DELAWARE VETERANS INC.
POST NUMBER ONE
WILMINGTON, DELAWARE

NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2026

Editor: Donna Schilling
Reporters: Numerous

MEMBERSHIP:

1st READING

Present:

Jeffrey M Linn – Army
Raheem West – Marine

NOT Present
Nolan S Lewis – Army
Rebecca L Gargan – Air Force

2nd READING

Present:
Robert F Oswald – Army
Kevin M Brackney - Army

NOT Present:
Robert G Taggert – Air Force

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

CHAPLAIN'S REPORT:

DEATHS:
William Chester – USAF – joined 10/1/25 passed 1/17/26. Survived by daughter **Kristy Chester**

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

ILLNESS:
Jim Durborow – Was in the hospital.

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

COMMANDER'S CORNER

Hello Post Members,

As January ends, the Executive Board and I are transitioning into our roles. I would like to extend my gratitude to Past Commander Jerry Herman for his leadership and dedicated service as our Commander in 2025. Outstanding matters from the previous year remain, and we are actively working to resolve these issues promptly so we can focus on the objectives for 2026. I am optimistic about this year and believe that, through collaboration, we can realign our efforts successfully.

A primary focus for us is the upcoming swimming pool season. Last year presented significant challenges; therefore, I am establishing a new pool committee to enhance engagement with our pool members. I would also like to recognize Sue Gorman and Michele Markewicz for their years of commitment to the committee; they will continue to offer valuable guidance in an advisory capacity. Once the new committee is finalized, I will provide further updates to the membership.

Additionally, we aim to introduce creative family events within the hall and organize several Post fundraisers—initiatives designed to benefit our community, which we have not undertaken in some time.

In conclusion, I am honored to serve as your Commander. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns you may have.
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Mark Schilling, Commander

HONOR GUARD - NEW OFFICERS

Commander	Bill Redhefer
Vice Commander	Jerry Herman
Secretary	Bill Allison
Treasurer	Kim Riccio

I want to take a moment to thank all that assisted me in the past few years with sage advice, direction, and support. I hope you will throw that same heartened effort behind Bill to keep the Honor Guard a viable unit in future Post representation.

Thank you,

Vinny

WAC's

Our next event will be a Cook-Off on Saturday, February 21st from 3:00-5:00 PM in the lounge. This event is open to all WAC and Post Members. Prizes will be awarded and sign-up sheets for judges and participants will be up shortly!

The WACs will be having a Gift Card Raffle once again, and our members have been hard at work collecting donations. We will have the card details available at the Super Bowl Party (and will remain displayed in the lounge), and tickets ($5 each) will be available for purchase at the bar. The total value of the prize will be $500 at minimum.

Save the date for WAC-y Bingo on Tuesday, March 3rd! We'll have prizes, 50/50, and we will draw the winner of the Gift Card raffle. In addition, we'll also have Jimmy's famous cheesesteaks! We will begin taking table reservations after Valentine's Day. It's always a fun time so mark your calendar and invite your friends!

Our next WAC meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 3rd at 7:15 PM. We hope to see you there!

Lauren Cullumber, WAC President

POST ACCOUNTANT SAFETY TIP

To all Credit Card Users, a safety tip on using your Credit Card:

While working in the office, I've noticed that many people sign credit cards slip but leave the tip and total lines blank. This makes it easy for someone to misuse your card by adding a tip or changing the total. Though this hasn't happened at Del Vets, it's best to write "cash," enter zero, or draw a line on the tip line and fill in the total to protect yourself.

Bob Morris, Post Accountant

CHEESESTEAK NIGHT

Tuesday, Feb 3rd
3:30pm – 6:30pm

Cheesesteak	$12
Chik'n Fing's & Fries	$10
Onion Rings	$6
French Fries	$2

PIZZA & WINGS

Thursday 12th & 26th
Time TBD

DVETS RAFFLE

Wednesday's
7:15
11th, 18th, & 25th

SPORTS

CORNHOLE (6:00)
SHUFFLEBOARD (7:30)
Monday nights
2nd, 9th, 16th, & 23rd

COUNTRY LINE DANCING

7:00pm FRIDAYS
$8 cover

February	13th & 27th
March	6th & 20th
April	10th & 17th

Coming May 14th

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.

FEBRUARY MEETINGS/EVENTS

Monday	2	5:30	Mess Hall open
		6	Cornhole
		7:30	Shuffleboard
Tuesday	3	3:30	Cheesesteak night
		715	WACS meeting
Wednesday	4	7:30	Gen Membership mtg
Sunday	8	?	Super Bowl LX
Monday	9	5:30	Mess Hall open
		6	Cornhole
		7:30	Shuffleboard
Tuesday	10	4	Texas Roadhouse
		7	Honor Guard meeting
Wednesday	11	7:30	DVETS Raffle
Thursday	12	?	Pizza & Wings
Friday	13	7	Country Line Dancing
Saturday	14	7:30	Valentines Day/Old News
Monday	16	5:30	Mess Hall open
		6	Cornhole & Shuffleboard
		7:30	Shuffleboard
Tuesday	17	7	E Board Meeting
Wednesday	18	7:30	DVETS Raffle
Saturday	21	?	WACS Cook-Off
Monday	23	5:30	Mess Hall open
		6	Cornhole
		7:30	Shuffleboard
Wednesday	25	7:30	DVETS Raffle
Thursday	26	?	Pizza & Wings
Friday	27	7	Country Line Dancing

MARCH

Monday	2	5:30	Mess Hall open
		6	Cornhole
		7:30	Shuffleboard
Tuesday	3	715	WAC-y BINGO
Wednesday	4	7:30	Gen Membership meeting
Sunday	8	?	Super Bowl LX
Tuesday	10	7	Honor Guard meeting
Tuesday	17	7	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.

PRESENTATION TO:
DELAWARE COMMISSION OF VETERANS AFFAIR

On January 20th, Delaware Veterans Post #1 member Rick Rambo presented a check in the amount of $3000 directly to the Delaware Commission of Affairs as a donation to the Delaware Veterans Trust Fund. The donation amount was raised during Del Vets recently held 2026 Veterans Trust Fund Pool Tournament event along with a generous contribution from the Del Vets' WACs. Pictured here from left to right are Commission Chair Doug Hudson, Commissioner Rick Rambo, Secretary Karen Berry, DCVA Funding Chair Commissioner Rodney Little, and Office of Veterans Services Executive Director Tony Bourdeau.

Thank you to all the Del Vets members who participated in and contributed to this year's Veterans Trust Fund Pool Tournament Charity Event, as well as to the WACs for their generous contributions.

TEXAS ROADHOUSE

(610) 459-1720

1051 Baltimore Pike | Glen Mills, PA

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!

DELAWARE VETERANS POST #1
2535 VETERANS DRIVE
WILMINGTON, DELAWARE 19810
Phone: (302) 475-9891
www.DelVets.com

2026 OFFICERS & "E" BOARD

Office	Name
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)

Executive Board Members	Name	Year
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

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 Ratkevic
MEMBERSHIP Ex-Officio	Jim Biddle (AF)
NEWSLETTER	Donna Schilling
POST ACCOUNTANT	Vince Knoll (A)
POST ACCOUNTANT	John DeScioli
POST ACCOUNTANT	Bob Morris (A)
POOL	Shawn Coho (NG)
PROGRESSIVE RAFFLE	Art Chernekoff
PUBLIC RELATIONS	Florie Henry
PURCHASING AGENT (Liquor-Supplies)	Jen Avery
RENTALS	John DeScioli
SPORTS	Mike Buono
VETERAN'S AFFAIRS	Rick Rambo (N)
WAC's	Lauren Cullumber
WEB SITE	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
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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

Andi Chernekoff