

# MINUTES

## American Legion Auxiliary Unit 1 in DC E-Board Meeting

*Date | Time* Tuesday, April 2, 2013 at 7:00pm | *Meeting called to order by* Unit President Victoria Pridemore

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### In Attendance

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Victoria Pridemore (President), Debbie Chen (Vice President), Sharon Riegsecker (Secretary/Treasurer) and Michelle Vaughn (Historian)

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### Status of Unit Charter and Bank Account

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**Status of Charter:** Sharon Riegsecker got the signatures of both the department president and department secretary. She will look into getting the charter and scroll framed.

**Bank Account:** Sharon Riegsecker was able to obtain the EIN number from the IRS. Victoria Pridemore will follow up with TD Bank. Victoria Pridemore, Debbie Chen and Sharon Riegsecker will set some time to go to the bank to establish the account.

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### Service Projects

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1. Tide Pods Drive—We continue to collect Tide Pods or money for the VA's CRRC (Community Resource and Referral Center) for homeless and at-risk veterans in DC. At the end of April, the new Post Commander and Unit President, along with anyone else who wants to, will take the Tide Pods to the CRRC. Donations are at \$80.
2. Washing the Vietnam War Memorial—On Sunday, April 21, we will join Blue Star Families at 7am to wash the wall. Rangers will provide cleaning supplies and we will have no more than an hour and a half to wash the wall.
3. Appreciation Bags—On Sunday, May 5, we can join with Blue Star Families to put together appreciation bags for 150 Walter Reed and 150 National Guard spouses. There is no location for this yet.
4. Deliver Appreciation Bags—On Friday, May 10, Blue Star Families will distribute the appreciation bags. The bags for spouses of those at Walter Reed will be delivered during the day. Michelle Vaughn is unsure if volunteers are needed. Details for distributing the bags to the National Guard spaces are still a work in progress as it's being coordinated with another group. There will be a dinner and a movie at 7pm.
5. Wounded Warrior Auction—Debbie Chen is looking for a few members to join her in assisting in the auction to benefit wounded warriors. It will be all afternoon and in Rockville, MD. Debbie Chen will have more information following the volunteer meeting this weekend.
6. Honor Flight—Debbie Chen is coordinating an April 27 greeting of the plane at Reagan National Airport. An Eventbrite is up, and people are registering. Michelle Vaughn is coordinating an event on the other side of the day that would have volunteers setting up for the veterans at the World War II Memorial on Saturday, May 18.
7. Hiring Our Heroes—There will be another job fair in June with the Chamber of Commerce. Members are encouraged to attend to table with the Legion to promote the Legion Family.
8. Greeting Veterans from NJ—Every six weeks a group of veterans, Vietnam War to current conflict, with PTSD travel from New Jersey to DC to visit the National Mall and Arlington Cemetery. Participation with this project will be deferred to the post.

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### Unit and Department Meetings in April

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**Unit 1's Year-End Meeting:** The April meeting will consist of reports, member initiation, elections and installation of officers. Victoria Pridemore will contact the department president to see if she can attend.

**Department Convention:** The department convention will be on Saturday, April 27 at Post 8 starting at noon. Unit 1 gets two delegates, but ALL members are encouraged to attend. Victoria Pridemore will not be able to attend due to a work conflict. Unit 1 does not have any endorsements for department-level office at this time.

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## Announcements

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Victoria Pridemore won the post's membership bounty to see who could recruit the most members in March.

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## Adjournment

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Meeting was adjourned at 7:57pm.