

# MINUTES

## American Legion Auxiliary Unit 1 in DC

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*Date | Time* Tuesday, July 8, 2014 at 6:48pm | *Meeting called to order by* Unit President Victoria Pridemore

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### In Attendance

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Lauren Lloyd, Victoria Pridemore (President), Barbara Riegsecker (via phone) and Sharon Riegsecker (Secretary/Treasurer).

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### Secretary/Treasurer's Report

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**Minutes:** Minutes from the March, April and May meetings were approved as submitted.

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

**Finance Report:** The general fund account balance is \$1208.21. At our May meeting, the general fund balance was \$1240.11. Expenses (two months combined) included web hosting for \$7.90, membership transmittal at \$14.00 and convention delegate fees at \$10.00. Expenses totaled \$31.90. There was no revenue. The poppy fund balance is unchanged at \$1118.10.

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### Unfinished Business

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**Service Recap and Upcoming Service Projects/Events:**

1. May Honor Flights (5/17)—Thanks to everyone who came out. There was a good showing.
2. Wreath Laying at DC WWI Memorial (5/18)—Unit members joined members of the department and other DC groups to pay remember the DC residents who served during WWI.
3. June Honor Flights (6/7)—There's still time to register!
4. Vietnam Memorial Wall Wash
5. Care Package Drive for Deployed Post 1 Member (Ongoing through 7/16)—We have only received a few donations. It was voted to spend poppy funds to purchase items for the care package that aren't donated by members/supporters.

**Deployed Post 1 Member Family Support:** Victoria Pridemore is still in dialogue with the deployed Post 1 member about sending her family a care package.

We discussed broadening the scope of families we support during a deployment. Since nearly 25% of our members are eligible in their own right, we clarified our support for being to either a Post 1 or Unit 1 member who is deployed. Additionally, if the member has no dependents (single), the member chooses who will receive our support.

**Department Convention Recap:** The main highlight is that Victoria Pridemore was elected Department Historian.

**Constitution, Bylaws & Standing Rules Changes:** No additional standing rules were identified, but members were asked to think about it and email Sharon Riegsecker with suggestions. Sharon will look over other Auxiliary Constitutions, Bylaws and Standing Rules to expand on the information we have. The final proposal will be distributed to members in accordance with the current Constitution and Bylaws.

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## New Business

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### ***Planning Service and Social Calendar for the Rest of 2014:***

1. 9/11 Day of Service (Thursday, 9/11)—Given the lack of local projects announced currently, we'll look into having an event at the Pentagon Memorial. One idea is to put poppies on each bunch at the memorial.
2. American Legion Day (Tuesday, 9/16)—To celebrate our service, we'll host a social at Froggy Bottom. \$5 cover charge to cover group appetizers. More details to follow.
3. Make a Difference Day (Saturday, 10/25)—We'll be participating in an Honor Flight.
4. Veterans Day (Tuesday, 11/11)—Table until it's closer.
5. Holidays—Table until they're closer.
6. Social Events/Outings
  - a. Screen on the Green-A Soldier's Story (Monday, 8/11)—We'll list it in the newsletter, and ask people to reply if they're interested in attending, and coordinate a group that way.
7. Collaborations with other groups, DC National Guard, local ROTCs, etc.
  - a. Lauren Lloyd is reaching out to the DC National Guard.
  - b. We'll reach out to local ROTC battalions after our collaboration with the National Guard is established.

### ***New Service Projects/Activities:***

1. Spirit of '45 with Code of Support Foundation (Sunday, 8/10)—Code of Support Foundation is looking for volunteers to help construct a living memorial for current conflict veterans. This will be our August service project.
2. Other Possibilities
  - a. Toys for Tots—In November, we'll reach out to the local Toys for Tots to volunteer to help sort gifts, etc.
  - b. Roller Derby—Members are interested in volunteering with the Freedom Belles.

***Member Survey:*** Everyone thought it would be a good idea to have a member survey to collect programming and other information from members. Sharon Riegsecker will draft a survey for both local members and out-of-town members and send them out.

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## Next Meeting

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Tuesday, August 11, 2014 at the National Veterans Center.

The meeting adjourned at 7:57pm.