



JULY 2026

Editor: Donna Schilling
Reporters: Numerous

MEMBERSHIP

1st READING

Present:

Jason W Sperinzo – USCG/Army
Jonna L Jones – Air Force
Brian R Maloney – Navy
Amira Martin – Air Force

NOT Present

Charles McKee – Navy/Army
Nolan S Lewis – Army
John S Coats – Air Force

2nd READING

Present:

NOT Present:

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

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

CHAPLAIN'S REPORT:

DEATHS:

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, this is it, the big 250 for our country. It's hard to believe that we are getting ready to celebrate the fourth of July, time is flying by. Hopefully the weather will cooperate to allow for a long weekend celebration.



As always please remember to celebrate safely and remember to keep your eyes open for those that do not.

There's not much to report this month, our baseball and swimming team seasons are underway, and I would like to thank all the coaches and committee members that serve in these respective sports.

I would like to thank a few people who are getting things done for you behind the scenes as well as some that are visible. First, I would like to thank John Dwyer. John has been keeping busy by constructing our new podium as well as our bell stand. John is someone that we can rely on to help with projects that would normally get pushed aside for more important items. I would like to thank Jen Avery for taking the lead on the installation and going live on our new POS system. This was a new system for us, and our bartenders are still getting up to speed. Lastly, I would like to thank Chip Roop. Many of our members don't realize that maintenance doesn't sleep. We have been getting hit with new and exciting jobs that require us to spend money. Be that as it may, Chip is the man behind the scenes getting it done for all the Commanders that he has served under. Chip, thank you.

Well, that's about it, enjoy the holiday and the summer season.

Mark Schilling, Commander

WAC's

The WACs are enjoying the summer off!

We'll be back on Tuesday, September 8th. We're looking forward to welcoming new members along with our current members, so please feel free to bring a friend or two - no need to be a Post member to join the WAC.



In the meantime, mark your calendars - our Spaghetti Dinner and Basket Auction will be on Friday, September 18th, and tickets will go on sale Labor Day Weekend.

Have a fantastic summer - we'll see you in September!

Lauren Cullumber, WAC President

FROM THE COMMANDER

Attention all Post and Pool Members:

With the 250th anniversary of our country fast approaching, I wanted to remind everyone not to bring fireworks of any kind onto post property however enticing it may be during this historic celebration. Always keep in mind the overall safety of our members and their families as well as our neighbors in the surrounding community. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Mark Schilling, Commander

CHALLENGE COINS

Honoring Del Vets 80th Anniversary

Challenge coins can be purchased for \$15 from the following Post members:

Commander - Mark Schilling
Secretary - Vince Knoll
Accountant - Art Chernenkoff
Accountant - John DeScioli

Limited number of coins purchased. Secure yours before they run out!

COUNTRY LINE DANCING

7:00



Friday 24th
\$10.00 cover



DVETS RAFFLE

Wednesday's

7:15

8th, 15th, 22nd, & 29th



CORNHOLE

Monday's

6

6th, 13th, 20, & 27th



DEL VETS SWIM TEAM MEETS

Thursday	2 nd	DV @ High Point
Tuesday	7th	Tatnall @ DV
Thursday	9 th	DV @ Fair Blue

2026-2027 Del Vets Swimming Pool Sponsorship Program

Delaware Veterans Post #1 has offered pool membership to both veterans and non-veterans in this community since 1946. The pool opens the Saturday before Memorial Day until Labor Day. There are over 800 members of the Post. Over 200 families will enjoy the fun in the sun this year. DV also has a swim team

that has several meets during the summer where there are about 250 people to view your sign. Sponsors will have a 3x5 banner advertising their business along the fence line for all pool and post members to see. Your business will be announced during swim team events. There are also three major holiday parties and other pool events. Your ad will also be on EBlasts, pool membership links, and Facebook. The program will be for 2 years - the first year will be \$400.00 (includes banner and installation). After that, the cost would be \$250.00 a year.

Any questions please contact Bob Edelman 302-437-4450 or Redelman10@outlook.

SPORTS CORNER BY SAM MINUTOLA

"From Batboy to Winning Coach"

Congratulations to Mikey Bonislawski, son of Past Commander Frank and Judy Bonislawski, plus nephew of post members Bonnie & Rich Loper. Mike led his daughter Frankie's 8-10 yr old Little League team to victory in Florida's District 3.

Mikey was our batboy for Del Vets and also played LL baseball in our area. He was a well-known Disc Jockey alias (All Night Mike) from Las Vegas area.

Mike also played football for Concord HS as a wide receiver. I saw him make a Hail Mary TD with his dad to win the game, thrown from Chip Chapmen (another Del Vet teammate).

We here at Del Vets wish them well in the coming years. His daughter Frankie went 7-10 at the plate ... wow! Apples do not fall far from the family tree. His dad was also an outstanding athlete and pitched for Claymont HS. He signed a contract to play Major League Baseball.

JULY MEETINGS/EVENTS

Wednesday	1	7:30	Gen Membership mtg
Thursday	2	?	DV @ High Point
Friday	3	6	250 th Anniversary party
Saturday	4	12	4 th of July Picnic
Monday	6	6	Cornhole
Tuesday	7	?	Tatnall @ DV
Wednesday	8	7:30	DVETS Raffle
Thursday	9	?	DV @ Fair Blue
Monday	13	6	Cornhole
Tuesday	14	7	Honor Guard meeting
Wednesday	15	7:30	DVETS Raffle
Monday	20	6	Cornhole
Tuesday	21	7	E Board mtg
Wednesday	22	7:30	DVETS Raffle
Friday	24	7	Country Line Dancing
Monday	27	6	Cornhole
Wednesday	29	7:30	DVETS Raffle

AUGUST

Saturday	1	3	Pig Roast
Wednesday	5	7:30	Gen Membership mtg
Tuesday	11	7	Honor Guard meeting
Tuesday	18	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
DELVETSP0ST1@GMAIL.COM

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.

CELEBRATING 250 YEARS

4th of JULY



★ INDEPENDENCE DAY ★

Celebration

Sat, July 4 2026

BAR & BUFFET OPEN 12-2

FOOD: DEL VETS TO PROVIDE

BURGERS & DOGS W/ ALL THE FIXIN'S

*Please Contribute: Those with last names ending in A to O
bring a side dish and those ending in P to Z bring a dessert.*

Place them on the table as directed

BAR INCLUDES DOMESTIC DRAFTS, WINE & SODA

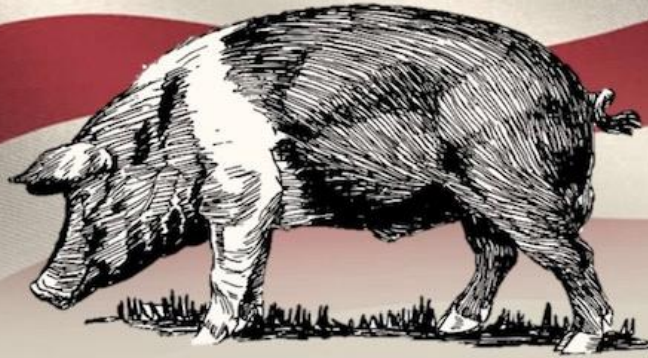
COST \$10/PERSON (OVER 6 YRS OLD)

ALL GUESTS MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A MEMBER

POOL GUEST FEE IS \$5 ADDITIONAL

**POOL GUESTS MUST ENTER THROUGH THE POOL GATE & MUST BE
ACCOMPANIED BY A POOL MEMBER.**

HONOR GUARD PIG ROAST



SATURDAY

AUGUST

1st



3:00

to

7:00

2535 Veterans Drive

DEL VETS

Wilmington, DE 19810

AVAILABLE NOW



Ticket includes:

- Pig Roast
- All the Fixin's
- Cash Bar
- DJ Entertainment



Purchase
tickets at the
bar

No reserved tables

ALL PROCEEDS SUPPORT DEL VETS POST #1 HONOR GUARD



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:

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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