

## **DELAWARE VETERANS POST #1**

### **GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

**DATE: 5 Aug 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 the secretary for a reading of the previous meeting's minutes. A motion was made by Harvey Freville to waive a reading of the previous minutes as they have already been posted. Seconded by Jerry Stauffer; passed by voice vote. Cmdr. Schilling asked the Secretary for a reading of the Executive board minutes. The minutes were read. The floor was open for questions. Hearing none a motion was made by John Squire to approve the Executive Board minutes as read. Seconded by Ron Gower; passed by voice vote.

#### **TREASURERS REPORT: Sean MacLaren**

Sean confirmed the Treasurers report for July as read in the Executive Board minutes. As follows: presented the profit/loss report for June 2026: Total income was \$63,653.81; total cost of goods was \$36,930.35; Gross profit of \$36,930.35. Total expenses for June were \$55,495.53 for a net ordinary income of negative \$18,565.18. Total other income was \$5,289.75 bringing the total net income to negative \$13,275.43.

Cmdr. Schilling opened the floor for questions. Jim Biddle asked why "total other" income was at a higher rate than previous months? Sean advised it was a typographical error which combined June and July. Harvey Freville asked the same question of Sean concerning cable expenses. Sean stated it was a combination the Verizon cost and the Sirius cost. Without additional questions a motion to accept the Treasurers report was made by Jim Brannon, seconded by Harvey Freville. Motion approved.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

##### **Vice Commander: John Pastor**

John informed membership of the newly operating honor flights from Dover beginning on October 17<sup>th</sup>. John Squire asked to be recognized. Squire explained he and a few other Vietnam veterans have been on an honor bus trip to Washington DC, and it was a memorable experience for all the veterans. He highly recommends all vets consider these flights/bus

trips. Chaplain Waltz added he intends to take something called a “dream flight” which is also available however it is in a biplane. Good luck Sam!

**Executive board: Ed Brinkman**

Ed was not present due to a work obligation. No report.

**Finance: Bob Morris**

Bob was unavailable as he is on vacation. No report.

**Home Inc.: Harvey Freville**

No report.

**By-laws: Joe Rodriguez**

No report.

**Bar: Brian Thomas/Jay Henry**

Brian thanked membership for being patient with the bar staff while they have been acclimating to the new register system.

**Chaplain: Sam Waltz**

Sam wished to welcome back to duty both Bill Allison and Art Chernekoff from injury. Sam added that Jay Henry was out of the hospital after a short stay and is also back to full duty. Mo Romeo has recovered from surgery and is back at the Post. Welcome back Mo!

**Veterans affairs: Rick Rambo**

Rick advised the Commander he has invited Mark Taylor to the September meeting. Mark is a patient advocate for Veteran’s Affairs. Rick also states Home of the Brave has an office of homeless vets and donations can be made directly to that office.

**Entertainment: Vince Vandenbrak**

Vince was unavailable for the meeting. No report.

**Rentals: John Descioli**

John advised the Commander there are 13 events at the Post this month.

**WACS: Lauren Cullumber**

Lauren stated September 1<sup>st</sup> tickets for the WACs spaghetti dinner go on sale. She also said the next meeting will commence September 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Kitchen: Andi Chernekoff**

Andi wished to recognize Lynn Harmon and Chris Thomas for all their help cleaning the kitchen.

**Pool: Bill Conaway**

Bill advised membership the pool had an exceptionally good July! He is hoping to keep the momentum going for August and close out this season on a high note. Bill also asked folks to keep their eye out on the eblast for toys for tots events at the pool.

**Sports: Sam Minutola**

Sam reports the baseball team had a tough year. He also said though the team is young they are coming along according to Mike Buono. Bob Onorato informed membership Naamans little league won the State title and is vying for a spot in the Little League world series.

**Grounds: Bill Carpenter**

No report.

**In-house Committee: Chip Roop**

Chip wanted to thank both Bill Conaway and Bill Carpenter for their efforts keeping the outside of the Post and the pool area tidy and clean. Chip also thanked the efforts of all the kitchen volunteers this year.

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

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

**ASSOCIATES**

**VETERANS: Peter Lindell, Mark Medina, Martin Sheeron, John Coates, Robert Graham.**

**ABSENT: Dan Kunzig, Charles McKee**

**2nd reads present-**

**ASSOCIATES**

**VETERANS: Amira Martin, Terry Sher, Edward Stoume**

**ABSENT**

**Progressive raffle: Art Chernekoff**

No report.

**Honor Guard: Bill Redhefer**

Bill advised the pig roast on Saturday the 1<sup>st</sup> went well, and all involved had an enjoyable time. He thanked Andi and John for all their assistance in the kitchen, and the daughters of Joe and Donna O'Neill for their help with the 50/50 tickets.

**Scholarship: Mike Phillips**

Mike stated the Outback donation night yielded \$162.00 for the scholarship fund.

**Baseball: Mike Buono**

Not present, no report.

**Swim team: Stephanie Coho**

No report. The Commander did present to the membership the trophy won by our swim team! Congrats to all our swimmers!

**Public Relations: Florie Henry**

No report.

**Welcoming Committee: Bill Redhefer**

Bill advised all first reads to meet him in the northwest corner of the hall for a briefing.

**Facilities management: Harvey Freville**

Harvey advised the Commander Home inc. had a meeting regarding the future repairs to the Post. He agreed with Cmdr. Schilling the deck appears to be priority one moving forward.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None.

**GOOD OF THE ORDER:** Dave Acosta updated membership on the toys for tots race this November. He states registration is officially open as of this date. He advised the committee is working on marketing for the race, and the date is set at 1 Nov. Cost for each runner is \$30.00; \$25.00 for those under age 18.

Sam Minutola asked the Commander if there is a contingency plan for emergencies such as a tornado. He also advised there used to be a walk around the Post with the Commander and Home inc. to identify building and grounds issues, and asked if that is being conducted?

Cmdr. Schilling advised he had not however he has advised Home inc. of present building maintenance issues.

Bob Onorato advised membership Marcy Kohler is moving and is searching for any veterans who wished to take furniture off her hands?

Harvey Freville reminds membership the Doc Londergan golf tournament is approaching. Please sign up and have fun. Harvey also wished to address the membership in its entirety. Regarding leadership positions it is a priority for members to begin seriously considering taking over positions in both the Executive Board and Staff slots. He impressed upon membership the folks who have been in these positions for years are aging out of availability to serve therefore it is necessary for those 400 plus veterans we have on the rolls to step up and lead this Post.

Harvey also wished to personally thank all associate members for their contributions to this Post. He acknowledged Post #1 could not function as it does without many of our dedicated associate members.

**50/50:** John Dwyer is the winner of \$105.00! \$105.00 also went to the Post.

**Closing:** The Commander ordered the Chaplain to recite the DelVets prayer. Taps were sounded and honors rendered.

**Motion to adjourn:** Motion made by Bill Redhefer @ 2034 hrs., seconded by Bill Conaway. Motion approved. Meeting adjourned.

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Vince Knoll**

**Recording Secretary**

**Delaware Veterans Post #1.**