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# STAHL POST 30 NEWS

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## From The Commander

*By Sal Vaccarino*

Happy New Year!! I hope everyone had a happy and healthy holiday season. Those of you who didn't make the Potluck New Year's Eve celebration missed a great event. As always there was plenty of fantastic food, great friends, and great music.

As a final close to 2025, I want to take the opportunity to thank everyone who took part in the many accomplishments we achieved during the past year. Without the dedication and support of our membership, we would not been able to support our veterans, families, and community. Thank you for a great 2025.

We were very busy during the month of December making sure that those who are in need were able to experience joy over the Christmas season. Our Auxiliary was hard at work shopping and wrapping gifts for several children of active and guard members of our military. There were several deliveries of food, donations, and supplies to the VA Medical Center for veterans who stay at the hospital. We also had a team, led by Kathy and Lee Jamison, who cooked and delivered meals to residents and veterans at The Pearl Center. We also delivered gift cards, supplies, and toiletries to the Veteran Homeless Center in Wilmington. What an amazing feeling we all had watching the recipients of your donations as they opened gifts, received meals, and accepted gift cards. Everyone receiving gifts was very thankful and gracious of your donations and support. As always our Stahl Post family stepped up and stepped in when the call came and helped

others to make the Holidays special for many people.

Over the next several months we will be planning and working on several ways to support the Snook Family through our Post. Some of you may not know that Matt and Karen Snook, parents of State Police Corporal Ty Snook, are members of our SONS and Auxiliary. Several of our members are working out details to host several events over the next few months in honor of Ty Snook. I have asked Connie, our Auxiliary President to keep the Angel Tree up for the next couple of months so we can build donations for the Snook family. Our bartenders will have blue hearts you can donate to and leave a message on the tree. Like the purpose of the Ange Tree, all donations will go to or be directed by the Snook family in support.

There are several events planned for January and February set on the calendar. Please be sure to check the calendar at the end of this newsletter for dates and times. There is also a calendar on the wall as you enter the front door of the canteen that lists our dates and events. We have just begun discussions on a Cheesesteak Frenzy, a Chili cookoff and a Beef and Beer event. Details will be following in the canteen over the coming weeks.

I am currently working with the Delaware Department of the Arts on a veterans' art program to be held at Stahl Post starting in April. This would be a weekly art training session to be held one evening a week in the meeting room. We will be enlisting members to join in coming months.

As we roll into 2026, we all have new challenges ahead of us, new goals to achieve, and accomplishments to meet. I wish you all a happy, healthy, and great New Year. See you at Stahl Post.

Thank you for all you do.

Sal, Post Commander



## Notes From the Adjutant



*By Frank Clymer*

Happy New Year to all, we are starting the new year off with a bang our January 14th target date for membership is 80%. As of Christmas Eve, we have 83.3%. I am sure 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander Norris is incredibly happy, but we have a way to go. If you have any problem with your membership, please contact me or Bud, and we will help you with it.

Our "Early Bird" and Holiday lottery drawings were held at the annual Christmas party. John Horvat's name was pulled for our holiday lottery drawing. Jonna Yetter sold the ticket to John. Thanks, Jonna, for your help with this fundraiser. This drawing was an extra drawing we pulled from the stubs that were turned back in when you purchase a ticket. Gratulation, John. I would like to thank Danielle Witt for donating her winning his back from the holiday lottery. Thank you, Danielle,

We also pulled two names from the members of the post who paid their 2026 dues before the December 1<sup>st</sup> cut-off, what we call "early bird" status. Anthony Pupillo, Sr., and Kenneth Button will receive a 2027 membership in July of 2026 when the new cards come out. Congratulations to our two winners.

Remember for next year, if you are a post member and pay your 2027 dues before December for 2027, you will go in the drawing for free membership for the following year.

The old muster list will be taken out on January 1<sup>st</sup> and replaced with the new list that hopefully everybody signed for 2026. Please, do not play the muster until you check the list and make sure you still have the same number. If you have not signed the list before January 1<sup>st</sup>, your number has become available for anyone to obtain. We have notified the bartenders to be

vigilant and check to make sure that a member is putting the correct number down when they play. If you put a number down that is not in the current muster list, you will not be paid.

It is with great sadness that I must report that we lost our member, Bruce Minner, after a short illness. 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 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander

*By Bud Norris*

Happy New Year!!

The New Year is an opportunity to look back, reflect and recall all the events that took place throughout the year. How we made use of our time, what we accomplished, perhaps joyously welcoming a new life into the world or sadly saying goodbye to loved one(s). Many wondering where the time went. This often leads to new resolutions, wanting to make the most of this upcoming year; new health goals, new profession ambitions, determination to strengthen relationships, etc... All these things are cyclical and continually and are assessed and renewed year after year. I truly hope each one of you take time to look back in some way with good feelings about 2025 and that you hold on to fond memories and life lessons from 2025.

This year something special for Stahl Post 30. We are about to recognize and celebrate 75 years. As we look back at the life of this post, we have to look past 2025, through the years that brought us to this point, with many fond memories. Those who came before us and helped make us what we are today as an organization and more importantly, a family. Each year you can bet those before us looked back but also looked forward. What makes us great but also what can make us better. We have an obligation to continue this. It's not one person who carried us this far and it won't be one person who continues to bring us forward. Each and every member of the Stahl Post has and will continue to contribute to the legacy of the Stahl Post and this American Legion. You have heard the saying it takes an Army (or Marine Corps, Air Force, Navy, Coast Guard, Space Force)? It does. We are not finished. The Stahl Post has

built a legacy many talk about. We are not finished. Let's continue to build. Let's learn from our past and strive to make it that much better, together.

Each and every one of the accomplishments and milestones our Commander and our Adjutant have shared about from this past year, whether the veteran and community focused support or surpassing goals set out for us, I am confident that behind each and every one of these accomplishments and goals surpassed stemmed from individuals who care, who are selfless, who love our country, who love our veterans, who love our community, who are giving and loving, and who embrace you whether you have a new one enter your family or having to say goodbye. This is what I looked back on from 2025 at the Stahl Post. This is what I witnessed first-hand. This was just one year. What a year!!! Here is to many, many more like it!!! God Bless!!

-Bud Norris  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice CMDR



## SALS

*By Tom Campbell*

### LAST MEETING

**Monday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026, 6:30pm**  
**General Membership**

### NEXT MEETING

**Monday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, 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

If you have not paid your 2026 membership dues, please do so ASAP. 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

First Shrimp night for 2026 will be **January 16, 2026**, food to be served from 5:30pm to 8:30pm or until sold out. Excited to announce we will be raffling a 65" TV the night of the event. TV raffle tickets can be purchased in the canteen from the bartender or from any SAL member. Raffle tickets are \$5 each and you do not have to be present on the night of event to win. Live Entertainment to be provided by **Kris V & Richie D.** 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!!**

**PLEASE KEEP THE SNOOK FAMILY IN YOUR THOUGHTS & PRAYERS**

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



65" Big  
Screen TV

**\$5.00 each Ticket**



**Live Entertainment**  
**Kris V. & Richie D.**

**January 16, 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



**Auxiliary**

*By Karrie Roy*

**Next Membership Meeting- Wednesday, January 7<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 PM**

Happy New Year! We just wrapped up a busy and exciting 2025 year. The month of December was another busy month. We hosted the annual kid's Christmas Party and had a wonderful turnout. Thanks to Patti Clark and all of the volunteers who worked hard to shop, plan, wrap gifts and prepare food for this event. Also, thanks to Paul Freebery Sr. for keeping our kids engaged and entertained. Our Adult members enjoyed our Christmas Party with live music with Rick and Connie and our New Year's Eve potluck in the canteen with live music from JB Acoustic and DJing from our own Jason Haigh. A great time was had by all during these events. During the week of Christmas, the Auxiliary came together with other members of the post to prepare and deliver meals to the Pearl Center. Thanks to everyone who volunteered for this.

We raised over \$1000 from Angel Tree donations this holiday season. We were able to purchase 22 gift cards for homeless vets. Thanks to Kathy Jamison for taking the lead on this. You may have noticed that we have transformed the Angel Tree in honor of State Police Corporal Ty Snook. Blue lights have been added to the tree and Blue Hearts are available for purchase in the canteen. This money will be donated to the Snook family.

We have another busy month coming up in January. We will be hosting our annual soup sale on 1/11/26 from 12-3 (or until the soup sells out). Please come up and support this fundraising event. On 1/13/26 we are hosting our monthly Legion dinner. Tacos will be served this month. All Stahl Post veteran members eat

for free, and meals will be available for purchase for everyone else. On January 18th our National President, Pam Ray, will be visiting our post. More information about the times and what to expect during the visit will be forthcoming. On February 1st the Auxiliary is partnering with the Riders to host a sing-along brunch. Come on out and enjoy some brunch food, brunch cocktails and grab a microphone to sing along with DJ Wes. This is a fun event you won't want to miss.

The end of 2025 has really seen a growth in membership. Our goal for the year is 300 members, and we are already at 297 members (99% of our goal). Thanks to Deana Castro and Harley Jordan for representing Stahl Post 30 at the Delaware Cultural Festival this month. They educated the community about who we are and what we do during this event. 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. During our New Year's Eve event we raffled off membership from those who qualified through Early Bird membership signups. Linda Tarnowski was the winner!

**Soup Sale**  
**Stahl Post 30**  
**January 11, 2026 12:00-3:00 or until Sold Out**

All Soups are \$12.00 for 1 Quart & \$6:00 for 1/2 Quart  
 Except for the  
 Cream of Crab, it is \$16.00 for 1 Quart & \$8.00 for 1/2 Quart

**Take out Only!**

	<b>Vegetable Beef</b>	
	<b>Loaded Baked Potato</b>	
	<b>Cream of Crab</b>	

**(Auxiliary Fundraiser)**



*By Jim Focht*

**Next Riders Membership Meeting** January 14, 2026 @700pm

**Next Riders Executive Board Meeting -** January 13<sup>th</sup> 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.

**February 1<sup>st</sup> we are partnering with the Auxiliary to host a sing-along Brunch!**



# 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](mailto: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

# January 2026

December '25

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	31	1 New Year's Day Game Night 6-8pm	2	3
4	5 Line Dancing	6	7 Auxiliary Meeting 6:30pm	8 Game Night 6-8pm	9	10
11 Auxiliary Soup Sale 11am	12 SONs Meeting 6:30pm Line Dancing	13 Legion Meeting 7pm Taco Tuesday Legion Dinner	14	15 Game Night 6-8pm	16 Shrimp Night w/music Kris V and Richie D	17
18	19 ML King Day Line Dancing	20	21	22 Game Night 6-8pm	23 Bar Mingo 6pm	24
25	26 Line Dancing	27 Family Meeting 6:30	28	29 Game Night 6-8pm	30	31
1	2 Groundhog Day	Notes			Calendar Templates by Vertex42.com <a href="https://www.vertex42.com/calendars/">https://www.vertex42.com/calendars/</a> © 2022 Vertex42 LLC. Free to print.	