

# MINUTES

## American Legion Auxiliary Unit 1 in DC

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*Date | Time* Tuesday, January 13, 2015 at 6:35pm | *Meeting called to order by* Unit President Victoria Pridemore

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### In Attendance

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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 November and December meetings were approved as submitted.

**Membership:** We continue to be at 48% of our numerical goal.

**Finance Report:** The general fund account balance is \$1,304.11. At our December meeting, the general fund balance was \$1,308.06. Expenses included web hosting for \$3.95. The poppy fund balance remains at \$555.21.

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### Unfinished Business

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#### **Service Recap:**

1. Toys for Tots—Due to difficulty with making contact with the local Marine Reserves, this event was cancelled.
2. Christmas Gift Shop (12/6)—To our knowledge, no members from Unit 1 participated in the department's Christmas Gift Shop.
3. Jingle All The Way 5k (12/7)—Members attend the race to support GW's Office of Military and Veteran Student Services by volunteering with them to help check-in bags of the runners.

#### **Upcoming Service Projects:**

1. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (1/19)—The project with GW Veterans fell through.
2. Wreaths Across America (1/24)—We'll participate in the Wreaths Across America wreath clean-up again at Arlington.
3. Point In Time Count—We're promoting this as a volunteer opportunity, even though we know most members won't be able to participate.
4. Valentine's Day Project?—Lauren Lloyd had no update. We decided to pursue a different route for the February meeting. (More information under strategic planning below.)

**Collecting Boots for the Winterhaven Stand Down:** Sharon Riegsecker coordinate with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) Veterans Affinity Group to have the boots picked up! The Affinity Group picked up the boots and was very grateful for our sizeable donation.

**Deployed Post 1 Member Family Support:** It was discussed to get the step-mother of the deployed Post 1 member a gift card to Starbucks or her favorite restaurant. Victoria Pridemore will follow-up to see where it will be best to get a gift card from.

**Participation in the Give an Hour DC Collaborative:** Sharon Riegsecker has no update.

**Collaboration with DC National Guard:** Lauren Lloyd had no update.

**Strategic Planning Meeting:** In an effort to get members to participate in the strategic planning meeting, and to highlight the importance of this meeting, we are "waiving" our monthly service project and President Victoria Pridemore will work to identify a time that works for all members in February.

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## New Business

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### *Upcoming Service Projects:*

1. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (1/19)—Volunteering with the Winterhaven Stand Down.

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## Announcements

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The opening of the ALA's Washington DC Conference (a National meeting) is free and open to all ALA members. Sharon Riegsecker recommended members block off 7:00pm-9:30pm for the event. Additional details will be in the next newsletter.

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## Next Meeting

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Tuesday, February 10, 2015 at GW's Marvin Center.

The meeting adjourned at 7:10pm.