



AMERICAN LEGION POST #1

“THE OLDEST POST IN THE U.S.”

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Post Legion meetings are held the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month @ 7:00 PM
 Except July and August (1st Tuesday only)

MEETING CALENDAR

<u>Legion @ 7 PM</u>	<u>Auxiliary @ 7 PM</u>	<u>Home Corp @ 7 PM</u>	<u>Riders @ 12 PM</u>
August 1	August 1	August 7	August 5
September 5 & 19	September 5	September 11	September 2
October 3 & 17	October 3	October 9	October 7
November 7 & 21	November 7	November 13	November 4
December 5 & 19	December 5	December 11	December 2

A PHONE CALL WILL BE PLACED TO ALL MEMBERS ABOUT ANYTHING GOING ON BETWEEN MEETINGS
Please provide the Post with your phone number and/or email address.



COMMANDER’S MESSAGE

Greetings Post 1 Family,

As I sit here writing this article many thoughts come to mind. It has been about 3 short years since I last wrote to you as your Post Commander.

Before I begin, I wish to thank the membership for once again trusting me with leading the post.

I believe that good communication is key to our success. Therefore, going forward our leadership team will be looking for old and new ways to ensure that you, the membership, are informed of what is going on in your Post. Step one in this process is re-instating the newsletter. In addition to using our phone notification system, we will begin using email and texting to keep you informed of upcoming events. We are also in the process of creating a website.

With new leadership in all areas of the family, we look for new ways to be engaged. As many of you are aware, last year the post purchased our new forever home which is the former Italian American Club. We knew the building needed updates and remodeling. Those updates were going to cost approximately \$400,000.00 of which the Post has raised approximately \$110K. If you would like to contribute, please reach out to me.



The Post and membership need your help! I challenge each of you to recruit one new member. Recalling the Uncle Sam poster, when we were needed, we answered the call. We chose to put our lives on hold for the sake of our country and our freedoms. Well today, your country needs you even more. We need to maintain our numbers to ensure our voices are heard on Capitol Hill. We need to protect the rights of our service members who are currently serving, and to protect the rights and benefits of our Veterans. If our American Legion continues to lose members and not retain new ones, we will lose our lobbying strength. As you can imagine there are those, who if they could, would cut the defense spending, cut funding for the VA and healthcare. You are still needed in your Post, your Department and your Country.



ADJUTANT'S BUSINESS

I would like to introduce myself. I retired from the U.S. Navy in 2009 after 20 years of service. I became a Legionnaire prior to my retirement in 2007. I recently transferred into Post 1 from Ohio where I proudly served my previous post for 15 years. I worked with Veterans of all levels at the District and State level prior to my transfer. I have held many different offices which include 3 years as Post Commander, Finance Officer, Sergeant at Arms, and Post Adjutant. I have deep passion to help Veterans in whatever capacity needed. We are only as good as the Veterans we serve so continuing to bring in new members and building up our Sons of the American Legion will be a priority. I want to

encourage you to attend our meetings and enjoy the opportunities to continue to serve. We will have a variety of events coming up and plan to share with you in hopes that you will attend. There are a lot of resources available to you that I would be glad to discuss or you can access the information via; mylegion.org or VA.Gov websites. I look forward continuing to serve my fellow veteran.



Chuck Clark
Adjutant



MEMBERSHIP

The 2024 membership year is here. Please make sure you pay your dues prior to Veterans Day. If you have not renewed your membership for 2023 but renewed in 2022 you can still be considered in good-standing simply by paying your 2023 membership. Once your 2023 membership is paid the Post Adjutant will complete the documents to keep you current. The only thing that happens when you don't renew your membership is that your continuous years reset to 1 and start over. Please consider renewing for 2024 so we can keep you current with your years of service. Stay a member of the largest Veterans Organization in the US. The American Legion now has over 3 ½ million Veterans!!

Legionnaires who have paid their 2024 dues before November 30, 2023 will be entered into a drawing

to win \$500 gift card. Drawing will be held at the regular meeting on December 5th.

PAY YOUR MEMBERSHIP DUES

Legion	\$37.00
Auxiliary	\$30.00 Regular, \$15.00 Jr Member
Sons	\$27.00
ALR Dues	\$20.00 per year
	Or 3 Years \$50, 5 years \$80, 10 years \$150



AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

Hello auxiliary members,

Hope you all are enjoying your summer. I am excited to be your Unit President this coming year.

We hope to have a lot of up-coming events this year. We will be working with the Post coordinating a wrestling night on September 16 and Dueling Pianos on November 4. Additional activities and fundraisers will be announced.

On June 30th, the Post sponsored the Elm Grove fireworks along with the annual Post family picnic. All in attendance had a great time.

Meetings are on first Tuesday of the month at 7 PM at the American Legion Home Corp building on 45 Sycamore Ave, Wheeling WV.

I hope to see you at our next meeting.

Michelle Powell
Unit 1 President

Auxiliary Officers
President- Michelle Powell
1st Vice President- Denise Wycherley
2nd Vice President- Sandy Koontz

Secretary- Brenda Minch
Treasurer- Paula McCroskey
Chaplin- Martha Bloomfield
Sgt-At-Arms- Marcia Bolner



SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

As we continue to build our Legion family, the Sons of the American Legion are looking for sons, grandsons, or great-grandsons who want to support the American Legion family and in the community. If you know anyone who would be interested in becoming a member of the Sons, please have them reach out to Post 1 Legion Adjutant Clark.



AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS (ALR)

ALR members

- participated in the four-day WV Charity Ride which raised \$8,500.00 for WV Boys State.
- hosted a Poker Run on June 17th and raised \$700.00 for WV Boys State.
- hosted a ride to and overnight stay in Berkeley Springs, WV on June 24th. Past Department Commander John Powell and current Department Commander Tom Hicks attended the ride.

ALR Officers
Director Jeff Spry
Assistant Director John Powell
Secretary Tom Mirabella
Treasurer Michelle Powell
Road Captain Pat Stephens

Assistant Road Captain/Tail Gunner Don Ramsay

If you know a member of the Legion Family who enjoys riding with great people, please let the ALR know.



The Home Corp is open to ideas so feel free to reach out.



Courtney Clark

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POST 1 HOME CORPORATION

I am a new face to Post/Unit 1 and Home Corp. I transferred from Unit 52 in Bellaire, OH where I held positions of secretary and treasurer. I became active in Unit 1 Auxiliary in May 2023. I accepted the nomination of Home Corp President in June 2023 and start my duties in July 2023. Home Corp meetings are held once a month on the first Monday of the month following the regular Legion meeting.

Home Corp Officers

President- Courtney Clark

Vice President- Greg McCroskey

Secretary- Brenda Joseph

Treasurer- Bob Joseph

Home Corp Members include Chuck Clark, William Cordery, Dan Pappas, John Powell, Michelle Powell, and Pat Stephens

On June 28, 2023, John and Michelle Powell, Chuck Clark and myself met with a potential investor about their vision and Home Corp vision for the building.

The Home Corp continues to rent out the building for meetings, birthdays, anniversaries, weddings, fundraising events, etc. Designated rental fees have been determined by Home Corp. Members share the responsibility of opening/closing the building for events.

I look forward to the opportunity to serve Post 1 as Home Corp President for 2023-2024. I also want to recognize John Powell for his hard work and dedication as the 2022-2023 Home Corp President and to raising funds for the building remodel.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Held at 45 Sycamore Avenue, Wheeling

Nov 3 & Dec 1 @ 6:00 PM



Saturday, November 4, 2023



Thursday, December 14, 2023 @ 6:00 PM



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