



Jewish War Veterans

of the United States of America

West Suburban Post 54 – Illinois
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Post #54

Sunday, September 11, 2022, 10am
Veterans Assistance Commission and
Via Zoom

Opening: CDR Goldstein called the meeting to order, Sunday, Sep 11, 2022, 10:00 AM, In-person and via Zoom

Roll Call: CDR – Howard Goldstein, Quartermaster – Leslie Turner, Adjutant – Steve Fixler, Larry Malis, Mike Sawyer, Alan Mendelsohn, Mark Turner, Rich Heisler, and Joel Bernstein

Minutes: Approved Aug 14, 2022 Minutes. M – L. Turner, S – Sawyer, Posted on website.

Guests: Barbara Turner, Peggy McGrath, and Lisa Mattingly

Guest speaker: Amy Gaydos, DuPage County Senior Services Outreach Case Manager

Quartermaster report:

One financial transaction - \$24.00 to the Glen Ellyn Patch

Current balance – \$2626.09

- Motion to accept the Quartermaster's Report, M – Mayor, S – M. Turner, M/C, Subject to Audit

Commanders Report:

- The JWV Resource Center is up and available. Additional items are added each week. Go to: www.resourcecenter.jwv.org. You need to register with your name and post number. National will confirm you're an active member.

- Bruce Mayor gave a summary of the National Convention at our Dept. Meeting. National approved the new Constitution and By-laws. At Dept. level, we're going to re-do our Constitution and By-laws.

- The 33rd Allied Mission to Israel is Apr 20 -30, 2023. There is a pre-mission (Sar-El, <https://www.sar-el.org/>) a week prior to the Mission, and you live in the IDF Barracks as an IDF soldier, and you make up First Aid Kits.

- We have a new JWV brochure. It's a trifold.

- National's booth is very good, and other departments are buying their own.

- Dept. will buy their own eight-foot tablecloth for events.

- Bruce is selling JWV Ties.

- The first live VAVS in-person meeting will be at Hines next week.

Membership Report:

- Welcome Alan Mendelssohn – U.S. Army, Engineer, Vietnam

Marketing Report:

- Advertising: Paid \$24.00 to the Glen Ellyn Patch to advertise this meeting
- PR: New Brochures
 - I'd like to complement the VAC on their Veteran's Resource Fair
 - At the Resource Fair, I handed out our brochures to the other agencies.

Old Business:

- National Convention update: Sec. VA said to file Hypertension and Monoclonal gammopathy claims now that a Vietnam Veteran may have. Don't wait until Jan 2023 to file them.
- Future Guest speakers:
 - Jillian Inserra – VA Caregiver Support
 - Rabbi Wainer – Etz Chaim
 - Alexi & Virginia – Hines Hospice
 - VA Cemetery
 - Red Cross – Military/Veteran Division
 - Naperville Responds
 - NAMI – Veteran's Program

New Business:

- Bruce presented the National JWV Award for highest membership growth for a medium size post to Post #54.

Good and Welfare:

- Bruce made pens and sold them at his Marine Corps reunion and donated the \$800.00 profit to Post #54. This is from Bruce and Linda Mayor.
- Steve: Ghost Army exhibit at the IL Holocaust Museum until Jan 2, 2023. The First Division Museum's M5A1 Stuart Tank will be there on Sunday, Oct 16.
- Steve: Lethal Means/Gun Safety Day at the DuPage County Main Parking, Sat, Sep 23, 9AM – 1PM

Next meeting: Sunday 10/09/22 10:00 am, DuPage County Building, 421 N. County Farm Rd., Room #3500b, Wheaton, IL 60187. In-Person and via Zoom

Motion to Adjourn: M – Bernstein, S – L. Turner, M/C, Time – 1120

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