DELAWARE VETERANS INC. POST NUMBER ONE WILMINGTON, DELAWARE



NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2025

Editor: Donna Schilling Reporters: Numerous

MEMBERSHIP:

1st READING

Present:

Robert G Taggert – Air Force Kevin M Brackney - Army Youssef M Moussa – Marine [AD] James J Diamond – Marine

NOT Present

Robert F Oswald – Army Jeffrey M Linn – Army

2nd READING

Present:

Thomas J King – Army Laurie T Fragier – Navy Daniel Grover, II – Navy Ronald E Schmidt – Navy

NOT Present:

General Membership Meeting

First Wednesday of every Month. Time: 7:30pm

Please try to attend!

CHAPLAIN'S REPORT:

DEATHS:

Leo Long–National Guard joined 1/1/72 passed 11/1/25

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

ILLNESS:

Craig Cullumber is recuperating at home **Betty Reardon** is recuperating at home **Sue Beeson** had surgery

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

COMMANDERS CORNER

I think I mentioned the past few months that this year is flying by. The closer we get to Saint Nick the faster it seems to be going. Next week is Thanksgiving – WOW - where has the year gone.

Before commenting on past events let me say thank

you to the nominees for the various Post positions. We also had a great response for member-of-the-year. It is going to be a difficult choice; all are worthy candidates; I don't for see a six-way tie like the two way we had

2024.

Past events included a great Halloween party. Vince continues to outdo himself. The winners of the costume party were Mama Jean, Karen Mitchell and Kristy Saladina.

The Bandstand put on by the Honor Guard was successful. A number of great throwback attire.

Please check the Eblasts that Denise prepares so well. There and in the newsletter, you will find upcoming events that support the Post and are a lot of fun

Speaking of supporting the Post, utilize the Mess Hall when it is open. Andi and her volunteers do a great job feeding post members. It might not generate a lot of income, but every dollar helps.

December is the last newsletter for 2025, one of the easier things as Commander that I had to do.

In closing I want to thank everyone, too many to mention, that helped me as Commander make 2025 the best it could be. There were challenging times, and they continue.

Last thing, general membership meeting Dec.3, 2025 come to the meeting and vote for the Post management that will govern in 2026.

Jerry Herman, Commander

The POST will be closed on CHRISTMAS DAY!

WAC's

The WACs once again held a Coat Drive to benefit Child, Inc. throughout the month of November. Many



coats, hats, gloves, and hoodies were collected along with monetary donations that Diane Onorato worked her magic with to get lots of great deals. Thank you to all who contributed to keeping kids warm this winter,

the WACs and Child, Inc. appreciate you!

Our Christmas Auction will be held on Tuesday, December 2 at 7:00 in the hall. Doors will open at 6pm and all are welcome to attend! We will be accepting donations of new or gently used items (please no clothing or artwork) on the evening of Monday, December 1 from 6-8PM. We are asking members with last names beginning with A-K to bring an appetizer, and those from L-Z to bring a dessert. This is always a great time, so we encourage everyone to come out and bring a friend or two.

If you are planning on joining the WAC this year, there is still time! Remember, all ladies are welcome to join us, no need to be a Post member!

Lauren Cullumber, WAC President

DEL VETS POST #1 ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP

For those high school students that are planning to attend college in the fall of 2026 and meet the eligibility requirements, applications may be requested by contacting Mike Phillips 302-354-2782 (mphillips.de@gmail.com). Applications can also be found in the mail slot next to the raffle books.

All applications and supporting data MUST be received by February 1st.

To be eligible, the student must be the child or grandchild of a Post member who has been an active Del Vets member for at least 5 years.

EXPENSE REPORTS

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, bmorris106@comcast.net or 02-220-1181 (if I don't answer, please leave a message).

STOCKINGS FOR SOLDIERS

Place Brandywine Town center, in the old Christmas Tree Shop location.

The actual stuffing might be over but loading the trucks are listed as 11/24 - 12/2 without a time provided.

NOTICE – \$5 Raffle

Change in handling the raffle due to continued shortages.

Effective Monday November 17, 2025, members interested in signing the raffle will be required to present \$5 directly to the bartender. Upon receipt of the funds, the bartender will hand you the sign-up sheet so you can insert your name and membership number, and you must return the sign-up sheet to the bartender. Hours of camera tape has been reviewed, and we have identified member(s) who did not insert money in the box. The EBoard is handling the matter.

Note: the bartenders' primary objective is to serve members waiting to be served refreshments. Therefore, there may be times when members interested in signing the raffle will have to wait until the bartender is completed serving refreshments.

Please direct any questions / comments to the EBoard.

COUNTRY LINE DANCING 7:00



Friday 19th \$8 cover



DVETS RAFFLE 7:15

Wednesday's

10th, 17th, 23rd & 31st



7:30 – 10:30

Friday 12th Jerry Lee Lewis

SPORTS



CORNHOLE (6pm)

Monday nights

15th, 22nd, & 29th

How about them Bulldogs!

The Saint Mary Magdalen JV football team finished their undefeated season with a championship win at St Mark's High School against Saint Mary Assumption on November 9th. With the help of a stellar coaching staff, led by Coach Barnes, the boys showed up every week ready to put in the work and all made incredible gains over the course of the season. William Conaway (5th grade), son of Bill & Lindsay Conaway, found his stride as a linebacker, making several tackles and 3 fumble recoveries during his first season as a Bulldog. It was certainly a season of hard work, big plays, and a title to prove.

Meet Howard Green

Del Vets Veteran Post Member, US Army, 1968

I had the pleasure of meeting Howard several months ago at the Post's monthly meeting. During our conversation, he asked if I was the person responsible for the sports updates, and I confirmed that I was. We had a great discussion about the Post and its history, and he graciously agreed to let me share a sports update.

Howard was part of the first-ever Little League team in Dover, DE, during 1955–56, sponsored by Del Vets Post 2. That team won the first official league championship in Dover's history. He was also a close friend of longtime legendary Post member Vernon Kershaw. Interestingly, Howard's wife, Debbie, grew up on Kershaw Lane with her daughters, and her mother still lives there. Debbie's uncle was Harry Vandever, another respected member from years past.

As time went on, Howard and Debbie began working at the DuPont Country Club, where they served as part-time golf marshals. Their responsibilities included crowd control and ensuring tournaments ran smoothly. Even after the LPGA left Wilmington, Howard continued volunteering as a golf marshal for various events. Most recently, Debbie worked admissions at the BMW Golf Tournament at Caves Valley while Howard served as a marshal. We at Del Vets salute your unique sports story.

Happy Bird to All ~~ Sam Minutola - Sports

DEL VETS ONLINE STORE

Del Vets now has an online store available. http://delvets.gbstores.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.



DECEMBER MEETINGS/EVENTS

Tuesday Wednesday Saturday Monday	2 3 6 8	7:15 7:30 9 5:30 6	WACS Christmas Auction Gen Membership mtg Kids Christmas Party Mess Hall open Cornhole
Tuesday Wednesday Friday Saturday Sunday Monday	9 10 12 13 14 15	8:15 7 7:30 7:30 6 1 5:30	EAGLES @ LAC Honor Guard meeting DVETS Raffle Jerry Lee Watkins Adult Christmas Party LV @ EAGLES Mess Hall open
Tuesday Wednesday Thursday	16 17 18	6 7 7:30 ?	Cornhole E Board Meeting DVETS Raffle Volunteer Dinner
Friday Saturday	19 20	7 TBD	Country Line Dancing EAGLES @ WAS
Sunday Monday	21 22	? 5:30 6	Kitchen Dinner Mess Hall open Cornhole
Tuesday Wednesday	23 24	?	DVETS Raffle Christmas Eve Social (Members Only)
Thursday Sunday	25 28	? 4:25	POST CLOSED Pancake breakfast EAGLES @ BUF
Monday	29	5:30 6	Mess Hall open Cornhole
Wednesday	31	6 JANUA	New Years Eve Party
Tuesday Wednesday Tuesday Tuesday	6 7 13 20	7:15 7:30 7 7	WACS Auction Gen Membership meeting Honor Guard meeting E Board meeting





SPORTS IN-HOUSE POOL LEAGUE:



SIGN-UP SHEETS FOR DEL VETS TUESDAY AND THURSDAY
2026 WINTER-SPRING POOL LEAGUES ARE NOW BEING POSTED
IN THE RECREATION ROOM

CUT-OFF TO SIGN UP IS DECEMBER 27TH
PLAYERS' DRAFT IS SCHEDULED FOR DECEMBER 30TH

TUESDAY LEAGUE PLAY STARTS JANUARY 6^{TH, 2026}
THURSDAY LEAGUE PLAY STARTS JANUARY 8^{TH, 2026}

COME ON OUT AND HAVE SOME FUN!
SEE YOU THERE . . .



DEL VETS WAC'S ANNUAL

Phristmas Auction Fundraiser F

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2ND



DOORS OPEN 6PM PAUCTION BEGINS 7PM



Arrive early to get a seat, a drink, food, and preview auction items!



Come enjoy appetizers & desserts provided by WAC members! Cash bar Open to public Friends & family are welcome!



2025 OFFICERS & "E" BOARD							
<u>Office</u>	<u>Name</u>						
Commander Vice-Commander Secretary Treasurer Treasurer-Elect - Ex-Officio Sergeant-at-Arms	Jerry Herman (AF) John Pastor (A) Mark Schilling (N) Bill Conaway (N) Sean MacLaren (N Bill Allison (A)	lG)					
Executive Board Members	<u>Name</u>	<u>Year</u>					
PRESIDENT MEMBER MEMBER MEMBER MEMBER	Ed Brinkman ^(A) Vince Knoll _(A) Bob Morris ^(A) Jim Hague ^(NG) John Squire ^(A)	2025-26 2025-26 2025 2025 2025 2025					

2023 COMMITTEL CHAIRI ERSONS					
COMMITTEE	<u>Name</u>				
BAR	Brian Thomas / Jay Henry				
BY-LAWS Ex-Officio	Mark Schilling ^{(N)-(PĆ)}				
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				
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POST ACCOUNTANT	Bob Morris (A)				
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WAC's	Lauren Cullumber				
WEB SITE	Denise Bernstein				
NEWLETTER	Donna Schilling				

2025 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

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

Newsletter Staff:

EDITOR: Donna Schilling **REPORTER:** Numerous **PRINTER:** Jim Biddle ^(AF) **EMAIL:** Denise Bernstein

State Board of Directors

 Joe Rodriguez (A)(PC) Commander 2025 - 2026

 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