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NEWSLETTER

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Editor: Lucy Stephens
Reporters: Numerous

MEETING REPORTS:

MEMBERSHIP:

1st READING: Horace Bothum (Army), Robert Cannan (Army), Richard Wannier (Air Force) –ALL PRESENT. Edward Dougherty (Army) presence waived by E-Board, Andrew Wallace (Marines) – NOT PRESENT

Associates: John Descioli (Associate), Joshua Smith (Son of Member; pool Associate), James Cloud (Associate), Thomas Denston (Pool Associate) – ALL PRESENT.

2nd READING: Joseph Giunta (Air Force), Richard Moon (Navy), Robert McGowan (Army), Ernest Natiello (Marines), Jacob Potts (Army) – ALL PRESENT. James Dolan (Navy) On active duty – presence waived by E-Board, Kenneth Butler (Army National Guard), David Schmidt (Air Force) – NOT PRESENT.

Associates: Lisa Conte (Pool Associate), Charles Cox (Associate), Zachary Schilling (Son of Vet Member/Associate) – PRESENT.

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

CHAPLAIN'S REPORT:

DEATH:

Paul Donovan passed away on Christmas Eve.

Nancy Talley's father passed away early in the morning on January 20th.

Rich Calhoun's father-in-law recently passed away.

Don Talley's wife, Hilda, passed away recently.

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

ILLNESS:

Jim Selway is at the Veterans Hospital in intensive care. He had a heart problem.

Bill Cassidy is under Hospice Care.

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

Commander's Corner ↴



January started off with a bang. We had a new event on the 7th with a Chinese Pollyanna hosted by Nancy Talley. The concept was fun, the gifts were "interesting" and the night was a lot of fun. We should try and make this an annual event right after Christmas to ensure that the "quality" of gifts maintain the same level of this year's.

A few weeks ago I got a suggestion in the box for a game night such as "The Not So New Newlywed Game" – needless to say, about 2 weeks later it was scheduled. The turn out was tremendous and everyone had a great time. As always, a lot of the answers were interesting to say the least. **GREAT JOB!!!**

We have something new to add to our General Membership Meetings – a cordless microphone has been purchased so that everyone can be heard. Our Sergeant-At-Arms, Rich Micolucci, will be handing the microphone to anyone speaking. We first used it for the Newlywed Game and it worked out very well.

Come out during February for our Valentine's Day Dinner/Dance on February 11th and enjoy an in-house cooked filet dinner for only \$25.00/pp with music provided by Steve Silicato. Also in February on the 17th, a Beef & Beer will be held to support our swim team.

That's it 'till next month,

Commander, Jim Brannon

Special Thanks from Commander

Thank you:

1. To the following people for pitching in and taking down the Christmas decorations; Lisa & Bill Chlebek, Jack Faulkner, Bob Dwyer, Rich Micolucci, Bob Bostedo, Jerry Stauffer and Veryl Burns.
2. Nancy Talley, Patty Rosbrow & Donna Schilling for the great set they created for the Newlywed Game and a special thank you to Nancy for the great job she did as the MC.
3. The basement was cleaned out by John Maichle, Jack Faulkner and "Cousin Mikey". Also, shelving was replaced by Butch Ciccone and Bill Frank. Thank you, *Great Job*.
4. And lastly, Howard Zebley, Butch Ciccone and Bill Frank spent several hours in the lounge running the service for the game machines to behind the bar so that the bartenders can turn them off at night instead of them running 24/7. This wasn't an easy task and I want to thank you for your efforts.

Its efforts like these that keep our Post moving forward.

Commander, *Jim Brannon*

WACs NEWS:



At our January meeting, the WACs had a guest speaker from the PAW's organization. Lynne Robinson, along with her dog Sundance, described the wonderful work this organization provides as therapy assistants to residents in homes, hospitals and also at deployments of our military. Everyone really enjoyed Sundance's visit.

We will be having a guest speaker from the USO at our February meeting to discuss their organization and the work it does. Anyone who is interested is invited to attend.

Our meeting will be held Tuesday, February 7th at 7:30 pm in the Social Hall.

MEMORIAL DAY NOTICE:

At our Memorial Day Ceremony this year, we will be honoring Post members who have received the Purple Heart medal.

If you are a recipient or know of someone who received a Purple Heart, please contact either Jerry Stauffer at: phone (302) 798-0854 or email: gges424@aol.com or Frank Dobson at: phone (302) 584-0932 or email: frankdbsn@aol.com .

DEL VETS Sports & Current Events Corner

IN HOUSE POOL LEAGUE:

Dateline: Veterans Drive

There seems to be some hurt feelings out there as this reporter failed to mentioned Edward Payne's record setting regular season total wins of 52 games. Too bad he didn't carry that streak into the first round of the playoffs where he was soundly defeated by a sleeper team who rose to the occasion.



Aside from that, round two in the playoffs took a drastic turn. Prior to the first game, it was mutually decided by Team Helms that they would throw the game and let the Team of Mike Hannon move on to the final round of play. I, for one, applauded their decision to let an inferior team move forward. The slightly confused and possibly over served Tom Squires and the equally confused Chip Roop did their best to leave the table wide open for the opposing team of McCaffery & Quinn led by Mr. Jim McQuage, who by the way was filling in for Al Hillis, who was at the local Borders Book Store signing copies of his best seller "All those who believe in psycho kinesis, raise my hand". As Dennis and Joe embraced at the conclusion of their stellar performance, one was quick to notice the tears that ran down their cheeks along with the sadness that they expressed that their beloved Captain was not there to celebrate with them on their accomplishment. Congrats to you Tuesday Night Champions!

Thursday night series boiled down to Team #4 (Saur, McHugh, & Larimore) vs. Team #8 (G.Norton, Mohr, & Bostedo). Dave Tindall filled in for Carl Saur, who was back at the Betty Ford Center in Florida again, and Ed Payne filled in for Garry Norton who was off shooting pictures somewhere. Down 3 games, McHugh (Acting Captain) inspired his team to win the next 4 games and the title of Thursday night Champs. Ed Payne, as in earlier playoff games during the season, was again the loser! Way to go Eddy!!

League Championship game is set for January 18, 2012. Team Hillis is set to play Team Saur (if he's released). As always, my growing audience, for reasons of safety, this reporter wishes to remain....

Anonymous.

News Flash! Team Hillis races to the top and blanks Team Saur 4 to nothing! As Big Al grabbed his Teammates in a big hug, he looked into their tear

filled eyes and said these unexpected words "You came to me as loser's but tonight you're going home as Winners...We're going to Disneyland!"

SPORTS OUTLOOK:



We will be announcing our TRY OUT dates for the 2012 season. If any Del Vets Post #1 members have any Children, Grandchildren, Friends' Children or relatives that would be interested in joining the 2012 team, please contact Coach Mike for all details.

The Del Vets Post #1 American Legion Baseball Team will be holding their Annual Beef 'N' Beer this March - keep a looking on the information boards at the Post for the date and time. If anyone would like to donate or sell any items to us for the Chinese Auction, please contact Coach Mike at (302) 444-2511.

Thank you all for supporting your Delaware Veterans Post #1 American Legion Baseball Team.

- Mike Buono



POOL NEWS:

This year our Pool opens on Saturday May 26, 2011 after the conclusion of the annual Memorial Day Ceremony.

Pool Membership forms will be mailed out in mid-March. This year all pool dues are due on or before April 15, 2012. Pool memberships received after April 15 2012 will have a \$30 late fee applied. Kindly review the form and make any necessary corrections or changes.

If you are not renewing your membership please contact Florie Henry by email as soon as possible at delvetspool@verizon.net.

If you have any questions, please email Florie or call 302-475-0636 and a member of our Pool Committee will call you back.

Thank you, *Florie Henry*

CURRENT EVENTS:

VALENTINE'S DAY DINNER/DANCE



We will be having a Valentines Dinner Dance on Saturday, February 11th. Music will be by Steve Silicato. Filet Mignon dinner with fixin's - tickets are \$25.00/per person and are available from the bartenders.



BEEF & BEER NITE:

The Del Vets Swim Team will be hosting a "Beef & Beer" event on **Friday, February 17th** from 7 - 11 pm which includes Beer, Wine and Food. Music will be provided by "Anita".

Tickets are \$25.00 per person and are available from the Swim Team Committee or Bartender.

LOUNGE MUSIC:

March 3rd it will be entertainment by Bobby Smith in the lounge from 7 to 11:00 p.



DATES TO REMEMBER:

- **WEDNESDAY, February 1st, 2012**
General Membership Meeting 8:00pm
- **TUESDAY, February 7th, 2012**
WACs membership meeting 7:30pm
- **SATURDAY, February 11th, 2012**
Valentine's Day Dinner Dance 6:30 - 11:30pm
- **FRIDAY, February 17th, 2012**
Swim Team's Beef & Beer
- **WEDNESDAYS, February 8, 15, 29**
Bingo in the lounge at 7:30pm -MEMBERS ONLY
- **SATURDAY, March 3rd, 2012**
Bobby Smith in the Lounge 7-11pm
- **TUESDAY, March 6th, 2012**
WACs membership meeting 7:30pm
- **WEDNESDAY, March 7th, 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 just email to: m2loosec@delvets.com



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