



Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America

West Suburban Post 54 – Illinois
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JWV Post Meeting, Sunday, Oct 11, 2020, via Zoom

Commander Wilkerson called the meeting to order at 1000

Pledge of Allegiance was conducted

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

Guests: Jerry Field

Minutes: Sep 13, 2020 Minutes were approved as amended. Amendment – TALO is a Department, not a post. Post 256 is part of the TALO Department. M- Heisler, S- Goldstein Motion Carried

Commander's Report:

Rabbi Cosnowsky, Cong Etz Chaim, will do a Veteran Recognition Day, via Zoom, the Friday before Veteran's Day, November 6, 2020.

Discussion was held about placing flags at Oakridge Cemetery. Marla Friedman and the 9th grade teacher will be contacted to see if there is interest. If so, the November meeting will be at Oakridge placing flags with the 9th graders.

Jerry Field – JWV Kippahs are available for \$8 each. Send your money to Leslie if you want one.

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

Veteran Service Officer: U.S. Senate voted to add three more Agent Orange Presumptives. They are Bladder Cancer, Hypothyroidism, Parkinson's Disease. House still needs to approve them. Hines Hospital hired a Community Engagement Program Coordinator to coordinate with the counties within Hine's Hospital's catchment area to prevent Veteran suicides.

Old & Continuing Business:

Goldstein – Marketing Committee will send out the entire report of JWV Membership Survey results to all Dept. Commanders and Leadership Teams. This will get out as widely as possible. I presented this to the Gulf War Committee. The entire report will not be on the website.

JWV 125th Anniversary Pins – Post will buy 10 pins for new members or guests. M – L. Turner, S- Goldstein, Motion Carried

Members can send a check to Leslie for \$8/pin.

New Business:

Leslie – Dr. Itzhak Brook – Talked about being a battalion physician during the Yom Kippur War. Leslie will contact him and see when he can give us a presentation. Recommend Jan 10, 2021. Post 54 will host it and invite Etz Chaim, Fox Valley, Decatur, and all Dept. of IL posts.

Post 54 wishes John and Susan Wilkerson good luck as they are each getting new pacemakers.

Good of the Order / Comrades in Distress:

Jerry Field – Dept of Illinois – There is a publishing company in Des Plaines that publishes anniversary books. They produced similar books for posts in Albany Park and Skokie. Organizations can buy ads for the book. We are not involved in the printing or the ads. The company has to raise \$25,000 to produce the book. They are looking for articles and bios from us. Albany Park book was 64 pages. No cost to buy it. We can distribute them. Publish it in April or May.

Jerry Field – Dep of IL VFW wants to get all Veteran organizations together.

Next Meeting: Sunday, Nov 8, 2020, 1000 via Zoom. Or post flags at Oakridge Cemetery.

Adjournment: M-L. Turner, S- Heisler, Motion Carried