

Minutes of Jewish War Veterans Post #54

Meeting of February 21, 2016

Commander Howard Goldstein called the meeting to order at 10:00. The meeting was held in the lower level of Congregation Etz Chaim.

Members Present: Joel Bernstein, Howard Goldstein, Richard Heisler, Bruce Mayor, Fred Stopsky, Jordan Trafimow, Leslie Turner, John Wilkerson. Guest and prospective member: Steve Fixler.

The January meeting minutes were read and approved without change.

Commander's Report: There were no Department meetings in January or February. We have financial reports that need to be completed. Form 990N is due by the end of May. The Commander and the Quartermaster will take care of these. We now have 20 paid members in our organization.

Senior Vice Commander and Junior Vice Commander: no report.

Old Business. There is still interest among some members in creating a military book club. Fred Stopsky is taking the leadership role in compiling a reading list. Update on bingo/pizza party at Hines: Wednesday is the best day for us. There are three wards possible at Hines. We will be informed as to which one will match up with us. Best Wednesday for us will be in the first half of April or any in May. Hines will let us know which one is appropriate.

New Business: We still need volunteers for the Hines Food Pantry on Thursday mornings. RSVP to Howard Goldstein.

Veterans Assistance Commission of DuPage County. Guest Steve Fixler, who manages this agency (VAC), shared information about it. It provides temporary emergency financial assistance to veterans and their families. Eligibility includes residency in DuPage County, at least 180+ days of active service, financial qualification, and other criteria established by the VAC. The office is located in the County Government Administration building in Wheaton and is funded through

the general fund of DuPage County. Examples of assistance include medical transportation, food/family essentials, referrals, mortgage or rent payments, etc. You may reach them (630) 407-5655, or at www.dupageco.org/vac. VAC is part of a task force co-planning and helping vets. The next meeting April 20.

Commander Goldstein reminded us that our next meeting will be held Sunday, March 13.

He adjourned the meeting at 11:00 A.M.

Submitted by John Wilkerson, Adjutant