

**DELAWARE VETERANS INC.
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WILMINGTON, DELAWARE**



NEWSLETTER

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Editor: Lucy Stephens

Reporters: Numerous

MEETING REPORTS:

MEMBERSHIP:

1st READING: Michael Brywka (Army), Kenneth Butler (Army/National Guard), James Giles (Navy), Rollyn Trueblood (Army)—ALL PRESENT. John Leary, Jr (Navy), Stephen McCaughan (Army), Drew Schwichow (Marines), Andrew Wallace (Marines)-NOT PRESENT

Associates: Anita Trufa, Jennifer McKelvey PRESENT. Frank Wharton, Harry Musumeci NOT PRESENT

2nd READING: Gregory Comisiak (Army), James Hogan, Jr (Marines), Brandon Miller (Army)-ALL PRESENT. Michael Kavanaugh (Marines), Chad Nicklaus (Army) NOT PRESENT.

Associates: Leo Mozzone – PRESENT.

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

CHAPLAIN'S REPORT:

DEATHS:

Martin McGarry's, **wife, Ann**, passed away recently.

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

ILLNESS:

Myron Smith has a heart problem which had him down, but he is better now and goes to the Post.

Bill Helm's **wife, Bobby**, is sick and in the hospital.

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

Commander's Corner ↴



Well it's that time of the year again to start cheering for your Eagles or your favorite football team to victory don't forget American's team, them Cowboys, plus those Fighting Phillies will be going to the baseball playoffs, hopefully to lead us to a World Series title. So this is the time to come up to the Post and enjoy some drinks with your fellow Post members and root them on. **SUPPPORT YOUR POST!!!**

We will be serving some food during Eagles games – please feel free to bring a covered dish. Let Mike Phillips know, he will be glad to work with you.

Also, let's not forget it is that time of the year for **POST ELECTIONS**. Now is the time to get involved if you have the courage to run. See Chairman Joe Rodriguez or his committee to get your name on the ballot, we need your new ideas!!!!

This month I am advising all voting members to attend the Oct. 5th monthly meeting we will be voting on some bylaw changes that will affect the renewal dates of your post dues. **IMPORTANT!!**

Look for Post calendar updates for our annual Veterans Breakfast on Sunday November 13th and the Christmas Dance/ Kids Party. **STAY TUNED.**

Just like to say a big hoorah for all who attended our first ever Eagles tailgate party it was great, sorry for those that missed it, see attached article in newsletter.

Your Honor Guard held its Flag Retirement Service on Sept 22nd – outstanding job, well done.

That's it 'till next month,

Semper Fi

Commander, Sam Minutola

Rumor No. #10:

You are getting better – no rumors this month !!!

Semper Fi,

Commander, Sam Minutola

Special Thanks from Commander Oct 2011

To all the Tailgate committee for making it a huge success:

1. Lisa and Bill Chlebek beer pong, beer tender, sign maker etc.
2. Joe Rullo music director / Taps, master of ceremonies.
3. Tom Pitt's football pass/ punt and kick score board.
4. Frank Minutola Eagles trivia questions coordinator.
5. Jack Faulkner/ Ron Johnson/ Johnny "Mac" McKenna ground crew.
6. Mike Phillips food coordinator.
7. Bob Webb Official Judge/ score keeper/ Ref.
8. Steve Mitchell and Mo ball retrievers.

Contestant Winners

Beer Pong- Florie Henry
Kicking Contest – John Henry
Passing Contest - Kevin Hopkins
Eagles Trivia - Karen Kennedy
Best Dressed Fans – Millie and Dan?

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

Del Vets Complaint Dept.



Happy to report nothing in suggestion box
WOW! We are doing great.

Just a couple small complaints:

1. Please do not hang any heavy ornaments on the new light fixtures in the banquet hall.
2. We just had our kitchen cleaned by an outside contractor. Please do your part and keep it that way.

Sgt. Major of the Complaint Dept.

WACs NEWS:



The WACs will hold their monthly meeting on Tuesday, Oct 4th at 7:15pm in the Ballroom. All female members, wives and significant others are invited to join our group.

POOL NEWS:

I would like to thank everyone for making this one of the best pool seasons yet! Our pool ran with a capacity membership making this one of the best pools in North Wilmington. There were plenty of fun events and I hope you had a chance to attend some of them.



There are many people who worked hard behind the scenes to make the pool run smoothly. First and foremost, the Pool Committee led by Kevin Hopkins. The committee works many long hours to make the pool look good and safe for everyone to enjoy. Burnie Waski, Jack McKelvey, Sandy Schell, Bob Dwyer, Ann Castello, John Ratkevick, Jon Beeson, Mike Phillips, Richard Rosbrow and Bart Smith - you make the committee all that it is!

Thank you also to Mr. Jim Ebright for his countless hours of data entry and guidance; you are the best. Without a doubt we could not have done it without the support of our Post Members and the Post Commander, Sam Minutola.

A sincere thank you to Kevin Hopkins Jr. and John Hennessey Jr. for stepping up at the last minute when needed. Thank You Both!

Should you have any suggestions for our Pool please email them to www.delvetspool@verizon.net.

Thank You and Have a wonderful and safe Fall and Winter!

Until Next Year,

Florie Henry

SEMPER FIDO - Who we are:

Semper Fido, Inc. is committed to helping in the rehabilitation of those brave warriors that have been injured while saving unwanted animals from shelters and rescues.

Post member and Vietnam Vet John Squires' daughter, Lisa, is involved with this program. They are in need of old blankets, sheets, T-shirts, dog food, etc. The dogs have to sleep on concrete slabs because of the overcrowding conditions. All donations can be made to Semper Fido at Semper Fido Inc. or contact John at jsquire@comcast.net.

Del Vets Nominating Committee 2011

Post elections are around the corner. As a member who frequents the Post regularly, I have heard many members talking about how they would improve the Post or propose a change on how it is run. Well, here is your chance to GET INVOLVED. The Post annual elections are coming in December and we are looking for candidates for several openings. The openings are: Commander, Vice Commander, Recording Secretary, Treasurer-elect, Sergeant at Arms, E-board members (3), Home Inc. members (3) and State Board of Directors (2).

To be eligible for Commander and Vice Commander you must be a veteran member in good standing for four (4) consecutive years. For all other elected positions you must be a veteran member in good standing for two (2) consecutive years. The exception from veteran status is the "at-large" position on Home Inc.

Interested individuals, who want to make a difference, improve our Post or want more information about a position, please contact myself or a member of the Nominating Committee. Nominations will be closed after our general meeting on November 02, 2011.

Joe Rodriguez – Chairman

Committee members: Dave Savina & Keith Henry

NOTICE TO ALL POST MEMBERS ---

The following By-Law change will be voted on by those members eligible to vote at our October 5, 2011 General Membership Meeting. The meeting will start at 8 P.M.

"CURRENT WORDING"

ARTICLE II

SECTION 7

FEES AND DUES:

A. Dues shall be set annually by the Executive Board with approval of the Post Membership.

B. Dues will be payable the first day of April, annually. Any member joining after the first day of March may pay full annual dues and be in

good standing until the first day of April the following year.

C. Dues for new members accepted after the first day of July each year shall be prorated on a quarterly basis of annual dues.

D. Annual dues as prescribed by these By-Laws shall be construed to include the spouse as well as registered member.

"PROPOSED WORDING"

ARTICLE II

SECTION 7

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A. Dues shall be set annually by the Executive Board with approval of the Post Membership.

B. Dues will be payable the 15th of January, annually. Any member joining after the first day of December may pay full annual dues and be in good standing until the 15th of January the following year.

C. Dues for new members accepted after the first day of April each year shall be prorated on a quarterly basis of annual dues.

D. Annual dues as prescribed by these By-Laws shall be construed to include the spouse as well as registered member.

DEL VETS Sports & Current Events Corner

SPORTS: TABLE POOL

Del Vets Pool Players Win Gold Medals.



Early on Saturday morning Sept 17th four pool league Post members ventured to Middletown to compete in the Delaware Senior Olympics. Congratulations to Jim DeFrancis for winning the Gold medal in his age group. Jim went undefeated in match play. Also receiving uncontested Gold medals were Charles Wright and Joe Rodriguez in their age brackets – big hoorah. Jim Burslem played well but just missed the medal round. Congrats to all.

IN HOUSE POOL LEAGUE:

The Fall In-House Pool League officially began on the 13th of September for the Tuesday Night League and on the 15th of September for the Thursday Night League.

There are eight 3 man teams that play each night beginning at 7:00 PM and depending on who you're playing could go into the wee hours of the next morning.

Come out and watch Commissioner Dave Tindall and his handpicked cohort, Mark Schilling, attempt to control a group of grown men in organized confusion.

As the season is only 2 weeks old at this writing, this reporter will attempt to keep you, the reader, informed of the complete incomprehension of some of the participants in the game that we call "Pool".

WARNING: Those of you who come to see Team #4 (Captain Charlie Wright) at any 8:00 PM start time, please bring your dinner and a sleeping bag as you may be staying the night.

For reasons of safety, this reporter wishes to remain –

Anonymous.

CURRENT EVENTS:

HALLOWEEN PARTY:



We have a Halloween Party planned for Saturday, October 29th. There will be an award for the Best Dressed Costume.

Music will be by DJ Anita from 8 to 12 PM. See Bulletin Board for more details.

ENTERTAINMENT COMING:

October 14th, Bobby Smith on the Keyboard from 7 to 11.

October 29th: Halloween Party. Music by DJ Anita 8 to 12pm.

November 12th: Smooth Sounds of Steve Silicato from 7 – 10pm.

December 10th : **Members Only** Christmas Party.



DATES TO REMEMBER:

- **TUESDAY, October 4th, 2011**
WACs meeting 7:15pm
- **WEDNESDAY, October 5th, 2011**
General Membership Meeting 8:00pm
- **FRIDAY, October 14th, 2011**
Bobby Smith on piano 7 – 11pm
- **WEDNESDAY, October 12th & 26th,? 2011**
Bingo in the lounge (MEMBERS ONLY)
- **SATURDAY, October 29th, 2011**
Halloween Party – DJ Anita from 8 to 12pm
- **TUESDAY, November 1st, 2011**
WACs meeting 7:15pm
- **WEDNESDAY, November 2nd, 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:

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!!! IMPORTANT NEWSLETTER INFO!!!

We will not be mailing the Newsletter to those for whom we have e-mail addresses. The Newsletter is placed on our website at www.delvets.com .



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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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)
POST ACCOUNTANT	Chet Milewicz ^(A)
POST ACCOUNTANT	Jim Ebright ^(N)
POOL	Kevin Hopkins
PROGRESSIVE BOOK	John "Moon" Reilly ^(M)
PURCHASING AGENT (Liquor-Supplies)	Joe Carrullo ^(A)
RENTALS	Ed & Leslie Slate
SPORTS	Mike Buono
VETERAN'S AFFAIRS	Bob Wasson ^(A)
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

State Board of Directors

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

Service Designations

A = Army AF = Air Force
 N = Navy CG = Coast Guard
 M = Marines NG = National Guard

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