

MINUTES

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 1 in DC

Date | Time Tuesday, May 13, 2014 at 6:38pm | *Meeting called to order by* Unit President Victoria Pridemore

In Attendance

Debbie Chen (Vice President), Victoria Pridemore (President) and Sharon Riegsecker (Secretary/Treasurer).

Secretary/Treasurer's Report

Membership: We are at 20 members, or 111% of our numerical objective.

Finance Report: The general fund account balance is \$1240.11. At our March meeting, the general fund balance was \$1599.47. Expenses (two months combined) included membership transmittal at \$98.00, reimbursement for President's Day luncheon at the Fisher for \$124.69, postage to mail the socks to Project Healing Waters at \$17.45, cards for the chaplain to send out at \$6.33, post office box renewal for one year at \$128.00, donations to the AEF and National President's Scholarship totaling \$10.00, web hosting for \$7.90, and domain renewal at 12.99. Expenses totaled \$405.36. Income included dues remittance of \$46.00. The poppy fund balance is unchanged at \$1118.10.

Unfinished Business

Service Recap and Upcoming Service Projects/Events:

1. April Honor Flights (4/26)
2. May Honor Flights (5/17)
3. Wreath Laying at DC WWI Memorial (5/18)—All members are encourage to attend. This ceremony will start at 3pm at the DC WWI Memorial
4. June Honor Flights (6/7)—There's still time to register!

Donations to ALA National Funds: Donations to the National President's Scholarship Fund and Auxiliary Emergency Fund, based on our membership numbers, are current. We have donated \$20.00 to each fund.

ALA's Salute to Servicewoman Nominations: We have identified 3 servicewomen to nominate for this award. They are currently working on essays that are due Friday, May 16. Past Presidents Parley Chairman Barbara Riegsecker will review all essays before submitting them to department for consideration and submission to the national chairman.

New Business

Upcoming Service Projects:

1. Vietnam Memorial Wall Wash—This event is members only, as we're being invited by Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 641. The original invitation was for post members, but we have ensured that it is open to Unit 1 members as well. As most of our newsletter distribution list is non-members, Sharon Riegsecker will email all local members to remind them of this opportunity throughout the summer.
2. Team RWB Korean War Memorial Wash—On July 12, Team RWB will be washing the Korean War Memorial. Unit 1 members are invited to attend. No registration necessary. Victoria Pridemore will provide more details.

Department Convention:

1. We have no nominations for any department-level office.

2. The Convention will be June 28th at noon, at Post 8. All members are encouraged to attend.
3. Victoria Pridemore and Debbie Chen were selected at delegates. Sharon Riegsecker will serve as an alternate.

Post 1 Member Deployed: Post 1 member Jennifer Franco is being deployed. Victoria Pridemore has spoken to her about what family member she would like us to send a care package to. We will be sending her step-mother a \$25 gift card for a spa day. (Amount pre-determined by standing rule.) Our July service project will be to collect items to send Jennifer a care package.

Addition to a Blog to Our Website: It was voted to add a blog to our website. There will be at least one post per month, and it will highlight why our members belong to the American Legion Auxiliary. Sharon Riegsecker will work on this and follow-up with members accordingly.

Budget: The proposed attached budget, accounting for 25 members, was adopted. We project to take in \$1,100.00 this year, and spend \$1,608.36. This discrepancy in amount takes into account some poppy funds rolling over from last year to be spent on appropriate projects.

Dues for Female Veterans in MY 2015: As an incentive to get female veterans to join the ALA, National Headquarters will be waiving their portion of the 2015 membership dues for each NEW female veteran. This was announced at the Department Leadership National Conference, and details are still being finalized. Instead of charging different members different rates and asking for additional money the following year, Unit 1 will keep the dues for new female veterans at \$30.00, however the National dues portion (and department dues portion, if they so decide) will be transferred from general funds to poppy funds.

Constitution, By-Laws and Standing Rules: This was tabled until the July meeting.

Next Meeting

Tuesday, June 10, 2014 at the National Veterans Center.

The meeting adjourned at 7:38pm.