

MINUTES

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 1 in DC E-Board Meeting

Date | Time Wednesday, January 9, 2013 at 7:00pm | *Meeting called to order by* Unit President Victoria Pridemore

In Attendance

Victoria Pridemore (President), Debbie Chen (Vice President), Barbara Riegsecker (E-Board Member) and Sharon Riegsecker (Secretary/Treasurer)

Status of Unit Charter and Non-Profit Status

Sharon Riegsecker reported that she had sent the charter and membership applications to the department president. According to the USPS, it had not been delivered yet. We will not be able to get an EIN number until National Headquarters returns the necessary paperwork. Victoria Pridemore indicated that a unit she had been talking with another unit in Virginia indicated that they recommend TD Bank given our 503(c)19 status, and we will look into this once we get our EIN number.

After additional research, it will be quite expensive to establish 501(c)3 status and the immediate benefit is not there. Sharon was able to find other ways to get the things we were hoping to get out of Google for Nonprofits, i.e. Unit 1 email accounts. The only thing we will not be able to do is apply for grants or get donations for those only able to give to 501(c)3s. We would also have to file additional tax paperwork. It was decided we would table this for the time being.

Upcoming Service Projects

1. January 19—Care kit assembly for deployed servicemembers, Wounded Warriors, veterans and first responders with Points of Light and Target. Unit 1 will volunteer alongside the American Legion Auxiliary Call to Service Corps members in the DC area during the noon shift. Members should register individually.
2. January 26—Wreaths Across America clean-up. As a group, we'll join to help clean up the Wreaths Across America wreaths at Arlington National Cemetery. It will not be a department service project. Ms. Veteran America will be joining us.
 - a. We will present Ms. Veteran America with a certificate of appreciation and gift membership.
3. Care Packages—Victoria will be sending a care package to the grandson of a gentleman who is in Post 8. We will work with her to get the care package sent out.
 - a. A National Guard unit in Virginia is scheduled to deploy in the near future. We discussed connecting with the unit for pre-, during and post-deployment to provide practical and social support.
4. February Ideas—The Department of DC will not be doing anything for Hospitalized Veterans Week.
 - a. Debbie will follow up with the VA to see if they have any other opportunities.
5. March Ideas: We can start with welcoming Honor Flights.

January General Meeting

Sharon Riegsecker learned that Post 1 will likely be cancelling or rescheduling their January regularly scheduled meeting for Thursday, January 24. As we need to meet, we decided to have Victoria call a special meeting for Tuesday, January 29 at 6:30pm. This accommodates those coming from further out in the metro DC area. The meeting will happen in a more central location to downtown. Debbie will look into having the meeting at the library. Additionally, the post is talking about having bi-monthly meetings. As we need to be having monthly meetings, we will have meetings separately.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm.