

May 2026

# STAHL POST 30 NEWS

156 A DuPont Highway, New Castle DE 19720

[www.Stahlpost30.org](http://www.Stahlpost30.org)

(302) 328-9715



## From The Commander

*By Sal Vaccarino*

Welcome to May. Now that the mornings are brighter and the evenings are longer, I hope everyone is getting as much vitamin D in their system as Mother Nature allows us to have. If you are spending more time outside and enjoying the sunshine we do get from time to time, please be sure to add sunglasses to the wardrobe, and apply sun block to protect your eyes and skin.

Let me take a moment to look back and thank everyone involved in putting together a VERY successful American Legion Family Day open house last weekend. While the weather didn't really cooperate with our plans, I heard many great compliments about the day's events, games, food, and fun. Thank you to everyone who worked the event, and for making sure everyone had a great time. Special thanks also go out to the setup, take down, and cleanup crews who made sure that having three events in three days went off without a hitch or an issue.

We also hosted the annual VA Volunteers Day luncheon at the Post in the last week. Several of our members received very special awards and recognition for the work they do with the VA Medical Center and other VA groups in our community. Once again THANK YOU to all the volunteers who step outside comfort levels every day to assist and support those who have served our great Country.

This weekend we are hosting W.H. Furrowh Post 11's Black Tie Fundraiser even. This event

is a ticket only event to support Post 11's efforts to obtain a post home in the Wilmington area. Their leadership team has been doing a phenomenal job starting and growing this new TAL post and providing additional community support. We are proud to assist and support our brothers and sisters at Post 11 in their efforts to continue to grow and expand.

On May 7th we are hosting another Veterans Town Hall with our partners from the VA and supporting organizations. This is always a great event and goes a long way in support of our veterans and families. We will be represented by our very own Stahl Post Service Officers as well as other PSOs from the district to support our Department VSO Joe Houghton.

You may have noticed we continue to move forward in the patio expansion project. Thanks to Harry and Lee for leading this very special project, and to the team, whose work will provide us more usage from our patio area. Due to the efforts of this team we will no longer have muddy shoes and trip hazards as we enjoy the grounds area. Also of special note, thanks to Dave Snow who has donated a great supply of mulch for us to continue to beautify our Post grounds. As always we invite all of our members to help us spend a day or two landscaping and improving our exterior grounds and making sure our beautiful Post Home remains that way.

If you haven't noticed all our units are currently going through our annual election processes. First I want to thank every unit leader for your support over the previous year and thank you to all the previously elected members for your service. The dedication that an elected official provides is unmatched and too often

unrecognized. Our 2025-26 leaders set a very high bar for all of us to follow and have done great things for Stahl Post and our membership. Thank you to all who have served. Now just a quick reminder to everyone that any and all leadership positions are available, if you qualify. If you have ever said "I wonder how that works" or "I can do that", now is the time to get involved and throw your hand into the ring for a slot to help. Jump into a meeting and raise your hand if you want to pitch in to assist. If you have some other expert skills, but don't want to hold a position on the board, step up and ask your Commander to appoint you to a project or program. There are all kinds of behind the scenes work that is being done that could use a helping hand.

As we now move to the election process for the 2026-27 year, please make sure you are prepared to carefully choose your leaders for the upcoming year. Make sure you know the goals and desires of the person running for a position. Do THEY know what their new responsibilities will be? Just as important, do YOU know their duties should they be elected? If you don't, find out. Step up and ask the question. Make sure to bring your SIGNED membership card to the respective election meeting. Also, NO visitors are permitted during the voting process at any election meeting. We always invite visitors, but during elections ONLY members can be in the voting area.

After the election process and all the votes are certified, we will hold our annual certified leaders swearing in ceremony. This year we will once again hold our swearing in process as the Stahl Post Family, but different for this year we will hold our swearing in during our 75th Anniversary event on June 20, 2026. We will have the pleasure of several special guests also celebrating with us during our anniversary so we will ask our guests to perform our respective unit ceremonies. As a reminder, please be sure to pick up your no charge tickets to our anniversary cook out. We are using the tickets to ensure we have enough food, gifts, and

prizes for those who plan to attend. There are a limited number of tickets still available. May will also bring us to our very special Memorial Day exercises. We will be posting Flags at Gracelawn Cemetery on May 23rd and 24th. As always Past Commander Ted Christopher will be leading the charge of this very important remembrance. Check in at the Post for additional details. We will also be hosting the after service luncheon following the Memorial Day services on May 30th at the DRMB. Make sure to sign up to help if you can.

Our Riders group have several events and rides coming up during May and June, please make sure you keep an eye out in support of their efforts to assist in the community and promote the work that Stahl Post does every day. We are also slowly assembling a color guard and honor guard for the Post to address the needs of our community, and our members. There have been several requests for Stahl Post representation at the services of a recently passed veteran. Unfortunately, we have not been able to support those requests, but we can change that. I have had a few veteran members ask to serve in our Honor Guard in the past, if you have an interest in joining this elite team of members, please contact Jim Focht, our Riders Director for additional information. BTW, we have recently purchased several Flags which allows us to present and take part in a Flag Line. If you are interested in taking part there, also talk to Jim.

We are looking at our very popular game night activity and speaking with several regulars to see how we can improve the experience for everyone. What started out as a way to bring members into the post on a typically slow night of the week has now grown to one of the busiest nights of the week and appears to have outgrown the canteen area. I have started to meet with a few game night regulars to capture ideas on ways to improve the night for everyone. I recently purchased a few game cards with multiple hands that could be used as a multiple game or an "all night" card to help

with the distribution issues we have been experiencing. Other changes and improvements will be reviewed over the next couple weeks with the objective of making Thursdays at the Post even better than it is today.

In closing I would like to remind everyone that Stahl Post is our Post Home. Please be sure to treat our Post Home with the care and love that you would treat your own personal home. Our Post Home is only as clean, organized, and beautiful as we, as its caretakers, allow it to be. If you see something that needs addressed, please see a Post Leader, or the Bartender. If you can help correct an issue, please pitch in and help. If you make a mess, please clean it up. If you wouldn't ignore something at home, don't ignore it at your Post Home. We can always use the help.

For those of you heading to the beaches and campsites, stay safe, stop by and see us once in a while, and make sure when you go into a Post in your summer home area, you sign in and represent Stahl Post in a positive manner. Stay safe. Have fun. Be careful. See you all at the Stahl Post!!!

Salvatore M. Vaccarino - Commander  
Joseph B Stahl Memorial Post #30  
Legion.



## Notes From the Adjutant



*By Frank Clymer*

Our membership as of March 27th is 448 members. We need 451 to make our 100% quota this year. We have approximately seven days to get those members in. If you know of anyone that has not paid, or would like to join, please do not hesitate to email or call me.

I would like to take a minute to talk about the baseball field that our post home is built around. There is high quality baseball played there eight months a year. In the spring WilmU plays their games there, in the summer our 15-19 yr. old Stahl Post baseball team plays, usually, including the state American Legion tournament in July. In September, WilmU returns to play their fall session in baseball. This is high quality baseball that costs you nothing to watch except maybe a beverage or, usually, hot dogs and hamburgers on the grill.

WilmU played Georgianna last Sunday. They played to a 4-4 tie in the 9<sup>th</sup>, WilmU won with walk-off homer in the bottom of the 10<sup>th</sup>. This is extremely exciting baseball. You need to stop by and watch it.

WilmU will be going into their playoffs shortly, and I understand the conference championships are here at Wilson Field. You should be able to find out on the university website.

Remember, that is why our post home is where it is now. The veterans that built the original post and the field wanted our post home there. they finally got their wish.

The 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary Challenge Coin will be available soon. I will keep you posted.

It is with great sadness that I must inform the membership that we had two longtime members transferred to Post Everlasting this

month. 20-year member, army veteran, Joseph Trala and 31-year member, army veteran, Paul Del Pizzo. Please keep their family and friends in your thoughts. Rest easy, my brothers.

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.

- Jeffrey Cretz           USAF
- Gordon Deston       USA
- Jay Labanda           USMC
- Scott Lehman         USMC
- Stephen Hague        USAF
- John Sammon       USN
- Lindsay Brown     USN
- William Benton    USN
- Francis Raymond   USMC
- Rob Pike            USAF
- Thomas Preston    USN
- Reed Maynard     USAF
- Trent Sinning      USAF
- Mick Mulju         USAF
- Sherrita Whitney-Thomas   USAF

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



### Family Day





## **SALS**

*By Tom Campbell*

### **LAST MEETING**

**Tuesday, April 21<sup>th</sup>, 2026, 6:30pm General Membership**

### **NEXT MEETING**

**Tuesday, May 19<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**

Current Membership as of 4/29/26 is 304 paid members, which is 99.67% 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**

Shrimp nights are done for the summer but will be back in **September**. 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.

### **Sub Sale**

Sub Sale was **April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2026**. This was by far the best Sub Sale fundraiser, and all proceeds were donated to the Bob Anderson Memorial Scholarship. The scholarship will be awarded to baseball player(s) on the team who displayed the qualities of baseball players Bob loved the most Dedication, Commitment, Effort, Selflessness, Teamwork and Honesty. Player(s) who showed these qualities every day and every game and dedicated himself to the team, to Stahl Post, and to The American Legion will be considered to receive the Bob Anderson memorial Scholarship. To all the volunteers that continue to make this fundraiser a great event **THANK YOU !!!!**



## Auxiliary

*By Karrie Roy*

### Next Membership Meeting- Wednesday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 PM

April has been another busy month for the Auxiliary. We hosted our first Adult Game Night. Fun was had by all who attended. Our ladies cooked some delicious cheesesteaks. I want to give a shout out to all of our kitchen volunteers.

American Legion Family Day was a huge success even though the weather did not cooperate. It was great to see so many adults and kids come out and play games and dance to the DJ music. Congratulations to our cornhole tournament winners Bucky and Seth. This event would not have been a success without all of our members that volunteered their time. I want to personally thank you all. The Legion, SONS, Auxiliary and Riders came together as a collective group to make this a great event that we plan to repeat next year. So, mark your calendar for the last Saturday in April of 2027.

Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> we hosted our 2<sup>nd</sup> Sing Along Brunch with the Legion Riders. We had a great Sunday Fun Day! Look for this event again in the fall. It is a great time with food, music by DJ Jason and great raffles.

**Wednesday, May 6<sup>th</sup>** This is our membership meeting with our annual elections. Come out and cast your vote for whoever you feel represents our unit in a way that benefits our mission and values. Bring your membership card to vote.

**Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup>** We are hosting the DEC meeting. Lunch will be served directly after the 9am meeting.

**Tuesday, May 12<sup>th</sup>** we are hosting our last monthly Legion dinner until the Fall. The menu will be announced later this week.

**Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup>** CG Karaoke will be hosting Karaoke in the canteen. This is a great time with our friends Tom and Shannon so come join in the fun at 6pm in the canteen.

I have reached out to our membership recently and asked for volunteers for events and donations for giveaways. I am so thankful that you all have responded so graciously to all of these requests. Your generosity has allowed us to host some extremely successful fundraising events, and I want to personally thank you all. If anyone wants to become more involved or is looking for ways to help, please let me know. We have plenty of volunteer opportunities available.

Thank you all for all that you do to support the Auxiliary, our veterans and the Post!





*By Jim Focht*

**Next Riders Membership Meeting** May 13, 2026 @700pm

**2025 Riders Officers**

**Director**-James Focht

**Asst Director**- Bernard Smith

**Treasurer**- Harry Diener

**Secretary**- John Duffy

**Sargant at Arms** - Angel Ramos

**Road Captain**- Don Godwin

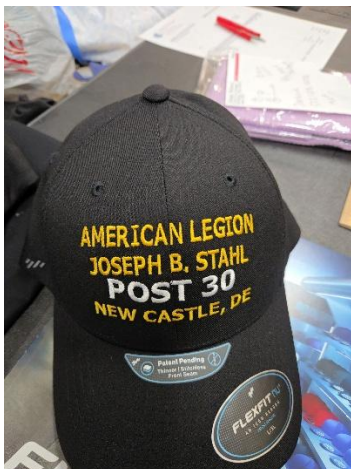
Well, here we are in May. Weather is getting warmer and more Motorcycles will be out enjoying the roads. PLEASE SLOW DOWN AND KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR US. We can't stop as quickly as a car, and most accidents involving motorcycles are serious if not fatal.

Our events are May 3rd Sunday Brunch 11-am-3pm (We break for summer and will resume in September)

June 6th Our first annual Summer Bash... This Will benefit the Riders First Responder Relief Fund

Hats are for sale at 25.00 each. See a Riders member or any Bartender.

If interested in Joining the riders feel free to attend one of our meetings or contact any Riders member at the post.



**75th Anniversary**  
**Joseph B. Stahl Memorial Post 30**  
**June 20, 2026**



**Dance Music**  
Provided by: (Paul Freebery)  
**American Pie Entertainment**

**Come Out & Celebrate!**



**Enjoy DINNER:**  
(Please get an advanced ticket)  
Wristbands will go out to ticket holders for DINNER



**Must Bring Ticket To Attend**  
Starts 3:00pm  
Dinner 6:00pm

**1951 - 2026**

# May 2026

April '26

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

June '26

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

July '26

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	1 Friday Afternoon Shuffleboard	2
3	4 Line Dancing	5 Cinco de Mayo	6 Auxiliary Meeting 6:30pm	7 Game Night 6-8pm	8 Friday Afternoon Shuffleboard	9 Auxiliary DEC Meeting 9am
10 Mother's Day	11 Line Dancing	12 Legion Dinner 5:30pm Legion Meeting 7pm	13 LegionRiders Meeting 7pm	14 Game Night 6-8pm	15 Canteen Karaoke 6pm Friday Afternoon Shuffleboard	16 Armed Forces Day
17	18 Line Dancing	19 SONs Meeting 6:30pm	20	21 Game Night 6-8pm	22	23
24 Pentecost	25 Memorial Day	26	27	28 Game Night 6-8pm	29	30
31	1	Notes			Calendar Templates by Vertex42.com https://www.vertex42.com/calendars/ © 2022 Vertex42 LLC. Free to print.	