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NEWSLETTER

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Editor: Lucy Stephens
Reporters: Numerous

MEETING REPORTS:

MEMBERSHIP:

1st READING: James Burns (Navy), Daniel Dignazio (Navy), Brian Dougherty (Army), Anthony Emmi (Army), Albert Restucci (Army), Jack Wallace (Army, all present. John Ladd (Army)deployed (meeting waved by E-Board. Troy Ashley (Army)NP

2nd READING:), John Williams (Army)

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:

ILLNESS:

Bill Cobb is in the hospital. Joe is going to visit him.

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

Commander's Corner ↴



Looks like we will be having a busy month up here at the Post, there are many events scheduled for May. As you know, The Memorial Day Service is our biggest veteran affair of the year when we remember all of our fallen comrades. The committee has been meeting and preparing to keep up the tradition here at the Post, so let's plan on supporting them, especially our newer members and some older members (that have never) attended. Also our Grave Visitation day - see article in newsletter.

Great news, we have a new entertainment chairperson, her name is Lisa Montello Chlebek and her committee. Thanks for GETTING INVOLVED, she already has some things going on, like May 6th up here at the lounge for music and dancing from "Second Time Around" from 7-10 pm. Let's support her, also the Horse Racing is back - Kentucky Derby and Preakness, she is also bringing back the best hat design contest, always a fun time.

Things are fallen into place for the renovation of the banquet hall, the pool, plus approval to purchase updated computerized cash registers is on schedule. The new financial budget team has been meeting and will present their recommendations to the E-board. Like I said a lot going on, so let's get ready to start coming up and enjoying your Post.

On a happy note or maybe sad note, Ethel Smith has approached us and will be retiring - please see article in newsletter. I am also losing one of my key bar committee members, Lou Morris, who has been very helpful with his past knowledge and scheduling, sorry to see you go and thanks for all your help.

That's it 'till next month,

Semper Fi

Commander, *Sam Minutola*

VETERANS' AFFAIRS:

Bob Wasson reported that the VA clinic has just bought three (3) hospital beds @ \$6,000 each that will accommodate people up to 6'5" Also in the clinic they are restructuring primary care.

Commander Sam and Jim Brannon attended a meeting that included all Veteran Organizations which was held with Congressman John Carney and Senator Carper. They are working on simplifying the healthcare system by condensing most benefits under one site - E-Benefits. The meeting brought out that there are 130,000 homeless Veterans in America.

WACs News

The election results from last meeting are: Sylvia Briscoe, President, Karen Sieber, Vice-President, Donna Maichle, Treasurer and Bobbi McAnulla, Secretary.

The WACs will adjourn for the season until their next meeting which will be on Tuesday, September 6, 2011.

Del Vets Complaint Dept.



We have a problem with several members who our leaving the Post after having too much to drink and leaving us in an unfavorable position, especially one person who has been warned before. If this continues you will be subject to discharge from the Post or other

arrangement will be made for you to continue to be a member. Our bartenders will be on the watch. Grow up!!! Respect your family and Post members.

Sgt. Major of the Complaint Dept.

Rumor No. #4 - Pool Members

Rumor has it that several members are upset with the "Pool Associate" member title and feel that we let too many in the back door. Let me try and set this straight. I had our by-law chairman, Joe Rodriguez, look into this; he came to the Board meeting and gave his report, a job well done, thanks Joe.

Our research found there is no documented legislation that says if you're a pool member for X amount of years you can apply for membership as we all were under the impression you could, but if you look on page 4 of our current by-laws it does say Pool Associate and is controlled by percentage set by E-Board.

This all came about as we changed the Post's IRS tax structure to 501C-7 when our income was down. This was a good plan to increase income and membership and it worked. Somehow it slipped thru the cracks and was never documented. It was all an oversight; I see no finger pointing here.

Although we are a Veterans Post, and that is top priority, all members here know that and respect that. We do come under the title as a Fraternal Membership, which allows different types of membership, such as Sons & Daughters, Associate member, widows, etc. The E-board has been working on correcting some of this and it will get corrected.

I will say this on behalf of the pool members that I have known for quite a while, they contributed in many ways and their impact has made Del Vets Post what it is today.

So let's live with this 'till the E-board and bylaw committee members work this out.

Hoorah!!!

Commander Sam Minutola

Special Commanders Thanks for May 2011

1. Rich Delitta, for installing the new NO PARKING sign for night bartender only.
2. Joe McCaffery and Steve Hill for getting air conditioning running for pool players.
3. Jim Hague for his first aid response to a Post member needs.
4. Billy Frank for removing the shelves as we prepare to move all air bottles from basement to back of bar area for safety and convince.
5. Jim Czarnota and committee for all the work on the dues membership list.

Members like this make this place work!
Thanks for GETTING INVOLVED

DEL VETS Sports & Current Events Corner

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 10:30 am.

GRAVE VISITATION:



The Graves visitation to put flags on our Veterans graves will take place on Sunday, May 29th. Be at the Post at 7:45 for coffee & donuts. We will return to the Post for lunch.

There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.

MEMORIAL BRIDGE CEREMONY:

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

Memorial Day Patriotic Art Contest



There are only a couple of 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.

SPORTS NEWS:

THANKS from Swim & Baseball Teams:

The Del Vets swim and baseball teams would like to thank everyone who supported their annual fundraisers at the Post. Everyone's support will help both teams get

the proper necessities needed to insure that our young athletes have another fun and successful year here at Del Vets.

This year's baseball team is filled with returning players that have committed the past 4 years to the Del Vets baseball program. We have 5 returning players that are currently finishing up their first year in college. They are Jared Carney, Kevin Zachorowski, Andrew Jones, Greg Miralgia and Mike Laplante. This years' team is also filled with high school standouts in academics and athletics. We also welcome our future and new players to our 2011 team: Max Carney, Sean Deely, Michael Schell, Evan Cassidy and John Harris. Congratulations and welcome to our strong Del Vets baseball tradition.

POOL NEWS:

Memorial Day weekend will be here before we know it. If you have not paid your pool dues yet, please do so as soon as possible. You must include the \$30 late fee. If you are not renewing your pool membership, please let the pool committee know as soon as possible by emailing delvetsspool@verizon.net.

The pool opens on Saturday, May 28, 2011 AFTER the conclusion of the Memorial Day Ceremony, for our annual open house. Please come and show your support to our Veterans by attending the ceremony beginning at 10:30 a.m.

Remember to bring a dessert or side dish to share on May 28th - enough for 12 people. If your last name begins with the letter A - M bring a dessert; if your last name begins with N - Z bring a side dish or salad. The cost is \$3 per person and guests are \$8. The Post will be providing the hamburgers and hotdogs!

Finally, mark your calendars now for our "end of the school year splash party"! This year's party is on June 10 beginning at 6 p.m. Come join us at the pool for the band Real Trouble and raft night. The pool will be open until 10 p.m.

Sam Minutola

Ethel Smith is retiring let's have a Party!

After many dedicated years of service Ethel came to me and said it is time for her to relax and retire, this will take place at the end of May.

I know she has been doing this job with her late husband Bill Smith since I joined in 1985. They were a lot of help when I was a young manager of the baseball team showing me where the ice was and storage area for equipment and with some of the fund raisers we had way back then.

She was like an institution up here, not just part of the furniture. She took many wise cracks from former Commanders but outlasted all of us, showed up for formation and somehow got the job done, (although recently we had several alarms go off) – halleluiah !!!!

Ethel made many a friend up here as we all know so in her behalf we are going to have in her

HONOR a retirement night in the lounge and anyone who wants to help, please notify me. The date has not been set yet, you will be informed.

I do have 2 Post members to replace her, that's how good she was! Jack Faulkner and Johnny "Mac" McKenna will share her week along with Bill Bullock 'till further notice, or until our E-board comes up with a new bylaw or procedure for hiring all employees for the Post. It was always past practice for the Commander or Bar Committee to select new or replace employees, so that's what I did. If anyone in the membership is looking for future employment such as bartenders, accountants or cleaning personnel, please contact me or the Vice Commander.

Good Luck Ethel, From all of us.



DATES TO REMEMBER:

- **WEDNESDAY, May 11 & 25th, 2011**
Bingo is back - Members only 7:30pm
- **TUESDAY, May 3rd, 2011**
WACs meeting at 7:15pm
- **WEDNESDAY, May 4th, 2011**
General Membership Meeting 8:00pm
- **SATURDAY, May 7th, 2011**
Kentucky Derby Race in Lounge 4:00 pm
- **SATURDAY, May 20th, 2011**
WACs End of Year Dinner (Members only)
- **SATURDAY, May 21st, 2011**
Preakness Race in Lounge 6:05pm
- **SUNDAY, May 22th, 2011**
Swim Team Pasta Dinner in Ballroom
- **THURSDAY, May 27th, 2011**
Memorial Day practice at 6:00pm
- **SATURDAY, May 28th, 2011**
Memorial Day service at 10:30 am
- **SATURDAY, May 28th, 2011**
Pool Opens after the Service - Noon
- **SUNDAY, May 29th, 2011**
Grave visitation. Meet at Post 7:45 am
- **MONDAY, May 30th, 2011**
Delaware Memorial Bridge Ceremony 10:00am

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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2011 OFFICERS & "E" BOARD

<u>Officer</u>	<u>Name</u>
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TREASURER	"TJ" Healy ^(N)
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MEMBER	Bob Onorato ^(CG)	2011
MEMBER	Webb Bell ^(AF)	2013
MEMBER	Jim Czarnota ^(N)	2013

2011 COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

<u>COMMITTEE</u>	<u>Name</u>
CHAPLAIN	Joe Reardon ^(A)
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 M = Marines NG = National Guard

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