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# NEWSLETTER

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## **MEETING REPORTS:**

### **MEMBERSHIP:**

**1<sup>st</sup> READING:** Charles Johnson (Army), Michael Kavanaugh (Marines), Stephen McCaughan (Army), William Neff (Army), Kirk McCullough (Army) –all present. Ryan Powell (Air Force) excused – in Iraq. James Kelly (Army), Drew Schwichow (Marines), Andrew Wallace (Marines) – not present.

**Associates:** Scott Kimball, Stephen Ventura, Leo Mozzoni, Mathew Doyle, Maureen Delong, Mary King, Ron Steward, Barbara Testa – all present. Frank Wharton –not present. Brian Venuto, present, Paul Serina, present.

**2<sup>nd</sup> READING:** Richard Angelini (Marines), Harold Meyers (Air Force), Rawlings Tyson (Navy) –present. Troy Ashley (Army), Frank Slachta (Army National Guard) –not present.

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

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## **CHAPLAIN'S REPORT:**

### **DEATHS:**

**Robert Bishop** passed away on June 16<sup>th</sup>. His wife is Marie (WAC member). Also his brother-in-law is Bob Rebman, a Del Vet member.

**Honey Chernehoff** mother of Art Chernehoff and mother-in-law of Andi Chernehoff passed away recently.

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

### **ILLNESS:**

**Bill Dougherty** is in the hospital.

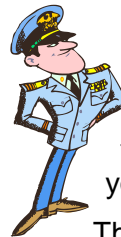
**Bill Cobb** is home recovering as well as possible from cancer.

**Wes Roberts** had an accident and also has a heart problem.

**Chuck Armbruster**, a tail gunner during the Vietnam War is struggling with the effects of Agent Orange.

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

## **Commander's Corner** ↴



Hopefully when you read this newsletter the heat will have simmered down – if not, what a good time to come up to your Post and enjoy the pool deck or the lounge for a couple of cocktails or your favorite drink.

The swim team meets are over, thanks to Stacey Mitchell and Kevin Hopkins and their committees for all the hard work, good job as usual. BIG HOOORH

Our banquet hall project is under way, ceiling tiles are done (See Commanders thanks for the month), the floor sanding and refinishing will start and should be complete when you receive your newsletter.

We also are getting the drapes and sheers professionally cleaned and rehung and new chandeliers thanks to Donna Maichle and Bruce Bartow plus some much needed painting.

This month in the lounge we have some good entertainment see newsletter and e-mails for updates.

Believe it or not, football is just around the corner and them Fighting Phil's will be in the playoffs. We will be trying something new, this season's opener of the Eagle's game – a tailgate party – look for updates.

That's it 'till next month,

*Semper Fi*

Commander, *Sam Minutola*

## Special Thanks from Commander August 2011

1. John Maichle and his ceiling tile crew; Veryl Burns, Rich Delitta, Tom Squires, Jack Faulkner, Billy Frank, Rich Calhoun, Jerry Staffuer, Bruce Donnelly, Joe Rodriguez, Jerry Herman, Terry Mohr and Vice Commander Jim Brannon.

Hope we didn't miss anyone, these volunteers' kicked some butt and saved us some big \$\$\$\$ , talk about GETTING INVOLVED some of these people were here Sunday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday – now that is what we're talking about.

2. Jim Durborow for the post cap deck lights nice touch.
3. Dave Torrens for coming up and watering the flowers in front of post on these hot days.
4. Webb Bell for his 6 month updated Post and Lounge net income and gross sales – very useful tool for our E-board, well done for an Air Force guy "Death from Above"

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

## Del Vets Complaint Dept.



1. If you recall several months ago we had some issues about abusive language in the Post lounge and deck, the E- board will not tolerate such behavior, we have given several members letters of reprimand and served disciplinary time .

Our code of conduct rules are posted, this is not a local hang out bar, this Delaware Post No.1 is a well-respected place where family and friends gather ( Watch those words.)

2. Please try and keep loud noise from Pool area down an octave or two even though we have noise permit. Let's keep the neighbors in the area HAPPY!!!

3. Members are getting ice out of the bar lounge ice machine. Please be aware that if you come in and use your post card before the alarm is set, it will go off and we can be fined.

Also the ice is for bar use and baseball team only, if you need ice - check with bartender.

*Sgt. Major of the Complaint Dept.*

## Rumor No. #8:

There are no rumors this month – vacation time and love is in the air! **Hoorah!**

Semper Fi,

Commander, *Sam Minutola*

## WACs NEWS:

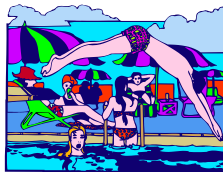


The first WACs meeting of the 2011-2012 year will be held on Tuesday, September 6<sup>th</sup>. Most of our meeting will be taken up with the planning for the annual Spaghetti Dinner which will be held on Friday, September 30<sup>th</sup>. Along with the delicious dinner, we will be having a basket auction, so keep us on your calendar.

The WACs lost one of our members this month, Honey Chernenkoff. She will be missed for her wit and for always lending a helping hand. We also want to offer our condolences to Marie Bishop on the loss of her husband, Lynn Townsend on the loss of her mother and MaryAnn Smith's loss of her father-in-law.

Hopefully everyone else is having a safe and happy summer and we will see you in September.

## POOL NEWS:



It has been a busy July for the pool. Thank you to everyone who has come out and enjoyed the raft and movie nights and the adult pool party. The August pool events are posted on the bulletin board so please remember to check it! The pool will be open from 12 noon to 9:00 pm for the remainder of the summer. Our lost and found is loaded with towels, toys and various other odds and ends; remember to check it the next time you visit the pool.

Please remember that parking on Veteran's Drive is only permitted on the right hand side as you enter the Post. Also, remember to watch your speed as you drive on Veteran's Drive and into the Post. Always be careful for children and our older pool and Post members.

Congratulations to the Swim Team, all coaches, parents and volunteers. The swim team finished the season with a 7<sup>th</sup> place finish in the NBSL championships! Great Job!

### POST VETERAN HONORED:

#### Charles "Chuck" Armbruster



Although he is a little under the weather he did make an appearance at the Post.

Chuck Armbruster, Vietnam War Vet helicopter tail gunner, was honored by Governor Markel and Senate and House for his outstanding work in the State of Delaware for all his humanitarian work in American Legion not only on state level but national. Those of you that know Chuck know this was a well-deserved honor for the work he did for the baseball program and kids was outstanding. I had the privilege to manage Del Vets when we won the state title when Chuck was chairman of the American Legion program in 1991 – couldn't ask for a better guy to go to the regionals with.

God Bless you

We wish you all the Best,  
Stay Healthy My Friend,

Sam Minutola  
Commander

## **DEL VETS Sports & Current Events Corner**

### SPORTS: Baseball

We completed our regular season with a record of 16-9. We will be starting our post season playoffs taking the 5<sup>th</sup> seed in the Delaware state tournament. We will be playing Middletown Post #25 at Caravel Academy on Tuesday afternoon at 5pm. Charlie McHugh's grandson, Conor McHugh will take the mound in the first playoff game as Veterans start their quest to win the State Championship.



Coach Mike

[Michael J. Buono](#)

### CURRENT EVENTS:

#### HONOR GUARD PIG ROAST:



The Honor Guard is having a Pig Roast on Saturday, August 20<sup>th</sup> from 4 to 8 pm.

There will be Roasted Pig, salad, potato salad, baked beans and much more, also Beer, Wine and Soda.

Swimming is included if you're a mind to 😊. Music by DJ John Chaudrue. Open to the Public.

#### INCORRECT EMAIL ADDRESSES:

We have incorrect email addresses for the following members: Michael Renshaw, Harold Meyers, Phillip Loveland, Michael Jeans, Richard Angelini, Mary Carl.

Please update your email address by sending an email to [delvets@comcast.net](mailto:delvets@comcast.net)



#### DATES TO REMEMBER:

- **WEDNESDAY, August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2011**  
General Membership Meeting 8:00 pm
- **SATURDAY, August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2011**  
Pig Roast for Honor Guard 4 to 8 pm
- **TUESDAY, September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2011**  
WACs meeting 7:15pm
- **WEDNESDAY, September 7<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto:m2loosec@delvets.com)

**FYI:** Your editor, Lucy, spent the July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend (plus 3 days) in the hospital having emergency surgery. Home now and feeling good. Hope I didn't miss any articles.

*Lucy*



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