

Jewish War Veterans Post 54

Meeting of September 11, 2016

Minutes

Commander Goldstein called the meeting to order at 10:05 A.M.

Members Present: Commander Howard Goldstein, Mike Sawyer, Mark Turner, Leslie Turner, Harvey Bogolub, Joel Bernstein, Fred Stopsky, Bruce Mayor, Jordan Trafimow, and John Wilkerson

There were no new members. We had a guest who would speak to us – Linda Rockwell of Journey Care.

The August minutes were approved with corrections.

Commander Goldstein announced that he did not attend the last department meeting. Indiana is in the process of creating a department and new posts. He stated that the brotherhood has invited us to join them in some of their events.

Quartermaster Leslie Turner announced our total sum in the bank is \$579.39, and there were no expenditures this past month.

Senior Vice-Commander Bruce Mayor attended a seminar on veterans disabilities, pensions, claims process, etc. He said Hines Hospital will investigate any claims of fraud or other misconduct. Mayor recommended a book that we might like to read: A Sense of Duty, by Quang Pham.

We are working on arranging a meeting with appropriate people to discuss the implementation of our Education Plan in the Sunday school.

Fred Stopsky is scheduling book presentations. Fred will present at the October meeting; Jordie Trafimow will present at the November meeting, and John Wilkerson at the December meeting.

Prior to introducing our speaker, Commander Goldstein asked each of us to give serious thought to topics and activities for upcoming meeting.

He and Mark Turner introduced Ms. Linda Rockwell, from Journey Care. Ms. Rockwell stated that she would share with us information about the “We Honor Veterans” program. She stated that, as all well knew, military service changes people. In their hospice program for vets they focus on military service, getting to know the family, and possible benefits. Only 1/3 of vets are registered with the VA – and of those 70% get hospice care through the VA. Appropriately one in three combat vets will face PTSD near the end of life.

There are 2400 hospice programs in the We Honor Veterans program. Approximately 9% if vets are female. The hospice programs perform a pinning ceremony, and provide certificates for each veteran. There is a program to assist homeless vets. We Honor Veterans takes part in the Honor Flight. If there is a veteran in hospice who wishes to participate in the flight, the flyer must provide a space on the plane.

Journey Care tries to avoid having costs for the vet or family when in hospice care. They always need volunteers .

(Questions and discussion followed)

Commander Goldstein called the meeting adjourned at 11:20 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

John Wilkerson

Adjutant