

Jewish War Veterans

Post #54

Meeting Minutes

April 14, 2019

Command Bruce Mayor called the meeting to order at 10:05 AM. The March Minutes were approved with one amendment. The ROTC award is for Wheaton College not DuPage College.

Attendance: Bruce Mayor, Leslie Turner, John Wilkerson, Steve Braverman, Howard Goldstein, Mark Turner, Harve Bogulub, Mike Sawyer

Commander's Report:

- Department Meeting:
Commander Mayor reported about a heated discussion regarding the spending of funds and donations to other organizations like Cook County DAC and VA Hospitals. Plan for a more formal discussion about business planning at a future meeting. Dept is spending more than taking in.
- Oakridge Cemetery Monument update (below under old business).
- Status of Post 407: No new decisions. Merge requirements include a vote by both posts to include MOA on combination rules. Then Department and National Exec Committed (Feb or August) must approve. If they dissolve, National gets any funds remaining in the Post 407 account.
- JWV supports a Rolling Thunder ROTC Battalion Americanism award at Wheaton College. Bruce Mayor will present on Thursday April 18th.
- Wolves Military Appreciation Night on March 30. DuPage VAC had a table that included JWV info. Howard represented JWV.
- Hines VA Volunteer Recognition Ceremony April 12. Included recognition for JWV and some of our members.
- DuPage VAC submitted report to Governor. Spent >\$250K to >380 Vets and families with an addition 300 Vets assisted in non-monetary fashion.

Reports

- Quartermaster's Report – Leslie Turner: \$2,701.21 in the account. Report accepted.
- Senior Vice Commander – John Wilkerson: Poppy sales and fundraising will be Sunday, June 30th at Jewel-Osco in Lombard. Discussion about also including sales at Brotherhood BBQ on May 19. See old business for flag disposal info.

- Junior Vice Commander – (Vacant): No report

Old Business

- Cemetery Monument: Bruce Mayor will contact Mosaic Construction in April, assisted by JUF, to potentially donate restoration services. Nothing new to report this month.
- JWV Annual Banquet is July 7th @ 11:30 AM at Dover Straits in Mundelein (\$25 per person), and Department Convention Meeting is July 10th. \$3 per \$25 goes to the Department. Leslie will send an electronic invitation. National Convention is 18-23 August in Virginia.
- Need nomination of officers in April, for voting in May and installation in June. Current officers were nominated to continue their positions. Mark Turner was nominated for Junior Vice Commander. Approved moving May meeting to May 19 to coincide with Brotherhood BBQ. We will hold elections at that meeting.
- Flag disposal box put together by Leslie Turner and his wife into vestibule area at CEC. CEC sent out an email to entire membership in addition to Leslie's email to Post 54 membership. Flags will go to Steve Fixler/DuPage VAC for disposal.
- Renewals continuing. Post has 24 members, no records of payment for 6 people from National. Of those, at least 2 people have paid. A new member rejoined after lapsed membership: Herbert Eiseman.

New Business

- July 4th Fireworks show on July 3. CEC Foundation arranged for a donated 90-car parking lot in Oak Brook for their July 3rd Fireworks display. Volunteers from JWV will support the event and split \$25 car fee as a fundraiser.
- New Membership Form and Dues Structure. Post voted to maintain current dues structure.
- Rabbi Cosnowski discussed a moral version of PTSD that could be a subset of PTSD and drive differential treatment. Clergy are getting training on how to address this.
- Announcements:
 - Howard attended Naperville Responds – Lunch to support Naperville Veterans.
 - Howard attended a suicide prevention class by Wounded Warriors group to teach ASSIST. Goal to increase coordination with other VSOs and 501c3s.
 - Howard will be guest speaker at Oak Ridge Cemetery Memorial Day Ceremony on 27 May.

- Howard and Bruce will attend a recognition banquet as ushers for Friends of IDF at the Hyatt downtown - May 8th.

Good of the Order/Comrades in Distress: No one identified.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:27 AM.

Next meeting scheduled for May 19, 2019 at Congregation Etz Chaim, 10:00 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Braverman
Adjutant