

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 1, Wheeling
Meeting Date/Time: 08/05/2025 @ 7:02 PM

August 2025 Meeting Notes

Meeting called to order by President Michelle Powell

Prayer led by Chaplain Denise Abell

Pledge of Allegiance, Preamble and Mission statement recited by all members.

Roll Call of Officers:	PRESENT	NOT PRESENT
President- Michelle Powell	X	
1 st Vice- Melissa Stegman		X
2 nd Vice- Sandra Koontz	X	
Secretary- Courtney Clark	X	
Treasurer- Diana Mey	X	
Chaplain Denise Abell	X	
Sgt at Arms- Marcia Bolner	X	
Historian Lois Sine-Hoffman	X	

Other Members Present: Marie Farnsworth, Janet Jaquay, Amanda Miller, Linda Williams

Total Present: 11

Total Voting Members: 10

SECRETARY:

Minutes from the July 2025 meeting were read by Secretary Courtney Clark.

Motion made by Lois Sine-Hoffman to accept minutes. Motion seconded by Diana Mey.

Discussion: None. In favor 10, Against 0, Motion carried.

TREASURER:

Treasurer Diana Mey provided report.

General Fund

Correction for June 2025→ ending balance \$2,916.43

July 2025→ starting balance \$2,916.43 and ending balance \$2,956.43

Poppy Fund

July 2025→ starting balance \$542.00; ending balance \$542.00

Finance report and bank statements will be on file for audit.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Donation

- Mark & Amy Bishop donated \$100 to ALA to thank President Michelle Powell for bartending their event.

Standing Rules

- Rhonda Best confirmed the document was sent to Department.

Meetings

- Scheduled the first Tuesday of each month.

ALA Department Means & Ways

- No winners from Post or Unit 1 in June.

ALA Department of WV Newsletter→ Spirit

- Can access the newsletter on website www.wvvaux.org/media

Sick Call & Relief

Post 1 Commander Tom Abell (surgery) and Lois Sine-Hoffman (oral surgery). Chaplain Denise Abell provided a prayer.

NEW MEMBERS

Unit received applications and approved membership for Ava Flaharty, Amanda Miller, Lillian Myles, and Linda Williams

OLD BUSINESS

Post 1 Family Picnic

- Was held July 5, 2025. We had a small turnout, but the food and fireworks were good.

103rd Department of WV Summer Convention

- President Michelle Powell was not able to attend due to her father's health and Department sent her check for registration back to the Unit.
- Unit 1 won several awards
 - o Outstanding support of Poppy Program- certificate
 - o First unit in 1st District to reach membership goal- won \$5
 - o First unit in Department to reach membership goal- won \$10
 - o Class II goal membership of 225-50 members- won \$5
- President Michelle Powell added Unit 1 to the ALA Department Virginia Blake Membership Plaque for the highest percent of membership by January 1st.
 - o Unit 1's goal for 2024-2025 was 26 and Unit 1 ended the year with 34 members.

1st District Picnic

- Was held July 27, 2025. The day started with rain but turned out to be a good day.

NEW BUSINESS

Veteran Hour/s Tracking

- President Michelle Powell requested members add what they have done to help a Veteran and track the hours. This will assist with end-of-year reports.

Committee Chairperson

- President Michelle Powell requested members take the chair of a committee (or consider taking a position) for the 2025-2026 year.
 - o President Michelle Powell signed up for Standing Rule and By-laws.
 - o Courtney Clark signed up for Membership.

Fall Membership Workshop

- President Michelle Powell will attend the workshop in Bridgeport, WV on September 13, 2025.

American Legion Riders

- Poker Run is scheduled September 20, 2025, 10 AM to 4 PM

Tongue N Cheek Concert

- Scheduled September 20, 2025; \$10 per person
- Will need members/volunteers to help with bartending, selling snacks, 50/50

1st District Fall Meeting

- Scheduled October 26, 2025 (Sunday) in Weirton

Night at the Races

- Scheduled November 1, 2025, at Post 1
- Will need volunteers for event.

Post 1 Family Christmas Party

- Scheduled December 5, 2025 (Frist Friday)
- Members are asked to bring a covered dish

Department Mid-Winter Conference

- Scheduled February 13-24, 2026, at Oglebay

Post 1 Family Steak Fry

- Scheduled May 1, 2026

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- None

FUNDRAISING:

Miklas \$300 Gift Card Raffle

- Winner was Elaine Dickman; pulled August 1, 2025
- Unit 1 made \$900 in profit.

2024-2025 Quarter Drill

- President Michelle Powell asked members if they had any ideas of how the \$137.87 could be spent regarding children.
- Diana Mey volunteered to find ideas.

2025-2026 Quarter Drill

- Courtney Clark requested the funds be used for something Veteran related.

Correspondence: None

For the Good of the Unit: None

Next Meeting:

Fun Night- NA- Legion does not have a second meeting in August.

September Fun Night- September 16, 2025 @ 7 PM; President Michelle Powell asked for ideas.

Monthly Meeting- September 2, 2025 @ 7 PM.

First Friday- September 5, 2025 @ 6 PM; members are asked to bring a covered dish

Closing Prayer/Benediction: Chaplain Denise Abell

Adjourned by President Michelle Powell at 8:00 PM

Quarter Drill for (has not been determined)

Notes Taken: 08/05/25

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Auxiliary Unit 1, Wheeling
Secretary

Michelle Powell
Auxiliary Unit 1, Wheeling
President