

# MINUTES

## American Legion Auxiliary Unit 1 in DC

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*Date | Time* Tuesday, May 12, 2015 at 6:38pm | *Meeting called to order by* Unit President Victoria Pridemore

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### In Attendance

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

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### Secretary/Treasurer's Report

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**Membership:** For the 2015 membership year, we are at 60% of our numerical objective.

**Finance Report:** The general fund account balance is \$1,251.84. At our January meeting, the general fund balance was \$1,304.11. Expenses included a dues remittance for \$42.00, a web hosting for \$15.80 (four months), renewal of our domain name for \$13.99, a donation to both the national Auxiliary Emergency Fund and National President's Scholarship Fund for \$2.00 per fund (total of \$4.00), military family support gift card for \$25.00, postage for \$6.24 and secretary expenses for \$8.45. Expenses totaled \$115.48. We had two dues renewal for \$58.21 and a donation of \$5.00, for a total revue of \$63.21. The poppy fund balance remains at \$555.21.

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### Unfinished Business

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**Service Recap:**

1. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (1/19)—We helped stuff 300 duffel bags for the Winterhaven Stand Down.
2. Wreaths Across America (1/24)—Members participated in the Wreaths Across America wreath clean-up again at Arlington.
3. Bag Check at St. Pat's Run (3/1)—We helped with the bag check to help GW Valor receive a financial donation.
4. M4 to Support GW's Student Vets (4/25)—Members came out to walk in the Military Mile Memorial March.
5. Assisting Family in Fredericksburg (5/3)—Sharon Riegsecker joined several Post 1 members in Fredericksburg to help a disabled veteran and his wife prepare for their baby on the way.

**Upcoming Service Projects:**

1. Balloon Preparation/Release with TAPS (5/24)—TAPS no longer needs us to help pass out the balloons. They are now asking us to help with either the set-up or clean-up. We will offer to provide the 10-15 volunteers needed to clean up the park as the kids leave. Sharon Riegsecker will update the Eventbrite and Facebook information.
2. Honor Flights at WWII Memorial (5/30)—GW Vets will be greeting Honor Flights arriving at the WWII Memorial throughout the day. We will encourage members to join, as their schedule permits.

**Deployed Post 1 Member Family Support:** We mailed a \$25 Starbucks gift card to the step-mother of the deployed Post 1 member.

**Participation in the Give an Hour DC Collaborative:** The next meeting is 6/4. Lauren Lloyd will attend on behalf of Unit 1.

**Department Convention—Electing Delegates:** Unit 1 gets 2 delegates to the Department Convention on 6/13, and Victoria Pridemore is a delegate-at-large due to her department office. Sharon Riegsecker was elected as a delegate. A second delegate was not elected due to schedule conflicts.

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## New Business

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

1. Honor Flight from Austin, TX (Dates to Follow)—In early June, we'll volunteer at Honor Flight from Austin. Lauren Lloyd knows some of the coordinators, and we will go out to support their event. Dates to follow.

***Appointment of Vice President:*** Lauren Lloyd was appointed and agreed to serve as Vice President for the 2015-2016 year.

***Meeting Location for July:*** Victoria Pridemore will be on AT in July, so we will need to find a different location. Members should bring possible locations to the June meeting.

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## Announcements

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There will be a program called *Raise the Colors!: The Evolving American Flag in War and Peace* at the Carla Barton Missing Soldiers Office on Thursday, June 11 from 7:30pm-8:30pm.

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## Next Meeting

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Tuesday, June 9, 2015 at GW's Marvin Center.

The meeting adjourned at 7:27pm.