



Jewish War Veterans

of the United States of America

West Suburban Post 54 – Illinois
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West Suburban Post #54

Sunday, July 9, 2023, 10am

In-Person and Via Zoom, DuPage County 421 Room 3500B

Wheaton, IL 60187

JWV Post Meeting, Sunday, July 9, 2023, 10AM, In-person & via Zoom

Roll Call CDR – Howard Goldstein, Sr. Vice – John Wilkerson, Adjutant – Steve Fixler, Quartermaster – Leslie Turner, Bruce Mayor, Larry Malis, Joel Bernstein, Barry Greenberg, and Grant Jacobson.

Approval of the Minutes: Stand as Published

Quartermaster Report: No events

Current balance – \$4570.94

Motion to accept Quartermasters Report, M – Wilkerson, S – Greenberg, M/C Subject to Audit

Commanders Report:

- JWV National Commander Mellitz – State of the JWV – Four Pillars
 - 1st Pillar – Fighting Anti-Semitism – Work with other Veteran Service Organizations, write our congressional representatives and senators
 - 2nd Pillar – Internal/External Communications – New national website, update membership data base
 - 3rd Pillar – Visibility of JWV – Rejoin many Veteran Service Organizations – Encourage JWV Posts to get out to do outreach
 - 4th Pillar – Improve Benefits for Veterans – The Pact Act & Star Act
- JWV Military Museum – Feasibility Study. Is it work fixing the building or selling it and buying a new one? What is the museums future?
- Department of Illinois Elections – Commander Bruce Mayor, Senior Vice-Commander – Steve Fixler, Jr. Vice Commander – Jerry Field, Quartermaster – Leslie Turner, Adjutant – Jeff Sacks

Old Business:

- DuPage Veterans Resource Fair 8/29 – We will have a table there.
- JWV National Convention – Bruce is going. Howard is going via Zoom. Others are encouraged to attend virtually or in person
- Where to spend the funds raises from poppy fundraiser – Hines lunch for Veterans in a department? Previously we spent it on gift cards for Women Veteran baby showers? Buy something off their “wish list”. Howard to follow up with Recreational Therapy at Hines to see if we can get back on the wards.

- Guest speaker for next month – Red Cross(?), VA Cemeteries(?)

New Business:

- Nominations for post officers were held. No new nominations. Nominations were closed. M-Jacobson, S-Greenberg. M/C

- Election of officers

Commander – Howard Goldstein

Sr. Vice Commander – John Wilkerson

Jr. Vice Commander – Larry Malis

Quartermaster – Leslie Turner

Adjutant – Steve Fixler

Judge Advocate - Rob Honig

Motion to have the Adjutant cast one unanimous ballot for all the nominated officers.

M- Turner, S-Mayor M/C

- We are looking for a delegate to the National Convention via Zoom. \$54.00.

- Marketing/Membership – The question was raised whether or not the Department of Illinois should advertise in the JUF news. JUF has 200,000 people reading it, mostly Northside and Northern Suburbs.

Good and Welfare:

- Veteran Suicide Prevention Seminar, Sep 12, American Legion Post #76, Carol Stream

- American Legion Car Show, Carol Stream, July 29

- Bruce –will be honored on Tuesday Night, July 18, at the Downers Grove Park District Summer Concert.

- Possible Sep 10 Meeting at Chabad House in Naperville. Barry will set it up and let Howard know if it is okay.

Next Post meeting: Sunday 8-13-23 10:00 am, DuPage County Building, 421 N. County Farm Rd., #3500B, Wheaton, IL 60187 via Zoom and in-person

Adjourn: M – Mayor, S – Malis 1130