



JUNE 2026

**Editor: Donna Schilling
Reporters: Numerous**

MEMBERSHIP

1st READING

Present:

Kynise S Simms – Air Force
Michael T Ven Douern – Army

NOT Present

Charles McKee – Navy/Army
Nolan S Lewis – Army
Maria C Puka – Navy (Cadet)

2nd READING

Present:

Mark J Roberts - Navy

NOT Present:

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

CHAPLAIN'S REPORT:

DEATHS:

John Gersenberg – Air Force joined 2/22 passed 5/7/26

Jack Calcaterra – Life Associate joined 9/78 passed 5/10/26

Bobbie Hems – Life Associate spouse of Billy Helms passed 5/11/26

John Slemko – Navy – joined 1/77 passed 5/15/26

Gisela Balmer – Barb Nestore's Mother passed 5/8/26

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

ILLNESS:

Norman "Rusty" Frey is home recuperating

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

COMMANDER'S CORNER

Hello Post Members,

Memorial Day has come and gone. While we had what I considered a very successful ceremony, especially since it was held inside due to the weather. I want to thank our guest speaker Mr. Tom Lamaine for taking time to speak at our event.



Unfortunately, when you have a bad weather forecast you don't have a good pool opening. This was disheartening to say the least given the amount of work that was put into the opening by our pool committee. However, brighter days are ahead, and we are looking to get the pool members back downstairs and let the fun begin!

This organization runs on our volunteers, all of them, so thank you!

I want to thank most of all my wife Donna for allowing me to do this. Thank you Donna!

Mark Schilling, Commander

WAC's

Our last WACs meeting of the 2025-2026 year was held on Tuesday, May 5. We ended the year with 68 members. This year the WACs donated \$21,291.78 in monetary and non-monetary contributions to local and Veteran-related causes. Of that number, 67% of our monetary donations were to Veteran-related causes and organizations. Thank you to all our members who pitched in at events and fundraisers to make this year so successful. We appreciate all of your contributions!

Our End of Year Celebration was held on Friday, May 15. Andi and John, along with their kitchen crew, really outdid themselves. The food was, as always, top-notch, and it was great to see so many of our members and their guests. Special thanks to Andi Chernekoff, John Ratkevic, Sylvia Briscoe, Shirley Roberts, JT Wilhelme, Diane, Val, and Shelly Onorato, Becki

Fetters-Parsons, Stacey Edelman, Melissa Fritz, and the rest of the kitchen crew, servers, and cleanup! They all went above and beyond to make it a really memorable evening.

Please note, our next meeting will be September 8th, as the first Tuesday falls before Labor Day.

We hope everyone has a safe and wonderful summer!

Lauren Cullumber, WAC President

SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS


Kaden Cole Tylor-McKinney
Victoria Ann Romeo

DEL VETS BASEBALL

The Del Vets American Legion Baseball team will have their opening day game on Monday June 15th at Friends High School at 5:45 pm. We have all new Players coming out this year and they are looking good and ready to get the season started. We have our Captain Catcher Ryan Timmons coming back from the 2024 World Series Team. Ryan is the only player left from that 2024 World Series run. I will be posting a schedule as soon as it gets finalized and we be posting it on the E Blast on a weekly basis as well as posting it at the post. Come on out and support our young Veterans on their quest to win another state title.

Our baseball accomplishments are:

- 1991 State Champions (Sam Minutola)
- 1991 Regional appearance (Sam Minutola)
- 2022 State Champions (Mike Buono)
- 2022 Regional Appearance (Mike Buono)
- 2024 State champions (Mike Buono)
- 2024 Regional Champions (Mike Buono)
- 2024 World Series final 4 appearance place 3rd in the USA!

Go Vets! 

Coach Mike Buono



FLAG CEREMONY
June 14th in the parking lot
More info in the Eblast



DEL VETS SWIM TEAM MEETS

Thursday	18th	Crestview @ DV
Thursday	25th	Darley/Green Acres @ DV
Tuesday	30th	DV @ Arden
Thursday	2nd	DV @ High Point
Tuesday	7th	Tatnall @ DV
Thursday	9th	DV @ Fair Blue



DVETS RAFFLE

Wednesday's
7:15
10th, 17th, & 24th



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

Monday's
1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, & 29th



Belmont Stakes June 6th
More info in the Eblast

SPORTS CORNER BY SAM MINUTOLA

Congratulations, to Mariana Robison, 2026 ALL-BCSN PA SOFTBALL 'FRESHMAN OF THE YEAR'. She is the niece of Laren and Craig Cullumber. We all know Laren, current President of our WAC who does a great job. She also helps in the kitchen on Monday nights when needed. Her husband, Craig is former ARMY (OEF/OIF) as was his dad, Vietnam Vet. They are so proud of her accomplishment, she is one hellva athlete!!! We here at Del Vets wish you well. ~Sam Minutola

MEMORIAL DAY LAYING OF THE WREATH



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.

JUNE MEETINGS/EVENTS

Monday	1	5:30	Mess Hall open
		6	Cornhole
		7:30	Shuffleboard
Wednesday	3	7:30	Gen Membership mtg
Friday	5	?	Honor Guard Party
Saturday	6	4	Belmont Stakes
Monday	8	5:30	Mess Hall open
		6	Cornhole & Shuffleboard
		7:30	Shuffleboard
Tuesday	9	7	Honor Guard meeting
Wednesday	10	7:30	DVETS Raffle
Sunday	14		Flag Day Ceremony
Monday	15	5:30	Mess Hall open
		6	Cornhole
		7:30	Shuffleboard
Tuesday	16	7	E-Board meeting
Wednesday	17	7:30	DVETS Raffle
Thursday	18	?	Crestview @ DV
Friday	19	7	Country Line Dancing
Monday	22	5:30	Mess Hall open
		6	Cornhole
		7:30	Shuffleboard
Wednesday	24	7:30	DVETS Raffle
Thursday	25	?	Darley/Green Acres@DV
Friday	26	?	Movie Night at the Pool
Sunday	28	9	Swim Team Pancake
Monday	29	5	DJ at the Pool
		5:30	Mess Hall open
		6	Cornhole
		7:30	Shuffleboard
Tuesday	30	?	DV @ Arden

JULY

Wednesday	1	7:30	Gen Membership mtg
Thursday	2	?	DV @ High Point
Friday	3	?	250 th Birthday Party
Saturday	4	12	Fourth of July Picnic
Tuesday	7	?	Tatnall @ DV
Thursday	9	?	DV @ Fair Blue
Tuesday	14	7	Honor Guard meeting
Tuesday	21	7	E Board meeting

Donna Schilling, Editor

Need to submit an event for future E-Blast and the Newsletter? Send emails to:

Newsletter: By 23rd of each month
dschill925@gmail.com

E-Blast: by Monday at 9pm
DELVETSPOST1@GMAIL.COM

Del Vets Post #1 Annual Phillies Bus Trip

Wednesday, June 17th @ 1:05pm

\$60 ticket – 200 level seat, transportation to and from game, sandwiches, beer, soda and more! Bus leaves Post at 10:30 and returns 1 hour after game finishes.

SIGN-UP NOW!





DJ AT THE POOL



FRIDAY MAY 29TH

5-8PM

GOOD VIBES • GREAT MUSIC • POOL SIDE FUN

See You There!



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	Joe Rodriguez ^{(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 Ratkevich
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
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

Andi Chernekoff