



OCTOBER 2025

Editor: Donna Schilling
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MEMBERSHIP:

1st READING

Present:

Nichols J DiPinto – Army [NG-DE]

NOT Present

Thomas J King - Army

2nd READING

Present:

Edward H Ford – Navy

Daniel F Jones – Army [NG]

NOT Present:

Anthony P Pupillo, Jr. – Marine

Jason E Gonzalez – Navy

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:

Pat Milewicz - is home recuperating

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

COMMANDER'S CORNER

I find it hard to believe that fall is upon us. Where is this year going? It must be super charged.



Coming up in Oct. a flotilla of Navy ships will be coming up the Delaware River to the Philadelphia area. The Post could go to Fox Point Park to watch our mighty Navy steam by. As soon as we know a time and date for the flotilla it will be in the E Blast.

The Doggie Dip was, as usual, a fun event. Watching the dogs go off the diving board was more than interesting, it was fun to see. Ringo outsmarted Ed. Ringo was on the diving board Ed tossed a toy. Ringo being smart jumped off the board, but not into the water. He ran around to the side of the pool and took the shortest way to the toy.

Those of you that missed the WACS Spaghetti dinner missed a nice dinner. There were dozens of baskets for their basket raffle. It was fitting that one of our frequent golfer members won the golf themed basket. Several mums were also included as door prizes. I won a very nice one that is in its' proper place on our porch.

December is the Post's election month. The election committee is still looking for candidates. I hear mummers about how the Post should be run. Maybe it is time that if you don't like the way things are happening with the current Post management that you run for one of the open positions. Yes, holding an elected position is work. It is rewarding work. Checking with the nominating committee so far, your willingness to set up and run for an office is underwhelming. Come on, there has to be some of you that will answer the call to serve the post as something besides a watering hole.

I mentioned earlier that I will not be nominating anyone for member of the year. I am leaving it up to the Post membership to single out one of their own to nominate as member of the year.

The Crab Feast was a festive occasion. It sold out so if you weren't one of the smart people who bought their ticket early you missed a lot of good eating. Congratulations to Mark Parsons and the "crabby" team for another fun feast at the post. The winners of

the desert contest 1-2-3 were Steve Onorato, Laura Wyatt and Silvia Briscoe. The door prize went to Kenny Bonsall. I missed who won the over \$200.00 50/50.

Watch the E Blasts to keep up to date with upcoming events (Jimmy's Cheese Steaks 10/9) and all the news that is fit to print.

Before Crab Feast



During Crab Feast



Jerry Herman, Commander

WAC's

The WACs had our first meeting of the year on Tuesday, September 2nd. We had a great turnout with many familiar faces and some new members who joined! We are still enrolling members for this year so if you're interested, come out in October!



Our Spaghetti Dinner and Basket Raffle was held on Friday, September 19th. We had a great turnout, so thanks to everyone who attended and invited friends and family! We just about sold out, and it was a very successful kickoff to our year. Vicki Zebley and her committee collected 32 amazing baskets for us to raffle off. Andi Chernenkoff and her kitchen crew put out a fantastic spread for us, and John and Mary DeScioli once again made their delicious sauce. Many thanks to all who helped make this event a success!

All Post members are invited to our next meeting on

Tuesday, October 7th at 7:15pm; we will have Angela Connor visit from Rescue 22, an organization that provides service dogs to disabled veterans at no charge. She will be bringing a local Vet/Dog team to speak to us and share more about their organization. We encourage all WAC and Post members to attend and bring a friend! (And don't worry, fellas, you won't have to stay for our whole meeting 😊)

Lauren Cullumber, WAC President

VETERANS DAY PROGRAM at SPRINGER MIDDLE SCHOOL

Bob Baronio, Director of Bands - Music Department Chair from Springer Middle School would like to invite everyone from Del Vets Post #1 to Springer Middle School's Veterans Day program on Wednesday, November 12th at 10 a.m. We will be having student presentations, staff reflections, and music

SPORTS UPDATE

Concord High School Football Update:

Thanks to his tireless effort, former Del Vets American Legion baseball player from our 1991 state championship team, Coach **Darren Brodie** is now the new head football coach at Concord High School. Brodie was a former football player under legendary CHS football coach George Kosanovich.

Last year was Brodie's first year coaching CHS. The team only won one game. Knowing Coach Brodie, he wasn't going let that happen this year. Concord HS is now 3-0 —back to its winning ways. Hopefully they'll finish the season back to their winning ways.

Jake Kelly, son of Post Members **Fran Kelly & Amanda Kelly**, had a great day in last week's win over Del Castle HS —recovering a key fumble & interception. Jake is a former Del Vets American Legion baseball player from our 1991 State Championship team. **Pat Filliben's** son **Blake**, who is freshman, is also on the team hoping to help Coach Brodie rebuild the team's winning spirit.

We at Del Vets wish your team well in the future!

Sam Minutola

COUNTRY LINE DANCING

7:00



Friday 3rd
\$8 cover



DVETS RAFFLE 7:15

Wednesday's

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

ENTERTAINMENT 7:30 – 10:30



Saturday 11th Rick & Connie
Friday 24th Bob Smith
Friday 31st Halloween Party



Halloween Party in the hall.
Featuring Take Two. 7:30-10:30.
Costume contest with prizes. Kitchen
will be open. Call to reserve your table
before it sells out. 302-475-0636

SPORTS



CORNHOLE (6pm)
Monday nights
6th, 13th, 20th, & 27th

SAVE THE DATE



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

OCTOBER MEETINGS/EVENTS

Wednesday	1	7:30	Gen Membership mtg
Friday	3	5:30	Mess Hall open
		6:30	Country Line Dancing
Sunday	5	1	Den @ EAGLES
Monday	6	5:30	Mess Hall open
		6	Cornhole
Tuesday	7	7:15	WACS meeting
Wednesday	8	7:30	DVETS Raffle
Thursday	9	4	Jimmy Cheese Steaks
		8	EAGLES @ NYG
Saturday	11	7:30	Rick & Connie
Sunday	12	TBD	Poker Tournament
Monday	13	5:30	Mess Hall open
		6	Cornhole
Tuesday	14	7	Honor Guard meeting
Wednesday	15	7:30	DVETS Raffle
Friday	17	6	Swim Team Trivia
Saturday	18	10	Bowling
Sunday	19	1	EAGLES @ Min
Monday	20	5:30	Mess Hall open
		6	Cornhole
Tuesday	21	7	E Board Meeting
Wednesday	22	7:30	DVETS Raffle
Friday	24	7	Bob Smith
Sunday	26	1	NYG @ EAGLES
Monday	27	5:30	Mess Hall open
		6	Cornhole
Tuesday	28	3:30	Flu Shots
Wednesday	29	7:30	DVETS Raffle
Friday	31	7:30	Halloween party

NOVEMBER

Sunday	2	7:30	Toys for Tots
Tuesday	4	7:15	WACS meeting
Wednesday	5	7:30	Gen Membership meeting
Tuesday	11	7	Honor Guard meeting
Tuesday	18	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.



DEL VETS FLU SHOT DAY

Tuesday,
Oct 28th
3:30pm-
5:30pm

Covid Shots will be
available



****PLEASE PRESENT
INSURANCE CARD AT TIME
OF VACCINATION***

Contact Us
(610) 338-0966

Questions?
Please feel free to
call the pharmacy
or reach out to
Jerry or Sue
Gorman

DELUETS HONOR GUARD PRESENTS



AMERICAN Bandstand



Save
the
Date

Saturday
NOVEMBER 15



27th Annual USMC Toys for Tots 5K Run/Walk

Awards

- Overall
- Male/Female
- Top 3 in All Age Groups
- Top Veterans

- ★ United States Marines
- ★ Color Guard
- ★ Kids Attractions
- ★ Free Kiddy Race (7 & under)

T-Shirts
Beverages
Food
for all participants

Sunday
NOVEMBER
2ND
2025



**Delaware Veterans
Post No 1**
2535 Veterans Drive
Wilmington, DE 19810

- 7:30 – 8:45am
- Sign In & Registration
- 8:45am
- Kiddy Race
- 9:00am
- Race Time



<https://runsignup.com?Race/DE/Wilmington/ToysforTots5k>

- ➔ 17 & Under Discounted Pricing through Race Date
- ➔ Veterans & Active Duty Military Special Pricing





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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

Mike Buono