

Jewish War Veterans

Post #54

Meeting Minutes

July 8, 2018

Commander Bruce Mayor called the meeting to order at 10:05 AM. The June Minutes were approved as written.

Attendance: Bruce Mayor, Joel Bernstein, Rich Heisler, Mark Turner, Leslie Turner, Nate Cosnowsky, Howard Goldstein, Ron Weininger, John Wilkerson, Harve Bogolub, Steve Braverman

Commander's Report:

- Poppy Sales at Jewel Osco: July 1st, raised \$1205.83. This was a higher amount than last year. The new sail signs legitimized the group on the collection site.
- Jewish Folk Festival: It was rainy and muddy, but the post had a good turnout
- Profiles of Courage Symposium: June 28th, Howard Goldstein and Bruce Mayor participated on a panel that included Vets from WWII to Desert Storm. Questions and comments were generally positive. Questions about the VA generated mostly positive responses and negative response from one panel member.
- Department Banquet: July 11th, 8-10 post members expected to attend. Rabbi Cosnowsky will perform the invocation
- Department Monthly Meeting/Convention: Sunday July 15th, 9:00AM; 3 post members expected to attend. Howard Goldstein may be nominated to become Senior Vice Commander.
- VAC Monthly Meeting: No report

Reports

- Quartermaster's Report – Leslie Turner: \$3247.69 in the account including the undeposited \$1205.83 from poppy collections.
- Senior Vice Commander – John Wilkerson: No report
- Junior Vice Commander – (Vacant): No report
- VA Mission Act of 2018 – Steve Braverman:
 - Two parts of act focusing on health care access AND infrastructure and recruitment
 - Act authorizes continuation of Choice for a year and transition to a new program of networked providers and hospitals integrated with VA hospitals

- Referral to private sector hospitals and clinics will be based on a combination of quality, access and convenience and approved by clinical team in consultation with the Veteran. No longer 40-mile or 30-day wait requirements for referral
- Eligible Veterans receive up to 2 urgent care visits
- Eligible disabled Veterans injured on Active Duty prior to 1975 (Viet Nam and earlier) may receive Caregiver Support – expanded from post-9/11 Vets. Vets injured between 1975-2001 may become eligible for Caregiver Support 2-years after the new expanded program is certified.
- New recruitment incentives for VHA providers and personnel
- New commission to review hospital/clinic infrastructure requirements across the Nation similar to BRAC for DoD.

Old Business

- Cleaning, Repairing and Maintaining monument at Oak Ridge Jewish Cemetery: Still a challenge to find a cement contractor willing to do the small volume of work required. Steve Fixler checking on option of swapping out the artillery piece. Key part is finding out who owns the artillery piece.

New Business

- Etz Chaim Perspective New Member Open House: August 19th, soliciting volunteers for table.

Good of the Order/Comrades in Distress: All improved from last week's list.

Next meeting scheduled for August 12, 2018 at Etz Chaim, 10:00 AM. See attached 2018-2019 Calendar.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 AM

Respectfully submitted

Steve Braverman

Adjutant