



APRIL 2026

**Editor: Donna Schilling
Reporters: Numerous**

MEMBERSHIP

1st READING

Present:

Rebecca Gargan - Air Force
James Elliott - Army
Daniel Vink - Army

NOT Present

Charles McKee – Navy/Army

2nd READING

Present:

Robert Maher – USMC
Jeffrey M Linn – Army

NOT Present:

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

CHAPLAIN'S REPORT:

DEATHS:

Max Heckler – Army passed 2/18/26 joined 3/1/72

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

ILLNESS:

Anna Lee is home recovering.

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

COMMANDER'S CORNER

Hello Post Members,

Well Spring has sprung and I don't know about you, but the recent burst of warm weather has me looking forward to some outdoor activities.



everyone.

I want to thank ALL our post volunteers for the hard work they provide for us, YOU make the difference!

With April upon us it won't be long before we are in the thick of the summer season.

I need to talk about a very important item and that is Post elections. You might ask yourself why now? Well, it's simple, before you know it will be October and we will be asking ourselves who is going to step up and run. That someone could be you! There are many members that are regulars at the Post who have the time and ability to get involved and won't. It's time for a gut check and get involved. My time is limited in this role, and the recycling of Past Commanders must stop.

April showers bring May flowers. Let's enjoy the spring weather and continue to work together to make DelVets the place to be.

Mark Schilling, Commander

2026 MEMBERSHIP CARDS

Membership cards are ready for pick up. Stop by the Post have a drink and pick up your card this will save the Post from mailing it out.

If your card is not there please contact Jim Biddle.

WAC's

This has been another busy March for the WACs! Our WAC-y Bingo event was held on March 3rd, and we had a full house! Thanks to everyone who came out and brought up friends and family, both the WAC and the Post had a great night! We had a lot of help to make this happen from Jimmy Hague and his awesome crew for the cheesesteaks, Bob Onorato and Craig Cullumber for calling Bingo for us, and as always, Diane Onorato for chairing and shopping for our game prizes and door prizes! Everyone had a great time, and we had our most successful WAC-y Bingo event by far, beating out last year's record.



On Tuesday, March 17, we held our WAC St. Patrick's Day Dinner. Thanks to everyone who bought tickets and 50/50. The WACs really appreciate the Post's support, and you all made it a success for us. Thanks to Andi Chernekoff, John Ratkevic, and Sylvia Briscoe and the kitchen crew for a delicious meal! From our traditional dinner to the talented dancers from the McAleer-Paulson School of Irish Dance, we hope everyone had a great time. Thanks again to all who came out to support!

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, April 7 at 7:15 in the hall. Hope to see you there!

Lauren Cullumber, WAC President

PASSINGS OF FORMER MEMBERS

Jack Faulkner- Navy - passed 2/14/26
Charlie Wright – Navy- passed 3/1/26

CHEESE STEAK NIGHT



Tuesday, April 14th
4:00pm – 6:30pm

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



PIZZA & WINGS

Thursday 9th & 23rd
5 – 7 pm



DVETS RAFFLE

Wednesday's

7:15

8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th

SPORTS

DEL VETS AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL

Our Del Vets American Legion baseball players are now starting their high school baseball season. The Coaching staff is out at the high school games recruiting for our 2026 season. We are striving for another winning season, and we can't wait to get started! Go Del Vets!

Mike Buono, Coach

SAM'S CORNER

High school baseball also will be starting soon, below are some pictures from Sports Media Day from the News Journal that include family members from Del Vets.

Mason McAllister, pictured, in middle with his teammates from Tatnall School. If you recall he was on the Nammaan's team that went to the baseball World Series last year. His dad is post member Jim McAllister.

Jake Kelly, from Concord HS, is an all-round player who gives you a 100% had a great season last year. His parents are Post Member Franny & Amanda Kelly.

Josh Quinn, also from Concord HS, is another all-around player and smart defense catcher. His season last year was cut short due to a serious injury, but Coach Hamburg is glad he's back. His stepdad, Post Member is Frank Minutola, likes that he's back (he knows the game).





CORNHOLE (6:00)
SHUFFLEBOARD (7:30)
 Monday nights
 6th, 13th, 20th & 27th



COUNTRY LINE DANCING
 7:00pm **FRIDAYS**
 \$10 cover



April 10th & 17th

DEL VETS BOWLING



April 18th
 Sign-up sheet in the Foyer



APRIL 5TH
POST CLOSED

SPRING CRAFT SHOW
Kitchen Menu
Sunday, April 26th

JohnRat will be preparing breakfasts sandwiches and lunch in the DelVets Mess Hall

BREAKFAST SANDWICHES
Served from 9 AM to 1 PM
 Egg & Bacon.....\$8.00
 Egg & Sausage.....\$8.00
 Egg & Ham.....\$8.00

LUNCH
Served from 11 AM to 2 PM
 Meatball Sandwich.....\$8.00
 Chicken Fingers & Fries...\$8.00
 Jalapeño Poppers.....\$6.00
 Mozzarella Sticks.....\$6.00

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.

APRIL MEETINGS/EVENTS

Wednesday	1	7:30	Gen Membership mtg
Sunday	5		EASTER POST CLOSED
Monday	6	5:30	Mess Hall open
		6	Cornhole
		7:30	Shuffleboard
Tuesday	7	7:15	WACS meeting
Wednesday	8	7:30	DVETS Raffle
Thursday	9	5	Pizza & Wings
Friday	10	7	Country Line Dancing
Monday	13	5:30	Mess Hall open
		6	Cornhole & Shuffleboard
		7:30	Shuffleboard
Tuesday	14	4	Cheese Steak night
		7	Honor Guard meeting
Wednesday	15	7:30	DVETS Raffle
Friday	17	7	Country Line Dancing
Saturday	18	10	Del Vets Bowling
Monday	20	5:30	Mess Hall open
		6	Cornhole
		7:30	Shuffleboard
Tuesday	21	7	E-Board meeting
Wednesday	22	7:30	DVETS Raffle
Thursday	23	5	Pizza & Wings
Sunday	26	9	Craft Show
Monday	27	5:30	Mess Hall open
		6	Cornhole
		7:30	Shuffleboard
Wednesday	29	7:30	DVETS Raffle
Thursday	30	8	Life Line Screening

MAY

Saturday	2	TBD	Kentucky Derby
Tuesday	5	7:15	WACS meeting
Tuesday	12	7	Honor Guard meeting
Tuesday	19	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.



1ST ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Join us for a day of golf, food, prizes & supporting our Veterans!

Green Fees - \$125.00



MAY 14
2026

7:30 Registration
8:00 Shotgun Start

Rock Manor Golf Course

Includes:
18 holes of golf
Hole-in-One Prize
First Place Prize
Lunch & awards ceremony

Hole sponsorship \$125

For more information, contact:

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Delaware Veterans Post #1



Del Vets Post #1 Spring Clean Up

Saturday, May 9th

Starts at **8:30am** in Post parking lot






All volunteers are welcome!
Tools will be provided!

Rain Date: Saturday, May 16, 8:30am

Questions? Ask Bill Carpenter, Grounds Chair



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You're invited to a Life Line Screening event!

Delaware Vets Post 1
2535 Veterans Dr
Wilmington, DE 19810
April 30, 2026

Life Line Screening is the nation's leader in **Stroke and Cardiovascular Disease Risk** Screenings.

Trusted by over 11 million customers.

Screenings are simple and painless. Get peace of mind or early detection.

Who should attend:
Anyone **age of 40+**

Special Pricing for \$129

- ♥ Carotid Artery Disease Screening
- ♥ Atrial Fibrillation Screening
- ♥ Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Screening
- ♥ Peripheral Artery Disease Screening

4 ways to book your appointment...

Call **800-324-9458** and use promo code **HABC001**

Visit  [LLSA.SOCIAL/HABC](https://llsa.social/habc)



Text the word **"circle"** to **216-279-1607**

These tests cannot detect all risk factors for all conditions, such as and including the presence of coronary artery disease. Those with abnormal results should discuss possible next steps with their family healthcare provider and ensure they understand the risk and benefits of any additional testing or procedures.



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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)
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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 Rodriguez ^{(A)-(PC)}
CHAPLAIN	Sam Waltz ^(A)
ELECTION COMMITTEE	Chip Roop
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WAC's	Lauren Cullumber
WEB SITE	Denise Bernstein

HOME, INC.

Harvey Freville (M)-(PC)	President	2026
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Bob Bostedo ^(A)		2026

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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