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NEWSLETTER

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Editor: Lucy Stephens

Reporters: Numerous

MEETING REPORTS:

MEMBERSHIP:

1st READING: Thomas Parkinson (Navy), John Pastor (Army), Richard Wisneski (Air Force) NP.

2nd READING: Richard Phillips (Marine)NP, Joseph Rullo (Navy)P.

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

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

CHAPLAIN'S REPORT:

DEATHS:

Ray Rodier passed away recently.

Kevin Hopkins sister-in-law passed away recently.

Diane Onorato's father also passed away recently.

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

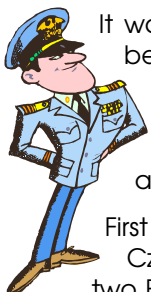
ILLNESS:

Kevin Stradley was operated on in Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. This is the only hospital that specializes in people with their heart on opposite side of normal.

Jim Donahue is still in the hospital. (He was in the plane crash with Tom Pitts)

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

Commander's Corner ⌋



It was a busy month up here at the Post between the snow and ice and cold weather meeting after meeting! Wow! Glad to see March roll in here as our fighting Phil's & spring training and golf are just around the corner.

First I would like to congratulate Jim Czarnota & Webb Bell on winning the two E- Board positions of re-election at our last monthly meeting on 2-2-2011.

Some of the busy activities that took place were as follows: Super Bowl Sunday and all who made it a fun day with raffles, 50/50, food and some happy winners. Thanks to everyone who helped out. Valentines Dance (big hit), preparing and planting of the Roses at the Del. Vets Cemetery, Josh Ladd, for a soldiers welcome home from the War on Terrorism in Afghanistan, and the Baseball Beef & Beer. Please see newsletter articles for details. (Let me say this: a lot of the events would not be possible without the help of some gracious volunteers. Ask yourself - when is the last time **you GOT INVOLVED!**)

We had a Commanders Round table meeting on Sunday Feb 20th with all former Past Commanders who could attend to discuss some of the issues facing the Post now and in the future. As most of you know, some sources of income have declined and our expenses, like around your home, continue to increase. It is the job of our Commander & E-Board to maintain this Post and continue to operate it in a manner that we all are accustomed to. I like to thank them for attending and use some of their expertise as we go forward in the year.

This final note: over the last 8-9 months we have increased our membership and cleaned up our waiting list. For those new members, it is time for you to come up and support your Post at the lounge and Post Events. Get yourself acquainted with your fellow members, remember, it is your Post.

It was brought up at the Commander's meeting that our sister Post in Dover requires all new members to serve on some kind of work committee of some type as part of the honor of joining the Post. Might be a good idea to bring up in the future.

Post dues for 2011 have been mailed, if you did not receive your invoice, contact Jim Czarnota, our membership officer at the Post.

That's it 'till next month,

Your Friendly Commander,
Sam Minutola

WACs News

Our February Bingo was lots of fun! Thanks to all who braved the cold weather to join us.



On Saturday, February 19th, a group of about 20 people from WACs and Del Vets helped place roses on the graves at the Veterans Cemetery in Bear. Thanks to all who helped make this project such a huge success!

Mark your calendars now for our Spring Fair on Saturday April 16th. We will have vendors, crafts and food. It promises to be a fun day for all. Hope to see you there.

WACs next meeting is: Tuesday, March 1st at which nominations will be presented for new officers.

!!! IMPORTANT NEWSLETTER INFO !!!

We have been sending the Newsletter by both U.S. mail and e-mail as well as placing it on our website at www.delvets.com for the last few months. It is time to make a change! Starting with our next issue we will not be mailing the Newsletter to those for whom we have e-mail addresses. If you do not receive the newsletter via e-mail, you can contact delvets@comcast.net to see if we can get you connected to receive our Post news that is sent to all Post members' e-mail addresses.



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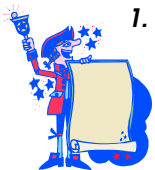
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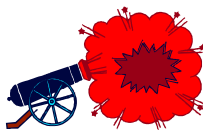


1. Don't forget **Post key card**. We still have members ringing the bell to gain entrance - **give the bartender a break**.
2. Veterans not stepping up to the plate. **We only had seven (7) attend the placing of the Roses at Vets Cemetery.**
3. **Reduce speed** when driving in and out of parking lot.
4. Please try and **keep the loud voices** at the bar area **down an octave** or two.

Thank You,

Sgt. Major of the Complaint Dept.

Rumor No. #3 - the Marines



I am squashing a long overdue rumor about the Marines, it seems some people think the Marines are running the Post, well let me set the record straight. This is not true - if they did, we wouldn't have any problems up here! End of story.

Hoorah!

Semper Fi,

Commander, **Sam Minutola**

DEL VETS Sports & Current Events Corner

VALENTINE'S DANCE - SOLD OUT!!



Thanks to all who attended the Valentines dance on Feb 12th and made it a great night. Our compliments to the kitchen crew; Art, Zack and Mike. The meal was top shelf also – thanks to Andi, Nancy and Karen for serving the dinners and Florie & Kim doing the 50/50 and Bill & Lorraine for collecting tickets and raffles.

We can't forget the music from the Hi-lites and our own Frank Dobson acting as our MC plus all who came up Friday and helped set up and decorate the hall.

Semper Fi

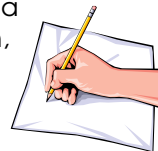
Sam Minutola

Memorial Day Patriotic Art Contest



It's not too early to start thinking about Del Vet's third annual Patriotic Art Contest. The contest will be part of our Memorial Day Program and the Memorial Day Committee invites all children and grandchildren of Del Vets Post members and all children

of Del Vets pool members to submit a patriotic drawing, sketch, photograph, poem, essay, or short story. Prizes will be awarded for the most patriotic entry in three age groups, age 8 and under, age 9 thru 13 and age 14 thru 18.



All entries should be submitted to Jim Ebright or Bob Onorato at the Del Vets Post on May 25th and 26th from 6:30 to 7:30 PM. Please include your name, age, address, and phone number on the back of your artwork. No identifying marks should be visible on the front. All entries will be judged by age group on Friday, May 27th. Winners will be announced at our Memorial Day Ceremony on Saturday, May 28th. You must be present at the ceremony to win. Please contact Jim at 588-3386 or Bob at 220-1499 if you have any questions.

Del Vets Members attend MCLF Fund Raiser

On a bitter cold icy night several brave people drove to the Irish Pub at 20 & Walnut St. in Philadelphia to attend a fund raiser for the **Marine Corp Law Enforcement Foundation**. The Celebrity bartenders were five (5) Medal of Honor recipients to help raise funds for this worthy cause. Three (3) of the Medal of Honor recipients were our own honorary Post members: Barney Barnum, Jon Cavaiani and Brian Thacker. We had some pictures taken and renewed some old friendships as those of you recall, they have been to Del Vets to speak at some of our Post services. We brought some old pictures from about 10 years ago (that Barney took with our own Barbara Kessler) for him to sign and with Jon Cavaiani. It was a great red white and blue night. Those from the Post that made the trip were Scott Price, Barb & Steve Kessler, Brian Kessler, Sue Ryan, Maureen Castellani, Bruce Broaddus, Tom Pitts Jr., Tom Cassidy and Sam Minutola.

WACs and Del Vets honor those buried at Delaware Vet. Cemetery



Thanks to all who participated in preparing the roses and those who attended on Saturday Feb 19th at 9:00am down at the Delaware Veterans Cemetery in Bear to place a rose on each grave. This project was spearheaded by the Vietnam Vets

Chapter 83 and our own Judy Campbell from the Gold Star Mother's organization.

Over 300 people from all over participated to place a rose on 12,000 graves at the site, We were the first state in the nation to jump start this huge undertaking to honor all veterans in February as the love month. It was an honor for us to be part of this.

We would like to thank those 18 people and family members from Del Vets that took time to join us on a semi cold windy mourning. The post provided coffee and food for the trip down and back.

POST WELCOMES HOME Town Hero JOSH LADD



On Feb 17th Thursday night the Post held a welcome home gathering for Josh Ladd. He is a Purple Heart recipient who was discharged on Wednesday night and just returned from his second tour of duty over in Afghanistan. In attendance were his family and friends.

Josh was a graduate of Concord High school and played on their championship football team. His brother John is currently serving over there also. The

Commander rang the Post bell and introduced him then gave him a Del Vet challenge coin. We all held our glasses and saluted him for his service. Josh also will become a member of Del Vets.

POOL NEWS:



Think Spring and the Pool Opening: This year our Pool opens on Saturday, May 28, 2011 after the conclusion of the annual Memorial Day Ceremony.

Pool Membership forms will be mailed out in mid March. This year all pool dues are due on or before April 15, 2011. Pool memberships received after April 15, 2011 will have a \$30 late fee applied.

Kindly review the form and make any necessary corrections or changes. If you are not renewing your membership, please contact Florie Henry by e-mail as soon as possible at delvetpool@verizon.net. If you do not receive your renewal form by mid-March, please send an e-mail as soon as possible.

If you have any questions, e-mail Florie or call (302)475-0636 and a member of our Pool Committee will call you back.

Thank you, *Florie Henry*



DATES TO REMEMBER:

- **TUESDAY, March 1st, 2011**
WACs meeting at 7:15pm
- **WEDNESDAY, March 2nd, 2011**
General Membership Meeting 8:00 pm
- **WEDNESDAY, March 9, 23, 30th, 2011**
Bingo is back - Members only 7:30pm
- **THURSDAY, March 17th, 2011**
St Patrick's dinner - 6 to 7:30pm
- **TUESDAY, April 5th, 2011**
WACs meeting at 7:15pm
- **WEDNESDAY, April 6th, 2011**
General Membership Meeting 8:00pm
- **SATURDAY, April 16th, 2011**
WACs' Spring Fair - All Day Affair



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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