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# STAHL POST 30 NEWS

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## From The Commander

*By Sal Vaccarino*

Happy 249th Birthday to our great Country! Celebrating our Independence is one of the greatest honors we have as citizens of the United States of America. But please don't forget those who gave their lives and work hard every day to protect our freedoms. Please remember to take a moment and this year to say a little prayer to honor those who provide us with the ability to celebrate. While we are at it, [Happy Birthday](#) to all our members and families celebrating during the month of July! local kids. Come in often and don't forget to drop off whatever you can grab for the kids.

In keeping with Stahl Post tradition, we will have our annual July 4th family picnic and baseball game on Friday, July 4th starting at 11 AM. The volunteer and food donation signup sheet has been in the canteen for weeks now and it appears that we will have quite the spread to enjoy during the celebration. There will be a tent set up with tables and chairs, but I might suggest bringing your lawn chairs for watching the game. We will also have a waterslide, provided by the Auxiliary, for kids of all ages to enjoy. The long-range forecast is calling for clear weather but expect our July typical heat and humidity so please be sure to be prepared for a warm but fun day and event.

ALSO, please remember, as in the past couple years, the admission cost for this fun filled day is a minimum of \$5 worth of school supplies. There will be a table set up for everyone to

drop off their donation at the entrance to the picnic. Please make sure to provide school supplies that any elementary school child would be able to use in their studies for the upcoming year. While I ask for a minimum donation of \$5 in supplies, we will accept cash offers, and of course larger amounts exceeding our minimum if you desire. These donations will be going to the children of our communities, so make sure to be generous.

We are well into our Stahl Post baseball season at Wilson Field, our favorite team is looking good and playing great ball. If you haven't stopped by for a game, WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR? We have plenty of room to watch on our patio and adjacent field locations as well as in the stands to get the entire experience. We also have volunteers staffing our grills and kitchen to make sure everyone can get a hamburger, cheeseburger, hot dog, or sausage during the game. Stop by for the party atmosphere, some great baseball food, cold drinks, and fantastic family comraderies.

An update on the shuffleboard table. After a disappointing scheduled appointment that saw our table stay in less than stellar condition, we now have another opportunity to get our table repaired in the next few weeks. We will be removing the laminated skin from the table completely, cleaning and leveling the surface, then conditioning and resurfacing the wood. I have been assured that come August, we will have a new flat wood surface to shoot on and the table will look better than ever for our upcoming Fall season.

Please be sure to carefully read our Adjutant's comments in this month's newsletter. We are bringing back the Christmas Lottery program

and will start selling tickets on July 4th at the picnic. We will be selling tickets during July until we sell all tickets or through the end of September (whichever comes first), then start celebrating winners in October. Get an envelope for everyone in your family. Each ticket has the possibility of winning BIG prizes till the end of 2025.

**Congratulations** to everyone who pitched in over the last year to get your renewal in, bring in new members, and introduce yourself to a new member at the canteen. Remember, membership is everyone's responsibility. Introducing one of your veteran friends or their family members will help us to grow Stahl Post and help us to continue the legacy handed to us by our past members and founding fathers.

For the upcoming year we will reintroduce an older program designed to help us achieve our membership goals for 2025-26. Every Legion member who submits a paid renewal prior to November 30, 2025, will be eligible to win a free membership in the 2026-2027 campaign. For every 100 "Early Bird" paid renewal members who renew prior to November 30, 2025, one name will be drawn at the Stahl Post Christmas Party in December. Since our Legion membership currently stands at 448 veterans, we could potentially have 5 paid renewals who will win a free membership for the 2026-27 year. Remember, this free Legion membership program is only for those current Legion members who paid their renewal prior to November 30, 2025. This program does not include PUFL members.

Stay cool. Stay safe. And see you all at Stahl Post very soon.

Sal, Post Commander



## Notes From the Adjutant

*By Frank Clymer*

As of June 23, 2025, the Post has **446** members, which is **100.45%** of our goal. My kudos to all who helped attain our goal this year. This means that, again this year our Post, Unit and Squadron have made 100% or more of their respective goals. Moving forward, I will be turning over this part of my notes, for the newsletter, to our new 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander Bud Norris. I will get him up to speed on the newsletter submittal process and, hopefully, he will be able to put this in his 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander's notes in August. I am sure he will do an excellent job. We have received our membership cards for 2026. After the convention in mid-July, you will start receiving notices to renew your dues. **Remember**, your membership is good until December 31 of any given year.

We decided, at the last executive meeting, that we would like to bring back our incentive program to get renewals in as soon as possible to keep ahead of our goals set forth by National.

If you renew after the Convention on July 7, 2025, until November 30, 2025, and receive an early Bird stamp, you will be put in a drawing to be held at our Christmas party on December 13, 2025. For every 100 renewals, minus PUFL's, a member will receive a 2027 membership from the Post.

There are 3 separate entities that comprise most American Legion Posts. The veterans which should be referred to as Post, as in Stahl Post #30. The Auxiliary, which is now gender neutral, because any male that has a spouse

eligible for membership in the Post, is eligible to join our auxiliary, which is referred to as Unit, as in Stahl Unit #30. Our Sons of the Legion are men, who through service by their fathers, adopted fathers, and stepfathers are eligible to join, is referred to as Squadron, as in Stahl Squadron #30. It helps, sometimes, to clarify which part of the American Legion Family someone is referring to.

The Holiday Lottery Raffle Tickets will be available at the Post beginning with the 4<sup>th</sup> of July picnic and will be sold until we run out. So, if you are coming to the picnic bring an extra \$20 for a ticket or sign out a few to sell to family and friends. The raffle is based on Delaware night, 3-digit number beginning October 1 running until December 31, 2025. There will be 93 chances to win prizes from \$50 to \$1000. There will be a drawing of the ticket stubs that are returned, at the Christmas Party on December 13, for an additional \$1000. This is a very lucrative fund-raiser if everyone pitches in and sells the tickets. We have nearly 1000 members in our Stahl Post family, so it should not be very hard to accomplish.

#### **New Members**

Todd Birney USMC

#### **Post Everlasting**

Stanley Piernkos

Again, if anyone needs anything, please feel free to contact me @ [adjutant@stahlpost30.org](mailto:adjutant@stahlpost30.org) or my cell phone @302-419-7931.

Remember, we are all in this together.

**In Comradeship**  
**Frank Clymer**



## **SALS**

*By Tom Campbell*

### **LAST MEETING**

Tuesday, **June 18<sup>th</sup>**, 2025, 6:30pm **General Membership**

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

Monday, **July 21<sup>st</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**

Current Membership as of 6/30/25 is 295 paid members, which is ~118.9% of our set goal of 248 **Thank you!!** 2025 membership renewal has closed. Once we receive 2026 membership cards from National a notice will be put out allowing 2026 dues to be paid.

### **SHRIMP DINNER**

Shrimp nights are done for the summer but will be back on September 19th. 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!! Thank You for the continued support and we look forward to seeing everyone in September.

## **DETACHMENT CONVENTION**

The Annual Detachment Convention will be held July 11<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> at the Christiana Hilton located at 100 Continental Drive, Newark Delaware 19713. All delegates/alternates & guest for the convention have been submitted have already been submitted. Please see Mike Gravenor or Tom Campbell for details.

### **2025 Convention Delegates**

Michael Gravenor	Jeff Wilson
James Fallers III	Lee Jamison
Maxwell Gravenor	Brandon Campbell
Raul Valladares	Miguel Garcia
Steven Hazewski	Don Hanby
Stanley Lawruk, Jr	Guy Clark
Tyler Campbell	James Hinton
William Muckle	Thomas Campbell
Charles Gravenor	Frank Calabrese
Frank Wrigley	Michael Gravenor Jr

## **BASEBALL**

Your Stahl Post baseball team is 5-1 on the season so far. Don't forget about the July 4th picnic with a ball game starting at 11am. We will once again be hosting the Delaware American Legion Baseball State Championship playoffs starting July 24th. We will have several home games in the month of July and are looking for volunteers to help (cook, cleanup, etc..) during the regular season and the state tournament. There are volunteer sign-up sheets in the canteen. Come on out and show your support for the team.



## **Auxiliary**

*By Connie Christopher*

Hope everyone is well and staying cool in the hot weather we have been having. With summer comes conventions. The American Legion State Convention will happen in New Castle County and this year we have 12 delegates attending, one of the largest delegations in the State. As a reminder the Convention will be held July 12th-14th. There will be some activities for all at the Post Saturday evening the 13th. As discussed in our June meeting, the Post #30 Auxiliary catering services are up and running well. We have been asked, and are honored, to provide food for the State American Legion Baseball Banquet on Wednesday, July 23rd. We are asking for volunteers to work in two teams preparing on Tuesday 22nd and to serve on Wednesday evening the 23rd. Please contact the Post Kitchen Manager, Judy Tarr if interested at (302) 438-1375. If you can give an hour or two either day or evening, we could certainly use the assistance, no experience necessary.

I want to also encourage everyone in membership to volunteer when you can. You don't have to attend every meeting or volunteer for all events. I am aware that many folks work full-time jobs and still have families, making you very busy. However, volunteering to help our organization keeps our mission going helping Veterans, Active Military and their families. If you can give an hour or 2 every other month, that would be awesome. Please see me if there is anything you're interested in participating in or how I can help. We have a crab feast, a car show and a craft fair coming up in September and October and I would love to see some new faces on our volunteer teams.

Hope to see everyone on the 4th at the Picnic!  
Connie



## Legion Riders

*By Jim Focht*

The Stahl Post Riders are up and running. We currently have 5 members and welcome all riders. If you enjoy riding and having an active role in the community then we're a perfect fit.

Our meetings are the first Wednesday of each month at 7pm at the American Legion Stahl Post 30.

We participated in 2 events during the month of June. We honored Legion member Jim Lowell by providing an escort to his final resting place on 6/3/25. The club also participated in an honor ride to show support for a family in Townsend who lost their 16-year-old on 6/21/25.

The Legion Riders will be helping with the 4<sup>th</sup> of July picnic at Stahl Post 30 on July 4<sup>th</sup>.

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

Day	Date	Time	Opponent	Location	Comment	W/L	Score	
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Monday	6/9/25	6pm	Delvets	Friends HS	Postponed			
Monday	6/16/25	6pm	Post2	Dover HS		W	8	4
Thursday	6/17/25	6pm	Delvets	Wilson	6/12 Makeup	W	8	5
Monday	6/23/25	6pm	Post 10	Christiana HS		W	7	3
Tuesday	6/24/25	6pm	Post2	Wilson		L	1	7
Friday	6/27/25	6pm	Post 1	ST. Marks HS	6/19 Makeup	W	11	1
Monday	6/30/25	6pm	Post 28	Sports at The Beach		W	18	8
Tuesday	7/1/25	6pm	Post 28	Wilson				
Friday	7/4/25	11am	Post 10	Wilson				
Monday	7/7/25	6pm	Post 14	Smyrna HS				
Tuesday	7/8/25	6pm	Post 14	Smyrna HS				
Wednesday	7/9/25	6pm	Post 1	Wilson				
Thursday	7/10/25	6pm	Post 10	Wilson				
Saturday	7/12/25	5pm	Post 14	Wilson	AL Convention			
Tuesday	7/15/25	6pm	Post 28	Wilson				
Wednesday	7/16/25	6pm	Delvets	Friends HS				
Thursday	7/17/25	6pm	Post 2	Wilson				
Saturday	7/19/25	12pm	Post 1	Wilson				
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# July 2025

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	1 P Stahl Post Baseball 6:00 PM	2 Auxiliary Meeting 6:30 PM P	3	4 Independence Day Member's 4th of July Picnic Stahl Post Baseball 11:00 AM P	5 P
6 P	7 P	8 Legion Meeting 7PM P	9 Stahl Post Baseball 6:00 PM P	10 Stahl Post Baseball 6:00 PM	11 State Convention P	12 State Convention Stahl Post Baseball 5:00 PM P
13 State Convention P	14	15 Stahl Post Baseball 6:00 PM	16	17 Stahl Post Baseball 6:00 PM	18 P	19 Stahl Post Baseball 12:00 PM P
20 P	21 SALS Meeting 6:30 PM P	22 P	23 State Baseball Banquet P	24 State Baseball Tournament	25 State Baseball Tournament P	26 State Baseball Tournament P
27 Parents' Day State Baseball Tournament P	28 P	29 P	30 P	31	1	2
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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](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