

Jewish War Veterans

Post #54

Meeting Minutes
September 8, 2019

Command Bruce Mayor called the meeting to order at 10:04 AM. The August Minutes were approved with one typo correction.

Attendance: Bruce Mayor, Leslie Turner, Steve Braverman, Larry Malis, John Wilkerson, Mark Turner, Ron Weininger, Joel Bernstein, Mike Sawyer

Commander's Report:

- Bruce Mayor presented Steven Braverman a certificate of appreciation for his work for Post 54, Illinois Department of JWV and Hines Hospital.
- As of October 1, Hines VA Hospital will be smoke free in conjunction with a VHA-wide ban on smoking for all. Also, the valet parking was moved from the front of the hospital to outside of building 228 due to Ambulance Bay Construction.
- Viet Nam Moving Wall will be at Mount Carmel Cemetery, September 26-30.
- JWV national membership is less than 7,000 with Illinois less than 200.
- Bruce having oral surgery in October and won't be able to talk until December.

Reports

- Quartermaster's Report – Leslie Turner: \$2,565.67 in the account. Receipt of membership fees of \$23. Report accepted.
- Senior Vice Commander – John Wilkerson will stand in for Bruce as needed.
- Junior Vice Commander – Mark Turner: Report on the Tumlar as below.

Old Business

- Financial committee at the JWV Illinois Department is looking to raise up to \$130K for the renovation. Leslie Turner is on that committee.
- 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.
- Schmear and Schmooze (formerly known as Tumlar) approved for week of November 10 and will also sell poppies. Mark Turner and Mike Sawyer will represent JWV and provide local poppy sales.

- 9th grade classroom presentation November 3. Howard Goldstein will coordinate. Requesting volunteers for speakers.
- Storage of flags and paper goods. Leslie Turner has taken possession of the goods.
- 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. Need volunteers and someone to take the lead.
- Friday Night Service honoring veterans for Veterans Day. 7:30 service on November 8. Participation is blessing only.

New Business

- Need new Adjutant and Chaplain: John Wilkerson will record minutes and combine positions until a new adjutant is selected/elected. Will hold on the Chaplain position unless someone is interested. Mike Sawyer volunteered to serve in the Chaplain role as needed.

Announcements:

- Naperville will have a 9/11 remembrance at 5:45 PM at Shanower Memorial
- Cantiny Park has another ceremony at 4:30 on 9/11.

Good of the Order/Comrades in Distress: The post wished good luck to Steven and Susan Braverman on their move to Los Angeles.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 AM.

Next meeting scheduled for October 13, 2019 at Congregation Etz Chaim, 10:00 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Braverman
Adjutant