



AUGUST 2026

Editor: Donna Schilling
Reporters: Numerous

MEMBERSHIP:

1st READING

Present:

Terry N Sher – Navy/Army
Edward J Stoume – Marine

NOT Present

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

2nd READING

Present:

Jason W Sperinzo – USCG/Army
Jonna L Jones – Air Force
Brian R Maloney – Navy
Kynise S Simms – Air Force
Michael T Ven Douern – Army
Nolan S Lewis – Army

NOT Present:

Amira Martin – Air Force

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:

Mo Romeo – Recuperating at her mom's house

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

COMMANDER'S CORNER

To finish the summer season strong, please keep supporting our amazing snack bar staff and their great food.



We had a full house at the July 3rd party in the hall and unfortunately, we were dealing with a 103-degree day and our air conditioning struggled to keep up with the heat; however, it did not stop us from drinking and dancing through the evening.

We have a busy schedule ahead of us so please keep an eye on the pool and entertainment schedule.

I started talking about the 2027 elections in February and people asked me why so early, well here it is August and I have not heard anyone discussing running for office. As I have and continue to state, that many members on the Board are in time sensitive positions that will need to be filled, so, if you are a Veteran member and you have asked yourself, should I? The answer is yes.

Thank you to Bill and Rhiannon Frank for donating the 250th Anniversary Banner, which is now hanging in the hall. You can still view the banner through the end of the year, as it will remain on display.

Here are three items that I need to remind everyone of. First: the official starting time for the bar is 12:00 on the weekends and 3:00 during the week. The bartenders will start allowing people to enter 20 minutes before opening hours but will not start serving until 11:30 and 2:30 respectfully. Please do not pressure the bartenders on this matter. Second: members are not allowed to leave the Post with an open container. This notice is posted within the Post. If you choose to do this, you are on your own. Third: please be mindful that the speed limit for Veterans Drive is fifteen miles per hour.

That is about it folks, stay cool and continue to come out and support Del Vets.

Mark Schilling, Commander

WAC's

The WACs will be back in action on Tuesday, September 8th. Please note, this is the second Tuesday in September, as the first falls before Labor Day. As always, 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.



As a reminder, tickets for our Spaghetti Dinner and Basket Auction (Friday, September 18th) will go on sale Labor Day Weekend, so be sure to get yours early!

Enjoy the rest of the summer and stay cool!

Lauren Cullumber, WAC President



DVETS RAFFLE 7:15

Wednesday's
12th, 19th & 26th

SPORTS



CORNHOLE (6:00)

Monday nights
3rd 10th, 17th, 24th & 31st

MARTY "DOC" LONDERGAN GOLF OUTING

Place: Rock Manor Golf Club
Time: 8 am Shotgun start
Format: Super Ball
Cost: \$100.00

Pay the Bartender and get a receipt before Oct 8th
Sign-up as foursomes. A sign-up sheet will be posted in the bar area soon.
Food, drink and prizes back at the Post after the outing. Always a great event!!

The History of the Honor Guard and Pig Roast

Started September 15, 1994

It all started when Vincent F. (Vinny) DiGiacomo passed away. Vinny was a great Veteran Post Member who served on the E-Board. He was the owner of Naamans Lumber and contributed to much of the remodeling of the downstairs meeting room and offices.

On the night of Vinny's viewing a Veteran Honor Guard member from another Post did the flag salute and played Taps. Several of our Post members, including Jack Thomas, Jack Houck and Joe Keifer, were so impressed. They wanted to try and start our own Honor Guard. Jack Thomas presented this idea to the Eboard at a monthly membership meeting. The proposal was adopted. Over 40 plus Veterans joined the newly formed Post Honor Guard and the rest is history.

Some of the ways the Honor Guard participated in local patriotic events:

- Marched in Several Parades (Claymont & Wilmington)
- Delaware Veterans Cemetery Clean up
- Attended Memorial Day services at the Bridge
- Visited the Veterans Hospital on Holidays
- A variety of fund-raising events

The Honor Guard has supported our Post in so many ways since its conception. Now they are asking for Post Members to step up and support the Annual Pig Roast this Saturday. Please show your support by purchasing tickets or donating.

A little more trivia about the Honor Guard ...

The first Honor Guard Pig Roast team consisted of Jack Thomas, Bud Mery, Joe Barnes, Jimmy Hostler and Billy Frank. They would buy a whole pig, and Jimmy would do the carving. Joe kept the fire going beer after beer. I forgot to mention that Joe Barnes was in charge of the Honor Guard Armory and M1 rifles back then.

Thank you,
Sam Minutola,
Past Commander & Honor Guard Member

KRISTY CHESTER

Here is Kristy's information if you would like to contact her while she is deployed:
kmchester@gmail.com

Maj. Kristy Chester
PSC 402 Box #653
APO, AE 09180

Prayers for Mo Romeo

Mo had a liver transplant on July 1st at John Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore. She is recuperating at her mom's house. Please pray for Mo's recovery.

To follow Mo's recovery, click on the CaringBridge link:

<https://www.caringbridge.org/site/4247b531-7bd6-11f1-bfaf-21b881b362ab?from=%2Fsearch&fname=Mo>



FOR SALE

Del Vet Hats

\$20.00

Contact Bob Edelman
302-437-4450 or
Redelman10@outlook.com

AUGUST MEETINGS/EVENTS

Saturday	1	3	Pig Roast
Monday	3	6	Cornhole
Wednesday	5	7:30	Gen Membership mtg
Monday	10	6	Cornhole
Tuesday	11	7	Honor Guard meeting
Wednesday	12	7:30	DVETS Raffle
Monday	17	6	Cornhole
Tuesday	18	7	E Board Meeting
Wednesday	19	7:30	DVETS Raffle
Monday	24	6	Cornhole
Wednesday	26	7:30	DVETS Raffle
Monday	31	6	Cornhole

SEPTEMBER

Wednesday	2	7:30	Gen Membership mtg
Tuesday	8	7:15	WACS meeting
Tuesday	15	7	Honor Guard meeting
Tuesday	22	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 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.

SPORTS
IN-HOUSE POOL LEAGUE



SIGN-UP SHEETS FOR DEL VETS TUESDAY AND THURSDAY
2026 FALL-WINTER POOL LEAGUES

ARE NOW BEING POSTED
IN THE RECREATION ROOM

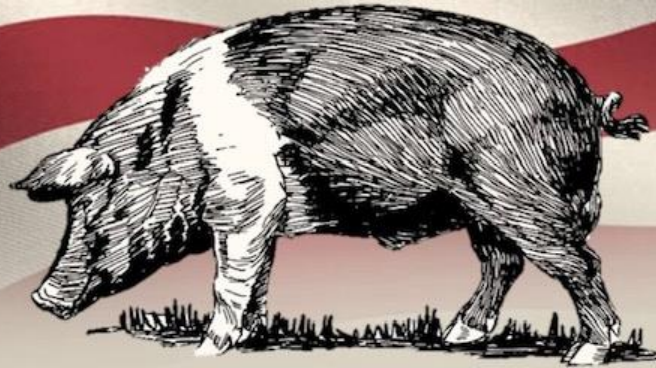
CUT-OFF TO SIGN UP IS AUGUST 30TH
PLAYERS' DRAFT IS SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 3RD

TUESDAY LEAGUE PLAY STARTS SEPTEMBER 8TH
THURSDAY LEAGUE PLAY STARTS SEPTEMBER 10TH

COME ON OUT AND HAVE SOME FUN!

SEE YOU THERE . . .

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



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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