



Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America

West Suburban Post 54 – Illinois
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JWV Post Meeting, Sunday, April 10, 2022, 10:00AM, via Zoom and in person at the DuPage County Building.

Commander Goldstein called the meeting to order at 10:02AM

Roll Call: CDR – Howard Goldstein, Sr. Vice – John Wilkerson, Jr. Vice – Mark Turner, Quartermaster – Leslie Turner, Bruce Mayor, Larry Malis, Barry Greenberg, Jordan Trafimow, Mike Sawyer

Minutes: Approve March 13, 2022 Minutes as amended. M – L. Turner, S – John Wilkerson, M/C.

Quartermaster Report: Two expenditures for a total of \$205.46.

Current balance – \$2469.59

Motion to accept the Quartermaster's Report, M – Mayor, S – Willkersonb, M/C, Subject to Audit

Commander's Report:

- Commander Goldstein is mailing a second letter to various rabbis to keep their interest in JWV alive.
- Commander Goldstein discussed ways to keep Post 54 members and prospective members attending meetings:
 - Speakers of interest to members
 - Mark Turner suggested Amy Gaydos of the DuPage County Department of Aging. Mark, as organizer of the Etz Chaim Lifelong Learning committee's *Lunch N Learn* program may be able to suggest other speakers for our Sunday meetings.
- Commander Goldstein is to attend the JWV National Convention in Savannah in early August for 3 days, as chair of the Marketing Committee. Post members are encouraged to attend via Zoom; registration fee is \$154.

Old Business

- May 1, 10AM: Commander Goldstein, Bruce Mayor, and perhaps other Post members are speaking with the 10th grade class of Etz Chaim. The topics are Memorial Day, anti-Semitism, and how being in the service affected their lives. Barry Greenberg suggested that members speak at Chabad Jewish Center in Naperville. He will speak with Rabbi Mendy Goldstein to suggest a future date.
- June 12, 9AM – 6PM: Greater Chicago Jewish Festival. Posts from the Department of Illinois will be attending. The membership recruitment booth from JWV will be used. Volunteers are needed to set up, man the booth, and tear down. Volunteers do not

have to commit to attending all day. Commander Goldstein will hold a very short training session on how to attract people to the JWV space. Mike Sawyer suggested a short video be used for this training.

- Jordie Trafimow suggested asking Rabbi Wainer, Associate Rabbi of Etz Chaim, to speak to the group. Commander Goldstein commented that Rabbi Wainer has been a strong supporter of JWV veterans.
- Mark Turner commented that Eric Blaustein, a Holocaust survivor, is the speaker at the upcoming Etz Chaim *Lunch N Learn*, April 27 at noon. Registration is required. Bring your own lunch.
- Sunday, May 29, Wheaton, Memorial Day Parade: If Post 54 wants to participate, a pickup truck is needed. Magnetic signs will be purchased promoting JWV. The parade commences at 10AM from Memorial Park in Wheaton, ending at the Wheaton Cemetery.

New Business

- Approval of \$75 expenditure for a 12 month period of Zoom service: Motion by Mark Turner, 2nd John Wilkerson. Motion approved.
- Illinois State Fair, Sunday, August 14: CVA is sponsoring beer sales on Veterans Day at the Illinois State Fair in Springfield. Posts that provide help share in the proceeds. Volunteers are needed to man the beer sales booth. It does not have to be for the full day; just as many hours as you want to work. Please let Commander Goldstein know if you are willing to work at the Fair.
- The Hines VA Hospital Food Pantry is open for business. Members who have a Thursday free are encouraged to help at the pantry for a few hours in the morning. Please let Commander Goldstein know if you are willing to volunteer at the pantry.
- Leslie Turner suggested that because outside persons are not allowed into the hospital and that the post cannot bring in lunches as the post did in the past, that Chanukah packages be made for distribution any veterans at the hospital. Students from area synagogues could be asked to help make the packages, thus promoting JWV at the same time.
- Commander Goldstein asked for the post to recommend Nelson Mellitz and Barry Lischinsky as National Commander and National Vice Commander for the year 2022-2023. Recommendations must be made by at least three posts and then three Departments. Motion was made by Leslie Turner, 2nd by John Wilkerson. The motion passed.
- Nominations for Post 54 officers are open. Election of officers take place at the next Post meeting, May 8.
- The Department of Illinois purchased an inscribed brick to be part of a new sidewalk at the Illinois Holocaust Museum. The inscription, approved at the Department's April meeting, reads as follows:

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JEWISH WAR
VETERANS

Next Meeting: Sunday, May 8, 2022, 10am, #421 DuPage County Building, Wheaton, Hybrid

Adjournment: M –Jordie Trafimow, S – John Wilkerson, M/C. Meeting adjourned at 11:06AM.

Leslie Turner

Quartermaster

Acting Adjutant