

April 2026

STAHL POST 30 NEWS

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From The Commander

By Sal Vaccarino

Happy Spring and Happy April!!! What a great Easter Egg hunt we hosted for our Post Children on Sunday! The kids had a great time and found LOTS of eggs in the back field. The Easter Bunny was extremely popular and kept all the littles entertained all afternoon.

April is another busy month at the Post with activities, events, and benefits planned throughout the month. Be sure to check the calendar for your favorites and stop in for a great time. Also with the coming of April is the end of both men's and women's shuffleboard leagues. The banquet is on the way, but the end of leagues means the shuffleboard table is open for training and fun play. Stop by any evening if you want to learn all about shuffleboard, rules, and shooting skills. Who knows, you may enjoy the game and join the sub list for the fall season.

April also brings us our specific unit elections for the 2026-2027 leadership year. Now is the time to step up and pitch in to bring your special touch to the Executive Board of your specific unit. I know many of you have said "I would have done this..." or "why don't we do that" or "there has to be a better way". Now is the perfect time to get involved and make a difference. Step up and run for a position. If you want to take a low responsibility position, step in so you can see how things work. Or step up and be appointed to chair a committee and help make things work around your Post Home. Either way, now is the time to get involved and

bring your special flavor to your unit and to our Post.

With the Spring weather and temperatures, work is being done around the Post to clean up from a tough winter and get our grounds in shape for visitors and our members. Patio work starts again in a couple of weeks with the goal of having the entire extension completed by mid-May. We are also working on several other projects around the post to brighten up the grounds. If anyone would be interested in assisting with the landscaping work needed around the post (weeding, trimming, mulching) let me know your thoughts and needs and I will be happy to support your efforts. This is our Post and it would be great to have more involvement in beautifying our Post Home grounds. Ever think... Boy, that would sure look nice if..... Now is the time to put your touch on your Post Home.

Baseball season is upon us, and Wilmington University has been playing some good baseball over the last week, looking forward to a great season on the diamond. We are still looking for volunteers to work the concession stand and cook some burgers, hot dogs, and sausages for the fans and those taking part in the games. The grills are ready and have been fired up in prep for the season. Time to get cooking and feed our fans and friends.

The newly updated Stahl Post banner has been picked up and will be re-installed to the wall on the ball field. You can also find a one-page history of Stahl Post baseball posted in the canteen and on our TV screen. See the impact our Post has had on American Legion Baseball, College Baseball, and YES even the MLB.

Stahl Post ball players and coaches are represented and impacting all over baseball. Speaking of baseball..... Phillies baseball is all over the canteen and so are specials and promotions for food and drinks during Phillies games. Stop by the canteen for any game to check for specials both in the kitchen and around the canteen. BTW.... There will also be specials and promotions during other baseball games as well. Go Birds!!!!

Now, for what is going on around the VA and the local Military.

From the Department:

Education is an ongoing process throughout life, on both a business and a personal level. So, it is in The American Legion. The National Organization offers many training opportunities, such as the last Tuesday of every month, the fall meetings, the Legion College, Regional Workshops, and National Convention to mention a few.

It has become evident over the past few years that growth is taking place within the department-level officers, and we are seeing more and more new individuals. Most do not bring with them a twenty or thirty-year active post membership where they have served in all offices and many committee chairs within their post. Shall we say that these new members of the DEC are a bit green.

A training for post officers, future officers, and department officers is planned for April 18-19, 2026, at Walter L. Fox Post #2. A request for the attendance of the National Judge Advocate has been sent. The Delaware Lottery Office and Delaware Council on Gaming have confirmed attendance to present on the Video Lottery Terminals and sources available for gambling addiction. The OABCC will be presenting first thing on Saturday morning.

Please distribute this information to the posts and urge them to reserve the date NOW. An agenda will be sent out around the first week of April.

RSVP is requested for attendance.

This training is open to ANY member of the American Legion or Sons of the American Legion.

Trooper Youth Week 2026 (TYW) will be held June 15-19, 2026, at the Delaware State Police (DSP) Academy, 1441 N. DuPont Highway, Dover, Delaware 19903-0430. DSP Academy staff and the Department program chair, William Alexander, a retired trooper and Army veteran, have met and begun their recruiting effort for the program.

♣ They plan to conduct the customary dinner and kickball game at Walter L. Fox Post #2 on Thursday, June 18, 2026 (times and details to follow).

♣ Graduation will take place on Friday, June 19, at the DSP Academy (time TBA). Attached are the flyer and the application. Please provide the maximum dissemination. The Legion's statewide recruiting efforts last year were awesome, with notable contributions from the Sussex County (11 cadets) and Kent (8 cadets) Posts. Five came from New Castle County schools, and the others were either Delaware residents whose kids attend out-of-state schools or are homeschooled.

This truly is an excellent program that The American Legion sponsors each year. Program grads have repeatedly reported TYW as a key "turning point" that gave them direction and confidence. Moreover, many of them seek application to the service academies, enlist in a service branch, and/or earn college scholarships, then pursue a career in law enforcement. In short, this program is a worthwhile effort, and its benefits often go beyond our view. It is awe-inspiring to see the changes made in these young men and women within a short week's timespan.

Here is the link to the TYW page of DSP's website: <https://dsp.delaware.gov/trooper-youth-week/>

Here is the link to the TYW video (under 1 minute, well-produced): <https://dsp.delaware.gov/trooper-youth-week/>

Please get in touch with William (Bill) Alexander with any questions at 302-521-4781 or colwjalexander@gmail.com.
From the DNG:

APRIL 11, 2026 (0735): DNG'S SENIOR LEADER CONFERENCE

The Delaware National Guard is scheduled to provide a Joint Color Guard to Present the Colors at the DNG's Senior Leader Conference, taking place at the 166th Airlift Wing in New Castle, Del.

APRIL 16, 2026 (1405): MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD PROCLAMATION

The Delaware National Guard servicemember's children are scheduled to be honored by the Governor and the State Legislators, in support of "Month of the Military Child," taking place at Legislative Hall, Dover, Del.

APRIL 18, 2026 (1405): MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD FAMILY EVENT

The Delaware National Guard servicemember's children and families are invited to attend the J9-hosted festival and event, in support of "Month of the Military Child," taking place at Glasgow Park, Del.

MAY 3, 2026 (1000): STATE COMMAND CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER CHANGE OF RESPONSIBILITY

The Delaware National Guard is scheduled to hold the State Command Chief Warrant Officer Change of Responsibility, taking place at the DNG's Army Aviation Flight Facility in New Castle, Del.

MAY 3, 2026 (1430): STATE COMMAND CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 5 EPPS RETIREMENT CEREMONY

The Delaware National Guard is scheduled to hold a Retirement Ceremony for State Command Chief Warrant Officer 5 Ernestine Epps, taking place at DNG's Joint Force Headquarters in New Castle, Del.

MAY 15, 2026 (1700): NASCAR ALL-STAR RACE WEEKEND: FRIDAY'S NIGHT RACE

The Delaware National Guard is scheduled to provide a Joint Color Guard, Anthem Singer and Chaplain for the Opening Ceremony of NASCAR's Friday Night race, taking place at the Dover Motor Speedway, Del.

MAY 17, 2026 (1300): NASCAR ALL-STAR RACE WEEKEND: SUNDAY'S RACE

The Delaware National Guard is scheduled to provide U.S. Flag Holders, DV Presence, mass enlistment, and static vehicle displays during NASCAR's Sunday Race, taking place at the Dover Motor Speedway, Del.

MAY 23, 2026 (1000): BEAR VETERANS CEMETERY MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY

The Delaware National Guard is scheduled to provide a Joint Color Guard, Rifle Team and TAPS Bugler during the Bear Veterans Cemetery Memorial Day event, taking place in Bear, Del.

MAY 25, 2026 (1030): AMERICAN LEGION POST 13 MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY

The Delaware National Guard's 153rd MP Co. is scheduled to provide a Color Guard during the American Legion Post 13's Memorial Day event, taking place in Delaware City, Del.

MAY 26, 2026 (1100): 198th ESB-E DEPLOYMENT CEREMONY

The Delaware National Guard is hosting a deployment ceremony for members of the 198th ESB-E, before they depart overseas for a year-long deployment, taking place at the Smyrna Readiness Center in Smyrna, Del.

MAY 30, 2026 (1030): DELAWARE STATE'S MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY

The Delaware National Guard is scheduled to provide a Joint Color Guard, Anthem Singer, Chaplain, Rifle Team and TAPS Bugler during the Delaware State's Memorial Day Ceremony, taking place at the War Memorial Plaza in New Castle, Del.

See you all at Stahl Post!!!

Notes From the Adjutant



By Frank Clymer

Happy spring to all our Stahl Post Family. People will be venturing out after their winter hibernation and I want to remind everyone that traffic will increase, so please be mindful of your surroundings on our highways so everyone can enjoy the coming warmer months.

I want to thank all that helped me this last month while Nancy recovered from her surgeries and I had to be her nurse. **Thank You** all.

As of March 20, 2026, we have 429 members, which is 95.12% of our goal of 451. To all the post members who have not renewed, there is a little reminder from Commander Vaccarino on the way to you to help us reach our goal by the cut-off date in May.

The 75th anniversary coin is still being minted, and I will keep everyone updated on its progress as I get more information.

As a reminder, Stahl still provides concession for most WilmU games and Stahl Post games by the deck. We can always use cooking help and I am still looking for anyone that might have names for people who helped at Wilson Field before WilmU took over its maintenance.

Unfortunately, we have no new members to report this month. But on the brighter side, we have no one to report having transferred to Post Everlasting.

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
Adjutant



SALS

By Tom Campbell

LAST MEETING

Monday, March 16th, 2026, 6:30pm General Membership

NEXT MEETING

Monday, April 21st, 2026, 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

3rd Vice- Lee Jamison

Chaplain- Stanley Lawruk

Historian- Don Hanby

Financial Officer- Steve Hazewski

Sergeant in Arms- Bill Muckle

Adjutant- Tom Campbell

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Current Membership as of 3/25/26 is 273 paid members, which is ~89.51% of our set goal of 305.

If you have not paid your 2026 membership dues, please do so ASAP. The dues for 2026 are \$40 and can be paid by stopping into the canteen or mailing your payment to address below:

American Legion Stahl Post 30
Attn. SALS
156 A DuPont Highway
New Castle, DE 19720

SHRIMP DINNER

Shrimp night will be **April 24, 2026**, food to be served from 5:30pm to 8:30pm or until sold out. Entertainment will be provided by Studio 31 band. Excited to announce we will be raffling four (4) Phillies tickets with parking pass on the night of the event. Raffle tickets can be purchased in advance in the canteen from the bartender or from any SAL member or during the night of the. Raffle tickets are \$5 each and you do not have to be present on the night of event to win.

Remember you don't have to be a member to attend the shrimp night so bring a friend with you and enjoy the evening. Hope to see you there!! Remember you don't have to be a member to attend the shrimp night so bring a friend with you and enjoy the evening. **Hope to see you there!!**

Sub Sale

Sub sale is set for **April 18th, 2026**. You can visit the canteen to preorder your sub, cutoff date for ordering the sub will be April 14th. All the proceeds from the event will be donated to the Bob Anderson Memorial Scholarship. 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.

DETACHMENT MEETING

Mark your calendars, SAL Detachment Meeting **April 12th, 2026** @ Post 17 Lewes DE Any SAL member is welcome to attend meeting and hear what's going on within the department along with national. Meeting will start @ 10am, if you would like to attend, please inform Mike Gravenor or Tom Campbell.



Auxiliary

By Karrie Roy

Next Membership Meeting- Wednesday, April 1st, 6:30 PM

We started off the spring season with our Kid's Easter Egg hunt. The kids loved dancing with the Easter Bunny and cashing in their golden eggs. Thanks to everyone who volunteered for this event.

We have 2 great raffle opportunities in the canteen. We are selling \$5 raffle tickets for a gift card/lottery ticket tree with over \$400 worth of gift cards. This raffle will be pulled on Adult game night on 4/11/26. Thank you to everyone who donated gift cards. We are also raffling off a 7-night stay in a Kissimmee, FL condo. It is a 1-bedroom condo with a King-Sized bed and queen-sized pull-out couch. Also included is a \$500 American Airlines gift card. Raffle tickets are \$10 each and benefit the Cpl. Ty Snook family. Winner will be pulled at the Sing Along Brunch on 5/3/26. Thanks to Karen Chance for donating her timeshare for this raffle.

Tuesday, April 14th we are hosting our monthly Legion dinner. Meatloaf, scalloped potatoes and green beans will be served this month. All Stahl Post veteran members eat for free, and meals will be available for purchase for everyone else for \$12.

Saturday, April 11th We are hosting an Adult Game Night/Cheesesteak night. We will have games like LCR, Rotten Apples, and cards as well as DJ led games that include musical chairs, Name that Song and the Love and Marriage Game. This is our first event of this kind, but we are confident it will be a fun time.

Saturday, April 25th Is American Legion Family Day. We are hosting a joint event with the Legion, SONS and Riders. We will have kids' games and prizes, lawn games for adults, a DJ,



raffle baskets and will cook food out on the grill. This event is open to the public so bring your family and friends. We will have special gift card drawing for any new member that signs up at this event.

We are also hosting a cornhole tournament on this date. The first 60 people to sign up are in. \$10 per person and teams will be drawn the day of the event.

We have some really exciting membership numbers for this time of the year. Our goal for the year is 300 members, and we are at a whopping 351 members (117% of our goal). Thanks to everyone who has encouraged new members to join and get involved. If you know anyone interested in joining, bring them out to one of our events.

We are looking to get out into the community more in 2026. If you come across any community events that would be a great fit for our post, please let me know. As the weather gets nicer, we will see more opportunities to get out into the community.

Thank you all for all that you do to support the Auxiliary, our veterans and the Post!



By Jim Focht

Next Riders Membership Meeting April 8, 2026 @700pm

Next Riders Executive Board Meeting - April 14th immediately following the Legion Membership Meeting

2025 Riders Officers

- Director**-James Focht
- Asst Director**- Bernard Smith
- Sect/Financial**- Harry Diener
- Asst Secretary**- John Duffy
- Sargant at Arms** - Angel Ramos
- Road Captain**- Don Godwin

Riders' membership is open to any Legion, SON or Auxiliary member in good standing. This includes members of other Delaware Posts as long as the post does not sponsor a Rider program.

Whether you're a rider or just want to support us please attend one of our Membership meetings and participate. There is a place and a voice for everyone. We have a lot of ideas for activities and fundraisers for 2026. If you have any ideas, please see an officer.

We've had numerous requests for Funeral Escorts, Parade Participations and Patriot Riders welcome home Escorts.

With recent events we saw a dire need for service. We now have formed a flag line service for funerals and ceremonies. These services not only pay honor to the fallen but bring visibility to our organization. We will offer this to our members as well as the community as we honor **fallen service members and first responders.** This program is not limited to the Riders. This will be an entire Stahl Post family program.

If you are interested in having your added to the phone list for this service, please contact Jim Focht at (302) 894-5775.

Uniform Requirements:

- Black Trousers
- White Collared Shirt
- Black Shoes or Boots
- Black Socks

Add Rider's Vest if an American Legion Rider Member

We are also planning to start a uniformed honor guard to perform ceremonies at military funerals for fallen veterans. This will include rifles and taps. You must be a military veteran to qualify for the honor guard. Please contact Jim Focht if interested.

May 3rd we are partnering with the Auxiliary to host a sing-along Brunch!

We are also raffling off an Egg Chair!

Hats are for Sale in the canteen \$25 each



April 2026

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	31	1 April Fool's Day Auxiliary Meeting 6:30pm	2 Passover	3 Good Friday Friday Afternoon Shuffleboard	4 P Wilm U Baseball 12pm
5 Easter Canteen Closed	6 Line Dancing	7	8 LegionRiders Meeting 7pm P Wilm U Baseball 12pm 3pm	9 Game Night 6-8pm	10 P Friday Afternoon Shuffleboard	11 Wilm U Baseball 12pm 3pm Adult Game Night 6:30pm
12 P	13 P Line Dancing	14 Legion Dinner 5:30pm Legion Meeting 7pm P	15 Wilm U Baseball 3pm Men's/ Women's Shuffleboard Banquet 5:30 PM P	16 Game Night 6-8pm	17 P Friday Afternoon Shuffleboard	18 Sub Sale 12pm P Wilm U Baseball 12pm 3pm
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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