

## **DELAWARE VETERANS POST #1**

### **GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

**DATE: 3 Jun 2026**

The meeting was called to order at 1930 hours this date. The pledge of allegiance to the flag was recited by all and honors rendered.

**CEREMONIES:** None.

**SECRETARY:** The Commander asked for a reading of the previous meeting's minutes. A motion was made by Bob Morris to waive a reading of the previous minutes as they have already been posted. Seconded by Jim Brannon; motion passed. The Commander asked the Secretary for a reading of the Executive board minutes. The minutes were read. The floor was opened for questions. Hearing none a motion to accept the minutes as read was made by Jim Brannon and seconded by Jerry Stauffer. The motion passed.

**TREASURERS REPORT: Sean MacLaren.** Treasurer-elect Art Chernenkoff presented the Profit/Loss report for April 2026. Total income-\$81,038.58, Total cost of goods-\$13,665.72 for a gross profit of \$67, 372.86. Total expenses for April-\$64, 935.27 for a net income of \$2,284.34. Total net income for the year is \$31,507.49. Cmdr. Schilling noted payments have already begun to Progressive Pool management.

A motion was made by Bob Morris to accept the report as read; seconded by Ron Gower. Motion passed.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Vice Commander: John Pastor.** John advised membership there will be a sale, post meeting, of the excess liquor removed from the inventory. Prices will vary depending upon the liquor itself.

**Executive board: Ed Brinkman.** Ed advised membership the next Executive Board meeting is June 16<sup>th</sup> at 1900 hours.

**Finance: Bob Morris.** Bob stated all accounts are balanced save for one which should be in balance by Friday of this week. He reminded membership the Spot On point of service system went live on Monday, June 1<sup>st</sup>. All should be patient with the bar staff as they are trying to get up to speed with the new system. He also thanked Jen Avery for her efforts in helping to get this system up and running.

**Home Inc.: Harvey Freville.** No report.

**By-laws: Joe Rodriguez.** No report.

**Bar: Brian Thomas/Jay Henry.** No report

**Chaplain: Sam Waltz.** Cpln. Waltz reminds everyone that the service for Past Commander John Slemko is Friday, June 5<sup>th</sup> at 1200 hours in the Post Hall.

**Veterans affairs: Rick Rambo.** Rick stated he will have an update on coming legislation next month. He also advised June 9<sup>th</sup> there will be a POW/MIA observance in Legislative Hall at 1030 hours. All are invited to attend.

**Entertainment: Vince Vandenbrak.** Vince advised the bus trip to the Phillies game has sold out! He added that this Saturday is the Belmont Stakes viewing. There will not be food for this event. He did mention however the snack bar at the pool will be open.

Also, of note; Saturday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> the band “Too tall slim” will be performing for the party that evening from 1830-2130 hours. Fliers are posted.

**Rentals: John Descioli.** John advised membership there are 21 scheduled events for June! Cmdr. Schilling thanked John for his hard work keeping up the scheduling for the Post events.

**WACS: Lauren Cullumber.** Lauren advised everyone that the WACs are done for the year! They held their end of year dinner on Friday, 15 May and everyone had a wonderful time. She also wished to note the tireless efforts of Sylvia Briscoe, Shirley Roberts, Val Onorato, and Stacey Edelman at the dinner as well as numerous events throughout the year. Also helping to serve were Art Chernekoff and J.T. Wilheme.

Lauren would also like to thank Andi Chernekoff and John Ratkovic for keeping the kitchen going with shopping, cooking, serving, and planning.

Next meeting will take place Tuesday, Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Kitchen: Andi Chernekoff.** Andi reminded everyone that the kitchen is now closed for the summer. She encourages everyone to patronize the snack bar at the pool as their food and service have rave reviews so far. She also wanted to thank everyone who attended the going away party for Kristy Chester.

**Pool: Bill Conaway.** Melissa Hall stood in for the absent Bill C. Melissa reports that pool season is off to a particularly good start. Progressive pool management has been outstanding; resolving any issues quite quickly. Also, the Committee has received a great deal of feedback from pool membership. They [membership] have noticed a marked difference in pool area cleanliness as well as smooth operations. Additionally, the snack bar

has fit in perfectly this season. The combination of Progressive's management coupled with Delvets Grill has significantly enhanced the Delvets pool experience for members and guests. Melissa also advised the first movie night will be June 26<sup>th</sup>.

**Sports: Sam Minetola.** Sam was unavailable to make a report.

Florie Henry updated membership on the results of the first Post #1 Golf outing. Total income to the Post was a whopping \$15,100.00! Over 100 golfers participated. Florie also thanked the kitchen staff for the post event meal. Of special note Ed Walsh donated \$5,000.00 to the event!! Thank you Ed for the generous donation!

Dave Acosta reminded membership the toys for tots 5k will be here before we know it. He is soliciting volunteers for the committee, staffing, and assistance with the event itself.

**Grounds: Bill Carpenter.** No report.

**In-house Committee: Chip Roop.** No report

**Membership: Chair Jim Biddle presented the following names for application:**

**1<sup>st</sup> reads present-**

**ASSOCIATES-None**

**VETERANS-**Jason Sperzino, Jonna Jones, Brian Maloney, and Amira Martin.

**ABSENT-**Charles McKee, Nolan Lewis (see below).

**2nd reads present-**

**ASSOCIATES-None**

**VETERANS-**

**ABSENT-**Kynise Simms, Michael VenDouren

Regarding Nolan Lewis, Jim advised membership he is a prior member of the post who wished to renew. A motion to accept Lewis as a past member was made by Harvey Freville. Seconded by Bob Morris. The motion passed.

**Progressive raffle: Art Chernekoff.** No report.

**Honor Guard: Bill Redhefer.** Bill reminded everyone of PC Slemko's service on Friday. He encouraged all Honor Guard members to attend. Also, all first reads to meet at the Northeast corner of the room for an entry briefing.

**Scholarship: Mike Phillips.** Mike advised the Commander there will be a future fundraiser at Outback steakhouse. No date confirmed as of yet.

**Baseball: Mike Buono.** Not present-no report.

**Swim team: Stephanie Coho.** Not present-no report.

**Public Relations: Florie Henry.** No report.

**Welcoming Committee: Bill Redhefer.** All first reads to meet at the Northeast corner of the room for an entry briefing.

**Facilities management: Harvey Freville.** No report.

**OLD BUSINESS:** The Commander opened the floor to Old Business. There was none.

**NEW BUSINESS:** The Commander opened the floor to New Business. There was none.

**GOOD OF THE ORDER:** Vince Vandenbrak wished to recognize the Honor Guard for the Memorial Day event. He stated having to move the event inside at short notice and pull off the necessary honors was difficult and they should be commended.

Jerry Stauffer thanked everyone who participated in the graves visitation.

Kristy Chester wanted to thank the Post as a whole for the going away party!

Bob Morris reminded membership of the retirement of older flags on June 14<sup>th</sup> (flag day) at the Post starting at 1800 hours.

Cmdr. Schilling wanted to thank everyone for all their efforts making Memorial Day a smoothly run event despite the weather. He also advised membership the commemorative challenge coins will be on sale starting this evening. The cost of each coin is \$15.00, and they are only being sold by Mark Schilling, Vince Knoll, John Descioli, and Art Chernenkoff.

**50/50:** \$118.00 to the winner Karen Freville! \$117.00 dollars went back to the Post.

**Closing:** The Commander ordered the Chaplain to recite the DelVets prayer. Taps were not sounded as the bugle malfunctioned.

**Motion to adjourn:** Motion to adjourn made by Bob Morris @ 2035 hrs., seconded by Harvey Freville. Meeting adjourned.

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Vince Knoll**

**Recording Secretary**

**Delaware Veterans Post #1.**