



MEETING REPORTS:

MEMBERSHIP:

1st READING: Richard J Angelini (Marines)(P), Harold Meyers (Air Force)(P), Frank Slachta (Army National Guard)(P), Rawlings E Tyson (Navy)(P).

2nd READING: Troy Ashley (Army)(NP), Bruce Broaddus (Marines)(P), Larry Kish (Army)(P), Joshua Ladd (Army) (NP).

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

CHAPLAIN'S REPORT:

DEATHS:

Matt Hall, former Del Vets baseball player passed away at the age of 42. Former manager, Sam Minutola said this player had a heart like a lion and played while receiving chemotherapy treatment for lymphoma- very sad at such a young age.

Irvan Vincent Paul Chelley passed away on June 20, 2011. He was a very accomplished man and a long time active member of our Post.

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

ILLNESS:

Chuck Armbruster is ill from Agent Orange from Vietnam – chaplain will check on him.

Erna McClain is seriously ill. The family prefers no visitors.

Bill Cobb had an operation recently.

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



Commander's Corner ↓

This Commandership and administration is going into its' 6th month. Looks like we all are settling in to all the changes from our new committee chairmen and E-Board members. Just think back when we had: election problems, membership overload, snow emergency, you name it – we got thru it. That's because we have some great members that keep it going.

The month of June was our busiest month for rentals – thanks for being patient with the parking. July and August we will be starting the much needed hall renovation, with John Maichel and his(volunteer crew) doing ceiling replacement and R.A. K. Flooring doing the resurfacing of the hall floor. Our financial budget team headed by Steve Kessler is almost ready to present the board with a much needed budget.

Our pool is in full swing. Look for coming events and support them. **Reminder:** PLEASE WATCH YOUR DRIVING IN AND OUT OF THE PARKING LOT - THOSE YOUNG KIDS ARE ALL OVER.

Rich Calhoun is planning a baseball trip. Look for updated news; also Rich and Carl Sauer are working on the Del Vets golf outing, stay tuned.

There has been lot of rumbling about our Video Amusement Play, the Board is aware of this and we had a long discussion about some of the issues facing us, look for some changes to take place. We may have an amateur slot tournament with the winner getting a small trophy, and other prizes. Please get involved. We need your play.

Sorry to say that as of this reading, we lost several Post members; Bob Bishop and longtime post member of 56 years Irvan Chelly, a distinguished decorated Word War II Veteran. My greatest memories of Irv was when he bought all the honor guard members honor guard pins and fought to have daughters of Post members to join the Post. We lost a great member and a great American.

In closing, continue to support your Post – like all other establishments, we need you. The board just opened memberships again, come to next board meeting for updates.

That's it 'till next month,

Semper Fi

Commander, *Sam Minutola*

Special Commanders' Thanks for July 2011

1. John Ratkevic for scrubbing and painting around building pool walls.
2. Sue Besson wife of Jon Besson for decorating and helping with Hanging flowers on deck pool, along with Frank "Chico" Brzezicki.
3. Billy Frank for getting out of bed to come up and reset parking lot Lights, hope we didn't disturb Roseanne.
4. Jim Ebright for replacing the towel rack in women's room this was an emergency, remember to wash those hands!

Members like this make our place work – Thanks for (Getting Involved). When is it your turn?

Del Vets Complaint Dept.



A major problem about the kitchen was presented to the E-Board:

It was brought to our attention that people who use the kitchen, and let me be perfectly clear here so we don't upset anyone in particular, that includes our own kitchen crew, the WACs club, bartenders, Concord HS, rental members birthday's for Post members, Post rentals and just about anyone at one time or other that used the Post kitchen – We expect the area to be Military clean after use.

So here is the Order of the Day: if a rental party caterer cleans up, it will be inspected by us and we will not give the deposit back if the kitchen is not clean. That includes Concord HS and if a member uses the kitchen for any reason they must give a deposit and if not cleaned, no refund,

Our kitchen crew can only do so much cleanup. We will advise our cleaning people to follow up when the kitchen is used for a rental, and a set of rules will be provided.

I will get the place professionally cleaned during hall renovation; from then on the Bar Committee will make sure that the place is (Marine Corp Clean).

The E-Board will make it a top priority in 2012 to replace the kitchen floor, cabinet tops etc. with a new floor and cabinet tops.

Sgt. Major of the Complaint Dept.

Rumor No. #7:

Progressive Book

There is a lot of buzz going around over the last several weeks about names being pulled from the progressive book drum; same people hitting, not shaking up chips, bartenders are only pulling each other's names, the drum is too small, etc. Sounds like sour grapes to me. So let me set the record straight, after all I was the chairman of the first committee to start the book.

➤ First – the book is audited every quarter to make sure every post member is in the drum. They do a great job, you are welcome to come up and help out. For new members – after their dues are paid, membership officer, Jim Czarnota, makes sure your chip is in there. Takes about 2-5 days.

➤ Second – bartenders are not allowed to pull names, it must be a post member and at least 3-5 people present. The \$1.00 dollar book should close at 9:00 pm on weekdays except Sunday which is 8:00 pm, so late members can't sign once book is closed. Sometimes the bartenders get amnesia (there are several) and forget to stop serving and draw the book or they are swamped with drink calls from PIA members. The \$5.00 dollar book is pulled every Sunday night at 9:00 pm – same rules apply, except you can sign Sunday to Sunday after book is drawn on Sunday night.

➤ Third – when the chip is pulled, it is the duty of the bartender, unless they are really busy, to ask a progressive book committee person or member to check the book (take the chip over and check to see if member signed). Sometime we do miss a name (this has happened) but it will be corrected when an inquiry comes up. Did you ever see the penmanship of some of those signatures, take a look sometime – wow spelling 101! You don't have to be present to win if you signed, just your percent will be cut.

➤ Four – So, if you feel you want to come up, you are welcome to draw the name out every night. If you feel that there is a conspiracy or to satisfy the small talk, please do so and I will give you a comp drink for the month if you pull your own name out.

Hoorah!

Semper Fi,

Commander, *Sam Minutola*

POOL NEWS:



Thank You to Everyone who is making this the best Summer at the Pool! There is lots going on so please check the bulletin board for upcoming events and special announcements.

The annual pool committee pool party is scheduled for July 16th. Please plan ahead – this is annually one of our **sold out** events! Our very own Bob Dwyer will be performing some wonderful Frank Sinatra songs and DJ Dan will be playing your requests. Tickets are \$25 each and can be purchased from any pool committee member or from the bartender on duty. Join in the fun – get your tickets **now!**

INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION



Our annual 4th of July picnic at the pool is Monday, July 4th from 12 noon to 4:00 pm. Just a few reminders; we do request that each family bring a dessert or side dish to share. The Post is kind enough to supply the hamburgers and hot dogs, beer, wine and soda; we can at least supply the side dishes! Again, NO donations of hamburger or hot dog rolls, chips or pretzels! Last names beginning with A – Q bring a side dish; Last names beginning with R – Z bring a dessert (**Note – this has changed!**) The guest fee for the picnic is \$3 per member and \$8 per guest of the pool member. Please note that the \$3 helps defray the cost of food & drinks provided by the Post. We kindly request that each family bring a maximum of four (4) guests.

DEL VETS Sports & Current Events Corner

SPORTS: Baseball

The 2011 Del Vet Baseball team is off to a great start with a record of 8-2 and currently tied for 1st place in the Northern Conference Delaware American Legion Baseball (DALB). The Pitching led by Connor Mchugh, Kyle Menchacca, Jared Carney, Colin Cassidy and John Miralgia has been shutting offenses down only giving up 28 runs in the start of the season. This years' Del Vet team has brought their bats to every game scoring 72 total runs scored to start the season. The offensive attack is led by Kyle Menchacca with a Batting avg. of .482, Adam Mills

.470, Mike Annone .384, Greg Miralgia .363, Kevin Zachorowski .347, Jared Carney and Mike Laplante at .333. Del Vets has accumulated 8 doubles, 6 triples and 3 homeruns in the first 10 games. The younger Del Vet players Max Carney, John Harris, Johnny Ratovich and Michael Schell also have contributed in the field and with the bats to help the team to their great start. There is a schedule posted on the board near the entrance door. Please come and support your team as they work hard to continue their winning ways. A special thanks to the Commander, Sam Minutola, for throwing out the first pitch of our 2011 season. I also would like to thank our dedicated fans for all their support; Johnny Mac, Jack Faulkner, Joan Bell and Bob Webb. We love to invite all our members, children and grand kids to come out to our home games and cheer on the team. See Coach Mike for our Hat and Tee Shirt sale \$20.00 for both or \$10.00 each. To follow our season and catch up on our Delaware American Legion Baseball stats and schedule go to www.delegion.org. Thank you all and GO VETS!

Coach Mike

[Michael J. Buono](#)



DATES TO REMEMBER:

- **WEDNESDAY, July 6th, 2011**
General Membership Meeting 8:00 pm
- **MONDAY, July 4th, 2011**
4th of July Picnic 12 – 4 pm. Bring item 2 share
- **SATURDAY, July 9th, 2011**
Movie Night at the Pool
- **SATURDAY, July 23rd, 2011**
ATIBA with his Steel Drums
- **WEDNESDAY, July 27th, 2011**
Teen Night at the Pool
- **WEDNESDAY, August 3rd, 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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