



Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America

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MEETING MINUTES

February 2, 2020

Commander Bruce Mayor called the meeting to order at 10:12 AM. The January 12, 2020, Minutes were approved with corrections.

Attendance: Bruce Mayor, Leslie Turner, Larry Malis, Mike Sawyer, Howard Goldstein.
Post 407: Jack Levitt, Mel Mathias. Guest: George Heyman

Commander Mayor asked each attendee to introduce themselves.

Commander's Report:

- Commander Mayor, Howard Goldstein, and Mike Sawyer attended the funeral of post member Vince Headington.

Reports

- Quartermaster's Report – Leslie Turner: reported a donation of \$54 was made to the Midwest Shelter for Homeless Veterans in the memory of Vince Headington. The balance in the bank account is now \$2220.50.

Old Business

- Combined Veterans Association (CVA) is holding its *Person of the Year* event. Nominations are being taken by Howard Goldstein, as Commander of the Department of Illinois, and need to be submitted no later than February 12.
- Illinois Holocaust Museum has offered 30 seats at its banquet to be held March 12, 2020, at the Hyatt Regency, Chicago. All members and their guests are invited (being Jewish is *not* a requirement for attendance). Submit names to Howard. World War II veterans are particularly invited to attend.
- Howard Goldstein reported that the Illinois Holocaust Museum is now a community partner with the Jewish War Veterans organization.
- Commander Mayor again asked for volunteers to fill the positions of Adjutant and Chaplain.
- There are some disagreements between Post 407 and Post 54 with regard to handling of finances after the proposed merger. Commander Goldstein, who will present the merger at the upcoming JWV National Executive Committee meeting in Washington, asked that the disagreements be resolved within the next ten days or the merger cannot go forward.

New Business

- Commander Mayor suggested that members alert close relatives to the location of their DD214. With the recent death of Vince Headington as an example, delay in locating a veteran's DD214 can result in the absence of a military presence or help of the VA in the burial.
- The Four Chaplains annual event is being held soon after February's meeting at Hines VA Hospital.
- The March 8th 10th grade discussion will need to be rescheduled as the Post meeting is to be held at a still to be announced location. The topic is *How has being a Jew in the military affected your life after your military service.*
- The April meeting is scheduled for April 5.
- Post 407 member Jack Levitt announced that Jewel Osco is offering shoppers an opportunity to donate at check-out for Honor Flight Chicago during the month of February.
- A dessert reception is to be held honoring JWV in May. The exact date and location to be announced.
- Post 407
 - will hold a bingo event at Anshe Shalom on March 4th.
 - reported that two of its members have died: Lionel Webster and Ira Stone.
 - reported that member Leo Wolfson is celebrating his 102nd birthday this month.
- Shiva for Vince Headington is being held Sunday, February 3rd.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:12 AM.

Next meeting scheduled for March 8th, 2020, at a location to be determined, 10:00 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie Turner
Quartermaster