



Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America

West Suburban Post 54 – Illinois
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JWV Post Meeting, Sunday, Feb 14, 2021, 1000, via Zoom

Commander Wilkerson called the meeting to order at 1000 hrs

Members Present: Howard Goldstein, , Bruce Mayor, Leslie Turner, John Wilkerson, Rich Heisler, Steve Fixler, Joel Bernstein, Mark Turner, Michael Sawyer, Ron Weininger, Larry Malis,

Guests: Rabbi Sheldon Lewis, Chaplain, U.S. Army, Vietnam, Mrs. Sheldon Lewis, Urban Family – Tom, Sue & Zack, Peggy McGrath, and Linda Mayor.

Commander's Report: Moment of Silence for the JWV members who have passed away from COVID-19. Working on updating our Post Roster.

Guest Speaker: Rabbi Sheldon Lewis spoke about serving Jews in wartime and Vietnam specifically.

Minutes: Approved Jan. 10, 2021 Minutes. M - Bernstein, S – Goldstein, M/C

Quartermaster Report: Quartermaster Leslie Turner reported income for the past month, \$1311.00: \$15 (pin payment), \$46 (membership fees from JWV), and two donations (\$1250): Richard Weininger, \$1000.00 and Glen Ellyn Bank, \$250.00. Thanks to the efforts of member Ron Weininger, those contributions were made.

Total in Post 54 bank account \$3373.04

Motion to approve quartermaster's report, subject to audit: M - Heisler, S – M. Turner.

Motion to approve to add an additional \$1300.00 to increase it to \$1750.00 to purchase 70 Visa Gift Cards. M – Sawyer, S – Howard, M/C.

Other Reports/VSO:

Fixler – Proclamation of the 125th Anniversary of JWV from DuPage County is set to be read on March 9, 2021. All are invited to attend to receive it at the county building, though I do not know how many will be allowed in the Board Room. Otherwise it may be viewed via Zoom. I need to know the names of those who will be there and on Zoom.

Fixler – Chicago Veterans Home – Bruce Mayor and I dropped off 200 tote bags with toiletry items, pens, paper, envelopes, stamps, playing cards, puzzle books, greeting cards, plus other items.

Fixler – Hines VA Hospital has now vaccinated over 10,000 Veterans. They are still vaccinating veterans over 65 years old. Veterans will be contacted once they start vaccinating veterans under 65. Homeless Veterans at any age are being vaccinated.

Old Business: N/A

New Business:

Goldstein - Post #29, Buffalo Grove, will merge with Post #89, Highland Park. This is subject to State and National approval.

- Marketing Committee – We need more standardization. All the websites are different.
- We need to talk about membership. How do we outreach and get more members to join us? We can talk about this at our next post meeting.
- Department needs a new Adjutant and will need a new Dept. CDR in July.

Fixler – 30th Anniversary of Operation Desert Storm, Jan 17, 1991 – JWV Gulf War Committee wrote up their D.S. experiences and it is on the JWV Museum and JWV Website.

Good of the Order / Comrades in Distress:

David Hymes – WWII, Passed away – 103 years old.

Joel Fabrikant – Vietnam, Passed away – 74 years old.

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Adjournment: M - Heisler, S - Bernstein M/C, 1151 hrs