DELAWARE VETERANS INC.
POST NUMBER ONE
WILMINGTON, DELAWARE

NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 2026

Editor: Donna Schilling
Reporters: Numerous

MEMBERSHIP

1st READING

Present:
Tony A Conkling - Air Force
William W Lamme – Army

NOT Present
Charles A McKee – Navy/Army

2nd READING

Present:
None

NOT Present:
Matthew C Worthington – Air Force (active Duty)
Accepted as member by motion

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:
David Holleran – Life Associate – joined 3/1/85 passed 10/9/26
Kenny Bonsall's brother **Larry Bonsall** passed 10/13/26

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

ILLNESS:
Betty Reardon is in the hospital
Roseanne Frank is home recuperating

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

COMMANDER'S CORNER

Hello Post Members

I am writing this report early this month as my wife and I will be on a much-needed vacation when this is due.

We attended the Oktoberfest event last week and what a turnout, a sell-out! The food was great as well as the overall camaraderie. Huge THANKS go out to Vince Knoll and John Dwyer for putting the event together and Joe and Donna O'Neil for their extreme generosity! Also, to the Kitchen crew who fixed and served the delicious meal. Now, there was some suspicion when it came to the gift baskets, mostly due to a certain table of very familiar faces winning most of the treasures, however, we're still debating an investigation!

As I have been pointing out, our entertainment schedule is hopping so please keep supporting your Post.

Speaking of which, we have many members that choose not to involve themselves with the very organization they belong to and that is their choice. There are many of you that do come to the post and choose to offer constructive criticisms of how our organization is being run but the funny thing is I don't see many of those folks coming out to the very events that keep the doors open on a monthly basis.

The bottom line is we are not made of money, and the very perks that we all enjoy every day at our facility cost money. To keep our drink prices as affordable as they are, we don't mark up our alcohol sales as much as the local bar does. We rely on our members to participate in other ways to bring in that additional income, but we continue to ride on the backs of the same members to keep the doors open. So, just some food for thought when questioning how we do business.

We are getting ready for the home stretch of 2026. As you are aware, our election cycle is underway, and our election committee is doing their best. With that said, I want to inform the membership that I have decided to withdraw my name from nomination for the position of Commander for the 2027 calendar year.

Having served in this position over the last twelve years I simply do not have the stamina that it takes to do the job properly. It is time to pass the torch. I'm sure I will be talking with many of you regarding this decision, but it is one that I have made with my family, and it is final.

Please enjoy the Halloween party and as always, stay safe.

Mark Schilling, Commander

WAC's

The WACs are having a busy fall, and we have lots coming up! Here's the latest…



On Thursday, October 8th, we held a fundraiser at Anthony's Coal Fired on 202, organized by Patty Rosbrow. While we don't have final numbers yet, turnout was great! Thanks to all who came out to support!

WACs are once again holding a Coat Drive for Child, Inc. We are accepting new coats; all sizes from infant to teen. We will also accept hats, scarves, and gloves. There is a box in the lounge, and we will be collecting until November 18th. Diane Onorato, our shopper extraordinaire, is also accepting monetary donations to purchase the items needed. All donations are very much appreciated!

We will also be launching a Goods Drive to benefit Sojourner House. A box will be placed in the lounge, and we will post a list of their needs on the bulletin board shortly.

For our next event, the WACs are hosting a PopDarts Tournament on Saturday, November 14th from 11am-4pm in the hall. The kitchen will be open from 11am-3pm. There is a signup on the bulletin board, cost is $20 per person, and the game is played in teams of two. There will be cash prizes and raffles. No experience needed!

Mark your calendars for our Christmas Auction on Tuesday, December 1st! Donations of any new or gently used items are greatly appreciated (although we request no clothing or artwork, please). We will set up the evening before, and we'll be accepting drop-offs at that time. This is always a fun night, and it is open to all, so please plan to join us and bring a friend or two!

Finally, our next WACs meeting will be Tuesday, November 3, and this will also be a Cheesesteak Night (3:30-6:30)! Once again, no need to be a Post member to join the WAC, so come early to grab a cheesesteak and join up!

Lauren Cullumber, WAC President

2026 ELECTION NOMINATIONS

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

HONOR GUARD NEWS

Please return any items belonging to the Honor Guard if you no longer care or want to participate.

POST CLOSED NOVEMBER 26th



Adult Christmas Party Ticket Sales

Monday, Nov 9th & 16th @ 6pm
Get your tickets early
Only 100 tickets will be sold!
See flyer below



COUNTRY LINE DANCING

7:00 - 11
Friday 20th
$10 cover



DVETS RAFFLE 7:15

Wednesday's
11, 18, & 25

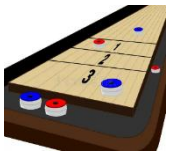
SPORTS



CORNHOLE

Monday night at 6:00
2, 9, 16, 23, & 30

WOMEN'S SHUFFLEBOARD LEAGUE



Monday night at 7:30
2, 9, 16, 23, & 30

SAM MINUTOLA'S SPORTS CORNER

Don Clagg's granddaughter, **Tricia Clagg** is the Junior Volleyball Captain at Concord High School with 250 assists!

Bill Allison's grandaughter, **Emily Weber** is on O'Hara High Schools Field Hockey Team. In her first game she held the opposing team to 0 goals!

TEXAS ROADHOUSE FUNDRAISING

DINE-IN OR TO-GO
Thursday, November 5th
4pm – 10-pm
Baltimore Pike Glen Mills, PA

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.

NOVEMBER MEETINGS/EVENTS

Sunday	1	9	Toys for Tots 5K Run
Monday	2	5:30	Mess Hall open
		6	Cornhole
		7:30	Women's Shuffleboard
Tuesday	3	3:30	Cheesesteak Night
		7:15	WACS meeting
Wednesday	4	7:30	Gen Membership mtg
Thursday	5	4	Texas Roadhouse
Sunday	8	?	Veterans Lunch
Monday	9	5:30	Mess Hall open
		6	Cornhole
		7:30	Women's Shuffleboard
Tuesday	10	7	Honor Guard meeting
Wednesday	11	7:30	DVETS Raffle
Saturday	14	11	Pop Darts Tournament
Sunday	15	1	Blues Harvest
Monday	16	5:30	Mess Hall open
		6	Cornhole
		7:30	Women's Shuffleboard
Tuesday	17	7	E Board Meeting
Wednesday	18	7:30	DVETS Raffle
Thursday	19	5	Pizza & Wings
Friday	20	7	Country Line Dancing
Saturday	21	6	Bandstand
Monday	23	5:30	Mess Hall open
		6	Cornhole
		7:30	Women's Shuffleboard
Wednesday	25	7:30	DVETS Raffle
Thursday	**26**	**CLOSED THANKSGIVING**	
Monday	30	5:30	Mess Hall open
		6	Cornhole
		7:30	Women's Shuffleboard

DECEMBER

Tuesday	1	7:15	WACS Christmas Auction
Wednesday	2	7:30	Gen Membership mtg
Saturday	5	9	Kids Christmas Party
Saturday	12	6	Adult Christmas Party
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


WAC SPONSORED
NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY!
POP DARTS TOURNAMENT
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14TH
11:00 AM
DEL VETS POST #1
2535 Veterans Drive
Wilmington, DE 19810
$20 PER PLAYER
TWO-PERSON TEAMS
DOUBLE-ELIMINATION TOURNAMENT
3 GAMES GUARANTEED
CASH PRIZES FOR TOP 3 PLACES
DEL VETS MESS HALL OPEN
DOOR PRIZES
SIGN UP IN THE FRONT HALLWAY
or
REGISTER AT
www.northwilmingtoneliteevents.com
PAY BARTENDER & GET YOUR RECEIPT


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!


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


DEL VETS POST #1
KIDS CHRISTMAS PARTY
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5TH
9:00AM – 11:00AM
Party is for all Post members' children and grandchildren up to and including 8 years old
NO EXCEPTIONS IN REGARD TO AGE LIMIT
Doors open at 9:00am
Santa & Mrs. Claus arrive at 9:30am
Sign-up sheet will be posted on the foyer bulletin board on Wednesday, November 11th
To ensure enough gift bags, please sign up by Wednesday, December 2nd

DEL VETS ADULT

CHRISTMAS PARTY



Join us for a night of dining, dancing, and holiday cheer!

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12TH

6:00 PM - 11:00 PM | DOORS OPEN 6:00 PM

DJ Entertainment | Semi-Formal Attire Requested

TICKETS

Tickets will be sold in a tiered fashion on the following dates from 6 - 7:30pm:

November 9th $65

November 16th $70

In between the dates, text or call:

Donna: 302-561-5163

OR Brian: 302-367-4901



MENU

- Open bar - Cash for shots
- Hors d'oeuvres including charcuterie board, salmon, & shrimp
- Soup & salad
- Dinner including filet, chicken marsala, pasta primavera, & more!
- Assorted desserts

GET YOUR TICKETS EARLY & RESERVE A TABLE WITH YOUR FRIENDS!

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2535 VETERANS DRIVE
WILMINGTON, DELAWARE 19810
Phone: (302) 475-9891
www.DelVets.com

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