



# Jewish War Veterans

*of the United States of America*

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Post #54

Sunday, October 9, 2022, 10AM

Veterans Assistance Commission and

Via Zoom

**Opening:** CDR Goldstein called the meeting to order, Sunday, Oct 9, 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 Mendelssohn, Mark Turner, Joel Bernstein, and Jay Sommerfield.

**Minutes:** Approved Sep. 11, 2022 Minutes. M – Mayor, S – L. Turner, Posted on website.

**Guests:** N/A

**Guest speaker:** N/A

**Quartermaster report:**

One financial transaction – Bruce and Linda Mayor donated \$800.00 from the pens he made and sold.

Current balance – \$3426.09

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

**Commanders Report:** Welcome Jay Sommerfield. I hope you would like to join our post. No. IL Dept. meeting this month. JWV Magazine has a photo of Bruce accepting the award for our post for Membership for a medium size post. There is also a photo of us in front of our booth at the Jewish Festival in Morton Grove. Jerry Field gave me a lot of wrist bands and poppies, so I would like to hand these out to all of you.

**Membership Report:** Three people picked up our brochures and called Howard. He's getting in contact with them.

**Marketing Report:** Poppy sales by mail? Who will take the lead on this? We can also go to the Jewel for poppy sales.

**Old Business:**

- Guest speakers – We're working the list that we came up with last month.

- Constitution and by-laws (national and department) Passed by National. Dept. sent out to all posts about making amendments.

**New Business:**

- Where should we put our resources – Hines, Fisher House?
- New Dept. tablecloth – Looks great.
- November 13 at Oak Ridge – Etz Chaim, 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Class will put flags on the graves of Veterans on November 6, not November 13. Time – TBD
- Beth Tikvah – Hoffman Estates – Youth Group is having a dinner for Veterans, Nov 13, 5:00PM. Bruce needs to know, by Nov 1, on who's attending.
- Etz Chaim – Veteran's Day Service, Friday Night, Nov 11. Howard will confirm.

**Good and Welfare:**

- John Wilkerson's wife, Susan, is in the hospital.
- Steve has Benefits for Illinois Veteran's booklets. Anyone can have one. Website for Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs *Services and Benefits*: [Services/Benefits - Services/Benefits \(illinois.gov\)](https://www.illinois.gov)
- VAC Update – There's a new Military Veteran's Assistance Act that goes into effect Jan 1, 2023, and we're now required to provide VA Benefits and Public Aid to Veterans and their families. We're hiring a 4<sup>th</sup> person and our office is expanding two more offices.
- IL Holocaust Museum has a special exhibit called *The Ghost Army* (<https://www.ilholocaustmuseum.org/exhibitions/ghost-army-the-combat-con-artists-of-world-war-ii/>), and the First Division Museum will be sending their operational M5A1 Stuart Tank to the museum, Sunday, Oct 16 for a display (<https://www.ilholocaustmuseum.org/events/family-event-touch-a-tank-a-salute-to-our-veterans-active-military-and-first-responders-%ef%bf%bc-%ef%bf%bc/>). Steve will be there with the tank.

**Next meeting:** Sunday, 11/06/22, 10:00 am, Oakridge Cemetery, Hillside

**Motion to Adjourn:** M – L. Turner, S – Bernstein, M/C, Time – 1057

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