



AMERICAN LEGION POST #1

“THE OLDEST POST IN THE U.S.”

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MEETING CALENDAR

<u>Legion & Son's @ 7 PM</u>	<u>Auxiliary @ 7 PM</u>	<u>Home Corp @ 7 PM</u>	<u>Riders @ 12 PM</u>
August 6	August 6	August 12	August 3
September 3 & 17	September 3	September 9	September 7
October 1 & 15	October 1	October 7	October 5
November 5 & 19	November 5	November (Holiday)	November 9
December 3 & 17	December 3	December 9	December 7
January 7 & 21 (2025)	January 7 (2025)	January 13 (2025)	January 4 (2025)

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



COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

As many of you are aware things are looking better than ever for our Post. First and foremost, the building renovations are complete, and we are pleased to welcome Chef Adam (Chef N Company) as our tenant. Chef Adam will manage the building and coordinate all rentals.

How the partnership will work.

The former storeroom on the east side of the building (or the side closest to the ball fields) was remodeled into a lounge area for the exclusive use of the Legion Family. Per the rental agreement with Chef Adam, the building will not be rented out on Tuesdays (meeting nights) or the First Friday of each month (Legion get-togethers). The Legion will coordinate with Chef Adam to use the building for events and fundraising activities.

This arrangement provides your Legion, Auxiliary,

SAL, and ALR leadership team the time to assist Veterans and promote membership. Speaking of our leadership team, I am excited to announce our new line of Officers for 2024-2025. I look forward to working with them in the coming year.

Commander- John Powell
1st Vice Commander- Tom Abel
2nd Vice Commander- Kelly Miller
Adjutant- Chuck Clark
Fiscal- Bob Joseph
Chaplin- Tom Rentfrow
Sgt-At-Arms- Jim Edgell

Communication

The leadership team prides itself on keeping you, the member, notified of meetings, events, and efforts. We will continue utilizing *One Call Now*, a recorded message sent to all members. If you are not receiving these calls, please let us know. We may need to update our phone roster. Post 1's phone number is (304) 830-5987 which will show on caller ID or answering service. Save the number in

your phone as Post 1. You can also visit the *contact page* on our website (www.theoldestpost.com) and provide your phone number.

Thanks for being a member and we look forward to a great year.

John Powell
Commander Post 1



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Summer is in full swing and I hope you are having a great year. It is hard to believe we are halfway through this year. We will start the 2024-2025 membership year in August and I would love to see Unit 1 meet their membership goal of 100%. Please encourage your spouse to join our Legion family and get involved.

The Legion Home Corp building was completely remodeled and we are proud to have a beautiful building. We invite you to stop by and see the improvements.

Wheeling Unit 1 hosted the 1st District Spring Conference on April 20, 2024, hosting the Auxiliary Department and other District Officers. Chef N Company catered for the event. Attendees complimented the food and the building.

As Unit President for 2023-2024, I started a quarter drill at the end of each meeting. The members were asked to put a quarter in the piggy bank. I offered to match funds up to \$50. We raised \$105.00 which is going to Children & Youth. I contacted the local VA center in Bethlehem, WV, and requested the money be used for school supplies for a student who is the son/daughter of a Veteran. For the 2024-2025 membership year, the quarter drill donations will be donated to Education. I encourage you to attend a meeting to learn about the Auxiliary and participate in activities of Unit 1.

Michelle Powell
President Unit 1

2024-2025 Auxiliary Officers
President- Michelle Powell
1st Vice President- Melissa Stegman
2nd Vice President- Denise Wycherley
Secretary- Courtney Clark
Treasurer-Paula McCroskey
Chaplain-Martha Bloomfield
Historian-Sandy Koontz
Sgt-at-Arms-Marcia Bolner



SAL COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Squadron 1 is gaining active members and welcomes new members. The SAL's mission is to strengthen the four pillars of The American Legion. Therefore, squadrons' campaigns emphasize preserving American traditions and values, improving the quality of life for our nation's children, caring for veterans and their families, and teaching the fundamentals of good citizenship.

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.

2024-2025 SAL Officers
Commander- Matt Stegman
1st Vice Commander- Jeff Coddington



DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Post 1 started the Upper Ohio Valley Legion Riders chapter about 13 years ago. Organizers invited other posts within the 1st district to join as there were not many Riders in Post 1. The Upper Ohio Valley

Legion Riders had over 60 members from 5 different posts and raised tens of thousands of dollars over the years for Helping Heroes and The Legacy Run Foundation.

Since the beginning, meetings were held monthly at various participating Legions which helped expose and grow the program. That format proved successful thus other participating Posts have expressed their desire to host their respective programs. On July 6, 2024, Upper Ohio Valley Legion Riders decided to return to Post 1 and will share meeting locations only with Post 3 in Moundsville.

The next meeting will be held on August 3, 2024, at Wheeling Post 1 at 11 AM. If you are interested in joining the Riders, please join us. If you have any questions or for additional information, contact Legion Commander John Powell.



POST 1 HOME CORPORATION

2024-2025 Home Corp Officers

President- Greg McCroskey

Vice President- Dan Pappas

Secretary- Brenda Joseph

Treasurer- Bob Joseph

The Legion building was remodeled from January to April 2024. The Home Corp Board of Trustees would like to thank Jodi Prather, SAL member, for his generous donation to the Legion which covered the remodel expenses.

The Home Corp welcomed Chef Adam Luiso to the Legion family. His business, Chef N Company, moved into the kitchen at Post 1 in July 2024.

If interested in renting, please contact

Phone: 412-977-3721

Email: chefncompany2@gmail.com

Website: chefncompany.com

Rental Rates (as of July 9, 2024)

Monday-Wednesday	\$400
Thursday	\$650
Friday (non-wedding)	\$800
Friday (wedding)	\$1500
Saturday (non-wedding)	\$1000
Saturday (wedding)	\$1900
Sunday or Holiday	\$500
Steak Fry	\$700



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 is NOW!

Please pay your dues before 11/11/24 to remain current with your years of service. Post 1 appreciates your continued support and membership within the largest Veterans Organization in the US.

Post 1 has developed a membership committee to reach out to Veterans in our community. The goal is to be seen in the community at least once a month. We are scheduled to have a booth at the Italian Festival in July and the Air Show in August. If you see our booth, 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 (chaclark1@yahoo.com), and he will assist with the process.

PAY YOUR MEMBERSHIP DUES

Legion	\$45.00
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



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.



POST 1 LEGION FAMILY WEBSITE

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

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)

Past Events



- February 9 & 10- American Legion Dept of WV, 2024 Mid-Winter Conference at Oglebay
- April 20- Auxiliary- 1st District Spring Conference at Wheeling, Unit 1
- May 23- Craft Night w/ Creative Canvas LLC
- First Fridays- January 5, February 2, March 1, April 5, May 3, June 7, July 5
- July 5- Elm Grove Civics' Fireworks
- July 9- Chef N Company Grand Opening
- July 11-13, 2024- WV Department Convention, Huntington, WV
- July 28, 2024- 1st District Picnic at Benwood, WV Park



2024- First Fridays @ 6 PM

August 2
September 6
October 4
November 1
December 6

- August 17, 2024- Legion Night- Lake Eric Crushers vs Washington Wild Things at Washington, PA
- October 20, 2024- Legion- 1st District Fall Conference at Wheeling, WV Post #1
- October 20, 2024- Auxiliary- 1st District Fall Conference at Pine Grove, WV Unit #81

2025- First Fridays @ 6 PM

January 3, February 7
March 7, April 4
May 2, June 6, July 4