



Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America

West Suburban Post 54 – Illinois
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West Suburban Post #54
Sunday, August 11, 2024, 10am
DuPage County Bldg. 421 Room 3500B and via Zoom

- Opening: 10:00AM
- Roll Call and approval of the minutes: CDR – Sawyer, SVC – Wilkerson, JVC – Mailis, Adjutant – Fixler, Judge Adjutant – Honing, Quartermaster – L. Turner, Goldstein, Mayor, M. Turner, Greenberg, Berstein.

Correction to last month's Minutes. Hines volunteer coordinator was not removed.

- Quartermaster report: No financial activity
 - Finance report: Current Balance - \$3741.85
- Commanders Report: First time here. No new business
- Old Business
 - Jewel would not let us use their store to sell poppies on July 4th.
 - i. Is this something we would like to continue? Yes, we will look at a time in the future.
 - Guest speakers for future meetings: Yes, but we need more people at our meetings. Possible speakers: IL Asst. Attorney General for Military and Veteran Affairs. Hines Caregiver Support Program. Also Shannon Finn Connell, Healing Invisible Wounds and Bob Schwartz, Making Sense of Today's Middle East. Where are we?
 - Plus, open this up to other synagogues.
 - Howard Goldstein: Descendants group survey. Did everyone get and complete? 4000 emails were sent out. We have a committee of eight people working this. Howard gave a brief overview of the survey and how it will be discussed at an upcoming committee meeting. If it is continued, we will send out a second survey. JWV Auxiliary is against this. They think we are undermining them.
 - Meeting Frequency: We going to meet every month for the next few months due to the events coming up.

- New Business
 - Resource Fair: We will have a table at the DuPage Veteran's Resource Fair. We need some people there to help man it. August 20, 2024.
 - 3rd Annual Suicide Prevention Seminar 9/12: American Legion Post #76, Carol Stream.
 - Goldstein - VAVS update: Looking for volunteers for Compassionate Care and Red Vest Ambassadors.
 - Mayor - Hines Food Pantry: Don Donahue and the Greater Chicago Food Depository with many other organizations, plus the Director of IDVA and some congressmen, had a meeting last week. There were too many excuses for the poor quality of food given to the Veterans. We have a statewide strong coalition, and we are not going away, and this will get cleaned up. Three volunteers were dismissed and there is a question of whether the person who dismissed them had the authority to do that. We want better quality of food. We have a copy of the Greater Chicago Food Depositor's 990 Report, and the money does not equal quality of food.
 - Fundraising
 - i. What do we want to do? Back to Jewel.
- Good and Welfare: Mayor will contact the Israel Consul General to the Midwest. The Consul General is looking to do something with us for Veteran's Day. Mayor will talk to the synagogue and have him possibly come out on the Friday Night before Veteran's Day for services.
- Veteran Owned Small Business Fair – Oct 2, American Legion Post #76
- Motion to change our next meeting date to Sep 8. M – Sawyer, S – Goldstein, M/C
- Next Post meeting scheduled for Sunday 09/08/24 10:00 am will be in person and virtual. DuPage County Building, 421 N. County Farm Rd., Wheaton, IL 60187
- Adjourn – M - Sawyer, S – Bernstein, Time: 1102