



# Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America

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## MEETING MINUTES AUGUST 9, 2020

Commander Wilkerson called the meeting to order at 1000 via Zoom

**Members Present:** Howard Goldstein, Leslie Turner, Ron Weininger, John Wilkerson, Rich Heisler, Steve Fixler, Bruce Mayor, Mark Turner, Michael Sawyer and Larry Malis

**Minutes:** June 14, 2020 meeting were approved: Motion – L. Turner, Second – Goldstein, motion carried

**Commander's Report:** I did attend the JWV Dept. of IL Meeting. It was an interesting experience. After that, I went to the hospital.

**Quartermaster Report:** Quartermaster Leslie Turner reported 1 financial event since the last report: payment of \$75.00 for annual registration fee to JWV Department of Ill.

Total in Post 54 bank account is \$2001.54.

Motion to approve the Quartermaster's Report: Motion – Mayor, Second – Wilkerson, motion carried

### **Old & Continuing Business:**

**Social Action with other synagogues:** No one has contacted any synagogues to tell them who we are and that we're looking for Jewish Veterans that would like to join our post. JWV is on the Etz Chaim Social Action Committee. Use the Social Action Committee to contact other synagogues. Commander Wilkerson will make contact with the Social Action Committee.

**Proposed Merger with Post #407:** 407 is still interested in the merger. Mel Mathias is 407's Quartermaster and Jack Levitt is their Commander. It is too late to merge prior to the JWV Annual Convention. Post 54 will merge their funds, but 407 will keep \$1000.00 for Bingo and their Hanukkah party. Commander Wilkerson will set up a Zoom Conference Meeting with 407 to include Bruce Mayor, Leslie Turner, and Mel Mathias and Jack Levitt of Post 407. Commander Wilkerson will send the agenda in advance.

**New Business:**

**Department of Illinois election results**

Slate of Officers  
2020-2021

Commander	Howard Goldstein
Senior Vice Commander	Mel Wolff
Vice Commander - VSO	Steve Fixler
Vice Commander - Communications	Richard Sklar
Quartermaster	Leslie Turner
Adjutant	Joel Fabrikant
Judge Advocate	Rob Honig
Chaplain	Mike Zimmerman
Sergeant at Arms	Sidney Stein
Parliamentarian	Irwin Magad

Appointed

Chief of Staff	Robert Nussbaum
NEC Representative	Robert Nussbaum
Marketing Committee Chair	Jerry Field
Membership Committee Chair	
Finance Committee Chair	

**JWV Virtual Annual Convention (Aug 23 – 27, 2020)** Sign-up form on-line. Membership survey results will be on Tuesday. Schedule is not fully published. Of note to watch and participate is the election of Department of Illinois Past Commander Jeff Sacks on Thursday, August 27, 1PM to 5PM CDT.

**Department Planning Session results (if any)**

Outreach and Membership – Contact synagogues and Chicago Council of Rabbis.  
Advertising – Polish League of American Veterans – Looking for more places to advertise  
Like to have an Dept. of IL meeting at Cantigny – Fixler is looking into that.  
Putting together a Resource Center – Different types of 30 second information speeches (elevator speeches)  
Budget – \$19,000 JWV Dept of IL

**Good of the Order / Comrades in Distress**

Hines Food Pantry – packaged food – Drive-thru

**Next Meeting:** Sunday, Sep 13, 2020, 1000 via Zoom

**Adjournment:** Motion – Heisler, Second – Goldstein, motion carried