

June 2025

STAHL POST 30 NEWS

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From The Commander

By Sal Vaccarino

First and foremost, please take a moment to pay respects to those who have given the ultimate sacrifice in service to our Country. Those men and women who gave all, while in defense of our Nation, are the reason we can proudly live the freedoms we enjoy today. While we all take the time over the previous Memorial Day holidays (observed and actual) to memorialize their sacrifice and the sacrifice of their families, their memory should be a part of our everyday life, for without those who gave their lives in defense, we would not be the great democracy that is envied throughout the world.

Thank you to Ted Christopher, his team and all who spent time over the Memorial Day weekend to place Flags at Veterans burial sites at Gracelawn Cemetery. Once again, your leadership has made sure that every Veteran gets recognized and honored on this very special occasion. Your efforts are greatly appreciated and respected.

Over the last couple of months, we have noticed attendance at the Stahl Family meetings, typically held on the Fourth Tuesday of the month, has been declining. We are truly in hopes that it is simply because of the break in nice weather and everyone busy handling things at home. That being said, we will suspend the Stahl Family meetings until September when we bring back this important communication tool. In the meantime, please do not hesitate to reach out to your chapter leaders with any questions or concerns.

Thank you to everyone who made the month of May an amazing success! From all of the volunteers who stepped up to become the concession stand for two Wilmington University tournaments, one even weather delayed into a Monday schedule, to the volunteers working on cleaning up our yard and landscaping, to those who stepped in, filled in, and fixed up around the Post wherever needed, I thank you all for a job well done. May would not have been the great month it was without your help. Our Post Home would not be the diamond that it is without your help.

Also happening in May, each of our units (Legion, Auxiliary, SONS, Riders) have completed the process of their respective 2025-26 elections. **Congratulations** and THANK YOU to all the returning and new officers of the Stahl Post Leadership team. Each Unit Leader will be introducing their team to our post, but we are also currently putting together an Induction ceremony to be held later this month. **Congratulations** to all of the elected officials from each Unit. As always, if I can be of any assistance or support, please feel free to reach out to me directly.

Your 2025-26 Legion Leadership Team:

Commander Sal Vaccarino
1st Vice Commander- Bud Norris
2nd Vice Commander- Angel Ramos
Adjutant- Frank Clymer
Finance Officer- Jose Cruz
Chaplain- Charles Schaubert
Historian- Tony Jones
Sergeant-at-Arms- Jim Focht, Sr.

Executive Board Members

Rob Lawruk
Stan Lawruk, Jr
Ted Christopher
Elias Danucalov

As Commander I have the honor of appointing specific positions to join the team. For our next meeting I will recommend the board approves Butch McGuinness and DeAna Casto as our Veteran Service Officers for the upcoming year. I will also be looking to appoint a Building and Grounds Chairperson, as well as several other positions.

Last weekend I joined our SONS chicken BBQ team down south with Post 28 in a cooking competition. We went down early Saturday morning and fired up our new roaster grill to take part in Millsboro Post 28's 2nd Annual chicken drumette cookoff. This is a great event down south that our Cookoff Team is infiltrating to learn, compete, and bring home some awards. What another great way to promote Stahl Post and all we do for our community. Thank you to the SONS for inviting me to tag along.

Moving into June... Here comes Stahl Post Baseball!!!! Our favorite home team is currently starting up tryouts over these recent weeks. Practice is starting soon with games to follow. I have it from a reliable source that our first home game will be June 12th with the rest of the schedule coming out very soon. I can't wait for the games to begin and the grills to get fired up!!!

On June 7th we will be hosting the 142nd AS, the 166th OSS, and the 166th OG units from across the street for a little cook out and social hour(s) starting around 3PM. Please be sure to try to make this event and get an opportunity to get to know our members, future members, and our military neighbors. I am looking forward to a great event with plenty of activity and fun to be had by all. Please be aware that we also have a scheduled wedding in the hall for that

day so the hall parking area will be temporarily blocked for that hall event.

Also don't forget that on June 11th we will be hosting a CPR/AED Educational training class in the hall. If you haven't signed up yet, get in here and get it done. I will be submitting the list to Lorrie in the next few days so she can create participation certificates for the sessions. This is an education course with Lorrie Williams from the New Castle County EMS group. We will learn about heart attack, stroke, choking, Hands Only CPR and AED use. This is NOT a certification course. If anyone attending requires certification for their work, this will not give them that certification.

A very HAPPY 250th BIRTHDAY to the United States Army on June 14th which is also Flag Day!

As an update, if you haven't noticed or been in the canteen, our shuffleboard table is still not repaired. While it is usable, the edges are still damaged and unfinished. The man who did come out to "refinish" the table, was not able to do the work because our board is fully laminated and sealed to the surface. He has recommended a couple of fixes, which will be reviewed with our Executive Board next week and hopefully completed before the next newsletter. I am also currently waiting for a laminator to come out to give us an estimate to remove the entire existing skin from the table. If we have any members who have expertise with the process of lamination over a wood surface, I would love to spend some time with you to discuss the options available for our board.

With July 4th coming quickly don't forget our Stahl Post Family picnic! Plans are now being made for a great time all around the campus. Don't forget the admission charge for our picnic is a minimum of \$5 worth of school supplies that will be donated to our local schools. We will also be collecting school supplies in the canteen through the months of July and August for our

local kids. Come in often and don't forget to drop off whatever you can grab for the kids.

For those interested, our American Legion Family convention is scheduled for July 11 through 13, 2025 at the Hilton Hotel in Christiana. Stahl Post will be hosting an American Legion Baseball Marti Gras on July 12 from 5PM till..... There will be a great TAL Stahl Post baseball game, cook out on the grills, side dishes with a Marti Gras flair, and plenty of fun. Please be sure to check with your Chapter to get a spot as a delegate, or an Alternate so you can take part in this very important weekend in our American Legion organization. Can't wait to show the entire Department what our Post can do, on the field and in the building.

You may notice there is some work going on around the grills over the last couple of days. Well Harry and Lee were bored so they decided to help us level and organize our new grilling areas next to the patio. They assure me that the beautification project will be done in short order, and we know it will look amazing. Thank you, Harry and Lee, for all you do to support our Post Home.

Knowing this is the beach/shore season for many of our members, me included, please remember that your Stahl Post is still here, open and operational, waiting to welcome you to our canteen. Keep in touch with what's happening and the various events that still go on each week or month. Also remember our veterans and our community who still need our assistance and support. We are still committed to serving them as their needs do not change during the beach/shore season.

In case I haven't said it enough, thank you all for what you do to support our Post Home and The American Legion. Our Post depends on you and your participation to keep us open, active, and giving. I truly appreciate everyone who steps up and steps in.

See you all at Stahl Post.... Soon!!!
Sal, Post Commander



Notes From the Adjutant

By Frank Clymer

As of May 14th, we are at 445 members, which is 1 member above the 100% that the National set for us in July of 2024. GREAT JOB by all that helped us attain this milestone. We can still add to that number, so please continue to support our membership efforts.

I want to take this time to welcome our new post members:

James Beavers	USA
Jonathan Cecchi	USMC
Jacquiline Croy	USAF
Nadine Johnson	USA
LaTroy Mitchell	USAF
David Robillard	USN
America Ruiz Torres	USAF

The printing was approved for the holiday raffle tickets. I am having the tickets printed soon and will be distributing them to all 3 parts of our Stahl Post Family. This will be a cash-based winners' lottery based on the Delaware night number, with 93 ways to win over 3 months, October, November, and December, ranging from \$50 to \$1000. The price is \$20 per ticket. There will be a drawing of the ticket stubs at the Christmas party on Saturday, December 13, 2025, and one winner will receive \$1000. You need not be present to win. There will be 1000 tickets sold, numbered from 000 to 999. This is a blind draw for an envelope, so you cannot pick your favorite number. They cannot be sent through the mail, so you will have to stop by the Post or contact me, I will make sure I get one to you.

I am initiating a Post Everlasting section in my monthly notes.

If you know of anyone who has passed and they are not included on the listing below, I will add them next month. This list is from January until now. Moving forward, I will endeavor to update the list, if necessary, every month. Hopefully, I will not have to add too many names.

Paul Kempski Joseph Davis

Jerry Besbris James Lowell

Roland Lawhead

In the vane of post everlasting, we lost a long-time member of, first our social membership and, when it was developed, our SAL Squadron. James (Jim) Sherman, Sr was a fixture at Stahl Post #30 for more years than I can count until his health slowed him down.

I have known Jim my whole life and I considered him a good friend, and he will be deeply missed by Nancy, me and our two sons, Jack and Brian.

He was instrumental in the development of the Post from its inception and worked tirelessly on all projects around the Post, especially his first true love, our famed baseball program. When we decided to name Stahl Stadium after him, I was truly honored that that happened while I was Commander.

Enough sadness.

Again, if anyone needs anything, please feel free to contact me @ 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, **May 14th**, 2025, 6:30pm **General Membership**

NEXT MEETING(S)

Wednesday, **June 18th**, 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.

Nominations for 2026 officers is closed and the officers for 2026 are the following:

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 6/2/25 is 290 paid members, which is ~117% of our set goal of 248 Thank you!! If you haven't renewed for 2025, please do so ASAP as 2026 dues will start being collected in July.

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 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!! 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.

CHICKEN COOK-OFF

Your Squadron participated in the Chicken Cook-off at Post 28 on May 31st. A BIG THANK YOU to all who volunteered for the event and great job finishing in 2nd place! Looking forward to the event next year with hopes of finishing 1st.

BASEBALL

Your Stahl Post baseball team will start their regular season June 9th. 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. Will be looking for volunteers to help (cook, cleanup, etc..) during the regular season and the state tournament, please keep an eye out in the canteen for the volunteer signup sheet in. Come on out and show your support for the team. You will find the full season schedule at the end of this newsletter.

UPCOMING SAL EVENTS

June 8 th 2025	10am	Detachment Meeting @ Post 8 Meeting
June 18 th 2025	6:30 PM	Membership Meeting



Auxiliary

By Connie Christopher

Welcome to summer everyone. While during summer months, some Auxiliary events are on hiatus, we are still a very busy unit. First, let me introduce you to the 2025-2026 season officers.

President – Connie Christopher

1st Vice – Judy Tarr

2nd Vice – Karrie Roy

Secretary – Shantelle Campbell

Treasurer – Harley Jordan

Sgt. At Arms – Merle Vaccarino

Chaplin – Madlyn McGinness

Historian – Melissa Zdrojewski

I have appointed two members at large to the Executive Committee, Patti Clark and Charlotte Anderson and they have graciously accepted.

Unit #30 will be participating in Girls State this month. Girls State runs June 15th-20th and we will host the evening of June 19th at Goldey Beacon College. We are planning a few Junior activities dates and times TBD. The Auxiliary will also be providing the Legion support in the kitchen as well. The State Convention will be upon us on July 11-13th. Unit #30 will be sending 10 delegates this year and the convention will be held in New Castle County for an easy commute. Save the date for August

22-28th the American Legion National Convention in Tampa, FL. We have 6 members attending so far. That brings us up to September 5th, our annual AYCE Crab Feast to kick off the 25-26 season of events.

Stay safe this summer and enjoy. See you at the Post!

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 hit the ground running we had two events we participated in during the month of May. We did the legacy run and Memorial Day Flag placement at Gracelawn cemetery.

The month of June is starting to shape up. We've been asked to do 2 missions. The first one is an honor escort to the Veteran's Cemetery for a Stahl Post Legion Member. The second is an honor ride to help a family heal after losing their 14-year-old son to suicide. We were requested by the Middletown Police Chief.

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

Jim Focht

Chapter Director

STAHL POST #30

Day	Date	Time	Opponent	Location	Comment	W/L	Score	
							STAHL	OPP
Monday	6/9/25	6pm	Delvets	Friends HS				
Thursday	6/12/25	6pm	Delvets	Wilson	Boys State			
Monday	6/16/25	6pm	Post2	Dover HS				
Thursday	6/19/25	6pm	Post 1	ST. Marks HS				
Monday	6/23/25	6pm	Post 10	Christiana HS				
Tuesday	6/24/25	6pm	Post2	Wilson				
Monday	6/30/25	6pm	Post 28	Sports at The Beach				
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				
Home Game						Legion Record		
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GAME DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE DUE TO VARIOUS REASONS						W	L	

June 2025

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4 Auxiliary Meeting 6:30 PM Legion Riders Meeting 7p	5 GAME NIGHT	6	7 Guard Units Cookout
8 Pentecost	9 Country Line Dancing	10 Legion Meeting 7PM	11 CPR/AED Class	12 Stahl Post Baseball GAME NIGHT	13	14 Flag Day
15 Father's Day	16 Country Line Dancing	17	18 SALS Meeting 6:30 pm	19 Juneteenth GAME NIGHT	20	21 June Solstice (GMT)
22	23 Country Line Dancing	24 Stahl Post Baseball	25	26 GAME NIGHT	27	28
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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