

## MINUTES

JWV Post 54

August 13, 2017

Commander Bruce Mayor called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M. Members present were Mark Turner, Leslie Turner, Howard Goldstein, Richard Heisler, Larry Malis, Harve Bogolub, Eric Blaustein, Steve Braverman, and Scott Zonis.

June meeting minutes were read and approved.

Bruce Mayor presented his Commander's report:

- Leslie Turner, Bruce Mayor, and Linda Mayor visited JWV National headquarters and spoke with Mara Sherman, Membership Coordinator, and Herb Rosenbleeth, JWV National Executive Director. The primary topic of discussion was how to recruit new members. No viable solutions were offered by JWV.
- Bruce Mayor, Howard Goldstein, and Leslie Turner attended the Annual Department Meeting on July 9, 2017. Howard Goldstein was elected Department Junior Vice Commander, and Leslie Turner was elected Department Quartermaster. Bruce, Howard, Leslie, and Steve Braverman attended the Department Annual Banquet on July 12, 2017. Steve Braverman, as Hospital Director of Hines VA Hospital, presented the keynote address on the state of Hines VA Hospital and his plans for the future.
- Bruce Mayor, Howard Goldstein, and Leslie Turner attended the monthly Department meeting on August 2, 2017. Nothing of significance was discussed or voted upon.
- Bruce will attend the Jewish Federation annual banquet, September 18, 2017.
- Chabad Jewish Center of Naperville presents LTC Laurie Lans, U. S. Navy Reserve Lieutenant Commander, speaks about her experience being a female Jewish officer in Iraq and Afghanistan on September 10, 2017 at 7PM  
([http://www.jewishnaperville.com/templates/articlecco\\_cdo/aid/3737233](http://www.jewishnaperville.com/templates/articlecco_cdo/aid/3737233))
- The Chicago Wolves game of November 11, 2017 is dedicated to Military Appreciation with proceeds going to the National Desert Storm Memorial. **I can't find any information on the Chicago Wolves site about this. Their Military Appreciation Night is planned for Spring 2018.**

- The National Alliance on Mental Illness of DuPage presents two seminars for active duty service personnel, veterans, and their families. Both seminars are held at NAMI Community Center, 115 N. County Farm Road, Wheaton:
  - August 22, 2017, 6PM: Exploring Stress and Trauma  
<http://namidupage.org/events/red-cross-re-connection-workshop-exploring-stress-and-trauma/>
  - August 29, 2017, 6PM: Working Through Anger  
<http://namidupage.org/events/red-cross-re-connection-workshop-working-through-anger/>
- Bruce attended the monthly Veterans Assistance Commission.

Leslie Turner, Quartermaster, reported that we have \$2313.73 in the bank after paying the annual fees to the Department of \$40 (\$2 per member, not including Life Members).

There were no Senior nor Junior Vice Commanders' reports. The position of Junior Vice Commander is vacant.

Final arrangements were discussed for the Hines Portillo Party on September 11, 2017. Two clinics will be served: the Residential Care Facility and the Addiction Center. Many post members have already volunteered. Leslie will coordinate the food purchase and delivery to Hines.

Past Commander Howard Goldstein is attending the JWV Annual Convention in San Antonio.

John Wilkerson referred a *Chicago Tribune* article concerning long term care for low income veterans (<http://www.chicagotribune.com/business/sns-201707181556--tms--savingsgctnzy-a20170718-20170718-story.html>).

Congregation Etz Chaim is holding an Open House for prospective new members on Aug 20. This may be an opportunity for the post to collect contributions from the sale of poppies.

Rabbi Kamil needs two volunteers for Mitzvah Day, Oct. 8.

Rich Heisler reported that he had an adequate supply of flags, both new and used, for the 9<sup>th</sup> grade visit to Oak Ridge Cemetery near Veterans Day in November.

Veterans will be honored at the Etz Chaim Friday evening service November 10, 2017.

Bruce Mayor called the meeting adjourned at 11:15 A.M.

Submitted by Leslie Turner, Quartermaster

August 14, 2017