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STAHL POST 30 NEWS

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From The Commander

By Sal Vaccarino

I pray that as you all read this newsletter, you are all safe, warm, and healthy during this very cold start of 2026. Recently temperatures have been seriously low and very dangerous for everyone, but especially our elder generations and neighbors. The recent snow we all experienced, along with the cold weather has turned our neighborhoods into a frozen tundra, which means now, more than ever, it is time to keep close tabs on your elders, neighbors, and friends. Please make sure you extend your Buddy Checks to everyone who may need your assistance. This cold stretch affects so many different people in different ways, now is the tie for us to reach out and check on the well-being of our community.

I want to take this opportunity to THANK those who assisted in snow clean up and removal of our parking lot, sidewalks, and patio areas. Without your help our Post would have been closed for more than the two days we were forced to close. I also want to take this opportunity to THANK all of those who worked endless days plowing roads, cleaning sidewalks, clearing driveways, applying salt and brine, and bringing our community back to operation after the recent storm.

February is rolling in and already making a big impact on activities at our Post. We are having a potluck Super Bowl Party on February 8th starting at 3PM in the canteen. Sign-up sheet is in the canteen. Don't forget to get your Valentine Day dinner and karaoke tickets at the bar too. We are holding our dinner on Friday

February 13th starting at 5PM. Tickets are still on sale and moving fast. Our SONs also have a shrimp night planned, as well as several other great activities. Please be sure to check the calendar at the end of this newsletter, in the foyer of the canteen entrance, on the events TV over top the juke box, and on the fliers around the canteen.

In news around the Legion:

William H. Furrowh Post #11 is hosting a "Black-Tie Gala," The gala is a special evening to support Post #11's efforts in establishing a permanent home for its post. We invite you to join them on Saturday, May 2, 2026, from 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM, at Joseph B. Stahl Memorial Post #30. Your presence will help strengthen their community and make a meaningful difference.

The Department of Delaware will honor National Commander Dan K. Wiley on Friday, March 13, 2026, at Harrington Raceway & Casino, Gold Room, in Harrington. The tables seat 10 people, and there is plenty of seating. A full-service bar is in the room. Bar prices are \$4 for beer, \$5 for liquor, and \$6 for wine. Doors open at 5:00 PM, with a social until 6:30 PM, followed by dinner and the program. Tickets are \$50 per person. Please make ticket payments in the name of the Department of Delaware and forward them to Department Headquarters.

Annual 2026 STATE OF THE GUARD
Presented by the Joint Military Affairs
Committee

FREE TO ATTEND BUT YOU MUST REGISTER
AT

<https://web.dscc.com/atlas/events/state-of-the-guard-presented-by-the-joint-military-affairs-committee-3387/details>

Thursday, February 19, 2026

8:00 AM - 9:30 AM

0930-1100 hours - displays

Delaware National Guard, Joint Force Headquarters

Major Joseph R. "Beau" Biden III National Guard/Reserve Center

1 Vavala Way, New Castle, DE 19720

Join us for the annual State of the Guard briefing to our community, hosted by Major General James Benson, Delaware's Adjutant General. This year's stage is the Major Joseph R. "Beau" Biden III National Guard/Reserve Center, home to the leadership and key directorates of the Guard serving as its Joint Force Headquarters and named for the late Major Beau Biden who served honorably in the Delaware Army National Guard.

A quick reminder as we get closer to the end of the fiscal year. Please be sure to account for your volunteer hours since our last report period which would have ended in May 2025. We account for your volunteer hours in each unit's post report which closes out in May of each year. This report not only shows Department and National our community involvement, but in conjunction with every States' report, shows the impact The American Legion Family has on our Country to Congress.

Well with baseball season right around the corner, we will be hosting several umpire and coach training courses and meetings over the next few weeks. If anyone is interested in joining these sessions, please check in at the canteen on Wednesdays over the next few weeks to get registered and start your training.

Please be sure to check out all the other submissions and the calendar for upcoming events, and special days coming up over the

next few weeks. Lots happening at our post and none of it happens without each of you. Thank you all for your support as we continue to grow, in membership and in our support programs. Special thanks to those special people who work hard each and every day to keep our post open and running. Without their support and commitment to veterans and our Post Home, we could not do the things we do every day.

Have a great February. Hope to see everyone very soon at Stahl Post.

Sal Vaccarino - Commander

Joseph B Stahl Memorial Post 30



Notes From the Adjutant



By Frank Clymer

With the writing of this month's adjutant's notes, I hope all our members have gotten shoveled out and have had no health problems doing that strenuous activity.

Membership is at 90% with a goal of 100% by May 13, 2026. If you have not paid your 2026 dues yet, please be advised your canteen privileges will be suspended on February 1, 2026. We all know a veteran, son, wife, or daughter that can become a member of our legion family and get involved in our post activities.

Our Executive Board approved our 75th Anniversary Challenge Coin and is being minted as we speak. There will be 300 numbered coins in the original order. The delivery date is forecast for May 1st. They will be available for sale, with prices, later. First come, first serve.

We have numerous events, dances, karaoke, and dinners coming up in the next few months, so please check Facebook and our website for all updates.

Baseball starts in the spring, starting with WilmU and followed by, your State Champion, Stahl Post #30 in the summer. We set up a concession stand during all home games for both the WilmU and Stahl seasons. We always need people to cook, sell 50/50's and raffles, or man the cash box. Let us know in the canteen if you are available.

It is with great sadness that I must report that we lost our member, Donald Casey, on January 25, 2026. Rest in peace, my brother.

I want to welcome all our new members for the month and thank them for their service. If you run into any of our new members, make sure to make them feel welcome.

Michael Janes	USA
Clayton Ferguson	USA
Gary Proud	USAF
Thomas Barnhart	USA
William Harrington	USA
John Case	USA
John Jolley	USA
Dennis Rochford	USA
Thomas Wilson	USA

As always, if there is anything I can help you with. Please feel free to contact me.
Remember, we are all in this together!
In Comradeship
Frank Clymer
Adjutant



From The 1st Vice Commander

By Bud Norris

Happy New Year! Thank you for all you do. We are continuing to grow our Post and are at 90% of your membership goal! This means we are 40 members away to meet our 450-member finish line. Not only is our Post growing in strength and resources but so is the American Legion!! So, by all means, don't let this stop you from getting the word out to more veterans about the many things our Post and Legion does for them, Veteran organizations, and the community as a whole! If there is anything I've been witnessed to is a veteran must serve. Veterans have selflessly served their country to protect the freedoms of this country, in uniform, and once they take off the uniform the service does not stop, it is just refocused. Let help with that focus.

Remember to reach out to your service buddies to see how they are making out. Whether it is to see if they need anything during this cold snap or just to say hi, keep reaching out. If anyone is looking for ways to volunteer or be a part of a service project, reach out to me, Frank or Sal and let us find ways to get you connected. Don't let these winter doldrums get ahold of you! Don't worry, it won't be long until we will be celebrating both baseball and our 75th Anniversary in the warmth of the sun!! Happy Days!!

-Bud Norris
1st Vice CMDR



SALS

By Tom Campbell

LAST MEETING

Monday, January 12th, 2026, 6:30pm
General Membership

NEXT MEETING

Monday, February 16th, 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 2/4/26 is 249 paid members, which is 81.64% 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

The next Shrimp night of 2026 will be **February 20, 2026**, food to be served from 5:30pm to 8:30pm or until sold out. Entertainment will be provided by C&G Karaoke. There will be a Chinese auction that will be held during the event. 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!!**



Stahlpost SONS
Shrimp Night 2026
(Come out and enjoy a Great DINNER!)

Chinese
Silent Auction

Open to
The Public!

KARAOKE

February 20, 2026

No Ticket Needed for Shrimp Night Entrance
You **Do Not** Need to be Present to Win

Food 5:30 - 8:30 or until it's sold out
Sponsored: By The SALS

The poster features two cartoon shrimp chefs, one on the left and one on the right, both wearing white chef hats and holding spatulas. The text is arranged in a central column with various fonts and colors. The date 'February 20, 2026' is highlighted in a black box. The words 'Do Not' are underlined and in red.



Auxiliary

By Karrie Roy

Next Membership Meeting- Wednesday, February 4th, 6:30 PM

The month of January was another busy and cold month. On the 11th we hosted our annual soup sale. Thanks to all our volunteers who made this fundraising event a success. We enjoyed a visit from our National Auxiliary President on the 18th. Thanks to all the members who came out to meet her. We had a very good post turnout. Thanks to Pam, Missy and Kelly for the delicious meal. Taco Tuesday was back this month, and we were able to provide tacos to our veteran members again for no charge. As you all know this winter has been a cold and snowy month. Unfortunately, we did postpone our Sing Along Brunch that we are partnering with the Legion Riders on. The new date for this event is March 8th at 11am. I hope you all are looking forward to this event and can attend the event on the newly scheduled date.

On 2/10/26 we are hosting our monthly Legion dinner. An Italian meal will be served this month. All Stahl Post veteran members eat for free, and meals will be available for purchase for everyone else.

We have really been doing well with membership this year. Our goal for the year is 300 members, and we are at a whopping 328 members (109% of our goal). Thanks to everyone who has encouraged new members to join and get involved. I have heard some really good feedback from new members who have come out and volunteered and had so much fun doing so. It is up to us all to welcome, encourage and mentor our newest members.

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 February 11, 2026 @700pm

Next Riders Executive Board Meeting - February 10th 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.

March 8th we are partnering with the Auxiliary to host a sing-along Brunch!

We are also raffling off an electric bike!

SUNDAY BRUNCH BUFFET
 March 8, 2026
11:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Stahl Post 30
 156A N. DuPont Hwy, New Castle DE 19720
 Sponsored by: The American Legion Auxiliary & The American Legion Riders

RAFFLE
 SETON 26" Electric Bike
 \$5.00 per Ticket

Sing along with DJ Wes
 50/50s

1 Mimosa or 1 Bloody Mary
 With Your Meal \$15.00
 \$10.00 - Adults w/out Drink
 \$5.00 - Children under 10

Open to the Public



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

February 2026

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Groundhog Day Women's Shuffleboard Line Dancing	3	4 Men's Shuffleboard Auxiliary Meeting 6:30pm	5 Game Night 6-8pm	6	7
8 Superbowl Party w/ potluck	9 Women's Shuffleboard Line Dancing	10 Legion Meeting 7pm Stuffed Shells Legion Dinner	11 Men's Shuffleboard Legion Riders Meeting 7pm	12 Game Night 6-8pm	13 Valentine's Dinner Karaoke w/CG Karaoke in the canteen	14 Valentine's Day
15	16 Presidents' Day SONs Meeting 6:30pm Women's Shuffleboard Line Dancing	17 Mardi Gras Chinese New Year	18 Ash Wednesday Ramadan (1st day) Men's Shuffleboard	19 Game Night 6-8pm	20 Shrimp Night w/karaoke CG Karaoke Daytime Shuffleboard	21
22	23 Women's Shuffleboard Line Dancing	24 Family Meeting 6:30	25 Men's Shuffleboard	26 Game Night 6-8pm	27 Daytime Shuffleboard	28
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