DELAWARE VETERANS INC.
POST NUMBER ONE
WILMINGTON, DELAWARE

NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2026

Editor: Donna Schilling
Reporters: Numerous

MEMBERSHIP

1st READING

Present:

None

NOT Present

Daniel J Kunzig – Air Force [AD]
Charles A McKee – Navy/Army

2nd READING

Present:

John S Coates – Air Force
Robert J Graham, Jr. – Navy
Peter H Lindell – Army
Mark J Medina – Air Force
Martin P Sheeron – Marine

NOT Present:

MONTHLY MEETINGS

General Membership:	1st	Wednesday	7:30pm
WACS:	1st	Tuesday	7:00pm
Honor Guard:	2nd	Tuesday	7:00pm
E-Board Meeting:	3rd	Tuesday	7:00pm

Please try to attend!

CHAPLAIN'S REPORT:

DEATHS:

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

ILLNESS:

Col. Barney Barnum – Marine – recovering in the hospital.

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

COMMANDER'S CORNER

Hello Post Members

The fall season is upon us, where did the summer go! As we are gearing up for what looks like a busy 3 months ahead, please keep in mind that many of our upcoming events are ticketed. Many of these will sell out very quickly, so do not procrastinate and purchase your tickets when they are available.

The WACS are back in action, and our entertainment chair is continuing to keep us busy. The Octoberfest event will be tied in with our 80th Anniversary. I do not know about you, but it looks like a good time to me.

Speaking of the 80th Anniversary, I have looked at our election slate, and I just have to say that if we want to celebrate eighty-five, some folks better get in the game if we are going to survive, enough said about that.

We have made a slight change to our Veterans Day event; it is going to be a luncheon this year as opposed to breakfast. As always this is open to all post veterans and spouses or significant others.

Please keep your eyes on the entertainment schedule and come out and support your post.

Before I close, Unfortunately, I have been absent recently. I have come into some medical issues that need to be addressed sooner than later. I will be back in action shortly, but in the meantime, you are in good hands with our Vice Commander and Executive Board watching the store.

Until then stay safe and enjoy what is left of this great weather.

Mark Schilling, Commander

CONGRATULATIONS

Alex DelCollo
Making the Delaware Business Times Top 40!!

WAC's

The WACs are back! We kicked off our year with our first meeting on Tuesday, September 8th, followed by our annual Spaghetti Dinner and Basket Auction on Friday, September 18. We had a great evening, with a delicious dinner - thanks to Mary and John DeScioli for making their famous sauce, and Andi Chernekoff and the kitchen crew for putting out an awesome spread. Vicki Zebley and her committee collected 32 fantastic baskets for us to raffle off, making the night a great success. Thanks to all who contributed, from our volunteers to those who donated baskets, to all who bought tickets and came out to support!



Next up, we will be holding a Kitchen Class before our October meeting at 6:30pm. All kitchen volunteers need to be recertified, and this short class will get everyone up to date. This is open to WACs and Post members alike.

Save the date for our next big event - the WACs will be hosting a Pop Darts tournament on Saturday, November 14th!

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 6th at 7:15pm. We had a great turnout last month, with many familiar faces and several new members! We are still enrolling members for this year so if you're interested, come on out and join us!

Lauren Cullumber, WAC President

2026 ELECTION NOMINATIONS

Commander:	Mark Schilling
Vice Commander:	Ed Brinkman
Secretary:	Vince Knoll
Treasurer Elect:	Michael Janes
Seargeant-at-Arms:	Roger Lee
Executive Board:	John Squire
	Jim Biddle
	Dan Avery
	Miike Baldi
	Jack McKelvy
	John Pastor
	Jim Hague
Home Inc:	Frank Dobson
	Jerry Stauffer
	Rich Delitta
	Bob Bastello
State Board:	Joe Rodriguez
	Bill Frank, Sr.
	Bill Addison



DVETS RAFFLE 7:15

Wednesday's
14, 21, & 28

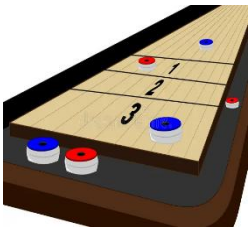
SPORTS



CORNHOLE

Monday night at 6:00
5, 12, 19, & 26

WOMEN'S SHUFFLEBOARD LEAGUE



Monday night at 7:30
5, 12, 19, & 26

MARTY "DOC" LONDERGAN GOLF OUTING

Place:	Rock Manor Golf Club
Date:	October 15th
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 is posted in the bar area soon.
Food, drink, and prizes back at the Post after the outing. Always a great event!!

The Wall That Heals

The Wall That Heals exhibit features a three-quarter scale replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C. The replica is 375 feet in length and stands 7.5 feet high at its tallest point. Visitors experience The Wall rising above them as they walk towards the apex, a key feature of the design of The Wall in D.C.

Like the original Memorial, The Wall That Heals is erected in a chevron-shape and visitors can do name rubbings of individual service member's names on The Wall. The replica is constructed of Avonite, a synthetic granite, and its 140 numbered panels are supported by an aluminum frame. Machine engraving of the more than 58,000 names along with modern LED lighting provide readability of The Wall Day and night.

As on The Wall, the names on The Wall That Heals are listed by day of casualty. Beginning at the

center/apex, the names start on the East Wall (right-hand side) working their way out to the end of that wing, picking up again at the far end of the West Wall (left-hand side) and working their way back in to the center/apex, joining the beginning and end of the war at the center.
More information, click on this link:

DEL VETS BI-ANNUAL BOWLING TRIP



Pleasant Hill Bowling Alley
Saturday, October 10th
Be at the Post at 10:15
Cost $35.00
Includes 3 games and shoes
Prize money – Beer on the bus – Music by Leah – Lots of laughs and fun

Sign up and payment are due by October 3rd. Pay Brian, Leah or Donna
Sign up sheet in the Foyer



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.

OCTOBER MEETINGS/EVENTS

Monday	5	5:30	Mess Hall open
		6	Cornhole
		7:30	Women's Shuffleboard
Tuesday	6	7:15	WACS meeting
Wednesday	7	7:30	Gen Membership mtg
Saturday	10	10:30	Del Vets Bowling
Monday	12	5:30	Mess Hall open
		6	Cornhole
		7:30	Women's Shuffleboard
Tuesday	13	7	Honor Guard meeting
Wednesday	14	7:30	DVETS Raffle
Thursday	15	8	Doc Golf Tournament
Saturday	17	5	Oktoberfest
Monday	19	5:30	Mess Hall open
		6	Cornhole
		7:30	Women's Shuffleboard
Tuesday	20	7	E Board Meeting
Wednesday	21	7:30	DVETS Raffle
Thursday	22	3:30	Flu Shots
		5	Pizza & Wings
Friday	23	7	Country Line Dancing
Monday	26	5:30	Mess Hall open
		6	Cornhole
		7:30	Women's Shuffleboard
Wednesday	28	7:30	DVETS Raffle
Friday	30	TBD	Old News Band in Hall

NOVEMBER

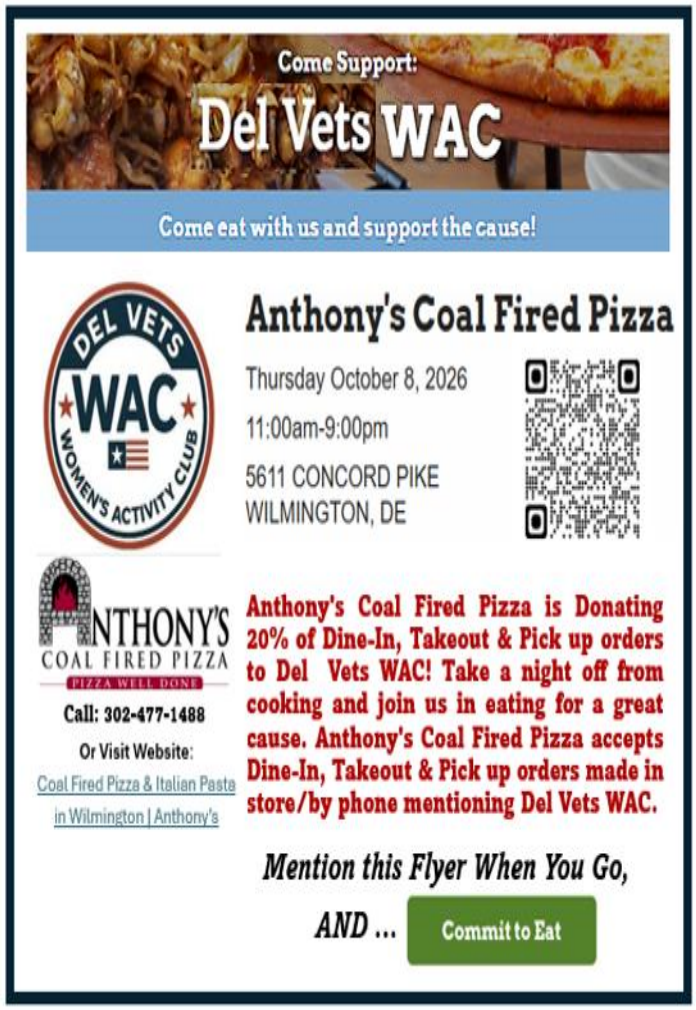
Tuesday	3	7:15	WACS meeting
Wednesday	4	7:30	Gen Membership mtg
Tuesday	10	7	Honor Guard meeting
Tuesday	17	7	E Board meeting

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


Oktoberfest
Music and Authentic German food
Oct. 17th 5 - 9PM
Del Vets 80th Anniversary
$25 Entry (See Bartender for tickets)
ALL ARE WELCOME


Diamond State Blues Society
PRESENTS
BLUES HARVEST
1:00 PM
NUTHIN' BUT TROUBLE
OPENING THE EVENT
2:45 PM
LOWER CASE BLUES
4:30 PM
HEADLINING
TORONZO CANNON
FROM CHICAGO
ALLIGATOR RECORDING ARTIST
DELAWARE VETERANS POST 1
2535 VETERANS DRIVE
WILMINGTON, DELAWARE
TICKETS $50 EACH
TICKETS ON SALE NOW!
302-475-0636
CALL DELAWARE VETERANS POST 1 TO RESERVE YOUR TABLE OR SEAT NOW!
TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR — CASH ONLY!
COME ON OUT & SUPPORT LIVE MUSIC & KEEP THE BLUES ALIVE!


Come Support:
Del Vets WAC
Come eat with us and support the cause!
DEL VETS WAC WOMEN'S ACTIVITY CLUB
Anthony's Coal Fired Pizza
Thursday October 8, 2026
11:00am-9:00pm
5611 CONCORD PIKE
WILMINGTON, DE
ANTHONY'S COAL FIRED PIZZA
PIZZA WELL DONE
Call: 302-477-1488
Or Visit Website:
Coal Fired Pizza & Italian Pasta in Wilmington | Anthony's
Anthony's Coal Fired Pizza is Donating 20% of Dine-In, Takeout & Pick up orders to Del Vets WAC! Take a night off from cooking and join us in eating for a great cause. Anthony's Coal Fired Pizza accepts Dine-In, Takeout & Pick up orders made in store/by phone mentioning Del Vets WAC.
Mention this Flyer When You Go,
AND ...
Commit to Eat


Sunday NOVEMBER 1ST 2026
28th Annual USMC Toys for Tots 5K Run/Walk
Awards
• Overall
• Male/Female
• Top 3 in All Age Groups
• Top Veterans
Delaware Veterans Post No 1
2535 Veterans Drive
Wilmington, DE 19810
United States Marines
Color Guard
Kids Attractions
Free Kiddy Race
(7 & under)
7:30 – 8:45am
• Sign In & Registration
8:45am
• Kiddy Race
9:00am
• Race Time
T-Shirts
Beverages
Food
for all participants
https://runsignup.com/Race/DE/Wilmington/ToysforTots5k
17 & Under Discounted Pricing through Race Date
Veterans & Active Duty Military Special Pricing
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DelVets Post
AMERICAN
Bandstand
TAKE A STEP BACK IN TIME
Classic Hits • Good Vibes
Great Times
NOVEMBER
21ST
6-10PM
TICKETS GO ON SALE
OCTOBER 19TH
WITH
DJ Chris
Dust off your
PONY TAILS,
LEATHER JACKETS
& DANCING SHOES!
LET'S ROCK
THE NIGHT AWAY!
DELVETS POST

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2535 VETERANS DRIVE
WILMINGTON, DELAWARE 19810
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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
MEMBER	Bob Morris (A)	2026
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 Rodriquez (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 Ratkevic
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