



Jewish War Veterans

of the United States of America

West Suburban Post 54 – Illinois
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West Suburban Post #54
Sunday, October 13, 2024, 10 am
DuPage County Administrative Bldg.
421 N County Farm Rd, Wheaton, IL 60187
Room, 3-500B in-person and via Zoom

- Opening – 1005
- Roll Call – CDR Sawyer, SVC – Wilkerson, JVC – Malis, Adjutant – Fixler, Judge Adjutant – Honig, Quartermaster – L. Turner, Mayor, Bernstein, Greenberg, and M. Turner.
- Quartermaster report
 - Finance report – Current Balance - #3741.85 – No financial transactions
 - Membership Renewal – Send your check, payable to JWV, to me at, JWV Post #54, P.O. Box 3521, Glen Ellyn, IL 60138,
- Commanders Report
 - Flags on veterans graves, Oak Ridge Jewish Cemetery, scheduled 11/10/2024, 10am – Get there by 09:45AM, parents are driving their children there.
 - Volunteers – To Answer Questions
- Old Business
 - Discussion: Meeting at a synagogue(s) versus DuPage Government Center
 - i. Pros – At synagogue – More exposure for our organization
 - ii. Cons
- New Business
 - VAVS Update – Goldstein – National – We had our quarterly meeting via Zoom. One topic was how to get a new VAVS member. Mayor – Hines – There will be a meeting this Wednesday with Don Donohue about the Food Pantry.
 - Update Israel Consul General to the Mid-West – Mayor – He is interested in doing something with us. Maybe attend Etz Chaim’s Veteran’s Day service, Friday night Nov 8.
 - Attracting participation at meetings

- i. Coordinator – who?
 - ii. Speakers – Fixler – Will look to getting speakers to talk about VA Home Health Care, VA contracted assisted living facilities and what if a veteran is already in an assisted living facility.
 - iii. Other program possibilities
 - iv. Involving nearby synagogues – Contact other synagogues about our speakers
- Coordinating with other JWV Posts
- Hines Hospital – Bring lunch to one of the departments to feed the veterans there – Fixler will contact Mission BBQ to see if they will donate any food.
- Mayor – Etz Chaim – Veteran Friday Night Service, Nov 8, I will have my POW/MIA table set-up there.
- Mayor – Post 100 – The roster was sent to CDR Mike, and we will go through the names to see who is on it from IL.
- Mayor – JWV National Convention – One of the best that I have been to. VA Undersecretary for Health spoke about the PACT Act and Starr Act. They went to congress to get more funding to hire more people. I was interviewed by Bass Productions, Mark DeCarlo from WLS. They were there interviewing veterans for an upcoming documentary.
Department CDR's Meeting – National would like people to join the National Committees
- Mayor – Marine Corps Reunion – I was denied access to a Marine Installation because my VA ID Card had expired. Check your VA ID Card to see when your card expires. Go to Hines to renew it.
- Good and Welfare
 - Fixler – Read Prayer for the American Armed Forces at Yom Kippur Services, at Beth Hillel Synagogue, Sat, Oct 12
 - Fixler – Ran the 0.1K Marathon at the Naperville VFW, Sep 15. The money goes to our two Illinois homes at the VFW National Home, 3573 S Waverly Rd, Eaton Rapids, MI 48827. <https://vfwnationalhome.org/>
- Next Post meeting scheduled for Sunday 11/10/24 9:45AM at Oak Ridge Jewish Cemetery
- No December meeting; next meeting January 12, 2025, DuPage County Admin Bld., 421 N. County Farm Rd., Wheaton, IL 60187. Room #3500B, In-person and virtual.
- Adjourn – M – Mayor, S – Greenberg, 1108