

DELAWARE VETERANS POST #1

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

DATE: 2 Sep 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: Mark Talyor was introduced to membership. He is the chief patient advocate at the Wilmington Veterans hospital. Mark explained his duties at the hospital and how he might assist anyone who expresses a need.

Dave Acosta introduced two Marines who will be involved with the toys for tots event this year. Sgt. Bowen explained their involvement and advised they were selling tickets to the Marine ball which would be available for 10.00 apiece in the lounge after the meeting.

SECRETARY: The Commander requested a reading of the previous meeting's minutes. Motion made by Bob Morris to waive a reading of the previous minutes as they have already been posted. Seconded by Mike Baldi; the motion passed. The Commander 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 to accept the minutes as read was made by Sam Waltz and seconded by Harvey Freville. The motion passed.

TREASURERS REPORT: Sean MacLaren

Sean presented the following Profit/Loss report to the Board: Total income for July-\$46,201.50, Cost of Goods-\$14,715.92, Gross profit-\$31,485.58. Total expenses were \$50,854.76 making Net Ordinary income negative \$19,369.18, and total Net income for the month of July was negative \$19,180.43. YTD Net income for the Post is \$50, 857.92.

A motion to accept the report was made by Bob Morris, seconded by Roger Lee. Motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Vice Commander: John Pastor

No report.

Executive board: Ed Brinkman

Not present due to work obligation. No report.

Finance: Bob Morris

All accounts are balanced. Bob explained the issue with losing the ATM and WSFS. He stated the banks are farming out responsibility for the ATMs to third party companies. The company working with WSFS has sent a letter to Delvets stating they intend to shut down and remove the ATM from the lounge. Apparently this is over the names on the account: those being Delaware Veterans, Inc. and Delaware Veterans Home Inc. This has been Post account designators for the Post's existence. John DeScioli asked if the Post owns the machine itself? Bob stated he was under the impression we did own the machine however cannot confirm with corresponding paperwork. Repeated contact with WSFS did not yield any resolution. Bob attempted to switch to the Post bank (M&T) however M&T said it does not sponsor ATM machines.

Art Chernekoff cautioned we ensure the money inside the ATM cartridge is secured prior to machine removal. Bob said he would make certain no one allows the machine to exit the building without securing Post funds. Brian Thomas asked if we could simply alter the names? Bob advised we cannot without the assistance of our lawyer and at significant cost.

Home Inc.: Harvey Freville

No report.

By-laws: Joe Rodriguez

No report.

Bar: Brian Thomas/Jay Henry

No report.

Chaplain: Sam Waltz

Cpln. Waltz advised membership Joseph Woodruff has passed away. A service will be conducted in the Post hall.

Veterans affairs: Rick Rambo

Rick advised the governor is set to sign SB219 into law on Sept. 9th. This bill revolves around Veteran deductions of taxes in retirement.

Entertainment: Vince Vandenbrak

No report however there is a reminder to check your E-blasts for all upcoming events, times, dates. Brian Thomas advised there is a bowling outing on Oct. 10th. 35.00 per ticket and a sign-up sheet is in the foyer.

Rentals: John Descioli

John advised there are 20 events in the hall this month.

WACS: Lauren Cullumber

Lauren states the WACs will hold their first meeting of the new year on Tuesday, 8 Sept. at 7:15 in the hall. One does not need to be a member of the Post to join!

The spaghetti dinner and basket raffle will be on Friday, Sept 18th. Tickets are on sale now for 15.00. Get them early! Ticket price increases to 20.00 after Sept. 14th.

Kitchen: Andi Chernekoff

Andi thanked Lynn Harmon and Chris Thomas for their hard work helping her with cleaning the kitchen. She also encourages membership to support the Post and the Mess Hall by attending all the events offered! Andi also stated that all those wishing to work in the kitchen need recertification.

Pool: Bill Conaway

Bill stated he had no report other than that the pool had a fantastic season and we ended very well. He hopes everyone enjoyed the atmosphere and the new snack bar!

Sports: Sam Minetola

Sam wished to advised membership if they have any grandchildren to please get them involved in sports for the sake of positive mentoring.

Grounds: Bill Carpenter

No report.

In-house Committee: Chip Roop

No report.

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

1st reads present-

ASSOCIATES-none

VETERANS-none

ABSENT-Charles McKee, Daniel Kunzig

2nd reads present-

ASSOCIATES-none

VETERANS-John Coates, Robert Graham, Peter Lindell, Mark Medina, Martin Sheeron

ABSENT

Progressive raffle: Art Chernekoff

No report.

Honor Guard: Bill Redhefer

Bill Allison (substituting for Bill Redhefer) stated the honor guard was asked by a veteran family to perform a flag folding for a past family member. The honor guard was happy to comply with this request.

Scholarship: Mike Phillips

Mike Baldi advised membership there is another fundraising event at Texas Roadhouse on November 5th.

Baseball: Mike Buono

No report.

Swim team: Stephanie Coho

Stephanie proudly stated the swim team went undefeated this season! Congrats to all the coaches and swimmers. Also, the swim team trivia night is Oct. 9th.

Public Relations: Florie Henry

No report.

Welcoming Committee: Bill Redhefer

Bill is under the weather. As there are no first reads for this meeting there is no report.

Facilities management: Harvey Freville

No report.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Bob Morris reminded everyone the “Wall that heals” is travelling through Aston. It will be on display Oct. 8th on Concord road for 24 hours.

Roger Lee updated membership on his wife Anna’s return home from the hospital. He said he and Anna would like to thank all post members for their support and kind words during this trying time. Welcome back Roger and welcome home Anna!

Dave Acosta states the Toys for Tots preparation is in full swing. Registration is available and the event is Sunday, Nov. 1st.

Harvey Freville wished to remind folks to seriously consider running for positions on the Post staff and Executive board. He implores everyone to step up and become involved. There are plenty of ways to help the Post!

Cmdr. Schilling stated the crab feast is sold out! Also, he praised Mark Parsons for raising 600.00 for Child inc. from a Post billiards tournament. Exceptional job as always Mark!

50/50: Jerry Stauffer was the winner and donated 158.00 back to the Post. Thank you Jerry!

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

Motion to adjourn: A motion was made by Harvey Freeville to adjourn the meeting @ 2040 hrs., seconded by John Squire. Motion passed by voice vote. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Vince Knoll

Recording Secretary

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