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NEWSLETTER

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Editor: Lucy Stephens

Reporters: Numerous

MEETING REPORTS:

MEMBERSHIP:

1st READING: Gregory Comisiak (Army), James Hogan, Jr (Marines), James Kelly (Army), Chad Nicklaus (Army) –all present. Samuel Cook (Air Force), Drew Schwichow (Marines) and Frank Wharton (Associate) – not present.

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

2nd READING: Frank Schlacta (Army National Guard), Charles Johnson (Army), William Neff (Army), Kirk McCullough (Army) – all present. Ryan Powell (Air Force) –on active duty in Iraq (excused by E-Board.

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

CHAPLAIN'S REPORT:

DEATHS:

William Cobb, Sr passed away on July 29th. Nineteen members of Del Vet's Honor Guard attended the viewing in honor of his dedication and service to his country.

Bart Smith's **Father** died recently but his service was downstate.

Tim Bennett's **Brother** passed away recently also.

William Dougherty passed away on August 5th. The Del Vet's Honor Guard attended his viewing in honor of his service in the military.

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

ILLNESS:

Marty Ludecke, former Sergeant of Arms, is home in a wheel chair. He would appreciate any visits.

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

Commander's Corner ↴



This year so far has been a test of what Del Vets is all about; looking back at the snow blizzard, earthquake, and Hurricane Irene, we still survived and we are still up and running thanks to a lot of dedicated members (too numerous to mention in this report) but I just want say thanks to all of you. BIG HOOOORH!!!

Last month was very active in the lounge and pool area, income was good (keep up the good work). The honor guard had their annual pig roast and we hosted the Marine Reserve for their family day, the bus trip to the Phillies game in Washington was great thanks to Rich Calhoun and his ground keepers.

Banquet hall is 99% complete, looks great. Please do us a favor – wipe your shoes off good, especially the little stones imbedded in soles, because they will scratch the new floor. Be careful dragging your chairs also. Think of it as your dining room at home!!!

In September we will have our first Eagles Tailgate party on Sept 11th – also, we will have a small dedication for 9/11 before the party - come out and support us. We will also have some good entertainment in lounge (see information) in newsletter and e- mails.

Our new cash registers are in and training has started.

Elections for new officers and board members are right around the corner. This is a good time to GET INVOLVED. I like to see some new blood on the board. It is time for a change and new ideas for the future, also don't forget to start nomination letters for Del Vet Member of the year. Contact Mike Phillips, last year's recipient, for information.

Try to attend this month's monthly meeting some updates from e- board about the new date to renew your dues.

That's it 'till next month,

Semper Fi

Commander, *Sam Minutola*

Special Thanks from Commander Sept 2011

1. The following came up on Saturday Aug 13th and hung new chandeliers and scones, cleaned windows and mirrors: John Maichle, Donna Maichle, David Maichle, Annamarie Minutola, Sam Minutola, Billy Frank, Veryl Burns (he also repaired our podium), Rich Delitta, Tom Squires, Jack Faulkner, Jim Brannon – again, these people saved us money, hoooorh!!! Hope we didn't miss anyone.
2. Bud Mery and Dave Price for driving old chandlers down to Habitat for Humanity post donated to them.
3. Harold Zebley & Billy Frank for repairing spot lights around Post, Bob Crist for readjusting parking lot timer and Bernie Waski again for lowering card light, this is the last time!!!
4. Some dedicated people that go unnoticed sorry I don't have a list But our (volunteer bingo staff) headed by Bob "Bingo" Onorato these people come up on bingo night and run these games and do a damm good job! I know over the last couple of years members including myself wanted bingo to increase and moved to the back room to raise more income for the post. Until that happens, hats off to you guys, great job!

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

Del Vets Complaint Dept.



1. Hall mirrors and windows and walls, we ask you not to tape anything to mirrors, windows or walls if possible. Our last clean-up crew had a hard time removing tape. If you do, please use non sticking tape and remove right after your event, there was some real tough tape used at last swim meet event.

2. Post Kitchen must be cleaned after Post committee or Post members use it. We will have the

kitchen cleaned by outside vendors - new rules will be applied.

This includes pizza pans left over after last E- board meeting!!!

3. Someone hit our neighbor's mail box leaving Post parking lot, this is uncalled for. Again, watch your driving, respect your Post privileges or you will have to answer.

Sgt. Major of the Complaint Dept.

Rumor No. #8:

Post manager

There has been a lot of talk and rumors over the years about having a Manager to run the Post's daily operation. Some members are in favor, some against.

I will say this as Commander going into my ninth month, there isn't a day goes by that having a Post manager would come in handy. As the Post grows, so do the problems. The big question is can we afford one and how do we select one.

To answer some of the questions, we would have to eliminate some of the paying positions up here and try and find someone in the bar business or a member that has had experience in this field.

If you have a constructive idea or know of someone, please feel free to see me or call me so I can take back to E- board. I can be reached at 302 478 5028 or e- mail mrrmm@verizon.net

Semper Fi,

Commander, *Sam Minutola*

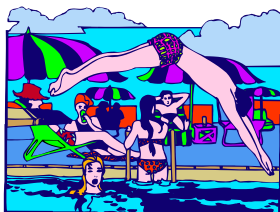
WACs NEWS:



The WACs will hold their first meeting on Tuesday, Sept 6th at 7:15pm in the Ballroom. All female members, wives and significant others are invited to join our group. Our main mission is to raise funds to be distributed to various charity organizations in our local area. The first fund raiser will be held on Friday, Sept 30th with a Spaghetti Dinner and Basket Auction. Tickets will go on sale the first part of the month. A fun time is had by all and we are looking forward to seeing you there.

POOL NEWS:

As summer concludes, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the Post & Pool members who patronized the Snack Bar. It was a successful



season and I truly appreciate all of the support I received. I could not have done the job without the help I received from the Commander, the E-Board, Jim & Paula Biddle for

printing my menus the past 3 years, Donna & John Maichle for everything they did to make my job easier and Brian McAnulla, whose expertise and lightning quick response in helping me with the electric fryer allowed us to continue cooking with very minimal down time. I also wish to thank my employees, Ashleigh Gourdier, Tyler Schilling, Jake Rosbrow, Matt Hood, Brian Donithan and Joe Graf. These individuals have worked for me since I began. They were outstanding employees and I wish them much success as they continue their education and pursue their careers.

Thank you,
Richard Rosbrow

DEL VETS Sports & Current Events Corner

SPORTS: Baseball



The following past members; Russ Anemone, George Roman and John O'Donnell playing for Duhadaway in the Delaware Senior Night Softball League had another banner year leading the team to another championship title, so when you see them give'em big Hi Fi for a job well done.

Don't forget Sam Minutola leading his team to a 4th straight championship up in the Delaware Valley Senior Softball Silver Division. Although hampered by a foot injury, he still had some key hits and great defense.

The Del Vets Patriotic golf outing at Brandywine CC will be held on Sept.6th.

Results will be in next newsletter reported by Chairman Carl Sauer.

Mark the date Toy's for Tot's 5k race Oct 23rd Sunday 9:00am. For more info contact Tom Pitts Jr at (215) 205-8532 or Bob Crist, Jack Faulkner. Look for info in newsletter.

CURRENT EVENTS:

EAGLES TAILGATE PARTY:

We are planning a Tailgate party for the Eagles opening game on Sunday, Sept 11th starting outside in the parking lot at 11:30 am the Duffy Street String Band will perform. There will be a football passing accuracy contest, pass punt & drink contest and best dressed Eagle Fan contest. Mike Phillips will be supplying the food for the occasion.



Since it is 9/11, we will be having a prayer service before the tailgate party.



DATES TO REMEMBER:

- **MONDAY, September 5th, 2011**
Labor Day Picnic – 12 noon to 4:00 pm
- **TUESDAY, September 6th, 2011**
WACs meeting 7:15pm
- **WEDNESDAY, September 7th, 2011**
General Membership Meeting 8:00pm
- **SATURDAY, September 10th, 2011**
In the lounge: "Second Time Around" 7 – 11pm
- **SUNDAY, September 11th, 2011**
Eagles Tailgate Party 11:30am & 9/11 service
- **WEDNESDAY, September 14th & 28th, 2011**
Bingo in the lounge (MEMBERS ONLY)
- **FRIDAY, September 30th, 2011**
WACs Annual Spaghetti Dinner
- **TUESDAY, October 4th, 2011**
WACs meeting 7:15pm
- **WEDNESDAY, October 5th, 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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2011 OFFICERS & "E" BOARD

<u>Officer</u>	<u>Name</u>
COMMANDER	Sam Minutola ^(M)
VICE-COMMANDER	Jim Brannon ^(NG)
SECRETARY	Hugh Richmond ^(A)
TREASURER	"TJ" Healy ^(N)
TREASURER-ELECT	Jerry Stauffer ^(N)
SERGEANT-AT-ARMS	Rich Micolucci ^(M)

<u>Executive Board Members</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Year</u>
PRESIDENT	Frank Dobson ^(A)	2011
MEMBER	Jim Ebright ^(N)	2011
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)
BAR	Jim Brannon ^(NG)
BY-LAWS	Joe Rodriguez ^(A)
ENTERTAINMENT	Lisa Montello Chlebek
FINANCE	Paul Kambies ^(M)
GROUNDS	Frank (Chico) Brzezicki ^(N)
HOUSE	Bill Frank ^(A)
INSURANCE ADVISOR	Webb Bell ^(AF)
KITCHEN	Mike Phillips
MEMBERSHIP	Jim Czarnota ^(N)
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POST ACCOUNTANT	Jim Ebright ^(N)
POOL	Kevin Hopkins
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SPORTS	Mike Buono
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WEB SITE	Rich Calhoun ^(A) / Jim Ebright ^(N)

HOME, INC.

Jack Houck ^{(A) (PC)}	Emeritus-****
Ray Budd ^{(N) (PC)}	2011
Rich Calhoun ^{(A) (PC)}	2011
Rich Micolucci-At Large ^(M)	2011
Ed Morris ^{(A) (PC)}	2012
Lee Mitchell ^(N) -At Large	2012
Ron Rossman ^{(N) (PC)}	2012
Ralph Allen ^(N) -At Large	2013
Joe Bevando ^{(AF) (PC)}	2013
Jack Thomas ^{(A) (PC)}	2013

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Joe Reardon ^(A)	Permanent
Rich Calhoun ^(A)	2011
Robert Moynihan ^(A)	2011
Bill Frank ^(A)	2012
Bob Onorato ^(CG)	2012

Service Designations

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 N = Navy CG = Coast Guard
 M = Marines NG = National Guard

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