DELAWARE VETERANS POST #1

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

DATE: 7 Oct 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 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 Jerry Stauffer, 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 no questions Cmdr. Schilling asked for a motion to accept the minutes as read. Motion made by Sam Minutola to accept the Executive board minutes as read; seconded by Roger Lee. Motion passed.

TREASURERS REPORT: Sean MacLaren

Sean referred to the profit/loss report in the Executive board minutes as follows: Total income-$45,282.78; total cost of goods-$9,818.47 for a gross profit of $35,464.31. Total expenses-$51,350.35 for a net ordinary income of -$15,886.04. Other net income was $170.00 for a monthly net income of -$15,716.04. Total net income YTD is $31,150.71. Cmdr. Schilling opened the floor for questions. Harvey Freville asked Sean how we did with the fundraising drive? The question was redirected to Jim Biddle who stated he had not finished counting all the income however at present the total collected is $15,360.00. Harvey then asked Sean where we stand with paying bills? Sean advised the Post is not in a good financial stead at the moment as we are behind with bills. Hearing no further questions a motion was made by Bob Morris to accept the Treasurer's report, seconded Harvey Freville. Motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Vice Commander: John Pastor

VCmdr. Pastor called upon Jim Biddle to elaborate on the fundraising to date. Jim stated the donation request is going well, and he has received contributions from 99 donors to date.

Executive board: Ed Brinkman

Pred. Brinkman stated he did not have a report however he wished to point out the new locations of the mounted AEDs in both the Hall and the Lounge. Jen Avery asked if training on the AEDs was going to be available? Pres. Brinkman confirmed there would be training and the Post is preparing a course at this time.

Finance: Bob Morris

Bob stated the balancing of the accounts was in progress due to one account coming in late (just before the meeting). He also advised the ATM is off because the machine was tearing money in the dispensing gears. He also advised there has been no communication with Cash Connect regarding replacing the machine. (FRAGO) As of 13 Oct. the old ATM has been replaced and is operational. The old ATM was removed from the premises later that week.

Home Inc.: Harvey Freville

Pres. Freville advised the Commander on Sept. 8th Home Inc. conducted a meeting in which the status of the ATM was discussed. Home Inc. advised the Executive board the Post deny moving forward with Cash Connect. A proposal to the Executive board was attached to the need to be renewed. The cost for same will be $1,400.00.

By-laws: Joe Rodriguez

No report.

Bar: Brian Thomas/Jay Henry

Brian advised the Bar committee will conduct a meeting in a few weeks. No further report.

Chaplain: Sam Waltz

No report.

Veterans affairs: Rick Rambo

VCmdr. Pastor spoke in Rick's stead as he was unavailable for the meeting. Pastor reminds membership the Vietnam Veterans travelling wall will be in Aston, PA on Oct 17th. Also, the wall will be at Delaware Park from Oct 15th-17th, and 17th-20th.

Entertainment: Vince Vandenbrak

Vince reminds membership to review the new calendars in the eblast as well as those posted around the Lounge. All events for the month are present so stay up to date! Of note, There is a 76ers Taco Tuesday coming up. Also, on the 22nd there will be Pizza night, and flu shots will be available during the day. Check the schedule!

Rentals: John Descioli

No report.

WACS: Lauren Cullumber

Lauren stated the WACs met on Oct 6th and now have 59 members! The Spaghetti dinner and basket auction on Friday 18 September was a success! It was their most successful event to date raising $3,100.00! Thanks to all who contributed their time and effort.

The next fundraiser is Thursday 18 October at Anthony's coal fired pizza on route 202. It will run from 1100-2100 hrs. and is good for eat in or take out. Mention the Delvets WACs and Anthonys will donate 20 percent of your bill.

A coat drive for Child Inc is underway. Accepting all coats, hats, scarves, and gloves. A contribution box is in the Lounge, and collection will continue until November 18th.

WACs are hosting a pop dart tournament on Saturday, November 14th from 1100-1600 hrs. in the Hall. The mess hall will be open from 1100-1500. A signup sheet is on the bulletin board now. Cost is 20.00 per person, and the game is played in teams of two. Cash prizes and raffles!

Next meeting will commence Tuesday, 3 November at 1800 hours. This coincided with cheesesteak night (1530-1830) some come out and grab something to eat and stay for the meeting.

Kitchen: Andi Chernekoff

Andi advised membership that the kitchen recertification has begun. In order to help us you will need to be a certified food handler. See Andi or John to test. Also do not forget sandwich night on Tuesday, Oct 13th!

Pool: Bill Conaway

No report. Pool is closed.

Sports: Sam Minetola

No report.

Grounds: Bill Carpenter

Bill advised membership there are new decorations outside for the change of season. Enjoy!

In-house Committee: Chip Roop

No report however Chip reminds everyone elections are coming. If you wish to run for a position contact him immediately. Vice Commander Pastor thanked Chip for the signage at the request of the Fire Marshall.

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

1st reads present-

ASSOCIATES-none

VETERANS-Tony Conkling, William Lamme.

ABSENT-Charles McKee, Daniel Kunzig. Robert Allen is postponed until June of 2027 as he is deployed.

2nd reads present-

ASSOCIATES-none

VETERANS-

ABSENT-Matthew Worthington is on active duty. A motion was made by Bill Redhefer to accept Worthington without additional reads. Seconded by Chaplin. Waltz: motion passed.

Progressive raffle: Art Chernekoff

No report.

Honor Guard: Bill Redhefer

Bill reminds membership that the Bandstand event will commence on 21 November. (FRAGO) Tickets are on sale now for $25.00. Get them early folks! Bill also would like to extend an invitation to any vet who wishes to become a member of the Honor Guard to see either he or Gerry Herman for further details.

Scholarship: Mike Phillips

Mike advised membership applications for scholarship are due in February. Mike Baldi advised there will be another fundraiser for scholarship at Texas Roadhouse soon. Cash donations are allowed. Fliers will be available soon.

Baseball: Mike Buono

No report.

Swim team: Stephanie Coho

No report.

Public Relations: Florie Henry

No report.

Welcoming Committee: Bill Redhefer

Bill advised new reads to meet at the northwest corner of the Hall for a briefing at the end of the meeting.

Facilities management: Harvey Freville

No report.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Lauren Cullumber said the WACs have donated 500.00 to the Toys for Tots 5K.

Andi Chernekoff brought to membership's attention a fundraiser called "Donate for Denim" to which her previous company (Gunnip and Co.) donated 200.00.

Vince Knoll gave an update on the upcoming Oktoberfest/80th anniversary event on Oct 17th.

50/50: 135.00 to the winner Bob Morris! Bob donated his winnings to the scholarship fund. 135.00 went to the Post.

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

Motion to adjourn: A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Bob Morris, seconded by John Squire. Motion passed by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 2034 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

Vince Knoll

Recording Secretary

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