

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 1, Wheeling  
Meeting Date/Time: 07/01/2025 @ 7:00 PM

July 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 <sup>st</sup> Vice- Melissa Stegman	X	
2 <sup>nd</sup> 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

Total Present: 9

Total Voting Members: 8

#### SECRETARY:

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

Motion made by Melissa Stegman to accept minutes. Motion seconded by Sandy Koontz.

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

#### TREASURER:

Treasurer Diana Mey provided report.

##### General Fund

June 2025 → starting balance \$2990.03, ending balance \$3,807.77

Credit of \$137.87

##### Poppy Fund

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

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

#### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

##### ALA Department Bank Accounts

- President Powell has a meeting with Department President Laura Clark and the compromised accounts have been changed to all new accounts. The old accounts lost \$180,000 but \$100,000 was recovered. The withdrawals occurred between 04/11/25 and 05/19/25. An attorney in Clarksburg, WV is assisting the Department pro bono (free). There are no arrest/s or charge/s as of this date.

### Wheeling/Triadelphia/Valley Grove Flood Relief

- There is an application for Auxiliary members who were affected by the flood to complete and submit for emergency funds up to \$3,000.
- Post 1 received a \$65,000 donation for flood relief as well. Commander Abell will disperse funding.

### ALA Department Means & Ways

- No winners from Post or Unit 1 members in May.

### Sick Call & Relief

Marcia Bolner was not feeling good. Chaplain Denise Abell provided a prayer.

### OLD BUSINESS:

#### Legion Laptop

- President Powell has been uploading documents (agenda, Girls State, emergency funding, Poppy, etc) to OneDrive in case anything happens to her so the next officer will have them.

#### First Friday

- This will not be held 07/04/25 (Friday) but members will gather on 07/05/25.

#### Post 1 Picnic

- Scheduled July 5, 2025 @ 6 PM. Members are asked to bring a covered dish.
- Fireworks by Elm Grove Civics.
- Smiley Van (picture opportunity) 6-8 PM

#### First District Picnic

- Scheduled July 27, 2025 @ Benwood City Park from 12 to 4:30 PM.
- Located at 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Benwood, WV. Members are asked to bring a covered dish.

#### 103<sup>rd</sup> Department of WV Convention

- Scheduled July 10-12, 2025, in Huntington, WV

### NEW BUSINESS

#### Veteran Hour/s Tracking

- President 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 REPORTS:

#### Membership

- Per June 2025 ALA Spirit (newsletter), Unit 1 has 32 members or 123.8% of goal.
- Two applications were received at July meeting. New members are Tracy Doyle and Kathrine Schwab.

#### Standing Rule

- President Powell still has no response from Rhonda Best if the amended document has been approved. Department received Standing Rule document by email 05/28/25.

FUNDRAISING:

Melissa Stegman passed out notes from the Planning Committee Meeting.

Miklas Raffle

- Members still have tickets out. 34 tickets still need sold.
- Melissa Stegman requested the tickets be sold at Post Picnic on 07/05/25.

ALR Poker Run and Tongue and Cheek

- September 20, 2025 (Saturday)

Flea Market @ Post 1

- October 11, 2025 (Saturday)

Night at the Races @ Post

- November 1, 2025 (Saturday)

Steak Fry

- May 1, 2026 (Friday)

No Events

- December 2025, January 2026

Sweetheart Date

- February 13, 2026

Bingo

- March 2026

Correspondence: None

For the Good of the Unit: None

Next Meeting:

Fun Night- NA, there is no Legion meeting.

Monthly Meeting- August 5, 2025 @ 7 PM.

Closing Prayer/Benediction: Chaplain Denise Abell

Adjourned by President Michelle Powell at 7:58 PM

Quarter Drill for (has not been determined)

Notes Taken: 07/01/25

Typed: 07/02//2025

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Courtney L Clark  
Auxiliary Unit 1, Wheeling  
Secretary

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Michelle Powell  
Auxiliary Unit 1, Wheeling  
President