members to patronize the Mission BBQ in the future.

CONGRATULATIONS!!

Congratulations to **Rick Rambo** for his continued support of Delaware veterans. Rick is a Governor appointed member of the Delaware Commission of Veterans Affairs who has championed increasing services for Delaware veterans.

Delaware Governor, Matt Meyer, signed House Bill 1, creating the Delaware Department of Veterans Affairs and elevating veterans' services to a cabinet-level role. The new Department will build on the work of the Delaware Commission of Veterans Affairs which has championed increasing services for Delaware veterans. Well done, Rick!

Congratulations to **Connor Cross** (Stephanie Field's and Lauren Dzielak's nephew) who graduated from Malvern Prep School, PA, in May, where he played Lacrosse. On July 10 he reported to the U. S. Air Force Academy and went through Basic Training, then started his college studies. He will be playing Lacrosse. Hopefully, a future Del Vets member in the making.

Nancy and Bob McCormack

COUNTRY LINE DANCING

7:00



Friday 5th
\$8 cover



DVETS RAFFLE

7:15

Wednesday's

3rd, 10th, 17th, & 24th

ENTERTAINMENT

7:30 – 10:30



None scheduled this month

SPORTS

CORNHOLE (6pm)

Monday nights
8th, 15th, 22nd, & 29th



SAVE THE DATE'S

Doggie Dip 2025 9/6/25 11am – 1:00pm
Registration \$10 per dog

Spaghetti Dinner & Basket Raffle 9/19/25
\$15 per ticket. \$20 per ticket 9/15 – 9/19
6pm Appetizers & Basket viewing
6:30 Dinner - Basket raffle to follow

Toys for Tots 5K Sunday, Nov 2nd
<https://runsignup.com/Race/DE/Wilmington/ToysforTots5K>



I would like to remind all Event Chairmans or Organizers that Expense Reports are required and submitted to the E-board

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 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, bmmorris106@comcast.net or 302-220-1181** (if I don't answer, please leave a message).

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.

SEPTEMBER MEETINGS/EVENTS

Monday	1	12	Labor Day Picnic
Tuesday	2	7:15	WACS Meeting
Wednesday	3	7:30	Gen Membership mtg
Thursday	4	4	Cheesesteak night
		8:20	DAL @ EAGLES
Friday	5	5:30	Mess Hall open
		7	Country Line Dancing
Saturday	6	11	Doggie Dip
Monday	8	5:30	Mess Hall open
		6	Cornhole
Tuesday	9	7	Honor Guard Meeting
Wednesday	10	7:30	DVETS Raffle
Sunday	14	TBD	Eagles Tailgate
		4	EAGLES @ KC
Monday	15	4	Mess Hall open
		6	Cornhole
Tuesday	16	7	E Board meeting
Wednesday	17	7:30	DVETS Raffle
Friday	19	6	WACS Spaghetti Dinner
Sunday	21	1	LAR @ EAGLES
Monday	22	5:30	Mess Hall open
		6	Cornhole
Wednesday	24	7:30	DVETS Raffle
Saturday	27	3	Crab Feast SOLD OUT
Sunday	28	1	EAGLES @ TB
Monday	29	5:30	Mess Hall open
		6	Cornhole

OCTOBER

Wednesday	1	7:30	Gen Membership mtg
Friday	3	5:30	Mess Hall open
		7	Country Line Dancing
Tuesday	7	7:15	WACS meeting
Tuesday	14	7	Honor Guard mtg
Tuesday	21	7	E-Board meeting

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Did you know that you can access the latest newsletters and Eblasts on our website? Here is the link: <https://delvets.com/newsletter/> Scroll to bottom of the page for more information.

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**

Join us at Del Vets Post #1

LABOR DAY

Picnic



\$8 PER PERSON *Over 6 years old*

INCLUDES DOMESTIC DRAFT BEER, WINE, & SODA

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1ST

BAR OPEN 12-2PM ★ FOOD 12-3PM

Del Vets to provide burgers and hot dogs!

PLEASE BRING A SIDE DISH OR DESSERT TO SHARE

We kindly request that those with a LAST NAME beginning with the letters **A through P** bring a side dish and those with a LAST NAME beginning with **Q through Z** bring a dessert



ADDITIONAL \$5 PER POOL GUEST

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



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2025 OFFICERS & "E" BOARD

Office	Name
Commander	Jerry Herman ^(AF)
Vice-Commander	John Pastor ^(A)
Secretary	Mark Schilling ^(N)
Treasurer	Bill Conaway ^(N)
Treasurer-Elect - Ex-Officio	Sean MacLaren ^(NG)
Sergeant-at-Arms	Bill Allison ^(A)

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
BY-LAWS Ex-Officio	Mark Schilling ^{(N)-(PC)}
CHAPLAIN	Sam Waltz ^(A)
ELECTION COMMITTEE	Chip Roop
ENTERTAINMENT	Vince Vandenbraak
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 Ratkevich
MEMBERSHIP Ex-Officio	Jim Biddle ^(AF)
POST ACCOUNTANT	Vince Knoll ^(A)
POST ACCOUNTANT	John DeScioli
POST ACCOUNTANT	Bob Morris ^(A)
POOL	Shawn Coho ^(NG)
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RENTALS	John DeScioli
SPORTS	Mike Buono
VETERAN'S AFFAIRS	Rick Rambo ^(N)
WAC's	Lauren Cullumber
WEB SITE	Denise Bernstein
NEWLETTER	Donna Schilling

HOME, INC.

Frank Dobson ^(A)	2025 - 2026
Jerry Stauffer ^(N)	2025 - 2026
Rich Delitta ^(A)	2025 - 2026
Bob Bostedo ^(A)	2025
Bob Onorato ^{(CG)-(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

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