

## Jewish War Veterans

### Post #54

#### Meeting Minutes

August 11, 2019

Command Bruce Mayor called the meeting to order at 10:04 AM. The July Minutes were approved.

Attendance: Bruce Mayor, Leslie Turner, Steve Braverman, Larry Malis, Howard Goldstein, Jordan Trafimow, Mike Sawyer, John Wilkerson, Mark Turner, Ron Weininger, Richard Heisler

#### Commander's Report:

- Choose VA Campaign; Howard and Bruce on Hines posters and Facebook.
- Viet Nam Moving Wall will be at Mount Carmel Cemetery.
- Bruce having oral surgery in October and won't be able to talk until December.

#### Reports

- Quartermaster's Report – Leslie Turner: \$2,542.67 in the account. No change from last month. Report accepted.
- Senior Vice Commander – John Wilkerson: John is happy to be back and is doing better from health standpoint. Will stand it for Bruce as needed.
- Junior Vice Commander – Mark Turner: No report – says "hello to everyone."

#### Old Business

- Poppy Sales – Recommendation to move poppy sales fund raiser to May and/or July next spring/summer.
- Cemetery Monument: Financing for monument will be turned over to Department for fund raising.

#### New Business

- Tumlar price has increased due to sale of Schmalz Deli from \$180-\$250. Group approved motion to seek a co-sponsor this year to keep costs down. Authorized spending up to \$200. Will seek Tumlar for week of November 3.
- Storage of flags and paper goods. Rich Heisler is no longer able to accommodate the storage requirements, so we need a new location for flags and paper goods. Leslie Turner will accept the goods.

- 9<sup>th</sup> grade classroom presentation November 3. Howard Goldstein will coordinate. Requesting volunteers for speakers.
- Placement of flags and pick-up at Oakridge Cemetery. Coordinate flags and pick-up on 10 and 17 November. John Wilkerson will coordinate. Howard will assist with cleaning materials.
- Veterans Day at Hines Hospital. Event will be on November 11. Motion approved to assist as we did last year.
- Friday Night Service honoring veterans for Veterans Day. 7:30 service on November 8.

Guest speaker – Howard Goldstein as Commander of Illinois Department of JWV.

- New meeting structure and focus on role of Department – awareness of Jewish War Veterans.
- Aging membership and few young members; target markets are active duty, and veterans but focus on the early retiring Jewish Veterans. Needed for revenue and service.
- Rob Honig will be Judge Advocate
- Post 54 recommends more visibility within Jewish Community and Veterans Community; identify what the department can do for JWV Vets.
- Department will set up three committees, Membership, Marketing, and Finance – no prior budget. Request for JWV members to join Department committees.

Announcements:

- Steve Braverman is stepping down as adjutant effective following the September meeting. Rich Heisler will step down in October as Chaplain.

Good of the Order/Comrades in Distress: Nothing to report.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 AM.

Next meeting scheduled for September 8, 2019 at Congregation Etz Chaim, 10:00 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Braverman  
Adjutant