



Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America

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

Commander John Wilkerson called the meeting to order at 1000 hrs.

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

Guests: N/A

Commander's Report: JWV is sponsoring a trip to Israel. Information is available on the post Website: jwvpots54.org. Highland Park City Council will give a Proclamation on our 125th Anniversary, Monday, March 15 at 5pm.

Minutes: Approved Feb. 14, 2021 Minutes. M – L. Turner, S – M. Turner, M/C

Quartermaster Report: Quartermaster Leslie Turner reported

Our only purchase was 70 Visa gift cards that Bruce Mayor presented to Renee Rouse at Volunteer Services at Hines. The cost was \$1680.00.

We had no income this month.

Current balance \$1693.04 M - Goldstein, S – Bernstein, M/C, subject to audit

Other Reports/VSO:

– Fixler – Proclamation for the 125th Anniversary of JWV to DuPage County went well. Steve Fixler, Howard Goldstein, and Bruce Mayor attended it in person, and John Wilkerson was on via Zoom.

– May 1st, the VFW in Batavia is hosting a VFW Benefit's Workshop from 9am – 3pm. There will be multiple speakers there. It costs \$20, but you get breakfast and lunch. You can sign up by going to www.vetworkshop.org.

– Hines is now vaccinating any one at any age. You still have to be enrolled at Hines to get vaccinated.

– NorthPoint – They are a trucking warehouse company, and they want to build a bridge over Rte. 53, which would be north of Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery and have their trucks drive on the road north of the cemetery. That would increase Truck traffic to around 6,000 trucks a day (not including the car traffic). There would also be an increase in noise.

There are worries about trucks cutting through the cemetery to get to the warehouse (which they are currently trying to do). Many Veteran organizations, the people of Elwood and others oppose this. It is currently being discussed in their area.

– Highway Rte. 20, which goes from Iowa through Rockford, Bartlett, Chicago to Indiana is going to be named Medal of Honor Highway. It starts in the state of Oregon and will go across the country to the east coast. The naming will be done shortly.

– The Chicago Veteran's Home is scheduled to open in the Summer. Bruce Mayor and Steve Fixler will be going there this Wednesday morning for a live tour.

Old Business:

– Howard Goldstein – IL State Legislation – Working with State Rep. Terra Costa Howard to pass a law that would make military medics LPNs or RNs.

New Business:

– Howard Goldstein – VA has a program called Compassionate Contact Corps. This is where a volunteer is matched with a Veteran to talk to him. This is not under emergency conditions. It is a program to help Veterans who are homebound or at the Community Living Center, to be able to talk to someone for around 30 minutes. Both the Veteran and the Volunteer will be interviewed to find good matches for each other.

– Howard Goldstein – Membership Growth – We need to increase our membership. If we do not, we will not exist anymore. We may have 2 posts or only a state department. One thing we need to do is to contact synagogues. We have different messages for over 65 years old and under 65.

– John Wilkerson – Let's get all of us to at least make one phone call to a synagogue prior to our next meeting.

– Nominations for post officers will occur in April, with second nominations in May and elections in June.

– John Wilkerson – Please consider taking an officer position. Elections to be held at the June meeting.

Good of the Order / Comrades in Distress: none

Next Meeting: Sunday, April 11, 1000, via Zoom.

Adjournment: M - Mayor, S -L. Turner, M/C, 1123hrs