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NEWSLETTER

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Editor: Lucy Stephens

Reporters: Numerous

MEETING REPORTS:

MEMBERSHIP:

1st READING: Anthony Borgia (Navy), Joshua Ladd (Army), Donald Outten (Army), John Williams (Army).

2nd READING: Thomas Parkinson (Navy), John Pastor (Army), Richard Phillips (Marine).

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.

Sabina Hebbel, wife of George Hebbel passed away recently also.

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

ILLNESS:

Denny Stephens was quite ill while on vacation, but is up and doing well now.

Denis McCormick was up at the Post playing cards while off the dialysis machine.

Marty Ludecke is home using a wheelchair to get around.

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

Commander's Corner ↵

I am ending my 1st quarter as Commander and it's been a ride – they haven't impeached me yet, but believe me the E-Board and all Committee Chairmen and their Committee Members are trying to do what's best of all Post members. So let's give them a chance. Change can be a good thing if you work at it. This administration is coming into a different financial climate than our previous administrations – I am in the process of creating a financial budget team to help guide us along.

This is one of the reasons we had to raise our Post dues – and you know what is a shame; the people that mostly support the Post have to suffer because the other members



are not supporting the Post. Does this sound familiar! There's been talk about increasing bar prices but as your Commander I will fight this with your support.

Speaking of dues, I hope you sent your dues in. We tried to get them in early this year to get some cash flow into the kitty. We do have some projects in the mix like the banquet room floor and ceiling. The bar committee is looking into a new cash register system that will tract inventory and give us a better account of sales etc.

We are still planning some good activities up here. We have a member who is GETTING INVOLVED to be our new entertainment chairperson, so let's all support her by coming up and enjoying your Post. NEW MEMBERS - WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT – Try SOME BINGO!!! See your Del Vets e-mails for up and coming events.

That's it 'till next month,

Semper Fi

Commander, Sam Minutola

PS: It seems we have a couple of distraught members that take offense when I sign off with (Semper Fi). Well, let me say that Semper Fidelis in Latin means "always faithful" and that's what I try to be and in no way is it downgrading any other branch of services.

I am a former Marine and that is our slogan, I love all veterans, I think my track record proves that. So live with it because I am not changing it – see me personally and I will explain it to you. Don't stuff the suggestion box like a wimp or better yet, run for Commander next year. Hoorah.

VETERANS' AFFAIRS:

Myron Smith reported on the meeting in Dover. Veterans in Delaware now number about 80,000.

The Delaware Women Veterans are having a Symposium on April 16, 2011 at the Del Tech Terry Campus in Dover from 8:00am to 5:00pm. Registration must be made by April 4th. If interested, contact Myron Smith.

WACs News



The nominating committee presented the names of the proposed slate of new officers. Elections will be held at our April meeting.

Please make sure to mark your calendars to attend our Spring Craft Fair on April 16th. Hope to see everyone there.

WACs next meeting is: Tuesday, April 5th which is Election of new officers.

DEL VETS SCHOLARSHIP:



We are pleased to announce that Mr. Patrick Harrington, grandson of Post member Ron Harrington will be the recipient of this year's academic scholarship. Patrick is a student at The Charter School in Wilmington and has achieved a most high g.p.a. as well as an extremely high score on the SAT test. He has both curricular and extra curricular strengths and is most worthy. Dan Bowers will introduce Patrick to the membership at the May meeting. Nice job Pat !!!

Del Vets Complaint Dept.



➤ Our **grounds committee chairman** is **very upset** with all the cigarette **butts thrown over the deck rail** down in the pool area. We don't blame him because he had to come and cleanup your mess. The **Board is suggesting** that **if this continues, they may consider banning all smoking privileges.**

➤ **Health (issues):** It has been observed that **members, after using rest rooms, are not washing their hands** before going back in the lounge and sticking there **UNWASHED HANDS IN THE SNACK BOWLS.**

Wash those hands!

Sgt. Major of the Complaint Dept.

Rumor No. #4 - Bartenders

Rumor has it that a lot of members are upset with bartenders - well let me say this as your Commander; I have been working with them and I think they do a good job with all we ask of them. They have a tough job description – not just pouring drinks, that is the easy part, but all the other functions that go along with that job. You should try it some time, plus this is not Harry's Savoy or the Hideaway, this is Del Vets.



You should be used to it by now, it is a two way street up here, so stop stuffing the suggestion box and telling the bar committee to fire this one and that one unless you have a real legitimate case. Write it up and sign it because we just toss it out. Use the suggestion box for constructive criticism.. **Hoorah!**

Semper Fi,

Commander, *Sam Minutola*

DEL VETS Sports & Current Events Corner

WACs SPRING CRAFT FAIR



Mark your calendars now for our Spring Fair on Saturday April 16th from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. There will be crafts, lunch, a bake table, used books for sale and a gorgeous quilt to be raffled off. It promises to be a fun day for the whole family. We will have vendors, crafts and food. It promises to be a fun day for all.

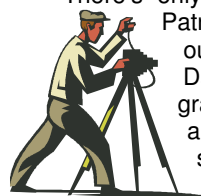
PALM SUNDAY BRUNCH

Come one and all to the Del Vets Palm Sunday Brunch on Sunday, April 17th from 9:30am to 12:30pm.

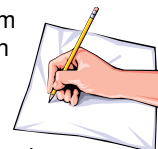
Brunch features Scrambled Eggs, French Toast, Bacon, Sausage, Hash Browns, Scrapple, Fruit Salad. Cost is \$10 per person and ticket includes one free Bloody Mary or Mimosa.

Memorial Day Patriotic Art Contest

There's only 8 weeks left until 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.



MEMORIAL DAY



The theme of this year's Memorial Day is the celebration of the valuable contributions made by the Military Medical Corps. The ceremony will recognize all Post member Veterans involved with the Medical Corps on Saturday, May 28th at 10:00 am.

The Graves visitation will take place on Sunday, May 29th. Be at Post at 0745 for coffee & donuts and leave by 0830. We will return for lunch.

Memorial Day ceremonies at the Veterans Memorial at the Delaware Memorial Bridge Plaza will take place on Monday, May 30th at 10:00 am.

HONOR GUARD SURF & TURF DINNER



ticket holder.

Al Santoro & the Hi-Liters will entertain everyone from 6:00 to 11:00 pm. There will also be a 50/50 & Raffle for a Basket of Cheer.

Tickets cost is \$20 per person and are available to Del Vets members ONLY from April 1st until April 15th. Starting April 16th, ticket sales will be open to all. Event ticket sales will end on April 26th. Limited to 140.

SPORTS NEWS:

Chris Slate Silvers at the ACCs

Congratulations to Chris Slate for taken second place in the 800-meter run in 1:51.01 at the Atlantic Coast Conference Indoor Track and Field Championship at Virginia Tech's Rector Field House.

Chris is a junior at Clemson, and attended Concord High. His proud parents are Ed & Leslie Slate, our rental chairmen who do a great job for us.

Good luck Chris, keep up the good work.

Kayla Twaddell Future Swimmer on the Rise

Kayla Twaddell, age 10 has swum on the Del-Vets swim team since age 4. This past fall, she decided to winter swim for the first time. She swam for the Chichester Aqua Eagles, and achieved a qualifying time in the 100 yard breaststroke to participate in the Mid-Atlantic Junior Olympics. She swam at the Junior Olympics on Friday, March 11th and placed 34th out of 59 swimmers in this event, nice going Kayla. We here at Del Vets salute you.

Kayla is the daughter of Kim Twaddell who does a lot of work up here at the Post. Also her Uncle John Hennessey Jr. and Aunt Tiffany McAnulla, who been involved with our pool committee over the years, are very proud of her achievements.

Team Del – Vets Polar Bear Plunge

Congratulations to Team Del Vets. They raised over \$2,374.40 for the Annual Lewes Polar Bear Plunge benefitting the Special Olympics. The event took place on February 6th.

Those that participated were: Jeff Ickes, Jeremy Ickes, John Hennessey Jr, Cara Henry, Brandon McAnulla, Zachary McAnulla, Colin Moore, Mairi Moore, Grace Slate, Reilly Slate and Kayla Twaddell.

Special thanks to John Hennessey who spear headed this event and all who contributed up here at the Post.

Sam Minutola



DATES TO REMEMBER:

- **TUESDAY, April 5th, 2011**
WACs meeting at 7:15pm (**Elections**)
- **WEDNESDAY, April 6th, 2011**
General Membership Meeting 8:00 pm
- **WEDNESDAY, April 13 & 27, 2011**
Bingo is back - Members only 7:30pm
- **SATURDAY, April 16th, 2011**
WACs Spring Fair – 9am to 2pm
- **SUNDAY, April 17th, 2011**
Del Vets Palm Sunday Brunch 9:30 – 12:30pm
- **SUNDAY, April 24th, 2011**
Easter Sunday – **Post Closed**
- **SATURDAY, April 30th, 2011**
Honor Guard Surf & Turf Dinner 6 – 11 pm
- **TUESDAY, May 3rd, 2011**
WACs meeting at 7:15pm
- **WEDNESDAY, May 4th, 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
** E-mail to: m2loosec@delvets.com

!!! 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 this 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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