

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 1, Wheeling
Meeting Date/Time: 05/05/2026 @ 7:02 PM

April 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: Margie Erickson, Janet Jaquay, Amanda Miller

Total Present: 9; Total Voting Members: 8

SECRETARY:

Minutes from the April 2026 meeting were read by Secretary Courtney Clark. Motion made by Diana Mey to accept minutes. Motion seconded by Lois Sine-Hoffman.

Discussion: None. In favor 8, Against 0, Motion carried.

TREASURER:

Finance report provided by Treasurer Diana Mey.

General Fund → Starting balance \$3,718.23; Ending balance \$3,468.23

No deposits. Checks cashed- Dona Shook \$50 and Sandra Koontz \$200.

Poppy Fund → Starting balance \$548.50, Ending balance \$609.50

Deposit of \$61.00

Finance report will be on file for audit.

SICK CALL & RELIEF- None

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Powell passed out information from the Department's monthly newsletter, The Auxiliary Spirit. The Legislative Chair, Elaine Sampson, encouraged members to "tell Congress what you think" and challenged Auxiliary members to email, call or mail a letter to any level (local, state, or national) representative as part of the Grassroots Action Plan. The Veterans Visibility Day at the WV State Capital will be Jan 21, 2027.

OLD BUSINESS

Poppy Funds

- President Powell used poppy funds to purchase two first aid kits from Sam's Club. One kit will be in the banquet hall bar and in the members' lounge/bar.

American Legion Riders Pancake Breakfast on April 12, 2026

- The ALR made \$670 total (\$420 from food donation & \$250 from 50/50 raffle).

Post 1 Bingo

- On April 12, 2026, the Legion made \$1500 from the first Bingo.
- On May 2, 2026, the Legion made a little less as it was moved to Saturday because of scheduling conflict. Attendees were asked to bring a pair of socks which will be donated to the WV Veteran's Homes and/or Hospital.
- Next scheduled game is June 7, 2026. Doors open at 1:30 PM. Attendees are asked to bring hygiene products for an extra card.

Post 1 Steak Fry

- On April 18, 2026, and Post 1 net profit was \$3,400. The Auxiliary's 30% cut was \$1,369.55. Unit 1 also made \$235.76 from tip boards.

NEW BUSINESS

Quarter Drill

- President Powell requested ideas from members about how to spend the money collected throughout the year.
- Motion made by Courtney Clark to donate \$25.00 to the project/items requested at the monthly Bingo. For example, May was socks and June are hygiene products, therefore, \$25 will be used to purchase socks or reimburse the member who purchases the items. Motion seconded by Lois Sine-Hoffman. Discussion: None. In favor 8, Against 0, Motion carried.

Parkview Memorial Gardens (Cemetery)

- President Powell and husband spoke with a lady who works at the cemetery about the flagpole and plaque that Post 1 put in or donated to years ago. Powell advised members that the lady wants to fix up the area of the flagpole.
- Members agreed this would be a good project to support. Powell will contact the lady to see how the Auxiliary can help.

2026-2027 Officers

- President Powell accepted nominations for officer positions and those were accepted by
 - o President- Michelle Powell
 - o 1st Vice- Melissa Stegman
 - o 2nd Vice- Lois Sine-Hoffman
 - o Secretary- Courtney Clark
 - o Treasurer- Diana Mey
 - o Chaplain- Amanda Miller
 - o Historian- Margie Erickson
 - o Sgt-At-At-Arms- Marie Farnsworth
- Installation of officers will be held on June 2, 2026. A small dessert gathering will be held after.

UPCOMING EVENTS

National Poppy Day

- It is observed on the Friday before Memorial Day (05/22/26) to honor fallen service members and support Veterans.

Memorial Day Ceremony

- On Monday, May 25, 2026, Post 1 will host a Memorial Day Ceremony at 11 AM at the Post (45 Sycamore Avenue) instead of WesBanco or the Heritage Port.

Unit 1 Auxiliary Meeting

- Tuesday, June 2, 2026 @ 7 PM

Post 1 First Friday

- Friday, June 5, 2026 @ 6 PM

Quarter Auction

- On Saturday, June 6, 2026, Post 1 will host a Quarter Auction at the Post (45 Sycamore Avenue). Doors open at 11 AM and Auction begins at 12 PM. Tickets are \$5.00.
- On May 19, 2026, there will be a planning meeting with Janice Stuckey at 6 PM.

Post 1 Bingo

- On Sunday, June 7, 2026. Doors open at 1:30 PM. Attendees are asked to bring hygiene products for an extra card.

Paint & Sip

- On June 16, 2026, at 7 PM (during the Legionnaire regular meeting). Host is Jan Leasure.
- Powell asked for a head count/RSVP at the next meeting on June 2.

America's 250th Anniversary

- On Sunday, July 5, 2026 (after Bingo which ends at 6 PM) Post 1 will host a picnic/covered dish. Elm Grove Civics will have fireworks at dusk.

CORRESPONDENCE- None

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ALA- None

Closing Prayer/Benediction: President Michelle Powell

Adjourned by President Michelle Powell at 7:47 PM

Quarter Drill for WV Veterans Homes and/or Hospitals

Notes Taken: 05/05/26

Typed: 05/05/26

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