



# Jewish War Veterans

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## **Meeting Minutes JWV Post #54 April 10, 2016**

- The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am.
- The in attendance were: Ron Weininger, Steve Fixler, Fred Stopsky, Mark Turner, Jordie Trafimow, Rich Heisler, Howard Goldstein, Bruce Mayor and Leslie Turner
- Last month's minutes were approved
- Commander Goldstein reported on the April Department meeting. Topics discussed included the upcoming convention weekend and banquet; There will be a Department booth at the June Jewish Festival. Post 54 will take a shift working the booth; There was a brief discussion of the by-laws when a procedural issue was raised at a prior meeting; The Department will be holding Memorial day services at both Shalom and Oak Ridge cemeteries.

Commander Goldstein met with Rabbi Mendel Goldstein of Chabad in Naperville to determine if there were any Jewish veterans in his congregation; his to get back to us.

- Reports
  - The Quartermaster noted that there were no changes in our account balance from the prior month. He pointed out that any money we give to non-JWV or non-Veterans organizations must be matched with a donation to NHQ. Therefore he is sending a check to them for \$36 to match the money we gave to Etz Chaim.
  - The Senior Vice Commander had no report
  - The Junior Vice Commander welcomed Steve Fixler to the Post since his transfer went through since our last meeting.
- Old Business
  - Fred Stopsky provided an issues committee update and handed out a list of recommended books and possible topics to discuss regarding each book; he ask all in attendance and all others in the Post to review the list,

add to it if needed and, for the next meeting, be ready to suggest 4 books to read for discussion at future meetings. It was suggested we set aside 15 minutes at each meeting for these discussions.

- Significant time was spent on finalizing the Hines VA Portillo's party logistics;
- New Business
  - Commander Goldstein noted that the calendar planning for 2016/2017 is coming up in June. He asked for any ideas on what we should be putting on the Temple calendar which will require rooms. Suggestions included were: taking the 9th grade class to Oak Ridge Cemetery for Veterans day; Putting both Memorial Day ceremonies on the calendar; the veterans recognition service; hosting a Tumlar and/or Oneg.
  - A suggestion was made to hold all meetings off site so as not to have conflicts and changing dates; This will be discussed at the next meeting.
  - We agreed to send a congratulations card to Rabbi Bob upon his retirement.
- Good of the Order/Comrades in Distress
  - Steve Fixler handed out cards regarding Honor Rewards program; He also discussed the Honor Flight Fund raiser being held May 7.
  - People were concerned about the health of Harve Bogolub;
- Next meeting 5/15/16 (the 2nd Sunday is Mother's day)
- The meeting adjourned at 11:30 am.