August 2025

## STAHL POST 30 NEWS

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#### From The Commander

By Sal Vaccarino

Welcome to August, and welcome to The American Legion Baseball Regional playoffs!!! YOUR Stahl Post Baseball Team won the State Tournament on Sunday, July 26th, by the score of 8 to 1 over Dover Post 2 to earn a trip to Hanover Md and the regional playoffs. Their first game will start around 11AM on August 6th at Joe Cannon Stadium, hosted by Ridge Post 255. There is a caravan of Post Family members planning to head to Hanover on August 5th and August 6th to support our boys. The team bus will be departing from Stahl Post on the morning of August 5th, and we would love to have a MAJOR send off to show them how much we appreciate their commitment to baseball and to Stahl Post. Details will follow and will be at the post office. I have also posted the Regional Tournament schedule on the bar and on the TV in the canteen for everyone to see and get their plans together. Finally, we will have new CHAMPIONSHIP shirts available for the regional tournament. These are American MADE t-shirts and are available in Red and Navy Blue for \$20 per t-shirt in sizes from medium to XXXL. I have ordered a limited supply for the tournament but am very willing to get more. If you are interested stop by the canteen to make your purchase.

Happy Birthday to everyone celebrating during the month of August. We share birthdays with the likes of Robert DeNiro, Cameron Diaz, Casey Affleck, Charlize Theron, and Halle Berry. The Coast Guard was founded on August 4, 1970, and we recognize Purple Heart Day on August 7. Don't forget we are still collecting school supplies until August 4th for delivery to the Colonial School District on August 5th. If anyone is interested in joining our school supplies team for the delivery, please contact me ASAP. We are also looking into working with the Colonial Early Education Program who are asking for support for the babies of our community. Additional details will follow for collection items and drop off events and locations during September and October.

There are plans for a VA Town Hall to be held at Stahl Post in September for all veterans and their families. This is a great opportunity to meet with your VSO, VA program coordinators, and all the staff from the Veteran Administration here in Delaware. There will be lots of great information and support released during this very important event. Details will be posted at the canteen and in future emails so keep your eyes open.

Our shuffleboard table is being refinished this week and will be ready in the next few days for testing and practice for the upcoming Fall Mixed League season. I look forward to seeing everyone come out to test out the new and improved tabletop.

We are looking for volunteers to begin the construction of the new patio and deck. We are working on the design and overall cost of materials and expect the project to start sometime in August with a 30-day window towards completion. The patio will be extended from the smokers shed to the western corner end of the building.

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Coming up in support of veterans throughout the state,

\*\*\* GEORGETOWN EVENT \*\*\*

The event is open to all service members, veterans, and survivors.

Do you need to talk to the VA? VBA? ..or a VSO?

TACKLE IT TUESDAY - Registration open for our next VA Day at the Guard 12 AUG 2025

1100-1400 hours

DNG- Georgetown Readiness Center 109 W Pine St, Georgetown, DE 19947 The event is open to all service members, veterans, and survivors. To register for an Appointment –

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409094DA8A A29A3FF2-53701327-tackle

Do you need help with...

- Enrollment
- VA Benefits or filing a disability claim
- VA Disability Appeals and Reconsiderations
- VA Healthcare Eligibility
- How to file a Service-Connected Disability Claim
- Accessing DD214 and medical records
- VA Home loan eligibility
- Service-connected disability claims and appeals.

If you have questions, please call 302.326.7582. The event is a service coordinated by the DNG-J9 Joint Support Services and carried out in partnership with the Wilmington VA and VBA and DE's Office of Veteran Services.

A message from National about a recent scam attempt.....

I saw something on my local news this morning, where Veterans are at risk of being scammed. My apologies if you are already aware of this, but I wanted to be sure we can spread the word for those that may not be aware.

The victims are receiving e-mails, phone calls and letters that appear to be from Department

of Veterans Affairs. They claim that the recipient owes money because the department overpaid some benefits by mistake and they want the victims to pay it back. If our members do or do not think they owe money to the VA they should visit the VA's website at Manage Your VA Debt For Benefit Overpayments And Copay Bills | Veterans Affairs so that they can check the status of their accounts.

Don't forget the many events and happenings at Stahl Post, this and every month throughout the year. Our entertainment team is working hard to make sure there are a wide variety of programs to attract your attention and keep you entertained and full. Also, our detachments and unit are working hard to host events in support of our volunteer and donation programs. For your planning purposes September kicks off immediately with the annual Auxiliary Crab Feast, followed by the Riders Beef & Beer, our first annual Car Show, and the Sons famous shrimp night. We are welcoming everyone back from the beach with a September full of events.

See you all at Stahl Post very soon.

Sal, Post Commander



#### **Notes From the Adjutant**

By Frank Clymer

First, I want to speak about our membership for 2025 before I turn the reporting over to our new 1<sup>st</sup> VC Bud Norris.

I am sorry that, in the end, we did not get 100% before the cutoff. I assumed, and you know what happens when you do that, if I transmitted any members before the cutoff date, the members would be counted. Apparently, the lag time between our transmittals and processing can be a few days. I assured Bud that this would not happen this year. Mea Culpa.

Next, I am going to talk a little while on Stahl Post#30 history. Our 75<sup>th</sup> year anniversary is coming up in June of next year. In the 60's the post bought the land on Route 13, which in those days was behind Kinney's shoe store. Our address for the parcel was 13 Leland Lane.

The WWII and Korean war veterans built what was named Wilson Field after Wilson Contracting who supplied the equipment to construct the field. That parcel was 11+/- acres at that time. Our members maintained that field on a volunteer basis into the 2000's. Wilm. College needed a field and agreed to maintain the property.

When the members decided to finally make the move to our new home, we developed a set of plans and moved forward.

My point is that no one entity gave Stahl Post anything. If you want to thank someone for this beautiful new building, these men and women from "The Greatest Generation" should be the ones.

We have a great partnership with Wilm. U and Price Toyota, but their motives are not purely altruistic. We had something they both needed, and we came to an agreement to that effect. I am sure that our partnership with these businesses will continue to prosper.

As Baseball Chairman for Stahl Post and on the Department Baseball Committee, one of my best days was when we won the State Championship this last Sunday, the 27<sup>th</sup>, after a long dry spell, and the boys brought the trophy to me to help them hold it up. Fantastic job by our young men. I am so, so immensely proud of all of you.

We are on our way to Joe Cannon Stadium in Hanover Md, to start the regional tournament on Wednesday morning, August 6<sup>th</sup> at 10am+/-. Only a 1½ hour ride to watch **your** team play with a chance to go to Shelby NC to represent Stahl and Delaware at the AL World Series. Hope to see many of you there. We need to put another bat in the canteen next to our other ones.

Our Holiday lottery is starting to heat up. Please, anyone that can help sell tickets, let me know, and I can get some to you. This is not something you can just take and not sell. If you take 10 tickets, you need to really try to sell them and not bring them back the day before the lottery starts. These tickets are accounted for since there are only 1000 tickets available.

Nancy and I are leaving on Wednesday August 6<sup>th</sup> for the Regional tournament and then to visit family and a side trip to Nashville/Memphis or Shelby, NC for the AL World Series, maybe. If you need anything from me, you can still call, or email and I'll will do anything I can.

Remember, we are all in this together.

In Comradeship Frank Clymer Page 4 Stahl Post 30 News



#### **SALS**

By Tom Campbell

#### **LAST MEETING**

Monday, **July 21<sup>st</sup>**, 2025, 6:30pm **General Membership** 

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

Tuesday, **August 19<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**

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

Membership for 2025 can be paid by stopping into the canteen or mailing your 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 nights are done for the summer but will be back on **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 in September.

#### 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 table 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>

#### **BASEBALL**

Your Stahl Post baseball team is the **Delaware American Legion Baseball State Champions**. The team will be leaving for MidAtlantic American Legion Baseball Regional
Tournament on **Tuesday 8/5/25** at **9am** from
Stahl Post 30. Please come out to the post and show your support for the team.

#### **Regional Tournament games**

Joe Cannon Stadium Harmans Park 7551 Teague Rd Hanover, MD 21076

I would personally like to thank Stahl Post 30 and its members for their continued support for the baseball team and American Legion Baseball. I always receive several compliments from opposing teams and parents on how Post

30 supports the baseball team and Legion Baseball. So again, I say **THANK YOU !!!** 







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#### **Auxiliary**

By Connie Christopher

First congratulations to our Stahl Post Baseball team, for winning the State of Delaware American Legion baseball championship. We are all so proud of you. Good Luck in the Regionals we will all be cheering you on.

12 Stahl Post #30 Auxiliary members recently attended the State Convention in July. Unit 30 won the membership award this year for the highest percentage of membership in the State. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our membership chair, Charlotte Anderson, for doing a fantastic job. We are honored to have 3 State delegates and 1 alternate attending the National Convention this year. Judy Tarr, Karrie Roy and I are heading to Tampa as delegates and Melissa Zdrojewski as an alternate. Judy Tarr was elected to the State officer position of Sargent at Arms, and I was elected to the State officer position of 1st Vice President.

To kick off the 25/26 season of events, we will be holding our annual Crab Feast Fundraiser on Friday 9/5/2025. We have 3 ticket options available and hopefully one of them will entice you to come out to support the Auxiliary. There will be a silent auction to benefit Wreaths Across America, a 50/50, a raffle for tickets to the Christmas show and dinner in Lancaster this November, the Auxiliary Bake Sale table and DJ Paul Freebury.

The Auxiliary will also be participating in the Car Show scheduled for this September with a Bake Sale and other food options. Our Junior Auxiliary will be running a water ice stand to fundraise all their planned projects this year.

This October, the Auxiliary will replace Taco Tuesday with a Monthly Veterans Dinner. On the second Tuesday of each month, we will provide dinner free of charge to Legion members. There will still be a dinner option available for purchase for SAL and Auxiliary members.

I am so excited to see many events at Post 30 this fall, and I hope to see you at each and every one of them.

#### Connie





#### **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.

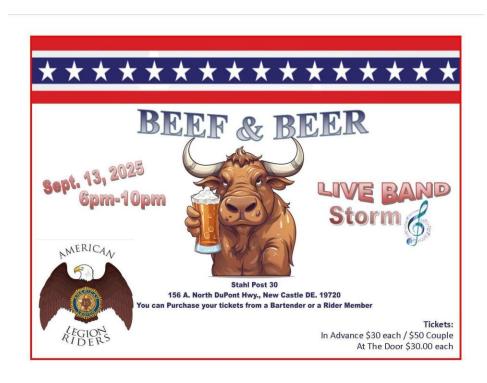
Our meetings are on the first Wednesday of each month at 7pm

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





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#### **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



#### 2025 American Legion Baseball Mid-Atlantic Regional Tournament

#### Stadium – Joe Cannon Stadium Host – Ridge Post 255 Local Chairman – Tyler Kimmey

(stmaryslegionbaseball@gmail.com)

Game	Date/Pairings	Time	
	Wednesday - August 6		
Game 1	NJ Champ vs. WV Champ	9:30 a.m.	
Game 2	DE Champ vs. VA Champ	Doubleheader	
Game 3	PA (B) vs. MD Champ	4:30 p.m.	
Game 4	PA Champ vs. Host Team	Doubleheader	
	Thursday - August 7		
Game 5	Loser Game 1 vs. Loser Game 3	9:30 a.m.	
Game 6	Loser Game 2 vs. Loser Game 4	Doubleheader	
Game 7	Winner Game 1 vs. Winner Game 3	4:30 p.m.	
Game 8	Winner Game 2 vs. Winner Game 4	Doubleheader	
	Friday - August 8		
Game 9	Winner Game 6 vs. Loser Game 7	9:30 a.m.	
Game 10	Winner Game 5 vs. Loser Game 8	3:30 p.m.	
Game 11	Winner Game 7 vs. Winner Game 8	Doubleheader	
	Saturday - August 9		
Game 12	Winner Game 9 vs. Loser Game 11 (See Note 1 below)	1:00 p.m.	
Game 13	Winner Game 10 vs. Winner Game 11 (See Note 1 below)	4:00 p.m.	
Game 14	Sunday - August 10 Winner Game 12 vs. Winner Game 13 (See Note 2 below)	1:00 p.m.	
Game 15	(If necessary) Fifteen games will be needed if Winner Game 11 loses Game 13 or Winner Game 12 wins Game 14	4:00 p.m.	

#### www.legion.org/baseball

Note 1: Pairings for Game 12 & 13 will not match previous opponents against each other unless absolutely necessary. (Tournament Director has further instructions).

Note 2: If three teams remain after Game 13, the winner of Game 11 automatically draws the Bye for Game 14.

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3	4  Bike Night 6pm Line Dancing	5 Baseball Team Sendoff 9am	6 Stahl Post Baseball Regionals (Hanover, MD) Legion Rider Meeting 7pm	Stahl Post Baseball Regionals (Hanover, MD)	8 Stahl Post Baseball Regionals (Hanover, MD)	9 Stahl Post Baseball Regionals (Hanover, MD)
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10 Stahl Post Baseball Regionals (Hanover, MI	11	12	13	14	15	16
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17	18	19 Aviation Day	20	21	22	23
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## Stahl Post 30 sweeps to 2025 state title in Legion baseball

By Jason Feather | Staff Reporter Jul 31, 2025

For pretty much the entire summer, the boys of Stahl Post 30 have been the best team in the state. Their opponent in the final two games of the 2025 Delaware American Legion state playoffs — Walter Fox Post 2 — has arguably been the second-best team in the state.

So, it was appropriate then that Stahl Post 30 and Walter Fox Post 2 were the final two remaining teams in the state championship tournament last weekend, with Post 30 winning three straight, including the 8-1 finale against Post 2 to bring home the state title.

Every starter for Post 30 had at least one hit in the state-championship win over Post 2, with leftfielder Rusty Lloyd the only one with a multiple-hit day, going 2-for-4. He also knocked in one run and scored another. The offense for Post 30 collected 11 hits overall, as Shawn Roy and Kellen Roberts each were credited with two RBIs. John Grybowski and J.J. Pankowski both scored two runs apiece. Roy had the biggest hit in the game, a leadoff triple in the bottom of the 5th where he would then steal home for his run scored.

Post 30's Charlie Porter was dealing on the bump as he covered all seven innings, throwing 93 pitches while allowing just the one unearned run on seven hits. He struck out two and walked one.



Connor Johnson of Lincoln, NE. Post 3 pitches during Game 13 of the 2023 American Legion World Series at Veterans Field at Keeter Stadium in Shelby, N.C. Photo courtesy Chet Strange/The American Legion

Post 2's Will Lorentz had a strong day at the plate, doing his part as the team's leadoff hitter and turning in a 3-for-4 effort. Cole Turner

also collected multiple hits with his 2-for-3 effort. Colby Rall scored the lone Post 2 run, while Ryan Perkins knocked him in with a single in the top of the 3rd.

The boys of Post 30 will now advance to the Mid-Atlantic American Legion Regionals in Ridge, Md., at Joe Cannon Stadium. They will open against the Virginia state champs as the second part of the opening doubleheader on Wednesday, Aug. 6. Play for the regionals will take place Aug. 6-10, with a chance to advance to the American Legion World Series at Keeter Stadium in Shelby, N.C.

The eight regional champions — Region 1 Northeast, Region 2 Mid-Atlantic, Region 3 Southeast, Region 4 Mid-South, Region 5 Great Lakes, Region 6 Central Plains, Region 7 Northwest and Region 8 Western — will collide for a chance at American Legion supremacy beginning on Aug. 14. Both the regionals and the World Series are played under a double-elimination format.



#### **Extra Bases**

At the conclusion of the state tournament, individual awards were bestowed upon a pair of players from the winning team for their performances.

The Roy Lamberton Award — Most Valuable Pitcher

Stahl Post 30's John Grybowski had pitched a one-hit complete-game shutout against the defending state champions — DelVets — on Thursday, July 24. Grybowski will be attending Wilmington University next year. For the season, he was very impressive, posting a 3-0 record with 27.0 innings pitched, with a .519 ERA that included 33 strikeouts and just 13 walks. Offensively, he batted .382 with a slugging percentage of .471.

The Donald Kimsey Award — Tournament MVP

Stahl Post 30's Shawn Roy had himself a heck of a tournament, batting .455, with four RBIs and a triple. For the season, season he batted .585, with a .756 slugging percentage that included a .695 on-base percentage in 14 games played. Roy will be playing for Goldley-Beacom College next season.

Both players are 2025 graduates of William Penn High School.



Jason Feather

Staff Reporter



#### July is Military Consumer Month and the Delaware

Department of Justice, Consumer Protection Unit – often called "CPU" for short – thanks American Legion Joseph B. Stahl Memorial Post #30 for this opportunity to remind its members of the types of scams that affect consumers - some targeted specifically to veterans – and to provide contact information to report suspicious activity.

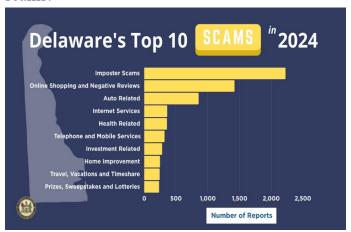
**Scammers who target veterans** often use tactics that leverage a veterans' eligibility for a variety of benefits through the VA. Here are some common scams.

"Claims Sharks" attempt to charge high fees often for services that are otherwise available to veterans free of charge – and avoid the laws and regulations in place that give accreditation through the VA Office of General Counsel to those who provide claims services. These regulations also prohibit charging a fee for an initial application. Often, unscrupulous actors will advertise false expedited processing times, or higher award rates.

"Pension Poaching" often targets older Veterans and attempts to lure Veterans into moving assets into annuities or trusts with overstated or false claims of eligibility for VA benefits. Often, these scammers steal personal information such as social security numbers and bank accounts during the process.

Veterans can also be targeted by variations of common civilian consumer scams. "Imposter scams" were the #1 scam in Delaware for 2024. Bad actors email, call or mail veterans, pretending to be an official governmental agency — often using forms, language and contact information that look "official" — all in an attempt to have the veteran send money, or to obtain a veteran's personal identification information for nefarious purposes.

Here is the full list of Delaware's top 2024 scams:



#### Need Help or Want to Report Fraud?

Contact the Delaware Department of Justice.

By calling: (800) 220-5424

By emailing:
Consumer.Protection@Delaware.gov

By filling out a complaint:

<a href="https://attorneygeneral.delaware.gov/fraud/c">https://attorneygeneral.delaware.gov/fraud/c</a>
mu/complaint/

Learn more about the Consumer Fraud Division by visiting:

https://attorneygeneral.delaware.gov/fraud/

#### Quick Links to Stay Protected

VA Website:

https://benefits.va.gov/BENEFITS/fraud-prevention.asp

VSAFE is a program created to support Veterans, service members, and their families with scam and fraud prevention: www.VSAFE.gov

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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 angelies 71@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