

MINUTES

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 1 in DC

Date | Time Tuesday, May 14, 2013 at 6:38pm | *Meeting called to order by* Unit President Victoria Pridemore

In Attendance

Victoria Pridemore (President), Barbara Riegsecker (via phone), Ruth Riegsecker (via phone) and Sharon Riegsecker (Secretary/Treasurer)

Secretary/Treasurer's Report

Minutes: It was moved that the minutes from the regular March 12, 2013 and annual meeting on April 9, 2013 be approved as submitted without reading. The motion was seconded and passed.

Membership: Unit 1 has 17 current members. Welcome to Elise Celli.

Finance Report: Your bank account has been opened! All money, including dues, general donations and the Tide Pods drive, \$855.00 was deposited. Following expenses to establish our website at \$15.94 (domain and May web hosting), our account balance is \$839.06. *Note:* This amount will be lower next month as we reimburse members for start-up costs and purchase the Tide Pods. The poppy fund remains at \$10.00.

Communications: Email from National Community Service Chairman Lisa Williamson was read thanking us for allowing her to be a part of our initiation and installation.

Unfinished Business

Status of Charter Framing: Victoria Pridemore and Sharon Riegsecker took the charter and scroll to the framers and expect to have it back this week.

Constitution & Bylaws Changes: Distributed by email on April 30, a proposal was made to move our regularly scheduled monthly meeting from the second Tuesday of the month to the third Tuesday of the month. After discussing the change, the proposal failed to pass.

Website Update: Our website, www.ALAUnit1inDC.org, launched five days ago. We have heard several positive responses. Our website has already been submitted to the national public relations committee for consideration for a new unit website citation.

Fuddruckers Fundraiser: We will look to host a fundraiser at Fuddruckers (Burgers for Benefits evening) in Chinatown on Wednesday, July 17 (pending approval of Fuddruckers). Proceeds will go into Unit 1's account and will be use to support Post 1 Family service projects. As a reminder, we will receive 10% of sales of those who present our flyer. Vice President Debbie Chen will work on creating the flyer.

CRRC-Tide Pods Update: Our drive for Tide Pods/money is now done, and we raised enough money to buy 7 boxes of Pods from Costco. This equates to 630 loads of laundry for the CRRC!

Service Hour Reporting: At the Department Convention, units were presented with a draft of the department's report, and asked all units to submit their accomplishments through the end of May for the department's report. Members discussed the implications this would have on our annual meeting (maintaining two sets of annual reports and impact numbers) and decided we would not submit our accomplishments in the end of April and May but maintain them for the following year's report.

In an effort to collect accurate impact numbers, we will now email members around the first of each month to collect this information.

Service Project Recap: Both the Honor Flight and washing the Vietnam Wall were successful events! Seven people came out to the Honor Flight with us on Saturday, April 27 and 11 people came out to Vietnam War Memorial on Saturday, May 4.

Upcoming Service Projects: We will be participating in a Honor Flight on Saturday, May 18. If you have not registered yet, you have until noon tomorrow (Wednesday, May 15).

New Business

New Upcoming Service Projects:

1. Washing Vietnam Memorial Wall—VVA Chapter 641's next Wall wash is Saturday, June 1.
2. Honor Flight—Saturday, June 22.

Upcoming Post Family Social Events:

1. Twilight Tattoo—6/26
2. Evening Parade—7/5

Future Work with the CRRC: Drives for the CRRC will become quarterly, thus allowing us to have donation drives for other projects (such as the care package drive we had earlier this year). The next drive will be for SmarTrip cards so these homeless and at-risk veterans can get to and from a new job until they get their first paycheck. We tabled the project while we wait on what specifically is needed, but the drive will likely be in October.

Next Meeting

Tuesday, July 9, 2013 at the National Veterans Center.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30pm.