



January 2011

Editor: Lucy Stephens

Reporters: Numerous

MEETING REPORTS:

MEMBERSHIP:

1st READING: The acceptance of Associate Memberships is suspended for a 4 month study by the membership committee of Post capacities.

2nd READING: Edward D Afanador (P), John W Griffin (P), Daniel Miller (NP), Michael S Mills (P), William J Rhodunda (P), Thomas N Smith (P), Dennis C Venuto (P), Bruce D Bartow (P), W James Bosch (P), Andrea Carrero (P), Joan Marie Carrero (P), Stephen E Duran (P), Edward E Hill (NP), Jeffery D Ickes (P), Joseph P Kelly (P), Marcy Kohler (P), Bernard J Lynch (P), Ginny Manchin (P), Jim Mareno (P), Bernice Oberg (P), William C Paulonis (P), Robert J Pauly (P), John R Receveur (NP), Raymond E Richardson (P), Harvey J Roop III (P).

Don't forget, we meet the **first Wednesday of every month**. Please try to attend.

CHAPLAIN'S REPORT:

DEATH:

Dick Grandstaff passed away on December 20th with his family by his bedside. Dick was a long time member of Del Vets. He also was a member of American Legion, "Tin Can Sailors" and the Sons of the American Revolution. He was known for his quick wit and dry sense of humor. The Honor Guard attended his services.

Cliff Breeding's mother passed away recently.

Bill Callaway's son was killed in a motorcycle accident.

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

ILLNESS:

Jack Thomas & Teresa Guyer had strokes. Both are in rehab and doing better.

Anna Kirkpatrick had shoulder surgery and is recovering.

The Post wishes a speedy recovery to our members who are under the weather.

Commander's Corner ↴



For those new members over the last several months who don't know who I am, my name is Sam Minutola and I was elected as your new Commander for 2011. Here is a short bio of me; I've been a member since 1985; I've been married to my lovely wife Annamarie for 43 years. I have one son, Frank, who been a voting member since 1995.

I want to thank them for giving me time away from them for this up and coming year. As we ALL know, this position and the rest of the E- board and committees that keep this place going so all members can CONTINUE to enjoy the Post in the manner in which we all our a custom to, require time away from their families. I want you to KEEP in mind that all of these people are volunteers and spend many dedicated hours up here on your behalf.

I am a former U.S. Marine, serving 2 years of active duty and 4 years inactive reserve. I served on many committees here at the Post over the past 25 years including baseball manager, Finance, President of E- board, all Veterans activities, Memorial Days, Honor Guard, fund raisers etc. I am not boasting, the reason I am telling you this is I kind of know the workings of the Post, Plus I want to give you my theme for 2011 (GET INVOLVED) just ask yourself when was the last time you were involved in any type of committee or clean up to help out your Post. So if you come to me about a complaint or issue I might say GET INVOLVED.

I want to squash a rumor. I heard a complaint that this is a Veterans Post but we don't do enough for Veterans. Well, let me set the record straight as I go into my term of office, let's just look at some of the things we do here at Del Vets for Veterans: Memorial Day Service, Grave Visitation, Bridge Ceremonies, Veterans Breakfast, Honor Guard

Service for funerals for our fallen comrades, visits to Elsmere Vets Home at Christmas time plus summer barbeque. We honored the Birthdays of all the Military Branches of Service this year, we served lunch for the Military All Star Baseball Team, and we sent donations to the Veterans Stand Down plus Warrior Weekend. Just a couple weeks ago we welcomed some Wounded Soldiers from Walter Reed Hospital plus the Purple Heart Jug and don't forget The Toys for Tots, we are one of the leading contributors in the state, so I say to you why not say "I am proud of my Post compared to other Vets organization for what we do". I know I am and if there is more we can do, let us know.

In closing for this month, I would like to thank all those who ran in this year's election. You showed courage in running – and congratulations to those elected to this year's E- board. Special thanks to Mike Phillips for being voted as Del Vets Post Member of the Year. This year's competition was outstanding; the other 6 candidates in my book were also MVP's. It is an honor just to be recognized by your fellow members.

I personally want to thank outgoing Commander Jim Ebright and all the past Commanders for time served, Jim your tour of duty is over but you left your mark. If you look at all you and the Board accomplished in the last 2 years, especially the exterior of the Post and the new deck, it really shows when you drive into the place. Plus all the updated news and other things you do above the call of duty, we have our work cut out for us in 2011.

I don't know about you, the members, but I am so glad that 2010 is over. This was probably the worst years for us losing some damn good Post members, plus family members either thru accident or natural causes. I hope the Black Cloud is gone for 2011.

Semper Fi and Happy New Year

Sam Minutola, Commander

VETERANS' AFFAIRS:

Bob Wasson reports there are 118 residents in the Veterans Home in Millsboro with 29 more waiting to get in. They had gift wrapping on Dec. 4th and 8th with discounts for veterans.

Bob also reported the number of entrees into each branch of the military for the month.

NOTICE:

The Commander would like to remind everyone that only the east side of Veterans Drive (left side leaving the Post) is to be used for overflow parking.

ELECTION RESULTS:

COMMANDER: Sam Minutola

VICE COMMANDER: Jim Brannon

SECRETARY: Hugh Richmond

TREASURER-ELECT: Jerry Stauffer

SARGEANT-AT-ARMS: Rich Micolucci

E-BOARD: Due to an error on the voting ballot, members elected will be discussed at the January General Membership meeting.

Delaware Veterans Post #1 **Member of the Year** is **Mike Phillips**.

WACs News



The WACs would like to thank everyone who came out to our auction in December. It was a great success. The funds will be used for our mission of helping people in need, especially veterans.

WACs next meetings are: Tuesday, January 4th 2011 and Tuesday, February 1st, 2011.

Special: New Commander's Thank You

I would just like to thank all Chairpersons and committee people that served last year.

We lost some good chairpersons in Donna and Mark Schilling who will be stepping down after several years of dedicated service. To all the others that we will be replacing this year, it is no fault of your own — your service will not go unnoticed.

I would like to thank you for all that you did in 2010 - you showed dedication by stepping up to the plate, but in keeping with my "GET INVOLVED" program, I feel it is time to get some new nutrition in place, some new ideas. As far as the Bar Committee, I will not be placing any bartenders on this committee as it will be a conflict of interest to the committee. For scheduling, we will select someone from the committee to take over this duty.

I will have all committees in place as we start the New Year.

Thank You,

Sam Minutola, Commander

Walter Reed Wounded Visit Del Vets Post



Thanks to the efforts of Steve Udovich and his committee from Warriors Weekend a group of wounded Soldiers and their families from Walter Reed Hospital were guests of Del Vets.

The Post entertained them with food and drink as they came up to watch some Sunday football and just enjoy the day with Post members. We sat with them and exchanged stories of their experiences serving our country.

Special thanks to the Commander and E-Board and Bruce Donnelly and his Pig Roast committee for sponsoring the event and special guest Bill "Bugs" Greto, who helped with some of the finances from his golf outing.

We can't exclude Mike Phillips and his crew; Jack Faulkner, Jerry Stauffer, Ron Johnson, George Roman, Russ Anemone, Bob Christ and Frank Dobson for setting up and Jim Brannon and Sam Minutola for ordering and picking up food. Also, special thanks to Karen Sieber and Marcy Kohler for baking some goodies and gifts for them for their trip back to Walter Reed and all other Post members who shared the day with them as we wished them a safe journey back and a speedy recovery.

VETERANS MUSINGS



Del Vets Post #1 was pleased to carry forth with our annual Christmas Party for the current veteran residents at the VA Hospital in Elsmere. Armed with tuna and regular Italian hoagies, we invaded the lounge and cafeteria of the residents' wing with the blessing of Overseer, Donna Talley. Nineteen members of our Post partied and serviced the needs of over fifty of the veterans. We co-mingled with staff and residents and had a jolly good time dispensing shirts, gifts, food, soda, chips and all the cheer we could muster. It was a blessing both ways – and truly seemed to be appreciated by all present. This happy event took place on Tuesday the 7th of December. Post members who assisted were as follows: Jim Ebright, Joe Reardon, Sam Minutola, Bob Onorato, Dick Bostic, Jerry Stauffer, Rich Robichaud, Bruce Donnelly, Billy Frank, Webb Bell, Jim Brannon, T.J. Healy, John Moon Riley, Jim Rusttucci, Dave Torrens, Al McKenny, Bobby

Crist and Russ Annemone and if I missed anyone, please forgive me.

Dick Bostic

DEL VETS Sports & Current Events Corner

Post Bulletin Board Upgrade

Our Post bulletin board will have some new upgrades this year. It will be used for the following:

1. Post a Chaplains Sick call report of Post members so we can send cards, calls etc,
2. Post a death notice and information to send cards etc. if permissible from family.
3. Post a contractor bid notice so Post members can submit bid on projects approved by E- Board or Commander.

Last important item; please refrain from posting articles that are not Del Vets related.

Check with the Commander, Vice Commander and President E- Board to insure it is approved or it will be removed.

Sam Minutola, Commander



DATES TO REMEMBER:

- **TUESDAY, January 4th, 2011**
WACs meeting at 7:15pm
- **WEDNESDAY, January 5th, 2011**
General Membership Meeting 8:00 pm
- **TUESDAY, February 1st, 2011**
WACs meeting at 7:15pm
- **WEDNESDAY, February 2nd, 2011**
General Membership Meeting 8:00pm

See the articles for the above individual events elsewhere in the Newsletter.

Lucy Stephens, Editor

EDITOR'S NOTE: **

You can **submit articles** for insertion in the Newsletter **at any time.** Fax to: **(302) 478-0432.** or

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| MEMBER ----- | Jim Czarnota----- 2010 |

| 2011 COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN | |
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| <u>Chairman</u> | <u>Name</u> |
| CHAPLAIN ----- | Joe Reardon |
| BAR--(includes Scheduling) ----- | Jim Brannon |
| BY-LAWS ----- | Joe Rodriguez |
| ENTERTAINMENT ----- | Kim Ricco |
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| HOUSE ----- | Bill Frank |
| KITCHEN ----- | Mike Phillips |
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| RENTALS ----- | Leslie & Ed Slate |
| SPORTS ----- | Mike Buono |
| VETERAN'S AFFAIRS ----- | Bob Wasson |

| HOME, INC. | |
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| Jack Houck-PC----- | Emeritus-----**** |
| Rich Calhoun-PC----- | 2011 |
| Ray Budd-PC ----- | 2011 |
| Rich Micolucci-At Large ----- | 2011 |
| Webb Bell-PC-President----- | 2010 |
| Joe Bevando-PC ----- | 2010 |
| Ralph Allen-At Large----- | 2010 |
| Ron Rossman-PC ----- | 2012 |
| Ed Morris-PC----- | 2012 |
| Lee Mitchell-At Large----- | 2012 |

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