



January 2012

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## **MEETING REPORTS:**

### **MEMBERSHIP:**

**1<sup>st</sup> READING:** James Dolan (Navy), Richard Moon (Navy), Robert McGowan (Army), Ernest Natiello (Marines), Jacob Potts (Army).-ALL PRESENT. Andrew Wallace (Marines), Richard Wanner (Air Force) – NOT PRESENT

**Associates:** Lisa Conte (Pool), Charles Cox (Associate), Zachary Schilling (son of Vet/Associate). – ALL PRESENT.

**2<sup>nd</sup> READING:** William Kiley (Army), Earl Rentz Sr (Army Nat'l Guard), Rick Seraiva (Navy), Dick Shepard (Navy) – ALL PRESENT. Kenneth Butler (Army/Nat'l Guard), David Schmidt (Air Force) – NOT PRESENT.

**Associates:** Patrick Flynn Jr (Associate), Ashlee Adams (Associate) – PRESENT.

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

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## **CHAPLAIN'S REPORT:**

### **ILLNESS:**

**Jack Calcaterra** had an operation and is home recovering.

**Ron Rossman** had a heart valve operation a couple of months ago and is back at the Post.

**Marty Ludecke** has been ill and is home convalescing and would be happy to have visitors.

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

## **Commander's Corner ↵**



For this my first writing, I want to mainly say "THANK YOU CMDR SAM"

When I was elected Vice-Commander a year ago, I knew ZILCH about the operation of our post. Sam was given a real green-horn to work with. As Sam said in the Dec. newsletter "Both of us came in like two green recruits from boot camp". Well, he was half right. I knew nothing; however Sam had served in just about every capacity bringing to me a wealth of knowledge. He told me he would keep me informed on everything that was going on, and he did! Sam, I want to thank you for all of your help in preparing me for this coming year. On behalf of our entire membership, thank you for giving our Post - YOUR BEST! AN OUTSTANDING JOB!

I also want to thank Jim Ebright, Frank Dobson and Bob Onorato for their guidance and expertise and will continue to count on them and many others going forward as Commander.

Once again we had an outstanding Christmas Party. Kudos to Lisa Chlebek and her committee for a great event.

I also want to thank Lynn Townsend for her heroic effort putting up with a very trying CD on her solo, WHAT A TROOPER!

That's it 'till next month,

*Commander, Jim Brannon*

## **Special Thanks from Commander**

Thank you:

1. Gerry Stauffer for getting new 25 & 40 year member plaques and bringing them up to date.
2. Billy Frank & Veryl Burns for giving our Post 3 hours of their time replacing water damaged ceiling tiles in the game room and the lounge.

3. Jim Durborow for once again taking it upon himself when he sees something that needs to be fixed, repaired or updated and getting it done without recognition or fanfare. This time it was the cigarette butt can/door holder outside the rental hall door. He took it home, cleaned it up and painted it.

Its efforts like these that keep our Post moving forward.

Commander, *Jim Brannon*

## WACs NEWS:



The WAC's had a very busy December and would like to thank all who made our endeavors successful. The Christmas Auction was a huge success with some very interesting and lovely items to be sold. Thank you so much to all the donors both WAC's and Post members.

The Memorial Ball project for the lounge tree was so successful that we sold out of the balls twice. Thank you to all the elves who made this possible.

Our first meeting of the New Year is on Tuesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> and we will be having a guest speaker from Therapy Dogs. Should be a very interesting meeting.

Again, Happy New Year to all.

## 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](mailto:danny.bowers@yahoo.com). All data must be received no later than 2/01/12.

## DEL VETS Sports & Current Events Corner

### IN HOUSE POOL LEAGUE:

For you Tuesday night Pool Lovers...miracles do happen!...Bill Helms and his tenacious, always shatterproof, teammates advanced in the playoffs by



knocking off the #1 Team in a series of games bound to be seen on ESPN for generations to come. Aside from the expert play of "Daddy" Helms, this reporter has never seen the deliberate "eye of the tiger" approach his two teammates possessed as they entered the field of play during the winning series. As for the other teams competing in the Tuesday Night playoffs.....**who cares!** Bill Helms and his red-hot teammates are on a mission!

Stay tuned for this "rags to riches" outcome as Helms's Marauders moves closer to Tuesday night supremacy!

For you Thursday night pool Lovers...it boils down to the outcome of Vic Rash verses Garry Norton as to who moves on to claim the Thursday Night league.

The Winter/Spring league is set to begin in late January...there are still some openings...so let Dave Tindall know your intentions if you're interested.

Until next month, this reporter leaves you with these words of wisdom..."Hard work pays off in the future, laziness pays off now!"

And as always, for reasons of safety, this reporter wishes to remain –

*Anonymous.*

## SPORTS OUTLOOK:



Del Vets American Legion Baseball 2012 is just around the corner. Manager Mike Buono is preparing the returning young Veterans for what is expected to be a great season. We are looking to fill some spots this year due to our graduating Post #1 Veteran Ball Players.

The 2011 team went 16-11 last year and earned a 4th place finish in the toughest senior league and high school league in the state, the Delaware American Legion Baseball League (DALB).

We will be informing all members of our Try-Out Dates for this winter.

Please send any good ball players and/or future recruits in our Northern Delaware area zone to Coach Mike at 302-444-2511 or e-mail info to [electrician213@yahoo.com](mailto:electrician213@yahoo.com).

*Go Veterans! – Mike Buono*

## **CURRENT EVENTS:**

### **CHINESE POLLYANNA EVENT:**

Our First event of the New Year is going to be on Jan 7<sup>th</sup> starting at 8 pm. It's going to be a fun CHINESE POLLYANNA EVENT, Fondly known at Del Vets as "Get Rid of That Damn Gift You Didn't Want Anyway" or "Get Rid Of That Gift You Received Years Ago That Has Been Sitting in The Closet Waiting For A New Home". Each person participating must bring a wrapped gift. Sounds like a fun New Event at Del Vets, so wrap it up and show up on Saturday January 7th before 8 PM.



Here are the rules:

Everyone brings a wrapped gift along to the Party. All gifts are placed in a pile on a table or on the floor. Numbers are placed on small pieces of folded paper, and put into a box or bag. Each person selects one of the papers, example: 1 to 10. The guest who has number "1" on the paper selects a gift, opens the gift for all to see and places the item in front of them. The next person who has number "2" may take a gift from the pile, or take the gift from number "1" Each person will follow through in numerical order until all gifts are gone from the pile.

<[http://wiki.answers.com/Q/What\\_are\\_the\\_rules\\_to\\_Chinese\\_Pollyanna#](http://wiki.answers.com/Q/What_are_the_rules_to_Chinese_Pollyanna#)>.

### **GAME NITE:**

We will be having the 1<sup>st</sup> Game night of 2012 on January 14<sup>th</sup>. It starts at 8:00 pm.

It is the "**Newlywed Game**" with our great hostess, Nancy Talley.

This is always a fun night, mark it down on your calendar and come enjoy a night out at the Post.

### **LOUNGE MUSIC:**

After a year long absence, "Late for Dinner" will be back entertaining us on Saturday, January 21<sup>st</sup> in the Lounge.



## **ENTERTAINMENT COMING:**

### **February 11, 2012**



Valentines Dinner Dance – Steve Silicato will be there. Check Bulletin board for latest info.



### **DATES TO REMEMBER:**

- **TUESDAY, January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2012**  
WACs meeting at 7:15pm
- **WEDNESDAY, January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2012**  
General Membership Meeting 8:00pm
- **SATURDAY, January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2012**  
Chinese Pollyanna Evert at 8:00 pm
- **SATURDAY, January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2012**  
"Newlywed Game" night at 8:00
- **SATURDAY, January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2012**  
"Late for Dinner" is back in the Lounge 7-11pm
- **WEDNESDAY, February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012**  
General Membership Meeting 8:00pm
- **TUESDAY, February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2012**  
WACs membership meeting 7:15pm
- **SATURDAY, February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2012**  
Valentine's Day Dinner Dance

See the articles for the above individual events elsewhere in the Newsletter.

*Lucy Stephens*, Editor

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