

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 1, Wheeling
Meeting Date/Time: 06/02/2026 @ 7:01 PM

June 2026 Meeting Notes

Meeting called to order by President Michelle Powell
Prayer led by President Michelle Powell
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: Sharon Ebbert, Margie Erickson, Marie Farnsworth, Amanda Miller

Total Present: 10, Total Voting Members: 9

SECRETARY

Minutes from the May 2026 meeting were read by Secretary Courtney Clark. Motion made by Lois Sine-Hoffman to accept minutes. Motion seconded by Melissa Stegman. Discussion: None. In favor 9, Against 0, Motion carried.

TREASURER

Finance report provided by Treasurer Diana Mey.

General Fund → Starting balance \$3,468.23; Ending balance \$4,945.54

Deposit \$1605.31 (from Steak Fry)

Checks \$78 to Courtney Clark (Postage Stamps)

 \$50 to ALA Dept of WV (Donation In Memory of Dona Shook)

Poppy Fund → Starting balance \$609.50; Ending balance \$554.97

Check \$54.53 to Michelle Powell (two First Aid kits from Sam's Club)

Finance report will be on file for audit.

SICK CALL & RELIEF- None

MEMBERSHIP- No new members. Membership is 36.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Executive Board Meeting

- President Michelle Powell, 1st Vice-President Melissa Stegman, Secretary Courtney Clark and Treasurer Diana Mey met on May 19, 2026, to discuss a budget for 2026-2027.

2026-2027 Officer Installation

- Installed by Past Unit President Sandra Koontz
 - o President Michelle Powell
 - o 1st Vice- President Melissa Stegman
 - o 2nd Vice- President Lois Sine-Hoffman
 - o Secretary Courtney Clark
 - o Treasurer Diana Mey
 - o Chaplain Amanda Miller
 - o Sgt-At-Arms Marie Farnsworth
 - o Historian Margie Erickson
- Description of position and responsibilities were passed out by President Michelle Powell

OLD BUSINESS

Memorial Day Ceremony

- Held May 25, 2026, at Post 1, 45 Sycamore Avenue
- President Powell and members who attended discussed how nice the ceremony was. City officials attended and were impressed with the building and visuals on the TV screen. There was a crowd of 90-100 attendees.
- The Auxiliary had a Poppy table at the ceremony and was manned by Margie Erickson. Donations of \$77.00 were received.

Veterans Day Ceremony

- Will be held at Post 1 as well

Parkview Memorial Gardens (Cemetery)

- Michelle has not had contact with the lady at the cemetery.
- Peggy Niebergall is a member of the Ohio County Cemetery Foundation which is responsible for caring for three cemeteries in Wheeling including Stone Church (Elm Grove), Mount Wood and Peninsula. The committee is resetting monuments in each of the cemeteries. The committee asked for a donation from Post 1 to purchase American flags for Veteran's graves.
 - o Stone Church has 707, Mount Wood has 165 and Peninsula has 362 Veterans.
 - o Motion made by Melissa Stegman for Auxiliary to wait to see what the Legion decides to do. Motion seconded by Diana Mey. Discussion: None. In favor 9, Against 0, Motion carried.
 - If the Post pays half of the flag costs for the 706 in Stone Church, then the Auxiliary would pay the other half OR if the Post pays \$706 for Stone Church, then the Auxiliary would pay \$527 for Mount Wood and Peninsula.

NEW BUSINESS

Quarter Drill Piggy Bank

- \$153 will be deposited in the Auxiliary back account/general fund.
 - o Per May meeting, members voted to donate \$25 to Legion's request for donations at Bingo (socks in May, hygiene items in June, etc.).

Quarter Auction Donation

- Courtney Clark purchased \$50 of WV Lottery tickets for donation basket to the Post's Quarter Auction scheduled for June 6, 2026.
 - o Motion made by Lois Sine-Hoffman for Auxiliary to reimburse Courtney Clark for the purchase of WV lottery tickets. Motion seconded by Sandy Koontz. Discussion: None. In favor 9, Against 0, Motion carried.

2026-2027 Dues

- \$35.00 and members can start paying August 1, 2026.

UPCOMING EVENTS

First Friday

- Scheduled for June 5, 2026. Dinner will be chicken strips and members are asked to bring a side dish.
- Will not be held July 3, 2026, because of other celebration plans that weekend.

Quarter Auction

- Scheduled for Saturday, June 6, 2026. Members should be at the Post at 9 AM.
- Vendor set up is scheduled for Friday, June 5, 2026, during First Friday.

Post 1 Bingo

- Scheduled for Sunday, June 7, 2026. Attendees are asked to bring hygiene products for donation for receipt of an extra bingo card. Bingo starts at 3 PM.
- Scheduled for Sunday, July 4, 2026. Donation items are unknown. Bingo starts at 3 PM.

Auxiliary Fun Night- Paint & Sip

- Scheduled Tuesday, June 16, 2026 @ 7 PM. Jan Leasure will be hosting a wine glass paint party. \$5.00 per wine glass. RSVP to President Powell ASAP.

Post 1 Independence Day Picnic & 250th Celebration

- Scheduled for Sunday, July 5, 2026 @ 6 PM. Members are asked to bring a covered dish. Elm Grove Civics fireworks will be at dusk.

104th American Legion Department of WV Summer Convention

- Scheduled July 10-12, 2026, in Huntington. President Michelle Powell asked members if anyone was interested in attending as the Auxiliary would pay their registration fee. Powell advised members would be responsible for their own room, meals and gas to/from the convention.

Legion 1st District Picnic

- Scheduled for July 26, 2026, at 12:00 PM at Benwood Park. Members are asked to bring a covered dish. There will be raffles.

CORRESPONDENCE- None

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ALA

Sandy Koontz shared she has an \$80.00 credit to the dry cleaner after having the chair covers cleaned following the National Commander's Dinner. There is no expiration date.

NEXT AUXILIARY MEETING- Tuesday, July 7 @ 7:00 PM

Closing Prayer/Benediction: Chaplain Amanda Miller

Closing Statement by President Michelle Powell

Meeting adjourned at 7:47 PM

Quarter Drill for WV Veterans Homes and/or Hospitals

Notes Taken: 06/02/26

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Courtney L Clark
Auxiliary Unit 1, Wheeling
Secretary

Michelle Powell
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President