



AMERICAN LEGION POST #1

“THE OLDEST POST IN THE U.S.”

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2025-2026 MEETING CALENDAR

Legion & Son's @ 7 PM

November 4 & 18
December 2 & 16
January 6 & 20
February 3 & 17
March 3 & 17
April 7 & 21

Auxiliary @ 7 PM

November 4
December 2
January 6
February 3
March 3
April 7

Riders @ 11AM

November 2
December 7
January 4
February 1
March 1
April 5

A PHONE CALL WILL BE PLACED TO ALL MEMBERS ABOUT ANYTHING BETWEEN MEETINGS



It has been a very busy first few months as your Post Commander. Thank you for having the confidence in me to elect me as your commander. It is truly an honor that I take seriously.

It has truly been a pleasure working with the outgoing commander and past Department Commander John Powell. I have no intention of letting him drift away from us. His mentoring has done wonders for me. His “corporate knowledge” is limitless, and I plan on continuing to learn as much as I can from him. John, thank you for everything you have done for our post. We would not be in this wonderful building without all the work you did to procure the resources.

During my first month of leadership, I abandoned you (health issues) for a few weeks. I bring this up only because even during my unexpected absence nothing was missed. The leadership team you elected all stepped up to the

plate and hit it out of the park. The help everyone gives to set up and break down our rental hall is amazing. There have been numerous occasions where we needed help on a moment's notice, and we got all the help we needed.

Now that we have our liquor license, there has been a need for “bartenders” at many events. Numerous members have volunteered their time to bartend. I would personally like to thank Matt Stegman for being the point man for the supplies needed for the “bar” which includes working with the state certified distributors. We could not possibly operate the bar according to state regulations without him.

Matt Stegman and Jeff Codington from our Sons of the American Legion have been organizing our Sunday Funday football get togethers. All are welcome to join us on Sundays during football season. A One Call announcement will be put out beforehand to let everyone know we are having the event just in case something comes up that precludes us from having the event.

There are many events on the schedule coming up and more are being schedule almost daily so listen for the one call.

Congratulations to Greg McCroskey for being selected as the District's Service Officer.

Congratulations to our auxiliary president Michell Powell who has been selected as the Vice President of the District's Auxiliary. She is also the Department's Chairman for the Constitution By-Law committee. She completes all this while still being very active in everything we do within our Post. Michelle thank you for all you do!

Tom Abel
Commander Post 1



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy Fall Legion Family!

As your President of Unit 1, I went to District 1 Fall Conference in Bridgeport WV on September 13, 2025. A lot of great information was presented at the workshop, and I will be sharing it with you in the coming months at our meetings. Let's support our Veterans!

Don't forget to pay your membership dues by 12/31/2025 to stay current on your membership for 2025-2026. Everyone member counts towards our Veterans in Congress.

In 2024-2025 our Unit met our membership goal of 100%. We ended our year with 102% membership and the West Virginia Auxiliary Department recognized our Unit with a ribbon, money and plaque.

The Legion family will also be planning fundraisers in the coming months. We need all of you to support the Legion family. We are always looking for new ideas so please don't hesitate to bring this to the attention of the Commander or President. The Post would also appreciate anyone willing to volunteer to help in any way you can. We need your

support to keep this organization thriving for the next 100 years.

"Service not Self"

Michelle Powell

Unit 1 President

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2025-2026 Auxiliary Officers

President- Michelle Powell

1st Vice President- Melissa Stegman

2nd Vice President- Sandy Koontz

Secretary- Courtney Clark

Treasurer- Diana Mey

Chaplain- Denise Abel

Historian- Sandy Koontz

Sgt-at-Arms- Marcia Bolner



SAL COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Happy Holidays!!! I'm pleased to say Squadron 1 continues to stay active in the community alongside our Legion Family. We recently assisted the ALR with their Poker Run, the Legion with Tongue N Cheek concert and are looking forward to the Mid-Winter conference in February 2026.

We are continuously looking for new membership to help us in our mission to help Veterans. If any of your family members are interested in helping Veterans and want to get involved in community events, please reach out.

To become a member of the SAL, contact Post 1 Adjutant Chuck Clark (cell: 740-298-1265 or email: chaclark1@yahoo.com).

Meetings are held in conjunction with the Legion Post 1 meetings.

2025-2026 SAL Officers

Commander- Matt Stegman

1st Vice Commander- Jeff Coddington



DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

The Upper Ohio Valley Legion Riders remain hard at work with its fundraising efforts towards our charity Helping Heroes.

On 09/20/25, the Legion Riders held a Poker Run, raising approximately \$1,200.00 along with other donations. On 10/25/25, the Riders held a Halloween Run. On 11/21/25, the Riders will be participating in the Wheeling Christmas Parade.

Our meetings are held on the first Sunday of each month at 11 AM at Post 1. We are always accepting new members so if you are a member of the Legion, Auxiliary, or Son's, please join us. If you have any questions or for additional information, contact ALR director Chuck Clark (cell: 740-298-1265 or email: chaclark1@yahoo.com).



Consider leaving your legacy by helping our Veterans. Many people are choosing to leave all or a portion of their estate to a charity or non-profit. Please consider listing the American Legion Post 1, Wheeling, WV in your will and/or revocable trust.

PAY YOUR MEMBERSHIP DUES

Legion	\$45.00
Auxiliary	\$35.00 Regular, \$4.75 Jr Member
Sons	\$27.00
ALR Dues	\$20.00 per year
Or 3 Years \$50, 5 years \$80, 10 years \$150	



MEMBERSHIP

Membership! Membership! Membership!

It is the core of the American Legion, and we are only as strong as our members. The American Legion is at the forefront of policymaking for Veterans and their benefits. Due to our membership numbers, the American Legion has helped pass crucial legislation such as the continuously growing G.I. Bill and the recent passing of the PACT Act.

Membership renewal for 2025/2026 is NOW!

If you do not pay your dues by 12/31/2025 you will be delinquent. Please pay your dues as soon as possible to continue your years of service. Post 1 appreciates your continued support and membership within the largest Veterans Organization in the US.

Post 1 membership and planning committee meet on the third Tuesday at 6:30 PM prior to our regular Legion meeting to discuss 2026 Legion Post and outreach events. The goal is to keep the renal hall fully scheduled and be seen in the community at least once a month. Once these events are scheduled you will be notified via One Call. If you see us out, please stop, and say hi! It would be great to put a face to the name of our Legionnaires and their families.

To join or for an application, contact Adjutant Chuck Clark (cell: 740-298-1265 or email: chaclark1@yahoo.com), and he will assist with the process.



POST 1 BUILDING

Phone: 304-268-1048

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Website: theoldestpost.com

Rental Rates (as of October 2025)

Monday-Wednesday	\$400
Thursday	\$650
Friday	\$900
Saturday	\$900
Sunday or Holiday	\$500

Any event that requires entry into the building before their event, for the purposes of decorating, or after the event for cleaning up, will pay the full day rate of that day.

Short notice rentals, defined as less than 7 days from event, are permitted at a rate of \$100 per hour (Not to exceed published daily rate). Times will be calculated from the time the first person enters the building until the last person leaves. If decorating the room is required the time will start when decorating begins.

Rental times are from 9 AM – 11 PM

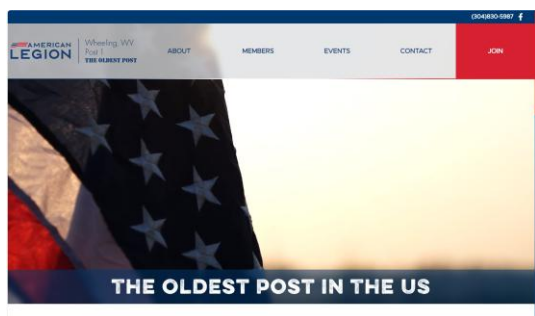
Chef N' Company is unavailable for catering on holidays.

CIRCULATION OF NEWSLETTER

If the Legion has your email on file, you will receive the newsletter via email. If you do not have an email or the Legion does not have an email on file, you will receive a copy via U.S. mail. Please provide the Legion Adjutant (chaclark1@yahoo.com) with a current email address to offset the financial expense of mailing. A copy is uploaded on the Legion's website (theoldestpost.com)

Upcoming Post 1 Events

- Post 1 Buddy Checks 11/9/2025 at 11 AM.
- Veterans Day Ceremony Wesbanco Areana 11/11/2025 at 11 AM
- Wheeling Christmas Parade 11/21/2025. Time TBD.
- Post 1 Christmas Party 12/5/2025 at 5:30 PM. Chef Adam will provide protein asking members to bring a cover dish.
- Mid-Winter Conference 2/13/2026-2/14/2026 at Oglebay Resort.
- National Auxiliary President visit 2/4/2026-2/6/2026, dinner TBD.
- ALR Pancake Breakfast (tentatively) scheduled for 3/8/2026.
- National Commander Dinner Tuesday 3/10/2026. Time TBD.
- Night at the Races 3/14/2026. Time and prices TBD.
- American Legion Post 1 Steak Fry 4/18/2026. Time and prices TBD.



POST 1 LEGION FAMILY WEBSITE

On February 8, 2024, the website www.theoldestpost.com was launched.