



# Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America

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JWV Post Meeting, Sunday, September 13, 2020, via Zoom

Commander Wilkerson called the meeting to order at 10:00AM

**Members Present:** Howard Goldstein, Leslie Turner, John Wilkerson, Rich Heisler, Steve Fixler, Joel Bernstein, Bruce Mayor, Mark Turner, and Larry Malis

**Minutes:** Aug 9, 2020 meeting were approved. M-Mayor, S-Heisler, Motion Carried

**Commander's Report:** I'm attempting to contact small Jewish groups, like fellowships, in the Fox Valley and DeKalb area, to see if there are any Veterans.

**Quartermaster Report:** Quartermaster Leslie Turner reported no financial events since the last report: Total in Post 54 bank account is \$2001.54. M-Goldstein, S-Heisler, Motion Carried, subject to audit

**Veteran Service Officer:** VA Caregiver Support Program: Currently the Caregiver Support Program covers Post 9-11 Veterans – 09.11.01 to the present. The next phase is scheduled to begin shortly after Oct 1, 2020 to cover Veterans up to May 7, 1975. Veterans from May 8, 1975 – Sept 10, 2001, will be phased in two years after the start of this current new phase.

## **Old & Continuing Business:**

Proposed Merger with Post 407: No contact. Jack Levitt at Post 407 is sick. Mel Mathias at Post 407 wants more time to talk to the other members. Department Commander Howard Goldstein talked to Mel and Jack is not doing well.

## **New Business:**

JWV Virtual Annual Convention (Aug 23 – 27, 2020)

Report from Department Commander Goldstein:

Twenty Resolutions – On JWV website

*Start Meeting* software that was used to have virtual meetings was terrible.

Constitution and By-laws – Need to restructure and have real elections. Rules Committee said that since it's virtual, no voting. Members want virtual meetings. Deal with the voting.

Marketing Committee – Presented the Membership Survey results

The Department of TALO has one of the largest posts within the JWV organization, Post 256.

The National Vice-Chairman, Alan Paley, may start having meetings with all Department Commanders.

Guest Speakers – Two were political and talked about Trump, U.S. - Israel politics and shouldn't have been there. The JWV sponsor person said that it won't happen again.

Ambassador from Israel spoke well.

Elections – Jeff Sacks from Illinois Post 153 is the new JWV National Commander.

Bruce Mayor: Attendance was larger than expected. There was over 200 people

Steve Fixler: Joined the Gulf War Veterans Committee

JWV 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Pins: Everyone needs to tell Leslie how many pins they want and send him a check for \$8/pin. We will buy extra pins to sell or give to new members and to give to honored guests. We'll figure out how many additional pins we want at our next meeting.

**Good of the Order / Comrades in Distress:**

Goldstein – Highland Park Post 29 has very good meetings. They have guest speakers.

- Hines is having a volunteer meeting tomorrow.

**Next Meeting:** Sunday, Oct 11, 2020, 10:00AM via Zoom

**Adjournment:** M-L. Turner, S-Mayor, Motion Carried