

**DELAWARE VETERANS INC.
POST NUMBER ONE
WILMINGTON, DELAWARE**



NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2026

**Editor: Donna Schilling
Reporters: Numerous**

MEMBERSHIP:

1st READING

Present:

Robert F Oswald – Army

NOT Present

Rebecca L Gargan – Air Force

Jeffrey M Linn – Army

Raheem West – Marine

2nd READING

Present:

Youssef M Moussa – Marine [AD]

James J Diamond – Marine

NOT Present:

Robert G Taggart – Air Force

Kevin M Brackney - Army

General Membership Meeting

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

Please try to attend!

CHAPLAIN'S REPORT:

DEATHS:

Sue Beeson – Spouse of Jon Beeson

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

December is almost over, soon it will be time to ring in the New Year and welcome our new Post Management team. Mark and John have been there before but we have some new people to help lead the Post. Vince Knoll will be the new Secretary, Sean MacLaren moves from Treasurer-Elect to Treasurer (good luck) and Treasurer-Elect Kristy Chester. Wish them well in their new positions and support them in their efforts.

In December, the Woman's Activity Club had a very successful auction and coat drive. I don't know how she does it, but Diane Onorato is a supreme shopper. Might be somewhat of an exaggeration, but she turns \$100.00 into \$250.00 worth of purchases.

The Holiday Party was a great event, Thank You !! to that committee.

I want to take this time to congratulate the Member of the Year Mark Parsons. We had several qualified nominees. In a way it is a shame that there could only be one winner.

I want to thank all the committees that I had the pleasure of working with in 2025. They did a tremendous job and made my life as Commander much easier. It almost goes without saying, the Executive Board and Management Team did an outstanding job in 2025 wrestling with our financial problems. They, with a lot of hard work from Bill Conaway, 2025 Treasurer, managed to reduce some of our expenses. Thank you to all of them.

In closing my last Commander's Corner, it was a pleasure to run the Post in 2025. It was fun 95% of the time. Thank you all for your support in 2025.

Jerry Herman, Commander

WAC's

Happy New Year from the WAC!

Our Christmas Auction was held in December, and we now have even more to give away this coming year.

Thank you to all who donated auction items, contributed food, attended and brought friends, and to all who helped out! We had a great crew of volunteers. It was a great success and a fun evening.



Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, January 6 at 7:15 PM in the hall.

We hope you can join us for the meeting and keep an eye out for more fun events and fundraisers this year!

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 DelVets member for at least 5 years.

2026 MEMBER DUES REMINDER

ALL members: Please send any information that has changed since the last dues notice. For example, if you have gotten married, divorced, changed phone numbers, changed address, changed email addresses, have retired from active duty, have re-enlisted. Basically, anything to do with you has changed. Dues notices will be sent out after Christmas, and we need to know how to get the notices to everyone.

PLEASE help us get dues notices to you.
Please pay your dues as soon as possible BUT NOT BEFORE JANUARY 1st.

Jim Biddle - Del Vets Membership



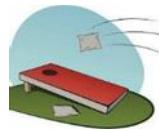
DVETS RAFFLE

7:15

Wednesday's

14th, 21st, & 28th

SPORTS



CORNHOLE (6:00) SHUFFLEBOARD (7:30)

Monday nights
5th, 12th, 19th, & 26th

COUNTRY LINE DANCING



7:00pm
\$8 cover

Nothing scheduled this month

POLLYANNA

Saturday 1/3/26



Come join us for the annual gift exchange in the lounge. Bring a wrapped gift and let the fun begin! The time will be in the next E-Blast.

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.

DelVets Volunteers Dinner

Thank you, volunteers, for your invaluable time and expertise in providing services to members of DelVets Post #1.

The Volunteers Appreciations Committee organized a dinner (at no cost to the Post) for members who continue to volunteer and provide essential services to members of DelVets Post #1. Dinner was hosted on Thursday December 18, 2025, at DelVets. More than 80 Volunteers and their guests attended the dinner catered by a core group of Volunteer's volunteers.

A second dinner on Sunday December 21, 2025, was organized for the volunteers who catered the large dinner earlier.

Thank you to every person who donates their time to volunteer at the Post and provide comfort, happiness and joy to our members. You keep this Post alive and moving forward by your sustaining excellent services to DelVets Post #1.

Photo below of the Volunteer's: Sylvia Briscoe, Nancy Talley, Sue Lilly, Shirley Roberts, Andi Chernekoff, John Ratkevic, and Paul Hassel.

Thank you, Volunteers Appreciation Committee

JANUARY MEETINGS/EVENTS

Saturday	3	TBD	Pollyanna
Sunday	4	?	Giants @ EAGLES
Monday	5	5:30	Mess Hall open
	6	7:30	Cornhole
Tuesday	6	715	Shuffleboard
Wednesday	7	7:30	WACS meeting
Monday	12	5:30	Gen Membership mtg
	6	7:30	Mess Hall open
Tuesday	13	7	Cornhole
Wednesday	14	7:30	Shuffleboard
Monday	19	5:30	Honor Guard meeting
	6	7:30	DVETS Raffle
Tuesday	20	7	Mess Hall open
Wednesday	21	7:30	Cornhole & Shuffleboard
Monday	26	5:30	Shuffleboard
	6	7:30	E Board Meeting
Wednesday	28	7:30	DVETS Raffle

FEBRUARY

Monday	2	5:30	Mess Hall open
	6	7:30	Cornhole
Tuesday	3	715	Shuffleboard
Wednesday	4	7:30	WACS meeting
Sunday	8	?	Gen Membership meeting
Tuesday	10	7	Super Bowl LX
Tuesday	17	7	Honor Guard meeting
			E Board meeting

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.

Mess Hall



DEL VETS *Christmas Party* THANK YOU

*Kudos to the Adult Christmas Party committee who planned this year's event:
Leah Bell, Lynn Harman, Diane Onorato, Donna Shilling, and Brian & Chris Thomas*



*It was a great night for all who attended
that was made even more enjoyable with
our lovely bartenders, Denise Bernstein
and Erin Doyle-Facciolo.*

*A huge thank you to our kitchen staff led
by John Ratkevic and Andi Chernekoff,
including Sylvia Briscoe, Art Chernekoff,
Shirley Roberts, Sue Lilly, Paul Hassel,
Cindy Ward, Nancy Talley and the three
young ladies from IHM.*





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FUNDRAISING

DINE-IN OR TO-GO

→ *Support* ←

DelVets Post 1

Tuesday, February 10th

4pm – 10pm



10%
DONATION NIGHT

Support the DelVets Post 1 by presenting this flyer to the Concordville location and Texas Roadhouse will donate **10%** of your total food purchases to the DelVets Post 1!



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2026 OFFICERS & "E" BOARD

<u>Office</u>	<u>Name</u>	
Commander	Mark Schilling (N)-(PC)	
Vice-Commander	John Pastor (A)	
Secretary	Vince Knoll (A)	
Treasurer	Sean MacLaren (NG)	
Treasurer-Elect - Ex-Officio	Kristy Chester (A)	
Sergeant-at-Arms	Bill Allison (A)	
<u>Executive Board Members</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Year</u>
PRESIDENT	Ed Brinkman (A)	2026
MEMBER	Bob Onorato (CG)-(PC)	2026-2027
MEMBER	Bob Morris (A)	2026-2027
MEMBER	Jim Hague (NG)	2026
MEMBER	John Squire (A)	2026

2026 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

<u>COMMITTEE</u>	<u>Name</u>
BAR	Brian Thomas / Jay Henry
BY-LAWS	Ex-Officio
CHAPLAIN	Mark Schilling (N)-(PC)
ELECTION COMMITTEE	Sam Waltz (A)
ENTERTAINMENT	Chip Roop
FINANCE	Vince Vandenbraak
GROUNDS	Bob Morris (A)
HONOR GUARD	Bill Carpenter
HOUSE	Vinny Knoll (A)/Sean MacLaren (ANG)
INSURANCE ADVISOR	Chip Roop
KITCHEN	Webb Bell II (AF)-(PC)
MEMBERSHIP	Andi Chernekoff / John Ratkevic
NEWSLETTER	Jim Biddle (AF)
POST ACCOUNTANT	Donna Schilling
POST ACCOUNTANT	Vince Knoll (A)
POST ACCOUNTANT	John DeScioli
POOL	Bob Morris (A)
PROGRESSIVE RAFFLE	Shawn Coho (NG)
PUBLIC RELATIONS	Art Chernekoff
PURCHASING AGENT (Liquor-Supplies)	Florie Henry
RENTALS	Jen Avery
SPORTS	John DeScioli
VETERAN'S AFFAIRS	Mike Buono
WAC's	Rick Rambo (N)
WEB SITE	Lauren Cullumber
	Denise Bernstein

HOME, INC.

Frank Dobson (A)	2026
Jerry Stauffer (N)	2026
Rich Delitta (A)	2026
Bob Bostedo (A)	2026
Harvey Freville (M)-(PC)	2026

Newsletter Staff:

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

State Board of Directors

Joe Rodriguez (A)-(PC)	Commander	2026
Bill Frank (A) -at Large		2026
Rick Rambo (N)		2026
Roger Lee (A)		2026

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 2025

Mark Parsons

Commander Service Awards Year 2025