DELAWARE VETERANS INC.
POST NUMBER ONE
WILMINGTON, DELAWARE

NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2026

Editor: Donna Schilling
Reporters: Numerous

MEMBERSHIP

1st READING

Present:
Robert Maher (USMC)

NOT Present
Rebecca L Gargan – Air Force
Nolan S Lewis – Army
Charles McKee – Navy/Army

2nd READING

Present:
Raheem West – Marine

NOT Present:
Jeffrey M Linn – Army

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

CHAPLAIN'S REPORT:

DEATHS:
Gene Taddei – Army joined 4/85 passed 1/21/26
Barb Mitchell – passed 2/23/26 Wife of Lee Mitchell, Mother to Karen Beaudet and Steve Mitchell

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

ILLNESS:
Anna Lee is in the hospital

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

COMMANDER'S CORNER

Hello Post Members,

Well February went out with a bang and left plenty of snow for us to dig out from. I don't know about you but I'm ready for some spring weather. Unfortunately, we closed the Post due to a couple of serious weather events, we were trying to see whose spouse or significant other would break first and beg us to reopen!

On a more serious note, we came out of the gates on the slow side, but we seem to be gaining some momentum both financially and attendance at the Post.

I would like to address two issues. First, I would like to remind everyone that our membership consists of different personalities and opinions and general discussions at the bar are always welcome, however, please remember, not everyone shares the same point of view when it comes to politics which is generally a taboo in any bar. If you cannot have an adult discussion regarding this topic then simply don't have it. Second, Post Leadership has received some criticism regarding the "Quote of the week". Every quote that is placed in the weekly Eblast is approved by the Commander and they are actual quotes made by Post members. If you were offended by a particular quote, we apologize, however, you may have simply taken it the wrong way. There is one quote that I heard at the bar and had placed in the Eblast regarding being talked about at the bar. I did this in the hopes that folks would realize that this is active and needs to stop. If you stopped and asked yourself, were they talking about me? The chances are yes. It's time to act like adults and move on for the betterment of all.

Mark Schilling, Commander

WAC's

The WACs held our annual cook-off on Saturday, February 21. We changed things up this year and held a Mac & Cheese Cook-Off! Congrats to the winners: 1st Place, Patty Rosbrow, 2nd Place, Nancy Talley, and 3rd Place, Laura Wyatt. Thanks to everyone who participated - Post and WACs members who bought 50/50 and raffle tickets, submitted entries, judged the contest, and bought bowls after, and especially to our Chairperson, Noelle Schwarzman. It was a great afternoon for the Post and the WACs!

Our next event is WAC-y Bingo in place of our regular meeting on Tuesday, March 3 at 7:00 PM, and seats are already sold out! Cards will be $15 for 12 games, with additional cards available for purchase. Once again, the Mess Hall will be serving up Jimmy Hague's famous cheesesteaks from 3:30-6:30! Please plan to carpool and come early - the parking lot will fill up fast!

In addition, that evening we will be drawing the winner for our Gift Card Boards! The boards are on display in the lounge - the tickets are $5 per chance and are available at the bar. Our members have outdone themselves with donations - We have four boards, all worth a minimum of $500!

Save the date - Our St. Patrick's Day dinner will be held on Tuesday, March 17 from 5:00 - 8:00PM. Tickets will be on sale at the bar beginning March 1. The McAleer-Paulson Irish dancers will perform at 7:00 PM. We ask that if you are planning to attend the dinner, please make sure you are seated in the hall by that time. This is an enjoyable family-friendly event, so get your tickets early!

Lauren Cullumber, WAC President

WELCOME HOME VIETNAM VETERANS LUNCHEON

Saturday 19th @ 12 – 3 pm

Speaker: Don Kirtley, Air Force
Stationed at MACV Saigon

CHEESE STEAK NIGHT

Tuesday, Mar 3rd
3:30pm – 6:30pm

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

TITO & TACO

Tuesday 23rd
3:30 – 7 pm

PIZZA & WINGS

Thursday 12th & 26th
5 – 7 pm

DVETS RAFFLE

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

SPORTS

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

COUNTRY LINE DANCING

7:00pm FRIDAYS
$10 cover

March	6th & 20th
April	10th & 17th

CLASSIC ROCK BAZINGA

Sunday, March 1st
2 to 5pm

Come see what has been happening on some Thursday nights. Classic Rock Bazinga! If you are not familiar ask around - - ask Leah, Sue G or Frankie. Did someone say Sunday Funday!!

IN THE LOUNGE

ST. PATRICKS DAY DINNER

Tuesday 17th 5 – 8pm

After dinner the Irish dancers from McAleer School of Dance will be performing.

DEL VETS GOLF OUTING 2026

Rock Manor Golf Course
May 14th
8am Tee Time

APRIL 5TH

POST CLOSED

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.

MARCH MEETINGS/EVENTS

Sunday	1	2	Classic Rock Bazinga
Monday	2	5:30	Mess Hall open
		6	Cornhole
		7:30	Shuffleboard
Tuesday	3	3:30	Cheesesteak night
		7:00	WAC-Y Bingo
Wednesday	4	7:30	Gen Membership mtg
Friday	6	7	Country Line Dancing
Monday	9	5:30	Mess Hall open
		6	Cornhole
		7:30	Shuffleboard
Tuesday	10	7	Honor Guard meeting
Wednesday	11	7:30	DVETS Raffle
Thursday	12	5	Pizza & Wings
Sunday	15	2	Blues Show
Monday	16	5:30	Mess Hall open
		6	Cornhole & Shuffleboard
		7:30	Shuffleboard
Tuesday	17	TBD	WACS St Pat Day Dinner
		7	E Board Meeting
Wednesday	18	7:30	DVETS Raffle
Friday	20	7	Country Line Dancing
Saturday	21	12	Welcome Home Vietnam
Monday	23	5:30	Mess Hall open
		6	Cornhole
		7:30	Shuffleboard
Tuesday	24	3:30	Tito & Taco
Wednesday	25	7:30	DVETS Raffle
Thursday	26	5	Pizza & Wings
Monday	30	5:30	Mess Hall open
		6	Cornhole
		7:30	Shuffleboard

APRIL

Wednesday	1	7:30	Gen Membership meeting
Sunday	**5**		**EASTER POST CLOSED**
Tuesday	7	7:15	WACS meeting
Tuesday	14	7	Honor Guard meeting
Tuesday	21	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.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Invite your family & friends!

WAC-Y BINGO FUNDRAISER

TUESDAY, MARCH 3RD 7 PM

All proceeds benefit local and veterans charities!

Game cards sold in packets of 12 for $15

12 GAMES

8 $1 games

4 $2 games

Del Vets Mess Hall

CHEESESTEAKS

from 3:30 - 6:30 PM

50/50 RAFFLE

DRINK SPECIAL

GIFT CARD BOARD RAFFLE

30+ DOOR PRIZES

TABLE RESERVATIONS RECOMMENDED - (302) 475-0636

CHEESESTEAK NIGHT!

DEL VETS MESS HALL CHEESESTEAKS

- Your choice of 8 oz. of chicken or beef
- American or Provolone cheese
- Fried onions and mushrooms available
- Fixin' bar with all your favorite toppings

TUESDAY, MARCH 3RD
3:30 PM - 6:30 PM

CHEESESTEAK	$12
CHICKEN FINGERS & FRIES	$10
ONION RINGS	$6
FRENCH FRIES	$2

COME FOR CHEESESTEAK . . .
STAY FOR WAC-Y BINGO AT 7PM!

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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	Joe Rodriquez(A)-(PC)
CHAPLAIN	Sam Waltz(A)
ELECTION COMMITTEE	Chip Roop
ENTERTAINMENT	Vince Vandenbraak
FINANCE	Bob Morris (A)
GROUNDs	Bill Carpenter
HONOR GUARD	Bill Redhefer (AF)
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	Bill Conaway (N)
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.

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