

Delaware Veterans, Inc. Post #2

History

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- 1946** World War II Veterans of Wilmington had already established a Post known as Delaware Veterans of Foreign War. They approached local area veterans in Dover (principally David P. Buckson) to form a Post in Kent County. This was to be known as Post 2, with the original Post in Wilmington adopting Post #1.
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- 1947** Post #2 organized and held meetings at the Masonic Temple (Theater) on Loockerman Street, Dover. Charter issued and James H. Hughes, III is elected as the first Commander. Later in this year, Post #2 rents a building at 122 Bank Lane
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- 1949** Post #2 erects WWII memorial and flag pole at State and Kings Street known now as the Memorial Triangle.
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- 1950** James H. Hughes, former Commander, donated the property at the corner of Pear Street and Walker Road to Post #2.
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- 1952** New post home completed at present location. Much of the work being completed by members.
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- 1955** Post becomes a Little League sponsor.
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- 1956** Post #2 began the first of many minstrel shows as a way to raise funds.
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- 1958** Expansion of Post #2 Home with fireplace at north end of building completed. The wife's group led by Nancy Lewis contributed \$1,000.
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- 1973** Post #2 Golf League initiated.
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- 1975** Name changed to Delaware Veterans, Inc. from Delaware Veterans of Foreign War. Bingo initiated at Post 2 to raise funds. First Chairman was Ralph Knotts. First Associate members accepted to increase membership.
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- 1979** North room expanded and bar moved into new addition.
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- 1981** Student scholarships began.
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- 1991** Expansion required for Bingo at south end of building completed.
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- 2007** DelVets #2 and the American Legion Post 2 erected a new flag pole at the Memorial Triangle.
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Jack Lewis compiled this brief chronology of our Post's history. It is not a thorough record and may not be an exact record of what is recorded here. Contributions and or corrections are welcome.