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# STAHL POST 30 NEWS

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#### From The Commander

By Sal Vaccarino

Happy September to everyone. It sure seems the cooler months are upon us a bit early this season with much less humidity and cooler temperatures to end August (THANK YOU) and the long-range forecast talking about the same for the next couple of weeks. What a great time to stop in at the Post and check out what's happening, pick up some tickets for our upcoming events, get caught up with family and friends, grab a bite to eat, and meet or get reacquainted with our bartending staff. We have picked up a couple new bartenders over the last month or so and they are eager to meet you and pour your favorite drink. Stop in and welcome our new staff members.

Please be sure to check out Facebook posts from our Auxiliary and Legion for weekly canteen activities. Each week the canteen activities are posted to include the bartender(s) for the day, the menu options available, and any special activities either on TV or live. Check out Facebook and stay informed. You should also remember that there are calendars included to this newsletter, on the wall as you walk in the door, and on the canteen TV for you to get caught up with what's happening at the Post.

Speaking of new members, I want to wish all our new Legion, SONs, Riders, and Auxiliary members a BIG WELCOME to our Post Home and encourage you to get involved, pitch in when you can, and become an active member of our Stahl Post Family. We have plenty to do with our Veteran, Families, and Community and

I am sure we have some involvement that would interest you. If not, see any member of your leadership team and let's get something done.

September starts off with a bang with LOTS of activities and promotions to get involved, assist, or support. Make sure to read everyone's messages in this newsletter because we all have important messages for you, invitations to various events, and plenty to do. As a follow up, Stahl Post members delivered your school supplies donations a couple weeks ago to William Penn High School where the new incoming teachers were meeting for orientation. Let me tell you the staff at Colonial School District were amazed at the haul. Everyone who helped unload three vehicles of supplies commented on the generosity that we showed in providing their students and teachers with a great start to the new school year. But we are not done vet!!!

September also starts another new program. Through the months of September and October we will be accepting donations of children's underclothes, diapers, socks, shoes, and thermals. We can also donate art supplies, crayons, coloring books, and children's toys. There will be drop boxes set up for you to stop by and drop off your donations. As we collect and build inventory our donation teams will pick and sort the items for targeted donation points. These points include our Colonial Early Education Programs, the Hope Center, Veterans Family Services program, and other local child focused organizations in our community. I would also ask our leadership and events teams to add a note to all publications to let anyone coming to our upcoming events that they TOO

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can donate to our cause and bring items for our Captain Underpants Drive.

Speaking of events, our Fall Mixed Shuffleboard league starts on September 8th at 5PM and will continue through the Fall on every Monday evening. Stop by the canteen to support your favorite team, Connie and I will be looking for a repeat championship as the rest of the league look up the leaderboard at us. We are also in need of an official scorekeeper and organizer, so if you are free on Monday evenings and looking for some fun, laughter, music, and some old-fashioned bantering, show up and help us stay organized.

Also of special note, Thursday we will start off the Eagles quest to win consecutive Super Bowls, opening against the Cowboys. Game time is at 8:20PM and it will be on all of our TVs. Scheduling note.... Canteen will be open until the end of game on Thursday last call will be sometime during the Fourth Quarter. Pregame show will also be on for those who are looking to listen to the talking heads. Game night will start at 5PM ending at 7PM to hopefully help everyone have a great night.

You may notice over the next few weeks that we will have volunteers begin work on extending our patio and building the rail we need to keep our members safe. Harry Deiner and Lee Jamison have graciously volunteered to lead a team to get this project started and we already have a few members who will be pitching in to provide assistance. This will be a several week project that is designed to expand our patio, create additional space out back, and secure the area to avoid slips, trips, and falls.

You may also notice in the next couple of weeks we will be replacing a couple lottery machines with newer broader range games that should bring our players some new excitement and fun...and hopefully increased winnings.

Just a reminder, we have lots happening this month and I sincerely hope everyone gets involved in all our special events. For your pleasure we are starting the month strong and keeping the post active all month long. Come join us for a little fun, dancing, laughter, and comraderies.

September is also the last month for purchasing numbers for the Holiday Raffle. Tickets are still on sale at the canteen until the end of September, or we run out, whichever comes first. With your ticket purchase, you will have 94 chances to win a cash prize by the end of the year. There is a limited supply of envelopes left to purchase and register before we close sales and start paying out winners in October.

Last but not least, I want to thank everyone who supports our Post Home every day. We have a strong family here and a strong group of daily supporters who keep us hopping, active, and supporting the three targets of our mission, Veterans, Families, and Community. Without your help, we would not be able to do the work that is needed and support the men, women, and children of our military and our community.

Special thanks to our Post Staff for all they do. Without them, we could not open our doors.

See you all at Stahl Post very soon.

Sal, Post Commander

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### **Notes From the Adjutant**

By Frank Clymer

Labor Day is here, and vacations will soon be over, and school will start, if it is not already. Our department convention and the National convention for 2025 are in the rear-view mirror and, hopefully, everyone is ready to renew their membership for 2026 and remind friends and family that their dues are due if you want an "Early Bird" stamp on your membership card. This advance payment of your dues by November 30th will put you in a drawing, that at the Christmas party on Saturday, December 13th, will guarantee the winner a paid membership for 2027. This is only for the post(veteran)members.

To date, our membership stands at 249 members with a goal of 451 members, which is an increase of 7 from 2025. That is 55.21% of our goal.

As of January 1, 2026, the new muster registry will be in use. This means, if you have yet to stop by the post and sign the 2026 muster registry for your current number, there is a chance that someone could take this number from you. This is done yearly for numerous reasons including members that have passed, left the area, and transferred to another post. There are approximately 800 members in the Stahl Post Family. There are 500 numbers in the muster registry and only 300 +/- numbers are being used at any time, but if we did not purge this list every so often, eventually, there would be no numbers left. Please take a moment to get to the post and check to see if your number is still available.

As Chairperson of our baseball committee at the Post, I want to congratulate our ball players for a wonderful season this year. Also, our coaching staff, who give up a lot of their free time and substantial portions of their vacations to be there for our boys. Our record for 2025 was 21-4, a wonderful year by any standard. We had 2 losses during the regular season and, unfortunately, 2 losses in the regionals. This, for everyone's information, is the first time in 10 years that we have made the regionals. I will be meeting with our coaches and other people that I think can help us reach the next goal, which is to win the regional and go to Shelby, NC for the world series.

Welcome to all our new members and hope to see you at the canteen attending one of our various social functions, at our monthly post meeting, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 7pm, or to just lend a hand.

Timothy Ruiz USAF Christian McMahan USAF Jesse Levy USAF Hunter Ballas USA Peter Scarmozzi USA Latoya Williams USA

As always, if there is anything I can do for you, please feel free to contact me.

Remember, we are all in this together.

In Comradeship Frank Clymer Page 4 Stahl Post 30 News



## From The 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander By Bud Norris

This is my first of hopefully many opportunities I get to speak to you through this newsletter. What an exciting time already it has been to be in this position. What's more, these next few months are shaping up to be even more exciting.

As you are aware, the 1st Vice is responsible for membership. Frank Clymer (Adjutant) and I have decided he will continue to report on our member numbers and stats, where I would like to focus more on what it means to be a member of the American Legion and Stahl Post 30.

We are embarking on our Diamond Jubilee, the 75th anniversary of the Joseph B. Stahl Memorial Post #30. With this exciting milestone fast approaching, I think it important to not only reflect on the origins, the history, and the accomplishments of the Stahl Post and what makes us great but look at the future of our legion and the members that are to come that will bring the Stahl Post forward and carry on its legacy. So, in future installments of the newsletter I will be focusing on the membership and what it means to be a member, highlighting our mission, the 4 pillars, service opportunities and ultimately getting to know who and what makes up the Stahl Post.

Next month, I will begin a segment which will allow you to get to know our members through their stories, and brief backgrounds of their service, careers and life. The twist is you might not know who it is. You are going to read about someone without their name attached and the idea is to guess "Who is Who in the Stahl Post". Hopefully, this will be a fun way

of learning about each other and appreciating what each member brings to the table. Don't worry, we will reveal the name at some point. Hopefully, before the reveal inquiries will stir, common interests initiate conversations and suddenly that person you're just saying hi to form deeper relationships. Well, we will see.

As I close, I want to thank you all for what you bring to this post and your service!! There are lots of events coming up this month and through the end of the year. These are opportunities to welcome veterans and their families to the Stahl Post and time to get to know each of them. Please share with them why you love being a member of the American Legion/Stahl Post #30 and why we want them to be a part of our family.

Most Sincerely, Bud Norris Stahl Post 30 News Page 5



#### **SALS**

By Tom Campbell

#### **LAST MEETING**

Tuesday, **August 19<sup>th</sup>**, 2025, 6:30pm **General Membership** 

#### **NEXT MEETING(S)**

Tuesday, **September 16<sup>th</sup>**, 2025, 6:30pm **General Membership** 

Feeling energetic? Get involved and make a difference. If you have ideas, we are always looking for people to get involved, so bring your ideas and suggestions to the meeting.

#### 2026 S.A.L. Officers

Commander- Mike Gravenor
1st Vice- Jeff Wilson
2nd Vice- Jim Fallers
Chaplain- Stanley Lawruk
Historian- Don Hanby
Financial Officer- Steve Hazewski
Sergeant in Arms- Bill Muckle
Adjutant- Tom Campbell

#### **MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL**

We have received 2026 membership cards from National, and you are now eligible to pay your 2026 membership dues. The dues for 2026 are \$40.

Members can pay for their 2026 membership in the canteen or by mailing payment to address below.

You can mail your renewal to:
American Legion Stahl Post 30
Attn. SALS
156 A DuPont Highway
New Castle, DE 19720

#### **SHRIMP DINNER**

Shrimp night is set for **September 19**<sup>th</sup>. Remember you don't have to be a member to attend the shrimp night so bring a friend with you and enjoy the evening. We will be raffling off \$400 cash, chances will be \$5 per chance Pease visit the canteen to get your chance to win the cash. Remember you don't have to be a member to attend the shrimp night so bring a friend with you and enjoy the evening. **Thank You** for the continued support and we look forward to seeing everyone at the event.

#### Joe Conklin Comedy Show

There will be a comedy show at Stahl Post 30 on **October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025**. Main show will be Joe Conklin with 2 other comedians. The cost of tickets will be \$40 per person or \$300 for tables of 8. If tickets are available, the night of show they will be \$50 at the door. <u>Joe Conklin Comedy -Voices with Attitude</u>

#### **SUB SALE**

Keep a look out in the canteen for signups for sub sale on **October 18**<sup>th</sup>. You can visit the canteen to preorder your sub. All the proceeds from the event will be donated to the Bob Anderson Memorial Scholarship fund. The scholarship will be awarded to baseball player(s) on the team who displayed the qualities of baseball players Bob loved the most. Dedication, Commitment, Effort, Selflessness, Teamwork and Honesty. Scholarship will be awarded to the player(s) who showed these qualities every day and every game and dedicated himself to the team, to Stahl Post, and to The American Legion

#### **BAR MINGO**

On October 18<sup>th</sup> the post is also hosting a Halloween themed Bar Mingo in the canteen. The event will start at 6pm. Along with the Bar Mingo there will be costume contests with awards.

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#### **BASEBALL**

Your Stahl Post baseball team is the **Delaware American Legion Baseball State** 

Champions. The team competed in the Mid-Atlantic American Legion Baseball Regional Tournament August 6-10 in Hanover Maryland. Unfortunately, the team fell short of going to the World Series losing to Virginia who went on to win the World Series. The support from not only Stahl Post, but also the community was unbelievable. The stands were packed for all our games. Those who couldn't make it to the stadium utilized the streaming service to watch electronically and in the actual post. What a run it was, can't wait for next year.

I would personally like to thank Stahl Post 30 and its members for their continued support for the baseball team and American Legion Baseball. With out a doubt the **BEST** fans in American Legion Baseball. So again, I say **THANK YOU !!!** 







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#### **Auxiliary**

By Connie Christopher

As the summer comes to a close, it's been a hot one, and I for one am ready for some cool crisp fall weather. However, we know after Labor Day our season begins in full swing with our Annual Crab Feast Fundraiser on Friday, September 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm. We have sold over 100 tickets to date and only have a handful left for sale. See your bartender by September 2. The only tickets reserved for the door are for our guests, The National Guard.

A delegation from our Post was honored to serve as delegates to the American Legion Auxiliary Nation Convention in Tampa, Florida just this past week. It was definitely exciting, and much work was accomplished as most of our sessions went overtime and even had to be extended one day. We elected a new National President, Pam Ray who I had the pleasure of meeting at Mission Training last February in Boston, trust me she is awesome. She has been a dedicated, active member of the ALA since she was a child. The Department of Delaware Legion family had a wonderful time getting to know one another and already planning a great year of events and services to our Veterans, Military and their families.

On September 13, please come out and support our Legion Riders as they hold their first fundraiser, hope to see you there. September 14<sup>th</sup> will be our first ever Post Car Show and the entire Post Legion family is participating in this event. Our Junior Auxiliary members will be selling water ice and other snacks and beverages to fundraise for their future service projects. Last year, Juniors were a priority for

the Auxiliary. They are up and running 26 strong and hope to add more members this year.

As we continue to work our mission of "Service not Self to our Veterans, Military and their families, our youth and our community." We would like to expand on our Be The One training that we offer to all our sisters and brothers in the Legion Family throughout the State. Suicide preventions is still a high focus; however, we want to add PTSD and Veteran Women components to the seminar as these issues continue to be on prevalent and fast rise for our Veterans and their families. We will also focus and partner with Delaware Center for Homeless Veterans this year by working with them monthly to determine needs. Last month the Auxiliary purchased, in bulk, sets of twin sheets so that once the Veteran transitions to housing, they can take these items with them. Be on the lookout for clothing, toiletry and household goods drive as we move through the year.

Sincere Blessings and see you at the Post! Connie Page 8 Stahl Post 30 News



#### **Legion Riders**

By Jim Focht

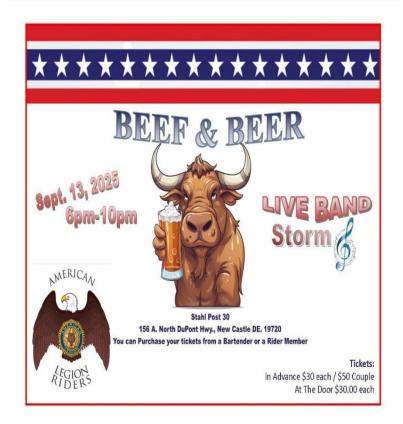
Legion Riders Calling all Riders we are up and running. We are having two events please see attached flyers. Please come out and support your legion riders. Tickets for Beef and Beer are available from the bar or any rider member.

Our meetings are on the first Wednesday of each month at 7pm

Any questions please contact Jim Focht Riders Director 302 894 5775

Any questions please feel free to attend our meeting or call me at 302 894 5775

Jim Focht Chapter Director



### **American Legion Stahl Post #30**

presents:

1st ANNUAL CAR SHOW Sunday, September 14, 2025 9:00 am to 2:00 pm



### -OPEN TO ALL YEARS, MAKES & MODELS-

SHOW LOCATION: AMERICAN LEGION STAHL POST #30 156 A NORTH DUPONT HIGHWAY NEW CASTLE, DE 19720

TROPHIES & AWARDS \*
DASH PLAQUES (1st 50 Arrivals) \* RAFFLES \*
MUSIC \* FOOD \* TEE SHIRTS \* INDOOR SILENT
AUCTION \* CORNHOLE \* GAMES

Questions or for Pre-Registration Forms Contact Mike Gravenor at 302-420-7973

\$20/Vehicle (1st 25 pre-registered gets a t-shirt) \$25/Vehicle day of show

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# SAVE THE DATE JUNE 20, 2026

From the 2nd Vice Commander:

Hello members of Stahl Post 30. For many years we have celebrated the Stahl Post birthday in March around St. Patrick's day. We have been really celebrating the American Legion's birthday. The American Legion was founded on March 15, 1919. Joseph B. Stahl Memorial Post 30 was founded on June 22, 1951. Making our birthday in June not in March. June 22, 2026 will mark our 75th Anniversary "Diamond Anniversary". How exciting is that? Tony Jones, Stahl Post 30 Historian and myself are chairing the 75th Anniversary committee to start preparing for this major event in our history. We are looking for volunteers from all units( Legion, Ladies auxiliary, and SAL's) to join our committee to help plan for this event. We are also looking for any pictures and/or documents that our members may have to share so at the time of the event we can display them with pride and show our beautiful history. If interested in helping out, please send your name and contact information to my email address angelies71@gmail.com or text me at 302-757-4543. As soon as we have committee members, I will schedule a meeting to start the planning process.

This is a very important moment in our history. Let's get EXCITED and make this our Best Birthday Ever!!!!

Thank you, Angel B. Ramos 2nd Vice Commander

## September 2025

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