



# Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America

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JWV Post Meeting, Sunday, March 12, 2023, 10:00AM, via Zoom

Commander Goldstein called the meeting to order at 10:00AM

**Roll Call:** CDR – Howard Goldstein, Sr. Vice – John Wilkerson, Adjutant – Steve Fixler, Quartermaster – Leslie Turner, Bruce Mayor, Joel Bernstein, Michael Sawyer, Larry Malis, and Barry Greenberg.

**Minutes:** January Minutes to approve

**Guest Speaker:** Alexi Vahlkamp, Hines Hospice/Palliative Care. Alexi gave a detailed presentation about palliative and hospice care afford to veterans. Her presentation is available by emailing Steve Fixler: Steven.Fixler@dupageco.org

## **Quartermaster Report:**

One financial transaction – Received \$34.50 from National for Membership Fees

Current balance – \$3395.09

Motion to accept the Quartermasters Report – M – Bernstein, S – Mayor, M/C Subject to Audit

## **Commander's Report:**

Latest Post Roster has us at 25 paid members.

Six JWV members went to the IL Holocaust Museum's *2023 Humanitarian Awards Dinner*, in Chicago, March 7. There were around 1400 people there and we were acknowledged as the JWV. Dana Bash, CNN chief political report, was the Emcee. Northern Trust Bank, Peter Kadens, and Cardinal Blase Cupich were presented as this year's humanitarian awards. It was a great time.

Bruce is our JWV Volunteer Representative at Hines, and we are looking for a Deputy to be there when he cannot make it. You sign up at Voluntary Services and you have to make four meetings a year.

## **Membership Report:**

Membership Contest – Last year we won the award for the fastest growing medium post in the country. It would be great to win it again.

There are 8000 members nationwide. Around 600 drop-off and another 200 pass away. JWV cannot sustain that rate of loss and continue as a viable organization. We need new members!

### **Marketing Report:**

National Pilot Program – JWV is matching Jewish publications with people in the area. Jerry Fields would be good for this.

### **Old Business:**

Wolves Game – Saturday, April 8, 7pm. Tickets are \$25/person and a portion of that goes to the National Desert Storm War Memorial, soon to be built in Washington, D.C. We have a block of seats reserved for us. It is also Military Appreciation Night.

DuPage Veterans Resource Fair: There will be a Military/Veteran's Resource Fair from 4:30pm – 6:30pm. We may get a Dept. of IL table there.

PR/Local Advertising – Send our events into your local Patch. It is free. If we each used our local Patch, we would get more publicity out there.

DuPage Veterans Court is looking for Mentors to work with the Veterans that are going through Veteran's Court.

Hines is going to open-up May 1. Meaning that we may be able to provide a lunch for some of the Veterans that are there. But to do that, we need some funds, and we are looking at selling Poppies, maybe in July. We might go out to the Kane County Cougars or the Schaumburg Boomers and see if we can sell poppies at their stadium.

### **New Business:**

Resource Fair – DuPage Veteran's Resource Fair, Aug 29, 421 DuPage County Building, 0900 – 1300. JWV will have a table there.

### **Good and Welfare**

**Next Meeting:** Sunday, April 9, 2023, 10am, DuPage County Building, 421 N. County Farm Rd., Room #3500b and via Zoom, Wheaton, IL 60187

**Adjournment:** M – Wilkerson, S – Greenberg, M/C, Time – 11:AM

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