



December 2011

Editor: Lucy Stephens

Reporters: Numerous

MEETING REPORTS:

MEMBERSHIP:

1st READING: Joseph Guinta (Air Force), William Kiley (Army), Earl Rentz, Sr (Army Nat'l Guard), David Schmidt (Air Force), Rich Seraiva (Navy) –ALL PRESENT. Andrew Wallace (Marines) – NOT PRESENT

Associates: Patrick Flynn, Jr., Ashlee Ann Adams – ALL PRESENT. Harry Musumeci – NOT PRESENT

2nd READING: Richard Blake (Navy), Thomas Collins (Navy), Michael Kavanuagh (Marines), Matthew Markey (Army), Andrew Rispoli (Marines), Drew Schwichow (Marines) – ALL PRESENT. Kenneth Butler (Army/Nat'l Guard), Rick Shepard (Navy) – NOT PRESENT.

Associates: Dana Dasilva (Pool), Michelle Markowitz (Pool), Kristine Endres (Pool), Frank Wharton, Robert Ganster, Joanna Scarpone, Ron Anthony, Veryl Burns) – PRESENT.

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

CHAPLAIN'S REPORT:

ILLNESS:

Bobbi Helms has been in and out of the hospital. She is now home and recovering.

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

Commander's Corner ↵



Well my tour of duty will be over shortly; this will be my last report. It was a pleasure to serve all of you; I now have come full circle up here. (Although I will miss my parking spot).

Just like all the Commanders before me,

there are so many people to thank. Believe me, you need great cooperation from your E- Board, all your chairpersons and all the committees, Post members, etc. Everyone was very helpful and did so much. I love to name them but just not enough room.

That is why I came up with the Special Commanders' reports each month but probably still missed a few.

I set my goal to **GET MORE MEMBERS INVOLVED**, make some changes, good or bad, but that comes with the job, and help the bartenders.

Listen to all the complaints!! or should I say "suggestions", and hopefully do the best you can with them.

I look back of all we accomplished in a short time and feel we did some good. One of my pet goals was to get a financial budget so the Post and E-board can use this tool to better control all income and expenses, which we truly need. Thanks to the efforts of Steve Kessler, Carolina Alberti and the team, this is now a reality, Good luck in 2012.

Good Luck to the newly elected officers and other elected board members (keep the torch burning), I know you will and members please give them the help and cooperation you gave us.

If I had to single out 2 people without whom my job would have been hell, it would be:

1. Jim Brannon: My vice Commander who was always by my side on every move we made. Both of us came in like two green recruits from boot camp. I personally made sure he was well informed of all the Post duties and responsibilities, in case I went down from sickness or some other unexpected absence. Hope you do the same for your Vice Commander.
2. Annamarie Minutola, my wife, for allowing me all the time for meeting, meeting, meeting and time spent from home.

Good Luck in 2012, *Semper Fi*

Commander, *Sam Minutola*

Special Thanks from Commander Dec 2011

- Thanks to Jack Thomas, Larry Beckman and Gerry Stauffer from the Honor Guard for attending the Friday night kids running banquet sponsored by Ed Slate.

The runner's mostly young children made some special art project and paintings about veterans and wanted to present them to the Post. They wanted to see and hear and talk to some real veterans in person. The kids were overjoyed.

- Veryl Burns and Rich Delitta for making the rack for the flag holders in the storage area (great job) and Veryl for repairing the small table in banquet hall.
- Howard Zebley and Billy Frank for replacing the dimmer switches in banquet hall, courtesy of John Maichle.
- Andi Cherneoff, Mike Phillips, Jon Beeson, Karen Silber, Bart Smith and the rest of the kitchen crew plus all those that made this year's Veterans Breakfast one of the best ever. (See article in newsletter)

Just want to say this will be my last commander's thanks for the year.

To those of you that GOT INVOLVED all year and you know who you are – THE POST AND I THANK YOU – WE COULDN'T HAVE DONE IT WITHOUT ALL THE HELP.

Commander, *Sam Minutola*

VETERANS DAY BREAKFAST:

The Post would like to thank all the veterans, their families and friends for attending this year's breakfast on Sunday November 13th and making it one of the best we ever had.

Our guest speaker Ed Dougherty, from PGA Golf & Champion Tour & Vietnam Veteran, Purple Heart recipient was outstanding.

He said to me he thought that Del Vets Post No1# was such a great place, you people do so much for the Veterans and the surrounding community.

Judy Campbell of the Gold Star Families who is the working force for the State and the Nation for Gold Star Families read a poem from a gold star mother. Her comments reflected how Del Vets Post

#1 is a leader in veteran activities, referencing to the "Place a rose on every vet's grave down at the Vets Cemetery project" this past February 2011.

I personally want to thank the committee for an outstanding job for their effort in the kitchen and hall; Andi Cherneoff, Mike Phillips, Bart Smith, Karen Sieber, whose son, Lt. Bill Sieber US Army, is just back from Ranger school and was in attendance, Florie Henry and her daughters, Chaplain Joe Reardon and Moon Reilly and his honor guard. Jack Faulkner and his setup and cleanup crew and others.

Special thanks to Jim Ebright and his granddaughter Jade, for setting up the video, music and showing pictures past and present of Post activates plus the showing of a video from You Tube of a Vietnam Vet who lost his legs in combat and became an outstanding golfer. It captured the moment – a first here at Del Vets.

Commander, *Sam Minutola*

Rumor No. #12:

Semper Fi and Hoorahs are gone!

Not true ☺

Semper Fi,

Commander, *Sam Minutola*

Del Vets Complaint Dept.

**Happy Holidays to all of you,
HO! HO! HO!**

Sgt. Major of the Complaint Dept.

WACs NEWS:



The WAC's have had a busy November with decorating and selling the memorial Christmas tree balls which are being placed on the Christmas tree in the lounge.

There have been a lot of very complimentary comments on this project and we thank everyone for their support.

The group is also getting ready for the Christmas auction being held on Tuesday, December 6th at 7:00PM in the hall. Hopefully everyone will be there and be able to pick up some nice Christmas gifts.

Now that Thanksgiving is over, we hope everyone had a great holiday and that they will have a truly blessed and safe Christmas.

DEL VETS ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

For those high school students who are planning to attend college in the fall of 2012 and that meet the eligibility requirements, applications may be requested by contacting Dan Bowers at (302) 223-6943 or by email at danny.bowers@yahoo.com. All data must be received no later than 2/01/12.

Annual Elsmere Vets Home Visit

Thanks to the following Post members for taking time out to visit our Brother Comrades down at the Elsmere Veterans Home and sharing time with them, as we served and shared lunch with them, also this year we had a special treat for them, thanks to Post member Bob Dwyer who provided some entertainment singing songs and playing holiday music. Great Job.

Special thanks to Gerry Stauffer and Jim Brannon for picking up the cake and fruit cups & sodas, Joe Barnes and Sam Minutola for picking up subs. Also

Chaplain Joe Reardon who gave all a blessing, and the following who served the troops, Jack Faulkner, Jim Ebright, Moon Reilly, Jack Houck, Billy Helms, Al McKenney and John Squire for serving in the rooms and for taking the pictures, which you all can see up at the Post computer – all should see them.

What an honor for us to do this.

Commander, Sam Minutola

2011 Christmas Dance Committee Decorates Hall

Thanks to our entertainment Chairperson, Lisa Montello Chlebek and her hard working committee, who gave up Black Friday and came up early in the morning to decorate the banquet hall for all of you so it will be ready for your Christmas Dance. The place looks great. Still several tickets left, call Lisa for info 1- 610 – 357- 8844

The volunteers were; Bill Chlebek, Lynn & Mike Harman, Karen Cronin, Shirley Hill, Jack Faulkner, Lynn Townsend, Chris, Brian and Nicole Thomas, Bill Raune, Sam Minutola and John McKenna.

Special thanks to Bill Chlebek and Jack Faulkner for making the front entrance to the Post look festive for the Holidays.

DEL VETS Sports & Current Events Corner

IN HOUSE POOL LEAGUE:

“As the pool shooters lined up against the wall...
Not a man among them could hit a ball...
Top English, No English, just hit the ball low right...
Not one of those players could hit the ball that night!”

Well folks...that pretty much sums up the in-house pool league so far.

Mother Teresa, God rest her soul, would pray for a miracle if she were still alive.



This Reporter has seen it all so far this season. If there is a Santa Claus, and if

Miracles do happen, what are the chances of the following:

1. Bill Helms team making it to the playoffs?
2. Same goes for Dave Tindall's team.
3. Joe McCaffery being able to hit his object ball!
4. Brian Burslem ever admitting that Jim Burslem is not his father!
5. Charlie McHugh ever being on a winning team!
6. Kevin Stradley charging \$20/Hr for pool lessons!
7. Gary Norton taking Kevin's lessons!
8. Bill Frank Jr. coming to play in a three piece suit!
9. Mike Hannon not finishing in first place
10. This Reporter not covering the upcoming playoff's

Tindall & Schilling you guys are the best...the best drinkers this Reporter has ever seen!

Now if only you two clowns could play pool...

As always, for reasons of safety, this Reporter wishes to remain....

Anonymous.

SPORTS UPDATE:

Melissa Budd conquers Marine's Marathon

Melissa Budd, age 23, recently ran in the Marine Marathon in Washington DC. A graduate of University of Virginia, she won a medal for her achievement. She also ran in 2 half marathons in Disney World plus others in Virginia. She lives in Charlotte, NC, but will be back in Wilmington to run in the Mother's Day marathon. She is the granddaughter of proud grandparents – Post members, Bill and Dolores Cassidy and former Commander Ray Budd and his lovely wife Mary Alice.

Maybe she can honor us next year in the Del Vets Toys for Tots run.

We here at the Post salute you with a

Big Semper Fi,

Commander, *Sam Minutola*

Of Special Interest

Bob and Joe Riggio on their recent trip to Tuscany and Amalfi Coast, had the opportunity to participate in the flag lowering ceremony at the Florence American Cemetery and Memorial. Florence American Cemetery is one of many American Memorials and Overseas Military Cemeteries throughout Europe.

For more on these Cemeteries go to www.abmc.gov on the internet.

CURRENT EVENTS:

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY- (coat & tie affair)



The adult **Christmas Party** will be held on Saturday, December 10, 2011 at 6:00 pm. This is a **MEMBERS ONLY** event!!!!

Cocktails and Hors d'oeuvres will be served from 6:00 to 7:00 pm. Dinner will be served at 7:30 pm. Music from 8:00 to 12:00pm for your dancing pleasure by Second Time Around.

There are a few tickets available if you are interested, contact Lisa at: 610-357-8844.

ENTERTAINMENT COMING:



December 31st:

New Year's Eve Party – check Bulletin board for latest info.



DATES TO REMEMBER:

- **TUESDAY, December 6th, 2011**
WACs Christmas Auction 7:15pm
- **WEDNESDAY, December 7th, 2011**
General Membership Meeting 8:00pm
- **SATURDAY, December 10th, 2011**
Annual Christmas Dinner/Dance – **Members only**

- **WEDNESDAY, December 14TH, 2011**
Last Bingo for 2011 – 7:30pm Come out & Enjoy a **SPECIAL NIGHT OF BINGO** in lounge.

- **SATURDAY, December 24th, 2011**
Annual Christmas Eve Social – 3 – 6 pm

MERRY CHRISTMAS ! ☺

- **SATURDAY, December 31ST, 2011**
New Year's Eve Party in the Lounge

- **TUESDAY, January 3rd, 2012**
WACs membership meeting 7:15pm

- **WEDNESDAY, January 4th, 2012**
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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TREASURER-ELECT	Jerry Stauffer ^(N)
SERGEANT-AT-ARMS	Rich Micolucci ^(M)

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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)
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ENTERTAINMENT	Lisa Montello Chlebek
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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

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

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